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Feds want to cut reimbursements for local firefighter strike teams

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Fire season is upon us, and a squabble of significant import is going on between the U.S. Forest Service and almost everyone else in California responsible for fighting fires. It's time to prepare for proactive power outages, and local ambulance service isn't as reliable as you might think.

These, and matters of a more routine nature – including budget, training,

Read the rest of **Strike teams**
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Grand jury: District schools and charter schools should collaborate

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Mendocino County school districts are competing with the county's charter schools rather than collaborating with them, and the competition is hurting both systems, a newly released grand jury report, "Advancing Education Through Sharing," has concluded.

Both the school districts and the Mendocino County Office of Education have failed to implement "policies to encourage interactions between their schools and the charter schools to initiate the sharing of [educational] innovation," the grand jury report

Read the rest of **Schools**
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Big rig crash closes 101

Highway 101 was closed for about two hours just before 5 am Tuesday after a big rig left the roadway and collided with an embankment north of Reynolds Highway.

Lavell Billingsly, 36, of Oakland, the driver of the 2019 Volvo semi-truck, which was towing a box trailer, escaped injury, according to the Garberville office of the California Highway Patrol.

After hitting the embankment, the trailer slid across the roadway, blocking both lanes.

Cause of the June 18 accident remains under investigation, but alcohol reportedly played no part in the crash, according to the CHP.

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



Above, from left: Deagan Dockins gets a high five from team manager Travis Dockins as he rounds third base. Gage Chavon slides into second base during the Monday game. Kolbe Bufarduci makes it onto the base. Chavon watches his teammates from the dugout.



Photos by
Maureen Moore

Above: The Willits Giants, or "The Willits Nine" as they have been nicknamed, pose together after their win over El Molino Monday afternoon including, in back, from left: Coach Craig Dudley, Tanner Dudley, Gage Chavon, Clayton Cooley, coach John Weiss, Colton Weiss, Kevin Rountree and manager Travis Dockins. In front, from left: Deagan Dockins, Porter Garman, Kolbe Bufarduci and Davon Dockins. Not pictured: Kaiden Oliver, Owen Shuster and Jayden Findley. Below: Kolbe Bufarduci pitches the ball towards home plate. At bottom, from left: Colton Weiss winds up and gets ready to pitch. A giddy post-win team douses manager Travis Dockins with water from the cooler at the end of the game. A soggy-but-smiling Dockins holds up the Tournament of Champions tag given to the players of the Monday game. Clayton Cooley warms up on the field with his teammates.



Top 4 Team

Willits Giants make it to semi-finals of District 35

Willits' major league Giants team in the Willits Redwood Little League, District 35, have made quite a name for themselves, being undefeated in local play this season and earning a top 4 place in the League's bracket.

The Willits Giants earned a spot to play in the 2019 Tournament of Champions, and on Monday, June 17, they won against El Molino 9 to 1. This moved them up a bracket to battle Mark West on Tuesday, June 18, who they also beat 14 to 4. Wednesday's semi-finals game against Petaluma National on June 19 gave them their first season loss, 12 to 3, and moved them out of the running for the opportunity to be the overall District 35 champions.

"Some of these kids I've had for the last four years," said team manager Travis Dockins. "They have been playing together a long time and they play aggressive and are very focused – and that makes them a hard team to beat. I am so proud of them and glad to get to coach – to win one game is amazing, and we're excited we made it so far this year. This is the biggest thing Willits has done in baseball in a long time, and this is one of the best Little League teams I've coached. It was a great year."

– Maureen Moore

Read more about 2019 Little League with the round-up on Page 6



Photo by Katie Cooley



Above, left: Crowds in Fairport, New York, greet this bronze 1940 Cadillac, during an evening stop in 2018.

Above, right: This 1932 Ford Cabriolet was the 2017 Great Race champion, driven by Jody Knowles, aided by navigator Beth Gentry.

The Great Race stops in Willits June 25

The 36th annual Great Race road rally is set to stop in Willits for lunch next week on Tuesday, June 25. The owners and drivers of around 120 vintage vehicles, some of them historic and all of them noteworthy, will enjoy lunch catered by Adventist Health's Roots Restaurant in the Recreation Grove Park.

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The Great Race is the premier time, speed, endurance rally for vintage vehicles, from a 1916 Hudson Speeder, one of five Hudsons entered in this year's race, up to pre-1970s muscle cars. This year, the annual Great Race starts in Riverside, California on June 22 and will finish in Tacoma, Washington on June 30.

The rallyers will enter town from the south, in two separate groups, the first arriving at the Rec Grove around



Read the rest of **Cars**
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Supes assert 'original jurisdiction' over Harris Quarry plant

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On a 3-1 vote, with Supervisor Ted Williams voting no and with Supervisor John Haschak recusing himself due to a conflict, the board of supervisors claimed "original jurisdiction" over a request for a use permit for a new asphalt plant proposed by Northern Aggregates, to be located at Ridgewood Summit off Highway 101 some seven

Read the rest of **Quarry**
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Supes adopt budget, spend money on parks

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Supervisors on Thursday unanimously adopted a \$313 million county budget after two days of discussion and months of preparation.

The budget includes \$138,268,888 for salaries and employee benefits (a nearly 14 percent increase for wages and a 6.7 percent increase for benefits), \$86 million for services and supplies, and \$73.8 million for other charges. Money dedicated to debt service is \$9.7 million.

Read the rest of **Budget**
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Code enforcement handling cannabis, other complaints

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At its Tuesday meeting, the board of supervisors heard reports from Michael Makdissi of the County Counsel's Office and Trent Taylor, interim manager of the Code Enforcement Division of Planning and Building Services, regarding the county's new and improved code enforcement capacity.

The code enforcement division was created in 2017. A major reason for creating it was to field complaints regarding cannabis cultivation, which the county began to regulate as a permitted

Read the rest of **Code**
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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Horse Show entries still welcome

To the Editor:

Thank you to Willits Frontier Days for supporting the equestrian folks in Mendocino County. I wanted to let everyone know the WFD Horse Show this year is on Sunday, June 23, starting at 8 am at Jack Tharp Arena.

It's not too late to enter. Entry forms can be downloaded from: www.willitsfrontierdays.com/events.html or just come pick up a form at Flowers by Annette, 1701 Valley Road.

A little history about the Horse Show: The show used to be on the track at the grounds at the same time as the Rodeo was going on. In 1980, the Horse Show was made a separate event. At that time two perpetual trophies were established. For Western Equitation, The Mill Iron Ranch, Don and Pettie Coleman, and later named in memory of Randy Clark. For English Equitation, Hawthorn Morgan Farm, now in memory of John Fish.

There are now three other perpetual trophies: Western Pleasure established in 1981 by D.W. and Kathleen Goss; Showmanship at Halter established in 1995 in memory of Barbara Hamilton; and R-Horse Ranch, Mares 3 and over, established in 2000. So much history can't fit it in one letter.... Just come down and support the riders this year.

Thank you to all the businesses and people who sponsor the Horse Show year after year, including: R-Horse Ranch Joanne Craighead, Goss Family, Kathy Goss, Randy Clark, Sue Clark, Barbara Neary Hamilton, Chris Neary, John Fish, Sharon Short, DripWorks m Flowers by Annette, Shuster's Transportation, Phillip Shuster, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Katie Kight, Rocking 40 Ranch, Sherry Oncale, Round Tree Glass, Tom Rountree, East Hill Veterinary, Mariposa Market, Alfred Kerr DDS, Bud Garman Construction, Jeff's Gas Appliances, Shuster's Transportation, Phillip Shuster, J&M Sheetmetal, Whites Ranch, and Laura & Dan McBride.

Annette Pinon, Willits

Remembering Maria Brook

To the Editor:

To all those who knew Maria Brook, personally or professionally, her family is holding a celebration of her illustrious and varied life. The celebration will be held on Saturday, July 13, from 2 to 5 pm at the Willits Grange Hall. As was her way, it will be a pot luck.

Maria's life in Willits spanned over 40 years. Come share your joys and remembrances in honor of this wonder-filled lady. Thank you.

Anita Sison, Willits

Class of 1999 reunion

To the Editor:

The Class of 1999 is hosting their 20th Anniversary Reunion Party on July 5, 2019. 1999 alumni of Willits High School, Sanhedrin High School, and New Horizons welcome. Please help us spread the word.

Come join in the fun and catch up with your classmates! Raffle, games, slideshow, and more! This will be a family-friendly event from 3 to 6 pm and adults only from 6 to 10 pm. Light refreshments will be available as well as discounts and specials from a few local restaurants. Adults: \$20 prepay/\$25 at the door, kids: \$10 prepay/\$15 at the door. Please RSVP for details by June 30. Contact Danya Davis at 707-489-2128 or danya_davis@yahoo.com for reservations.

We hope to see you all there!

Danya Davis and Jackie Byrne, Willits

Thank you from Sober Grad

To the Editor:

Once again a successful Sober Grad Party has taken place. Once again at least one life has been saved! That makes 33 years; 33 lives! And so the legacy continues! And once again the board members of Sober Grad would like to offer our thanks to this wonderful community that makes it happen every year!

Throughout the year as we put on our fundraisers, we have thanked those businesses and individuals who have donated and supported our cause. Every year businesses, entities and individuals dig deep and help us make the party even better by donating their time and/or an item or monetary donation.

And so we wish to honor their support and offer our deepest thanks: Barbarie Gonzalez, Old Mission Pizza, Neil Orr, 101 Trailer and RV, Willits Mini Storage, Sparetime Supply, Mariposa Market, Frank R. Howard Foundation, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Realty World – Selzer Realty, Round Tree Glass, Robin Goldner, Valley Paving, DripWorks, Waters Construction, Cat's Meow, Dr. Alfred Kerr, Mendocino County District Attorney, Mendocino County Sheriff, Willits Police Department, Dr. and Mrs. Tedd Dawson, Ponderosa and Sun Realty, Hometown Store, Brewed Awakening, Olenick Fence Company, US Army Recruiting Office in Ukiah, The Book Juggler, Yokum's Body Shop, Willits Solid Waste, METALx, City of Willits, Devina Cash, Hilary Kocher, East Hill Veterinary, North Coast Drivers dba Lucky Deuce, Shuster's Transportation, Willits Lions, Ileya Stewart, Safeway, Willits Methodist Church, Class of 2019 Parents, Margie Handley, Lee & Evelyn Persico, Ruth Weston, Healing Central, Mendocino Construction Services, Northern Aggregates, Inc., T.R. Eriksen Foundation, Tri Counties Plumbing and Collicott Construction.

We also wish to send a special shout out to groups and persons who help us year after year; they are so dedicated that we have given them special names:

- The "Tom and Gerry Show"! Thank you Sheriff Allman and Council Member Gonzalez for helping to make check-in run so smoothly!

- The "Prize Distribution

Women"! Thank you Linda Matz, Annette Pinon, Miranda Musgrave, and Kira Crelly! These ladies have turned the distribution of the prizes into a well-run machine!

- The "Clean Up Crew Extraordinaire"! Thank you Diane Smalley, Todd Hollified, Tom Woodhouse, and Wayne Waters! Our clean-up crew was so great this year with these awesome leaders that we were done in less than two hours!

- Also the "Mocktails Gals"! This crew comes up with delicious specialty drinks each year which have become a favorite! Thank you Rachel Cash, Megan Hall and Erin Fitzpatrick!

- The "M&M Lady"! Thank you Betty Meinecke who year after year collects all of the grads' guesses about how many M&Ms are in the containers.

- "The Fence Crew"! Each year Brian Bouley and his crew from Olenick Fence set up a fence in the parking lot allowing us to expand our secure area so grads can play some great basketball games and/or climb the Rock Wall which has been provided and manned by the US Army Recruiting Office in Ukiah for the last two years! Thank you!

- "Kohl's Cares Crew"! For the last several years Kohl's has sent us up to five employees to help with set-up! This year they blew up every single balloon we had and created a "Balloon Wonderland"! Thank you Kohls!

- Thanks also to our super sign-in gal, Nicole Burke. Nicole is one of the counselors at WHS and has been signing in the grads and their guests ever since she came to WHS! This year she brought her hubby to help ... thank you both!

- And "The Ones Behind the Scenes"! Ruth Dell'Ara has been the leader of the Sober Grad Party since its inception in 1986! Angi Edgar has been working with Sober Grad since the late '80s. At the party Angi is the Check-in Queen and Ruth is the Queen of the Checks! They turn the kitchen into an office to take care of all the nitty gritty to keep things going! Thank you both!

Also many thanks to Coast Hardware, Kohl's and Best Buy for their generous discounts year after year!

And a *huge* Thank You to grads DJ Buzzard, Torren Henderson and David Manning for collecting and moving the ping pong tables from WHS, the foos ball table from Blosser Lane School, and the Black Jack tables and the basketball hoops to the Community Center. And thanks again to DJ and his new crew of Carrie Oliver, James Brown, McKenzie Gregg and Sequoya Swearengin who returned all of the tables the next day. Thank you Bill Barkley for delivering and returning the poker table! One more thanks to Colby Friend who purchased a brand-new roulette wheel for us to use and manned it the whole night!

We also wish to thank the following individuals for helping set up/decorate, chaperone and/or help with cleanup: Carrie Oliver, Cathi Nicolaus, Debbie Carillo, Dave Edgar, Dan and Annette Pinon, Divora Stern, Mike Colvig, Marian Lohne, Maureen Moore, Delores Pedersen, CHP Officer Jon Jessup, Staff Sgt. Daniel Miller, Bonnie Riley, Jenn Drew, Trey Grant, Mike Grant, Erica Buzzard, Tina Novelle, Meomi Miller, Jenna Wells, Kenneth Burton, Rich Price, Vicky Titu, Kari Rescina, Divora Stern, Stacy Pfingsten, Kara Watson, Jennifer Dulan, Jayne Campbell, Tia Lynn Grant, Sierra Grant, Jenn Maples and Cristina Rora. Thanks also to the Class of 2018 parents who donated food and drinks.

I hope I didn't miss anyone; if I did please know that we appreciate you and also thank you! It definitely takes the whole community from Laytonville to Ukiah and beyond to give our graduates a fun and safe place to celebrate their accomplishments! Thank you all!

Joyce Waters, Secretary
Willits Sober Grad Party
Board of Directors

p.s.: The Willits Sober Grad Party Board of Directors is looking for new board members. If you have kids that will soon be graduating or if you are now an "empty nester," please consider joining the board. It is a rewarding experience to see all of our grads get together for one final party and to know that you have been a part of saving lives! You may contact us at jlaw46@gmail.com or call Joyce at 459-0439.

21st annual Willits Rotary / Hospice Golf Tournament

Submitted by Tammy Long, Adventist Health Home Care Services

Come enjoy a day "on the greens" under the beautiful redwoods! Willits Rotary is sponsoring the 21st annual Willits Rotary / Hospice Charity Golf Tournament. All proceeds benefit hospice care.

Hospice is a service designed to provide sensitive and supportive care for patients with a life-limiting illness. Hospice care seeks to enable the patient to carry on an alert, pain-free life and to manage other symptoms so that their earthly journey's end may be spent with dignity and quality at home. A hospice patient receives care from a multi-disciplinary team of professionals including doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, clergy and volunteers.

Hospice services are often covered by insurance but rarely cover the full cost of care. Sometimes families find their financial resources exhausted by a long illness. Adventist Health Hospice is able to care for all who need and seek our care, regardless of their age, diagnosis or ability to pay. Hospices must therefore rely to a great extent on donations and community support. Donations are used to provide treatments, medical supplies, comfort medications, grief support, and respite relief for families.

If you are interested in supporting hospice through becoming one of our sponsors (\$100) or would like to play in the tournament, contact Tammy Long at 480-993-5755 or 456-3244.

The event is to take place on Sunday, June 30 at the Brooktrails Golf Course in Willits.

Check-in is at 8 am with a shotgun start at 9 am. Come play and see if you can win one of the many prizes being offered at the event. There will be a "\$10,000 cash prize" for a *hole in one* on hole 9 and a "closest to the tee" contest along with three other hole-in-one prizes. The event also includes a raffle with many wonderful prizes.

The Willits Rotary Club will be providing an amazing barbecue lunch for the golfers. The cost is \$65 for Brooktrails Golf Club members and \$85 for non-members.

Come help support Hospice, their work is crucial to our community!!

At right: A happy crowd of kids, parents and co-owners in front of the new Toy Depot on East Commercial Street. Below: Visitors had plenty to see and touch and take home.



Grand Opening

New Imagination Station Educational Toy Depot holds ribbon-cutting on Saturday

"We wanted our toys to be focused on getting the kids to use their brains," explained Saprina Rodriguez, one of the owners of the new Imagination Station Educational Toy Depot. "Science, technology, math and art are our focus.

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"Coming from the educational standpoint, running the [Imagination Station] preschool and having served on the school board, I was thinking, 'What purpose is this toy going to serve?' So when you look for a gift for a birthday, you're not going to just buy some random item that may or may not actually get used by the child."

The new toy emporium at 262 East Commercial Street, the site of the old Printing Plus, is an adjunct of the Imagination Station Preschool and fronts three new classrooms in the back. Rodriguez and her husband, Martin, along with son, Lorenzo, daughter-in-law, Ashley, Saprina's mother, Linda Byrnes, and children, Eric, 15, and Mariah, 13, worked countless hours to prepare for the opening, often leaving the facility at 1:30 am or later.



At right, top: Brain teasers keep young – and old – minds sharp. Here's lookin' at you from three canine first responders.

At right, above: Saprina and Martin Rodriguez cut the ribbon at the Toy Depot with the help of Amelia.

At right: The Rodriguez family: Linda Byrnes, Martin Rodriguez, son Eric, daughter, Mariah, Saprina Rodriguez, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Amelia, and Ashley Rodriguez.

At left: Toy Depot co-owner Martin Rodriguez and his son Eric try to figure out a puzzle.

Photos by Mathew Caine

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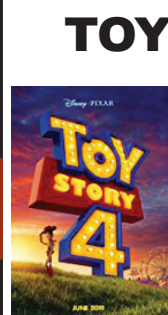
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Next Week: Annabelle Comes Home



TOY STORY 4

(G) 1 hr 40 mins
Fri/Sat:
1:00, 3:25, 5:50
& 8:15pm
Sun-Thurs:
12:00, 2:25, 4:50
& 7:15pm

Movie Times for 6/21 thru 6/27

MEN IN BLACK INTERNATIONAL



(PG13) 1 hr 55 mins
Fri/Sat:
1:15, 3:50, 6:25
& 9:00pm
Sun-Thurs:
12:15, 2:50, 5:25
& 8:00pm

THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2



(PG) 1 hr 26 mins
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& 8:30pm
Sun-Thurs:
1:00, 3:10, 5:15
& 7:30pm

Tightwad Tuesday Titles for June 25th are in RED - All tickets: \$5

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Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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THREE STRIKES WORD SEARCH

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BUNT	FOUL	ONDECK	RELAY	STEALING
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CLUES ACROSS

- Drains
- Cleveland baseball team
- Leans in for apples
- Language spoken in India
- Norwegian parish
- Wings
- 'Family City, USA'
- Prague
- Tottenham footballer Alli
- Cakes
- A way to save for retirement
- Good gosh!
- HBO Dust Bowl series
- ELO drummer Bevan
- Kids' game
- Computer giant
- Luxury automaker
- Made disappear
- Mandela's party
- Greek personification of Earth
- Semitic lords
- Where to put groceries
- Healthy lunch
- Greek mountain
- Disfigure
- Ramble on
- Partner to carrot
- Figure

- Mock
- Former CIA
- Salts
- Bleated
- Never sleeps
- Cavalry sword
- Scottish island
- Cyprinid fishes
- Italian seaport
- Fruit tree
- Old World lizard
- U. of Miami mascot
- Gentlemen
- Cover with drops, as with dew
- Don't stick it out

CLUES DOWN

- Broken branch
- A distinctive quality surrounding someone
- Commoner
- It can be poisonous
- Recipe measurement
- Eager
- City in Finland
- Acting appropriately
- Pitching stat
- Cops wear one
- Evergreen genus
- Lacking hair
- Witnesses



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!

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

June 10 to June 16

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **252 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

June 10

1:01 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

6:27 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

6:41 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of West Commercial Street and North Street.

7:16 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive and issued a warning.

11:29 am: ADKISSON, Helayne Kristina (44) of Willits was contacted in the 1300 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

10:42 pm: DEMATTEI, Franco Nicolas (20) of Ukiah was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 459.5 PC (Shoplifting), 22210 PC (Possession of a Baton), 148 PC (Resisting Arrest), 11364 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), and on misdemeanor charges of petty theft and appropriating lost property for own use without making efforts to locate owner and return property.

June 11

4:13 am: Officers responded to a report of a prowler in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

11:32 am: QUINONES, Peter Ramon (49) of Cloverdale was contacted in the 400 block of Mill Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of forging/altering vehicle registration, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of probation.

12:27 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject near the intersection of North Main Street and State Street.

2:58 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Madden Lane.

June 12

5:29 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of North Street.

11:57 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

2:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:10 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

6:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

June 13

3:13 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

4:16 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of Coast Street.

9:52 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

8:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of North Street.

9:40 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 300 block of North Street.

June 14

11:34 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:56 am: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

12:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 500 block of South Main Street.

1:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 500 block of South Main Street.

1:31 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

4:54 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:06 pm: BAKER, Cheyenne Rheanea (23) of Fair Oaks, and VORIS, Micheal Jack (25) of Sacramento were contacted in the 800 block of Coast Street following a domestic disturbance. Baker was arrested pursuant to 273.5 PC (Domestic Corporal Injury). Voris was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 148 (A) (1) PC (Resisting Arrest), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

7:30 pm: MASSEY, Aaron Wayne (30) of Hopland was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 273.6 PC (Violation of a Protective Order), 11377 H&S (Possession of Methamphetamine), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

11:52 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

June 15

2:21 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

11:09 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

12:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Highway 20.

2:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

2:56 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation near the intersection of South Street and South Main Street.

3:42 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

6:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 6000 block of East Road.

7:50 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

8:19 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:28 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of Mill Street.

10:58 pm: JOHNSON, Mark Joseph (55) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Blosser Lane and Franklin Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 11377 H&S (Possession of Methamphetamine), 11550 H&S (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

11:15 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of North Street.

June 16

4:13 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 600 block of South Main Street.

6:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Mill Creek Drive and Mill Creek Court.

9:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

11:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of South Main Street.



Above: 2018 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart winner, Lilah Garman, shows off her vintage western wear during the Poise and Personality portion of the Sweetheart judging. This year's Poise and Personality contest will be held on Saturday, June 22 at noon at the Willits Community Center.



Photos by Maureen Moore



Above: Jackie Pealatero of Picaro Gordo Pets sells her wooden animal cut-outs at last year's Hometown.

For a complete schedule of events, go online to www.WillitsFrontierDays.com.

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At left: 2018 winners of the National Anthem Contest included James Johnson, left, Camryn Johnson and Jemma Apodaca, right. This year's National Anthem Contest will be held on Sunday, June 23 at noon. Above, left: Pancakes bring all the people to the Rec Grove! Above, right: The Hinton boys get ready to enjoy a hot breakfast at the 2018 Willits Lions Club breakfast. This year's Cowboy Breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 23 at 7 am at the Rec Grove Park. Below: Danielle Barry jumps her horse, Rebel, over a fence in the Hunter Hack class at the 2018 Horse Show. This year's Horse Show will be held on Sunday, June 23 starting at 8 am at the Jack Tharp Arena at the Willits Frontier Days rodeo grounds.



Willits Frontier Days starts this week

Hometown Celebration, Sweetheart Judging, Horse Show, Lions Club Breakfast and National Anthem Contest all coming up!

Even though it's hard to believe it's already mid-June after all that late rain, the recent hot days and continual flipping of the calendar proves that it is indeed the time for Willits Frontier Days – and summer!

This year's Willits Frontier Days celebration will span from Friday, June 21 through Friday, July 5.

This weekend's events include the Hometown Celebration on Friday, June 21 from 5 to 9 pm in downtown Willits. Saturday, June 22 features the Sweetheart Judging Poise and Personality Contest at noon at the Willits Community Center, and on Sunday, June 23, you can enjoy the Willits Lions Club Cowboy Breakfast from 7 to 11 am at the Rec Grove;

the Horse Show starting at 8 am, with the under-saddle Sweetheart Judging around 10 am, at the Jack Tharp Arena at the Willits Rodeo Grounds; and the National Anthem Contest at noon at the WFD Rodeo Grounds. All events are free to attend, with a fee of \$8 for adults, and \$5 for kids for the Cowboy Breakfast. Tickets to all Willits Frontier Days events are available from 2019 Sweetheart contestant Jaden Doak: 707-513-9040.

Find a complete schedule of WFD events on the ad on Page 7, with more details in the Willits Weekly calendar spread on Pages 8 and 9, as well as online at www.WillitsFrontierDays.com.

– Maureen Moore



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Little League Round-up

Willits Giants win

Willits Little League Giants win June 17 tournament game against El Molino

The Willits Giants defeated El Molino by a score of 9-1 at the June 17 Tournament of Champions game in Willits.

El Molino got on the board with a run in the top of the first inning. Willits tied the game in the bottom of the second, then scored 4 runs in the third, 2 more in the fourth and the final 2 in the fifth. The Giant offense was led by Colton Weiss with 3 hits, 2 runs and 2 RBIs; Gage Chavan with 1 hit, 2 runs and 3 RBIs; Clayton Cooley with 1 hit, 1 run, 2 RBIs; Kevin Roundtree with 1 hit, 1 run and 2 RBIs; Deagan Dockins, with a hit and 2 runs scored; Tanner Dudley with a base hit; and Kolbe Barfardeci, with 1 hit and 1 run.

Defensively, Kevin Roundtree had 7 putouts, Clayton Cooley a putout and assist, Gage Chavan 1 putout, Kolbe Barfardeci and Davon Dockins had 2 assists, and Deagan Dockins had an assist.

Kolbe Barfardeci pitched 5-2/3 innings allowing 1 run on 4 hits, walking 1 and striking out 10.

– Submitted by Kirk DeFranco, Willits Redwood Little League

Giants and A's clinch division championship

Game results

May 22 through June 8

MAJORS May 22

GIANTS 11, DIAMONDBACKS, 1

Leading the Giants' offense was Deagan Dockins, with 2 hits, 2 runs, and 2 RBIs, Tanner Dudley had 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Colton Weiss with 2 hits, 1 run and 2 RBIs, Porter Garman, a hit, 2 runs and an RBI. Kevin Roundtree doubled and drove in a run, Kolbe Barfardeci singled, scored twice and drove in 1 run, Davon Dockins had 1 hit and 1 run batted in.

Clayton Cooley scored the Giants' final run. Defensively Kevin Roundtree had 3 putouts and 1 assist, Davon Dockins and Gage Chavan 1 putout each, Tanner Dudley with

a fly ball putout in center field, and Deagan Dockins and Clayton Cooley with 1 assist.

The Diamondbacks scored when Prestin Corsetti got aboard on an error and was driven in on a single by Donovan Jara, Corey Rockey collected the other Diamondbacks hit.

Defensively Prestin Corsetti had 3 putouts, Donovan Jara a putout and an assist, Jaydon Schlegel and Adrian Lopez 1 assist each, and Kyle Soqui had a fly ball putout in right field.

MINORS May 22

CUBS 15, RED SOX 10

The Cubs logged their first win of the season sparked by Adrian Guerrero with 2 hits and 2 runs scored, Marcus Guerrero had a hit and scored 3 times. Dylan Corsetti also scored 3 times, followed by Jordon Shull and Maele Stephens, with 2 runs scored. Alexandra Ramos, Autumn Shoat, and Antony Britton-Dalson crossed the plate with 1 run each.

Leading the Red Sox offense were Grady Cooley with a hit, a run, and an RBI, Kael Casey a hit, 2 runs scored and 1 RBI, and Owen Kenny with a hit and run scored. Others scoring for the Sox were Jeremiah Bozzo and Kolten Davis with 2 runs each and Devin Colyar and Zain Marshall crossed the plate with 1 run apiece. Additional runs batted in were collected by Leah Blakely-Swendsen, Hunter Hopkins, Devin Stansberry, Tyson Simmons, and Zain Marshall.

MAJORS May 24

GIANTS 12, BRAVES 3

The Giants ran their record to 9-0, behind the hitting of Kevin Roundtree with 2 doubles, a single, and 2 runs batted in, Kolbe Barfardeci, 3 singles and 2 runs scored, Davon Dockins with 2 hits, 2 runs and 1 RBI, Colton Weiss 2 hits and a run, Deagan Dockins, a single, a run and 2 RBIs, Gage Chavan 1 hit and 2 runs scored. Tanner Dudley and Porter Garman also scored to close out the scoring.

Defensively Kolbe Barfardeci had 3 assists, 4 putouts, and started a double play on a shot hit by Braves first baseman Torin Fraser. Kevin Roundtree, 3 putouts and 1 assist, Colton Weiss, 1 putout and 2 assists. Deagan Dockins, Davon Dockins and Clayton Cooley each had 1 assist.

Roger Patereau led the Braves with a triple, a double, 2 runs scored, and 1 driven in. Jacob Norvell scored on Patereau's triple. Defensively Torin Fraser had 6 putouts, Jacob Norvell 2 assists, Roger Patereau and Landon Honeycutt 1 assist each. Calvin Loupy had a fly ball putout in center field.

MINORS May 24

A's 11, RED SOX 8

The A's remained unbeaten by edging the Red Sox 11-8. The A's offense consisted of

a triple, a double, 3 runs scored and 1 RBI by Darrell Simmons, 2 hits, 1 run scored and 2 runs driven in by Deegan Hoteling. Jazzmarie Henson had a hit, a run, and 2 RBIs. Killian Loupy had a hit and scored twice, Talyn Carlie, Clint Jewell and Ian Hughes each had hits and a run scored. Will Atkinson also scored.

Defensively Clint Jewell had 2 putouts, and Darrell Simmons and Ian Hughes had an assist each.

Grady Cooley led the Sox with 3 hits, 1 run and 2 RBIs, followed by Cole Simpson with 2 hits and 2 runs scored, Devin Stansberry 1 hit, 1 run, and 2 RBIs. Kael Casey, Owen Kenny, Jeremiah Bozzo and Zain Marshall also scored.

Defensively Clint Jewell had 5 putouts, Grady Cooley had 5 assists, Owen Kenny also had an assist, and Zain Marshall a putout.

MINORS May 25

FORT BRAGG 11, CUBS 6

The Cubs played tough before bowing to Fort Bragg 11-6.

Adrian Guerrero had 2 hits and scored 2 runs, followed by Dylan Corsetti with a hit and a run. Jordon Shull had a hit. Anthony Britton-Dalson, Cruz Oltjenbruns and Autumn Shoat each scored a run.

MAJORS May 29

GIANTS 4, BRAVES 1

The Giants clinched the Major League Division Championship with a 4-1 victory over the Braves.

The Braves got on the board in the top of the first, when Jacob Norvell got aboard on an error, and after 2 outs, scored on another Giant miscue, to take a 1-0 lead.

In the Giants half of the second, Gage Chavan got aboard on an error, Tanner Dudley walked, and after 1 out, Owen Shuster doubled, scoring Chavan and Dudley. Davon Dockins singled to drive in Shuster. Deagan Dockins scored the final run of the inning to make the score 4-1.

The Giants' Kolbe Barfardeci pitched the first 3 innings, allowing 1 unearned run on 1 hit. Colton Weiss pitched the final 3 innings giving up 2 hits and no runs.

Colton Weiss also had a single and Clayton Cooley a double.

Defensively Davon Dockins had 3 putouts and 1 assist, Kolbe Barfardeci 2 assists (one to start a double play), Colton Weiss 3 putouts, and 1 assist, Clayton Cooley 3 putouts, 1 assist, and Owen Shuster with 1 assist.

On the Braves side, Roger Patereau pitched 4 innings allowing 2 earned runs on 4 hits. Jacob Norvell pitched a perfect last inning. Collecting hits for the Braves were Torin Fraser, Bret Roundtree and Ryan Carter.

Defensively, Jacob Norvell had 3 assists,

Finn Lessner, 1 assist, Torin Fraser, 3 putouts, Landon Honeycutt 2 putouts and 1 assist, and Rickey Ramirez with 3 putouts.

MINORS. May 29

A's 15, RED SOX 2

The A's clinched the Minor League Championship with this win, behind the hitting of Deagan Hoteling, with 3 hits 3 runs scored, and 3 RBIs; Clint Jewell had 2 hits scored twice and drove in 3 runs; Jazz Henson had 2 hits scored, 1 run, and had 2 RBIs. Darrell Simmons had 1 hit, 2 runs, and 1 RBI; Jaydon Stephens had 1 hit, 1 run, 1 RBI; and Tal Carlie had 1 hit, and 2 runs. Ian Hughes scored twice, and Jayden Henson and Killian Loupy once each.

The Red Sox offensively were led by Zain Marshall with a hit and 2 RBIs, Cole Simpson with a hit and run scored, Tyson Simmons had a base hit, and Jeremiah Bozzo scored a run.

JUNIORS/SENIORS May 31

WILLITS GIANTS 14, LAYTONVILLE 13

Spenser Barfardeci and Kooper Dockins collected 4 hits and scored 4 times for the Giants.

MINORS May 31

FORT BRAGG 15, RED SOX 2

The Sox offense consisted of 2 hits and a run scored by Grady Cooley, Zain Marshall with 2 hits, Cole Simmons, Kael Casey and Devin Stansberry with 1 hit each. Jeremiah Bozzo scored a run and had a fly ball putout in center field.

MAJORS June 1

BRAVES 14, DIAMONDBACKS 3

Braves' leaders were Jacob Norvell with 3 hits 3 runs scored; Ryan Carter, 3 hits, 2 runs 2 RBIs; and Torin Fraser 2 hits, 1 run, 2 RBIs. Finn Lessner and Roger Patereau had a hit, a run, and an RBI.

Ki Scoggins and Landon Honeycutt scored twice, Calvin Loupy and Brett Roundtree scored 1 run each.

Defensively Torin Fraser had 4 putouts, Finn Lessner 2 putouts and 1 assist, and Landon Honeycutt, Jacob Norvell and Brett Roundtree had 1 assist each

Jacob Norvell pitched the entire game, allowing 3 runs on 6 hits.

On the D'Backs side, Ryzan Lowham had 2 hits and drove in 3 runs. Colton Weiss, 2 hits and a run, and Corey Rockey and Tanner Dudley had a hit and run scored.

Defensively Lucas Bozzo had 2 putouts, Prestin Corsetti and Jayden Schlegel 1 putout each, and Corey Rockey, Jayden Schlegel, Donovan Jara and Clayton Cooley with 1 assist each.

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Little League

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12:10 pm. Each group will stay for an hour in the shady park, then head north out of Willits to get back on Highway 101 at the north bypass entrance.

The public is encouraged to come down to the Rec Grove and visit with the beautiful automobiles and their owners, who all have stories to tell. There will be lunch available to the public from vendors, including the Taqueria Ramirez taco truck.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see these kind of museum-quality vehicles in Willits," said Willits Chamber of Commerce executive director Ron Moorhead. The chamber and the City of Willits are co-hosting the event. Some of the vehicles are worth millions, and "only get out of a museum or a private collection for an event like this."

The Great Race was originally thinking of stopping in Ukiah, but after officials came to Willits and checked out the Rec Grove, "they really liked what Willits had to offer," Moorhead said.

Any local vintage car owners who'd like to show off their own vehicles are invited to come down and park along Commercial Street. A major TV crew is following the race this year, Moorhead said, making a special documentary, and three major automobile magazines are also covering the Great Race in depth

Check out the "Great Race" page on Facebook, to see photos of this year's entrants as they are arriving in Riverside, getting ready to start the rally on June 22, or visit the website at www.greatrace.com.



At top, from left: Just some of the vehicles participating in the 2019 Great Race. A blue 1963 Jaguar E-Type driven by Ed Overmyer. No. 42, the 1917 Peerless "Green Dragon," to the left of the Amish family, has been in nearly every Great Race with different drivers. This 1916 Hudson Super Six is driven by Dan Epple.

Above, left: Willits local Bill Baxter owns this 1935 Ford coupe, the car NASCAR founder Bill France raced in the very first Daytona 500 in 1936. Baxter, who's driven the Great Race in previous years, will be showing off his Ford on Tuesday, too.

Above, right: The crowd at a Great Race evening stop in Gardiner, Maine.

At left: A black 1939 Ford pickup driven by Jeff Hermanson.

At left below: A 1935 Auburn Phaeton driven by Brad Phillips.

Below: This 1965 Corvette is being driven by Dan Martin on the Mount Washington Auto Road.



The rest of Schools

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found. Instead, the school districts have chosen "to compete with the charter schools through an elevated degree of course offerings," broadening their range of classes, and "using their enhanced sports and music choices to attract students."

However, the report notes, state education code regulations impede district schools from competing successfully with charter schools, "for whom the only accountability is [an] annual report submitted to the sponsoring district."

The grand jury began its investigation after it "became aware of community concerns and misunderstandings about the role and presence of charter schools in Mendocino County, including the accessibility of the charter schools to public school students." Some parents and guardians, according to the report, "equate charter schools with private schools."

However, charter schools are public schools," the grand jury notes, and are "open to all students in their respective districts and cannot deny admission to any eligible public school student." By law, they cannot "ability sort" students or academically track students to exclude potentially low-performing students. Additionally, charter schools are subject to state testing mandates.

In 1991, the state decreed there should be "an assessment of whether ... the charter school approach has resulted in increased innovation and creativity" in education, the grand jury report notes. However, there has not been a statewide follow-up evaluation since. Instead, it's up to individual school districts or the county to approve or renew a charter school's application, with the sole criterion being whether the charter school is meeting, or working towards meeting, statewide testing standards.

California's education regulations stipulate charter schools should "provide vigorous competition within the public school system to stimulate continued improvement in all public schools." However, the grand jury report concludes, "There is little attention [paid] to, or encouragement of, facilitating this outcome."

And while charter schools often offer "a more personalized classroom environment" due to their ability to limit enrollment to manage class size, the state's School Accountability Report Card, aka

SARC, indicates charter schools have failed to "exceed state testing results and ... are not always matching district school results."

Diverting a "significant portion of the education budget" from the county's district schools to charter schools was meant to "provide a more productive and collaborative environment to improve all students' learning," according to the grand jury report. But "conversations between the charter and district schools are not taking place." This lack of interaction "is limiting the value of both systems."

The grand jury report concluded "creative teaching methodologies which benefit students at [both district and charter schools] are neither [being] utilized or shared," and (where they exist) "the assigned oversight person has not looked for opportunities to broaden the success of district schools." Thus, the mission of charter schools, as originally envisioned, "has not been fulfilled" in Mendocino County.

The report recommends the Mendocino County Office of Education "facilitate structured discussions and interactions between district and charter schools for the benefit of all students, teachers and parents," including training days for all credentialed and teaching personnel to "improve teaching methodologies."

School districts also should offer parents training on how to evaluate schools so students can enroll "in a school which is best aligned to their needs."

Lastly, the grand jury report recommends the Mendocino County Office of Education "build a space" on its website where teachers from any county school can offer tips and suggestions "to improve the classroom experience" for all county students.

For its report, the grand jury conducted individual interviews with the charter school directors of Willits Elementary Charter School and Redwood Academy and with the superintendents of Willits, Ukiah and the county office of education. It also reviewed and researched charter history, the California Education Code, as well as SARC and the state's Academic Performance Index.

To read the full report, go to www.mendocinocounty.org/government/grand-jury/2018-2019-reports and click the "Advancing Education Through Sharing" link.

Mendocino County offers free accessory dwelling unit plans

Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

The Mendocino County Department of Planning and Building Services is pleased to announce the completion of two different sets of free accessory dwelling unit, or ADU, plans – also known as granny, in-law or second units – available to Mendocino County residents.

The county commissioned architects, design professionals, and engineers to prepare two ADU designs with a range of sizes and features. The smaller ADU is an 816 square foot, 2 bedroom, 1 bath home, and the larger model ADU is an 1,120 square foot, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home.

The plans are available for review at Planning and Building Services at 860 North Bush Street in Ukiah or at 120 West Fir Street in Fort Bragg. Stop by to see the plans and ask staff about fees, setbacks, parking, lot coverage, and other regulations specific to your property.

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Saturday, June 22: SWEETHEART JUDGING: Appearance & Poise: 12 p.m. | Community Center | Free to Attend

Sunday, June 23: LIONS COWBOY BREAKFAST: 7 a.m. | Rec Grove Park | Adult: \$8, Child: \$5

THURSDAY, JUNE 27: CARNIVAL: Opens at 4 p.m. | Next to Rodeo Grounds | Wristbands: presale thru 6/26: \$25 at J.D. Redhouse

Friday, June 28: TRUCK PULLS: 6 p.m. | Jack Sharp Arena | Adult: \$14, Child: \$6

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Thursday, June 20

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, June 20, 3 to 6 pm. Greens and veggies, fresh strawberries, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. POP (Power of Produce Club) for the kids, Jams and jellies and savory preserves, fair trade chocolates, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Science Night: Marshmallow Catapults: Thursday, June 20, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Learn about force and trajectory by building a mini-marshmallow catapult. Supplies provided. Ages 6 and up. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908.

“Living the Change”: The Now and Then Film Series presents: “Living the Change; Exploring Solutions to our Global Crisis,” which shares “inspiring stories of people pioneering change in their own lives and in their communities in order to live in a sustainable and regenerative way.” Visit <https://livingthechangefilm.com/watch>. Donation of \$5 to \$20 to support the film series. Trailers at 6:30 pm. Serving heirloom organic popcorn with real organic butter. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Thursday, June 20, 7 pm.

Shanachie Pub: Tim O’Neil: Thursday, June 20, 8 pm. “Solo show from Tim O’Neil of the T.O.B., a national touring bluegrass/Americana band based out of Sonoma.” Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Friday, June 21

“Cotton Dandee” Hoedown: Learn basic beat and singing with Covelo’s most famous cottontail. Performance and kids’ hoedown with Marjo Wilson. All ages welcome. Friday, June 21, 4 to 5:30 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908. Visit www.cottondandee.com for more info.

Hometown Celebration: Join local merchants and vendors in kicking off Willits Frontier Days at the annual Hometown Celebration in downtown Willits. Get your kids ready for the Super Slide, face painting, cotton candy, shaved ice, gelato, bounce house, fire truck rides, horse and carriage rides, and so much more! Food vendors and food specials. Shop local stores for a chance to win gift certificates. 3rd annual car giveaway at 6 pm in the parking lot next to Buster’s. Fortnite tournament. Live music by Pavlov’s Garage. Dunk our Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman in the dunk tank! DUI awareness course from CHP Officer Marine lets kids experience impaired driving with goggles and

a 3-wheeler bike. Stop by vendor booths to win a family pack of Willits Frontier Days event tickets. Stop by Willits Weekly’s table to say hello, drop a little something in the tip jar, or pick up this week’s paper! Friday, June 21, 5 to 9 pm, downtown Willits.

“Back in the World”: Local author George J. Dornier will be signing books in front of The Book Juggler, in downtown Willits. Friday, June 21, 5 to 9 pm during the Willits Hometown Celebration. Both the latest book, “Back in the World,” and the author’s earlier “In the Black” will be available.

“Off the Map”: Opening night for this heart-warming rural comedy written by Joan Ackermann and directed by Jim Williams at the Willits Community Theatre is Friday, June 21. “The production centers on the struggles and triumphs of the Groden family in remote northwestern New Mexico: How small town people find the best in themselves to persevere against difficult and sometimes hilarious challenges.” Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm (\$20) and Sunday matinees at 2 pm (\$15). Runs through July 7. Tickets available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, brownpaperickets.com, or 800-838-3006. Rotary Club benefit Thursday, June 27, 7:30 pm. Tickets for the benefit are available for \$20 through Tamara Alaniz, 707-354-3388.

Shanachie Pub: Blue Luke: Friday, June 21, 9 pm. “Blue Luke Andrews is a prodigy guitarist, born and raised in Dos Rios.” Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

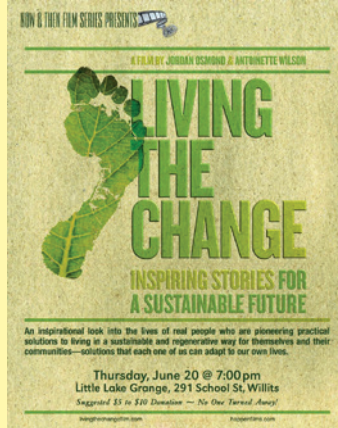
Saturday, June 22

Willits Frontier Days: Sweetheart Judging: Appearance and Poise. Saturday, June 22, 12 pm. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Free to attend.

“Freedom from PTSD”: A free health workshop to help families and individuals regain joy, serenity and relief from the anxiety and depression following a traumatic event. A panel of professional therapists, community roundtable discussion, short movie trailer and more. Free family event. Saturday, June 22, 1 to 5 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Author Talk with C.C. Mitchell: Saturday, June 22, 4 to 5 pm. Join local author C.C. Mitchell to discuss her new book “Breaking the Fog,” the first book in the series of “The Essence Chronicles.” Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

“The Rendezvous” Solstice Gathering: Leopold Collective presents a free gathering, Saturday, June 22, 5 to 11 pm. Music, art and a silent auction. Music by DJ Blesse, Electroworm, DJ Gatsby.



Thursday, June 20 @ 7:00pm Little Lake Grange, 291 School St, Willits. Request a free poster: www.livingthechangefilm.com



Friday, June 21 From 5 to 9 PM in Downtown Willits

What’s Happening Around Town

Portions of the art sales go to Willits High School Art & Music program. 109 North Main Street.

“Off the Map”: Willits Community Theatre, Saturday, June 22, 7:30 pm. See June 21 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Music Off the Grid Band: Saturday, June 22, 8 pm. “Playing a mix of Island Reggae, Traditional Hawaiian, and original music.” Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Sunday, June 23

Willits Frontier Days Lions Cowboy Breakfast: Enjoy a plate of hotcakes, ham, eggs and hot coffee to start off Sunday’s festivities, served up by the Willits Lions Club. Sunday, June 23, 7 to 11 am at the Rec Grove Park. Adults \$8, children \$5.

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: Join your friends at the Little Lake Grange pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 am, Sunday, June 23 (and every fourth Sunday through October). \$8 buys you a plate of the best ‘scratch’ pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods.” Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank’s Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler’s Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Free breakfast for firefighters; one breakfast per official ID. Extra: sides of organic fruit, \$2 to \$3 and Amish organic maple syrup, \$1. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial Street, 1 block west of Main Street).

Willits Frontier Days Horse Show: Sunday, June 23, 8 am. Jack Sharpe Arena. Free. “Equestrians have been showing their skills ... at the WFD Horse Show since the beginning of the event in the late 1920s. English and Western disciplines are both showcased, and a high point and reserve high point winner are selected, with prizes, and five perpetual trophies for riders under 17.” Also, the Sweetheart contest horsemanship judging.

Willits Frontier Days National Anthem Contest: Sunday, June 23, 12 pm, Rodeo Grounds. Free.

“Off the Map”: Willits Community Theatre, Sunday, June 23, 2 pm matinee. See June 21 listing for details.

North Street Collective Showcase: Sunday, June 23, 5 to 7 pm. 350 North Street. First showcase of the year featuring the work of filmmaker Emily Lobsenz, painter Jazzminh Moore, and Noel Woodhouse. Snacks by Ashleigh Nahreini of ToLove Catering.

Last Chance for WCA June show: Exhibit of works by Eva Strauss-Rosen and Satoko Barash at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, is closing



Visit www.noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for showtimes. 57 East Commercial Street.

Mendocino County Museum Special Hours: In conjunction with “The Great Race” lunch at Recreation Grove, Mendocino County Museum will be open and offer free admission from 12 to 4 pm, Tuesday, June 25. 400 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendocinocounty.org/museum or 707-972-6458.

“The Great Race”: a speed, time, distance automobile rally beginning in Riverside, California, is stopping in Willits for lunch on Tuesday, June 25 before continuing toward its final stop in Tacoma, Washington. “An automobile museum on the road, with antique, collectible automobiles from nearly every decade up to the early 1970s. You will be able to get up close to priceless automobiles.” At Rec Grove Park, corner of Commercial Street and Lenore. No charge to enter the park; vendors will be offering lunch to the public. Festivities start at 11:45 am, with two groups of Great Race drivers coming in from the south end of town to enjoy lunch then leaving via north Willits to the north bypass entrance. Welcome signs, waving and race-car decorations are encouraged along their route. Info: www.greatrace.com.



Art Night: Moldable Slime:

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

Willits Seed Lending Library: Offering information on seed saving and gardening. Seeds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables are free to seed library members, and seed donations are gladly accepted.

Drop-In Knitting Circle: Saturdays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. “Bring your own projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in.” Info: Lotufus Baker at 456-9037, or lotusb3@earthlink.net.

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

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

Smoking Cessation Program: Free “Freedom from Smoking” class sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Every Wednesday at AHHM’s Roots Restaurant, 1 Marcela Drive, 6 to 7 pm. Register today: 540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Free Sheriff’s Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm. Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Teens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Tuesdays, 7 pm: “Wabi Sabi” with host Mitchell Holman, formerly of It’s A Beautiful Day (“Whitebird”) features different artists every week. Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. “Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable.” Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. “An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises.” Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam’s Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Laytonville Farmers Market: Mondays, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willits Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.

Sunday, June 23. Gallery hours are 11 am to 5 pm, Wednesday through Sunday.

Monday, June 24

Baba’s Bhajan Band: Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Baba’s Bhajan Band is an ensemble focused on sharing the vibrations of bhajans (healing music) with as many people as possible. Monday, June 24, 12 to 1 pm.

Shanachie Pub: Steve Iterly: Monday, June 24, 8 pm. “A northwest-based singer-songwriter who draws from a deep well of American musical traditions to create distinctively personal music.” Visit www.steveiterly.com. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.



Baba’s Bhajan Band

“It can form to any shape you can imagine. Bring your sense of fun and make yourself a new toy.” Supplies provided. Ages 4 and up. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908. Tuesday, June 25, 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Wednesday, June 26

Smart Business Borrowing Event: Wednesday, June 26, 3:30 to 5 pm, Round Valley Public Library, Covelo. The Economic Development and Financing Corporation is offering a Smart Business Borrowing workshop for start-ups and existing businesses. “Understand the cost of different types of financing, learn how to spot predatory loans, and prepare for a business loan.: To sign up, call: 707-234-5705.

Thursday, June 27



Kate Wolf Music Festival: “Enjoy a great weekend with friends, family and lovers of fabulous music.” At the Black Oak Ranch, 50350 Highway 101, Laytonville, home to the Hog Farm and Camp Winnarainbow. Four stages of music on 150 acres, workshops, kids’ area, camping, food court, music jamming area.” Headliners include: Kris Kristofferson, Jim Messina, Los Lobos, Sam Chase and many more. Visit <http://katewolfmusicfestival.com/> or “Kate Wolf Music Festival” on Facebook for more info and tickets. Begins Thursday, June 27 and runs through Sunday, June 30.

“Cotton Dandee” Hoedown: Learn basic beat and singing with Covelo’s most famous cottontail. Performance and kids’ hoedown with Marjo Wilson. All ages welcome. Thursday, June 27, 1 pm. Round Valley Library. <http://www.cottondandee.com>.

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, June 27, 3 to 6 pm. See Thursday, June 20 listing for details.

Willits Frontier Days Carnival Opens: The Johnston Amusements Carnival opens Thursday, June 27, 4 pm. Next to rodeo grounds. Wristband vouchers available presale at J.D. Redhouse through June 26, \$25.

Bike Night: Willits Wild Bunch is hosting a Meet and Greet along with Scoops Deli, 110 North Main Street. Thursday, June 27, 6 to 8 pm. “All bikes invited. A gathering of all motorcycle riders in the

area. Burgers and dogs provided by Scoops at a minimal fee.” Even non-riders are invited. A 50/50 raffle will help raise money for local youths and youth groups, as well as the Willits Toy Run raffle for “an awesome wine barrel cooler.”

Haschak Town Hall: Third District residents are invited to a Town Hall with Third District Supervisor John Haschak. Thursday, June 27, 6 to 8 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Sponsored by the American Association of University Women, Willits Branch, and Little Lake Grange. Info: 707-972-7070.

“Off the Map”: Rotary Club benefit performance, Thursday, June 27, 7:30 pm. Tickets for the benefit are available for \$20 through Tamara Alaniz, 707-354-3388. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. See June 21 listing for details.

Friday, June 28

Willits Frontier Days Truck Pulls: Friday, June 28, 6 pm. “Locals and a roster of professional drivers who are a part of the MLM Motorsports crew try their trucks and tractors against The Terminator weighted sled.” Jack Sharpe Arena, adults \$14, children \$6.

Willits Frontier Days Street Dance: Friday, June 28, at the Rodeo Grounds, following the Truck Pulls. Free. With Bobby Zoppi & The Corduroys playing many of the old school country hits as well as current country/rock on the radio and a few originals. No backpacks allowed.

“Off the Map”: Willits Community Theatre, Friday, June 28, 7:30 pm. See June 21 listing for details.

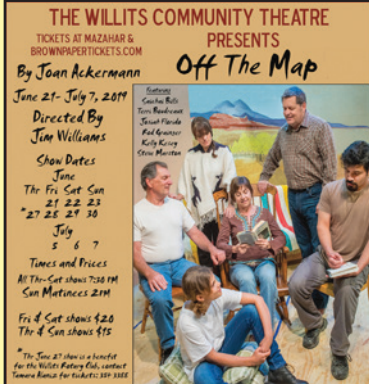
Saturday, June 29

“Frontier Days: A Collector’s Journey: Acquisitions from Dusty Whitney” opens Saturday, June 29, at 2 pm at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street. Exhibit opening is free; includes a ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments, Frontier Days-themed crafts, a stunt photo opportunity and more. Visit www.mendocinocounty.org/ for more details.

“Wild Western Willits”: The new show at the Willits Center for the Arts opens Saturday, June 29 at WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. “View the best western-themed arts and crafts Willits has to offer.” 6 pm opening for members, 7 pm for the public. Runs through July 28. Gallery hours: Wednesday through



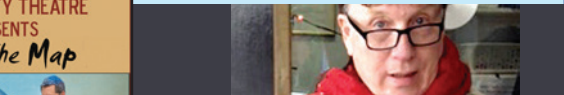
Thursday, June 27, 2019 6 - 8 PM Meet and greet Scoops Deli 110 N. Main St.



THE WILLITS COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS Off The Map



AT THE MOVIES



‘Men in Black: International’

The Story: Science fiction slapstick comedy sequel to two other movies with pretty much the same title. The premise is that space aliens walk, hide, conspire among us Earthlings. The existence of these ETs must be kept secret. Enforcing this cover-up are the Men in Black. And the occasional woman, Also in Black. Evil gross intergalactic parasitic space worms are threatening Earth. Elite Men in Black devil-may-care Agent H (matinee idol Chris Hemsworth) and clever probationary rookie Men in Black woman Agent M (beautiful Tessa Thompson) are sent to Marrakech to investigate these parasitic space worms and save the world. The two agents argue a lot and fight a variety of aliens. Some aliens are shape-shifters which is not good. Death rays and occasionally incomprehensible explosions fill up the duration.

My Thoughts: Years ago, I was a raucous fan of the first two Men in Black features, so I didn’t ask much of this new picture, just some action, witty dialogue and crazy space creatures. I’m happy

to report that this third-in-line sequel carries on quite well. I must admit that some of the action is not entirely clear, nor susceptible to the laws of physics (at least as far as I know them). But what the heck! Good ETs, bad ETs, ruthless sexy ex-girl friend ETs (Rebecca Ferguson!), it’s all a circus and a show and doesn’t take itself too seriously. Also Steven Spielberg was involved in the production which is generally a good sign.

Parents: I agree with the PG-13 rating. “Men in Black: International” is too noisy and violent for the little ones.

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

Senior Center Lunch

Week of June 24 through June 28

Monday: Deli Sandwich

Tuesday: Chili Rellenos

Wednesday: Baked Cod

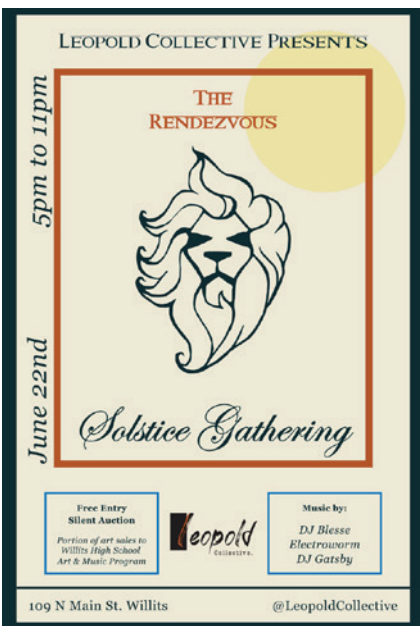
Thursday: Chef Salad

Friday: Brthday Turkey Dinner

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. \$6 lunch special for all of June! Lunch includes salad bar, entrée and sides, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtcl Road. Info: 459-6826.

Free Summer Meals for Kids

A healthy breakfast and lunch are provided free to children 0-18 years old regardless of income. Monday to Friday; started June 10, goes through August 9, excluding July 4. Blosser Lane School, 1275 Blosser Lane. 8 to 8:30 am for breakfast, 11 am to 12 pm for lunch. Info: Willits Unified School Nutrition Services 459-7700 ext.1554.



Send us your calendar items for events in Willits, Laytonville or Covelo by emailing us! Monday deadline for Thursday publication! willitsweekly@gmail.com

Ongoing Events

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

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

Emandal Choral: The Choral is open to all who wish to sing a cappella songs of peace and justice. Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 367-1573.

Friday Potluck Bingo: Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum bingo buy-in \$5. 1501 Baechtcl Road. Info: 459-6826.

Weekly Parkinson’s Discussion and Support Group: Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtcl Road. Info: 459-1941.

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

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or honemanager@yahoo.com.

Willits Community Drum Circle: 7 to 10 pm at the Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays, 3 to 4:30 pm “Lego Club” (bring your imagination and start building); Wednesdays, 11 to 11:45 am “Play Group” (Self-directed playtime, with toys, ages 0 – 4); Wednesdays, 2:30 to 3 pm “Storytime” (Books, songs, rhymes and movement, ages 3 to 6); Thursdays, 11:30 am to 12 pm “Movement for Kids” (Explore movement and self-expression. Ages 4-7); Fridays, 3:30 to 4:30 pm “Therapeutic Coloring” (Bring a friend and relax with a coloring book); Saturdays, 11 am to 12 pm “Prompting Creativity” (A space to create a piece of art or writing for teens and adults); Fridays 5:30 to 5:50 pm “Calming Stretches” teens and adults; Saturdays 2:30 to 4:30 pm “Drop-In Knitting” All skill levels.

‘Off The Map’

Heart-warming rural comedy opens June 21 at Willits Community Theatre

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

The heart-warming rural comedy “Off The Map” will play at the Willits Community Theatre from June 21 through July 7. Written by Joan Ackermann and directed by Jim Williams, this show is the third in Williams’ series of touching and transcendent hits at WCT. His previous two were the unforgettable 2017 “Grace and Glorie” and the rollicking spiritual of 2018, “Revival at Possum Kingdom.”

Williams brings a cast of veteran actors and newcomers to the production that centers on the struggles and triumphs of the Groden family in remote northwestern New Mexico. It’s the perfect recipe for another Williams success where the location is rural, the characters colorful and self-reliant, and the hardships commonly recognizable in a testament to how small town people find the best in themselves to persevere against difficult and sometimes hilarious challenges, and move forward.

Featured in the show as the adult persona of the main character, Bo Groden, is Kelly Kesey, the popular star of Williams’ two previous hits.

The action opens with Bo in personal crisis, looking back on her childhood for how she got through difficult times. Her memories form the scenes on stage. Steve

Marston appears as the young Bo’s father Charley, an active man who has fallen into severe depression and whose sudden silences leave the 11-year-old daughter feeling a sense of abandonment and loss.

Williams says the fact that an adult in crisis is looking back at a child in crisis allows the playwright to bring in elements like the Hopi Indian ancestry in the Groden family, its lessons and importance of the earth and its life forces, along with the power and beauty of the natural landscape to allow for a healing to occur. The stage set is beautifully adorned with a grand mural of the landscape painted by Gretchen Moore.

Rod Grainger appears as George, the loyal family friend who means well but who also creates a series of hilarious complications for the family. Williams is also proud to be ushering onto the WCT stage three new actors in their debuts in live theater: 12-year-old Saichai Bills appears as the spunky and delightful young Bo. At first all she can do is complain about living out in the middle of nowhere, off the map, with her complicated family, and she needs desperately to get out. She eventually strengthens and hatches a series of sly plans for her escape.

Josiah Florido appears as an IRS agent who has come to audit the family’s finances and who ultimately serves as an unexpected savior. Terri Boudreaux plays Bo’s mother Arlene, a woman who balances guiding a precocious young Bo with coping as best she



At left: A cast of veteran actors and first-time stage performers carries the humorous and heart-warming action in “Off The Map.” In front: Saichai Bills; second row, from left: Steve Marston, Terri Boudreaux, and Josiah Florido; and in back: Kelly Kesey and Rod Grainger.



At left, below: The arrival of Josiah Florido as the IRS agent William Gibbs brings an unexpected surprise for Arlene Groden, Bo’s mother played by Terri Boudreaux, who he discovers gardening in the buff.

Below: In “Off The Map,” the depressed father played by Steve Marston receives a surprising gift from his proud daughter, played by Saichai Bills, while the practical mother, played by Terri Boudreaux, worries about the consequences.

Photos by Mathew Caine for Willits Community Theatre



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At left: In her first-ever appearance on the live stage, 12-year-old Saichai Bills plays to natural perfection the young girl desperate for relief from the tensions that swirl around her, escaping here into a world of play with imaginary circus dogs.



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JUNE 22 - 30, 2019

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

START: Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, CA - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LUNCH: California Route 66 Museum, Victorville, CA - noon

OVERNIGHT: The Boulevard, Lancaster, CA - 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

LUNCH: Bishop City Park, Bishop, CA - noon

OVERNIGHT: Lompas Park, Gardnerville, NV - 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 24

LUNCH: Mill Street, Grass Valley, CA - 11:45 a.m.

PIT STOP: State Theater, Myers Street, Downtown Chico, CA - 2:30 p.m.

OVERNIGHT: City Plaza, Downtown Chico, CA - 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

LUNCH: Recreation Grove Park, Willits, CA - 12:15 p.m.

OVERNIGHT: 2nd Street, Old Town, Eureka, CA - 5:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

LUNCH: Curry County Fairgrounds, Gold Beach, OR - noon

OVERNIGHT: Southwest O Street, Grants Pass, OR - 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

LUNCH: Rim Village, Crater Lake, OR - noon

OVERNIGHT: Town Theater, Wall Street, Bend, OR - 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

LUNCH: Aerospace & Auto Museum, Hood River, OR - noon

OVERNIGHT: WYMAN West, Vancouver, WA - 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

PIT STOP: Maritime Museum, Astoria, OR - 10 a.m.

LUNCH: Commerce Avenue, Longview, WA - noon

OVERNIGHT: Lufkin Collection at Margaret, Spanaway, WA - 5:15 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

FINISH: LeMay - America's Car Museum, Tacoma, WA - 1:30 p.m.

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COLUMN | Firewise Tips

Evacuation planning and practice

By Keith Rutledge, member Sherwood Firewise Communities

With another fire season already under way, there is general awareness and concern about emergency preparedness and evacuation planning. The large wildfire fires have drawn much attention, and rightfully so, but we all need to be thinking about personal, neighborhood and community preparedness for all disasters including a house fire or the next earthquake.

In all cases individuals have to be aware of their surroundings, have a plan for what to do in case of an emergency, and practice variations of the plan.

In the Citizens Emergency Response Team, aka CERT, training one of the top items is personal safety, as you won't be able to help others if you haven't taken care of yourself. An important step is to always be aware of your surroundings whether at home, or at work or school or at the grocery store as an emergency could happen anywhere and anytime.

It is important to consider options for evacuation by locating exits, to notice safety features like fire extinguishers, and to spot potential hazards such as tall shelves with heavy items. It is much more likely that an individual will experience a more personal emergency like a house fire or a power outage in a large store or an earthquake than to be involved in a massive fire like the Carr, Tubbs or Ranch fires. Always be thinking about available safety options.

Evacuation planning for your home takes a similar approach. First, identify the risks in and around your home, neighborhood and community to be ready for emergencies. This includes clearing vegetation, improving home fire resistance, and making sure all systems like smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers are in good order.

Next, get set for evacuation by making plans for your family and by working with your neighbors and your community members to include a meeting place, an out-of-area contact for family members to check in with, and the all-important “Go Bag” with emergency supplies, clothing and equipment.

Lastly, if you receive an evacuation notice, whether voluntary or mandatory, you need to go as soon as possible, and hopefully will have some time for last-minute pre-evacuation steps.

Most of us have had practice fire and earthquake drills in school or at work, but when was the last time you and your family practiced a home evacuation drill? This could be a single house fire where you must safely evacuate from the building. All family members need to be aware of exit options and practice fire escape techniques such as staying close to the floor in a smoke-filled building to get the cleanest air while going to the exit.

Involving the whole family in developing the plans and then practicing them together will help prepare everyone for how to react to a sudden emergency. There are existing checklists and evacuation activity guides available from CalFire for the adults (www.readyforwildfire.org) as well as children's coloring books with evacuation planning activities and other fun items for the kids (http://calfire.ca.gov/communications/communications_justforkids).

This summer the Sherwood Firewise Communities will be conducting Evacuation Planning Education and Practice Drills with the assistance of Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services, Supervisor John Haschak, CalFire, Brooktrails Fire Department, and Little Lake Fire Department. The drills are funded by the Community Foundation of Mendocino County with lots of local volunteer support. Information about the meetings and practice drills will be announced later this month.

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

For more information, visit www.sherwoodfirewise.org or www.facebook.com/sherwoodfirewise or email info@sherwoodfirewise.org.

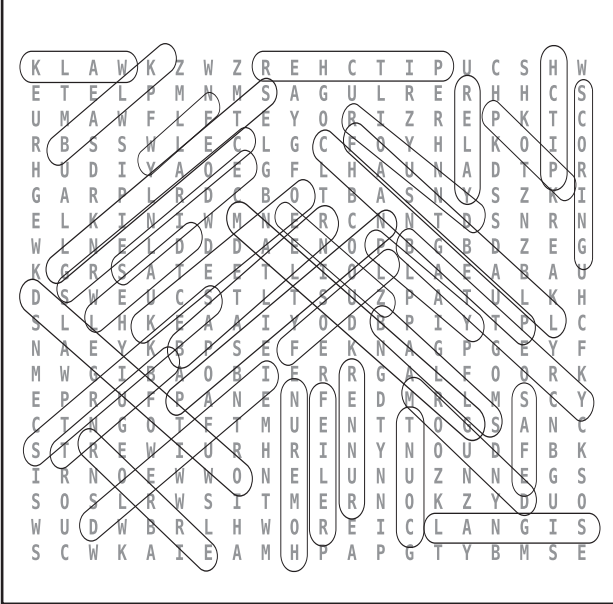
DEATH NOTICE |

Marion Strickler

Marion Lee Strickler of Willits passed away on June 13, 2019 at the age of 86.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, June 22, at 1 pm at the Agape Bible Church in Willits.

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



LEGAL NOTICES

WW220

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0367

The following persons are doing business as FLO Vibes, 20970 Baechtel Road, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owners: Rylee A. Vigil, 20970 Baechtel Road, Willits, CA 95490 and Tyra Riley, 158 Pearl Street, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on May 14, 2019.

/s/ Rylee A. Vigil

Publication dates: 5/30, 6/6, 6/13 and 6/20/2019

WW221

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0446

The following person is doing business as Cake & Glazed, 50 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: 2054 Lupine Drive, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Philip Roland, 2054 Lupine Drive, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on June 7, 2019.

/s/ Philip Roland

Publication dates: 6/13, 6/20, 6/27 and 7/4/2019

The rest of Depot | From Page 3

gem containers. Whacky Wheels, a product of local John Schuster, teaches the kids about circuits and machines by letting them put together little machines with various modules, light, motor and switches.

The little ones, as well as their adults, enjoyed the myriad of puzzles and brain teasers which, according to the shop, “boost overall brain activity, increase memory power, improve brain processing speed, reduce boredom, and improve concentration.”

Learning and fun are not necessarily opposing concepts. Toys that stimulate the brain and education, especially ones without electronics, also stimulate the imagination.

As entrepreneurs, the Rodriguez family wishes to operate responsibly and in a manner that benefits the entire town. “The toy store, to me, is symbolic. A lot of people think that Willits is a dying town after the bypass but we’re not,” Saprina Rodriguez explained. “We just have to rethink a little bit differently. I see new places opening up. You have to think about what local people want. Don't be catering [only] to what people outside of the area want. You have to find a nice mix of items you can sell locally and out of town to bring money in to the local economy.”

The Toy Depot will not carry lines of toys that are already being covered by other Willits toy stores so as not to compete with established businesses. “Mazahar has a toy store in town. We were very careful not to sell the same items, Rodriguez said. “There's room for all of us. If people don't find what they're looking for, it's nice to say you can find it at the Enchanted Toy Shoppe. I try to stay away from the enchanted fairy things because Sara Mann already has that covered.”

The Toy Depot owners have developed a way to keep their costs down and to be able to offer their products at prices that can compete with Amazon and Walmart. “Martin and I went to the New York Toy Fair which is really important,” Rodriguez said. “We knew if we were going to open a toy store, we needed to have a broad selection. It had to be unique.

“And the price point had to be right,” she said, “because the No. 1 complaint about shopping in a small town is the price point. Going to New York and shopping there paid off in terms of our price point. It enabled us to buy directly from the manufacturer, the big companies.”

When Toy R Us went out of business, it opened up the market to small businesses who could now buy in smaller lots.

Take your kids and visit the store, but plan on being there a while. There are over 1,000 items to peruse and to play with. The Toy Depot is open Monday to Saturday, 9:30 am to 7 pm, and Sunday, from 12 to 5 pm. For more info, visit “Imagination Station Educational Toy Depot” on Facebook, or call 459-8697.

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The rest of **Little League** *From Page 6*

MINORS June 1

A's 15, CUBS 8

The A's ran their season record to 8-0 behind the hitting of Deagan Hoteling, with 3 hits, 3 runs, and 3 RBIs, Jaydon Stephens, 2 hits and 2 runs scored, and Clint Jewell, 2 hits 2 runs and 2 RBIs. Ian Hughes hit 2 runs and 2 RBIs, Jazz Henson had a hit and a run scored. Darrell Simmons scored 3 times, Tal Carlie scored twice with an RBI, and Killian Loupy crossed the plate once.

On the Cubs side, Marcus Guerrero had 2 hits and 1 RBI, Adrian Guerrero 1 hit and 2 runs scored, Alexandra Ramos 1 hit, 1 RBI, Anthony Britton-Dalson 1 hit and 1 run, and Cruz Oltjenbruns had 1 hit and 1 run scored. Dylan Corsetti, Addie Jones, Maelie Stephens, Thomas Rano and Autumn Shoat also scored.

JUNIORS/SENIORS June 1

RINCON VALLEY ANGELS 18, WILLITS GIANTS 5

Offensively Cole Moyle led the Giants with 2 hits and an RBI, Spenser Barfardeci, with 2 runs and an RBI, and Kooper Dockins with a hit and 2 runs scored. Grant Forrester had a double; Dominic Kvasnicka and Christian Ramirez each singled.

Defensively Cole Moyle, Dominick Kvasnicka and Tanner Drew had 2 putouts each.

RINCON VALLEY ANGELS 20, WILLITS A's 0

Not many highlights for "Gang green," as they fell to the Angels 20-0.

Leo Moratti collected the A's only hit.

Defensively Mason Oltjenbruns had 3 putouts, Mitch Coughlin, 2 putouts, Jerry Gutierrez, 2 putouts and 1 assist, Gunner Globe, a putout and an assist, Jake Grooms, 2 assists, and Kailub San Diego, 1 putout.

RINCON VALLEY BREWERS 9, WILLITS A's 5

JUNIORS/SENIORS June 2

SEBASTOPOL WHITE SOX 18, WILLITS GIANTS 0

The Giants had it tough on Sunday against the Sebastopol nine, dropping an 18-0 decision. Carson Quinliven managed the only Giants base hit, a single in the first inning.

Defensively Grant Forrester and Jake Grooms had 3 putouts each, Cole Moyle, 2 putouts, Carson Quinliven and Shy Noel each had 1 putout, and Spenser Barfardeci and Kooper Dockins each had an assist.

MAJORS June 5

GIANTS 19, D'BACKS 8

The Giants pounded out hits during this game. Davon Dockins had 4 hits, 5 runs scored, and 2 RBIs; Kevin Roundtree, 4 hits, 1 run, and 2 RBIs; Kolbe Barfardeci, 3 hits, 1 run, and 1 RBI; Deagan Dockins had 4 runs, 1 RBI; Colton Weiss, 2 hits, 3 runs, and 2 RBIs; Tanner Dudley had 1 hit, 2 runs; Clayton Cooley 1 hit, 1 run, and 1 RBI; and Gage Chavan, 1 hit and 1 run scored, Jayden Findley also scored.

Defensively Kaiden Oliver had 3 putouts, Kolbe Barfardeci 2 putouts and 1 assist, and Davon Dockins 1 assist.

On the D'Backs side offensively, Jayden Schlegel had 1 hit, 2 runs scored and an RBI, Roger Patereau 2 hits, 1 run, 2 RBIs, and Corey Rockey and Adrian Lopez had 1 hit and 1 run scored each. Torin Fraser had 1 hit and 2 runs, and Lucas Bozzo 1 hit and 2 RBIs. Prestin Corsetti also scored.

Defensively Jayden Schlegel had 3 putouts, Prestin Corsetti and Roger Patereau, 2 putouts, and Ryzan Lowenham, Lucas Bozzo, Chase Tonne and Torin Fraser 1 putout each.

MINORS June 5

CUBS 15, RED SOX 9

The Cubs logged their second win of the season behind Adrian Guerrero's 2 hits, 3 runs, and 4 RBIs, and Marcus Guerrero's 1 hit, 2 runs, and 1 RBI. Jordan Shull had 3 runs, and 1 RBI, and Niko Avalos, Dylan Corsetti, Alexandra Ramos, scored 1 run each. Rowdy King scored 2 runs with an RBI, Maelie Stephens scored 2 runs with RBIs, and Thomas Rank also scored.

The Sox outthit the Cubs 8-3, but their

pitching couldn't find the strike zone and issued 17 free passes, 13 of which found their way across the plate Grady Cooley had 2 hits, scored 2 and drove on 2; Cole Simpson had 2 hits, 2 runs, 2 RBIs, and Leah Blakely-Swendsen, Devin Colyar and Devin Stansberry each scored 1 run.

MAJORS June 8

GIANTS 9, BRAVES 5

In a defensively well-played game, the Giants got by the Braves 9-5.

Kolbe Barfardeci had 3 hits, scored twice, and drove in 1 run followed by

Colton Weiss, with 2 hits, 1 run, and 1 RBI, Gage Chavan with 2 hits and 1 RBI, and Kevin Roundtree, 1 hit, 2 runs, and 1 RBI. Davon Dockins scored 1 and drove in 2, Deagan Dockins scored twice and Owen Shuster once.

Defensively Kevin Roundtree had 7 putouts, Kolbe Barfardeci 1 putout and 1 assist, Deagan Dockins 1 putout, Davon Dockins 2 assists, and Colton Weiss had 1 assist.

On the Braves side, Finn Lessner had 3 hits and 1 RBI, Roger Patereau, 2 hits and 1 run scored, and Brett Roundtree had a double. Jacob Norvell, Torin Fraser. Ryan Carter, and Haydin McInnes each scored 1 run.

Defensively Torin Fraser had 9 putouts, Roger Patereau had 1 putout, 3 assists, Jacob Norvell and Brett Roundtree had 1 putout and 1 assist each, Ryan Carter and Finn Lessner had 1 putout each, and Landon Honeycutt had assists.

BRAVES 13, D'BACKS 6

In their second game of the day the Braves closed out their 2019 season with a 13-6 victory over the D'Backs. Roger Patereau had 3 hits, scored 3, and drove in 2 runs,

followed by Ryan Carter with 2 hits (1 double), 1 run, and 1 RBI. Torin Fraser had 1 hit, 2 runs, and 1 RBI, Jacob Norvell, had 1 hit and 2 runs scored, Landon Honeycutt and Brett Roundtree had a hit and an RBI each, Rickey Ramirez also singled, Finn Lessner scored twice, and Haydin McInnis and Ki Scoggins scored once each.

Defensively Torin Fraser had 4 putouts, Roger Patereau had 2 putouts and 3 assists, Landon Honeycutt 1 putout and 2 assists, Finn Lessner 1 putout and 1 assist, and Jacob Norvell had an assist.

For the D'Backs, Prestin Corsetti had an inside-the-park home run, scored twice, and drove in two; Jayden Schlegel had 1 hit and 1 run, Chase Tonne had 1 hit and 1 run scored, Kolbe Barfardeci had 1 hit and 1 RBI, and Corey Rockey and Davon Dockins each scored 1 run.

Defensively Kolbe Barfardeci had 3 putouts, and 1 assist, Ryzan Lowham, 2 putouts, Jayden Schlegel, 1 putout and 1 assist, and Prestin Corsetti and Davon Dockins 1 putout each.

MINORS June 8

RED SOX 10, A's 7

The Red Sox handed the A's their first loss of the season by edging them 10-7.

Grady Cooley had 1 hit and 3 runs scored, Cole Simpson 1 hit and 1 run scored, and Kael Casey, Devin Stansberry, Jeremiah Bozzo, Rex Davidson, and Leah Blakely-Swendsen all scored for the Sox.

A's leaders with base hits were Jazz Henson, Clint Jewell, Tal Carliele and Ava Holman.

Scoring for the A's were Darrell Simmons, Ian Hughes, Deegan Hoteling, Tal Carliele, Killian Loupy, and Ava Holman.



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The rest of **Quarry** *From Page 1*

miles south of Willits.

Claiming original jurisdiction over the asphalt plant issue means supervisors will hold one or more public hearings on the issue and bypass the Mendocino County Planning Commission.

The board's decision is only the latest wrinkle in a longstanding legal battle between Willits-based Northern Aggregates and people living and working near the Ridgewood Summit area. Included under that rubric are neighbors in the Black Bart Road neighborhood, residents of Ridgewood Ranch, and members of Keep the Code, a group opposed to siting the asphalt plant on Ridgewood Summit.

The issue has a long history. The planning commission evaluated the project in 2012 and approved it. That same year, the commission's decision was appealed to the board of supervisors, and supervisors approved it. Keep the Code sued the county over its approval in June 2012.

In May 2014, the board of supervisors, with Tom Woodhouse representing the Third District, voted to grant "vested rights" to quarry operations at the Harris Quarry. In June of the same year, Keep the Code sued against the granting of vested rights.

In 2015, Keep the Code sued over the adequacy of the environmental impact report that was incorporated into the granting of the use permit in 2012. In October 2015, Judge Richard Henderson ruled supervisors had erred when they granted vested rights.

In February 2016, attorneys for Northern Aggregates appealed the Henderson ruling. Finally, on February 6, 2019, the Court of Appeal of the First Appellate District of Northern California ruled on both the adequacy of the EIR and the legality of the supervisors' action to grant vested rights.

According to Tina Wallis, Northern Aggregates prevailed at the appellate court level on 20 of 22 issues. Because of this, Wallis said, future deliberations relative to the asphalt plant must be confined to a very narrow area.

In a May 21 letter to BOS Chair Carre Brown, Wallis wrote: "The courts held the county complied with California's Environmental Quality Act in all but two respects. The only deficiency found by the courts is the conclusion that the record was insufficient to support the county's rejection of two project alternatives on multiple grounds, including economic insufficiency.

"To reconsider those alternatives, the board must first undo all prior approvals and then take action required by law to deny, approve or conditionally approve the proposed Harris Quarry entitlements," Wallis wrote.

In discussion before the board of supervisors on Tuesday, Wallis again described the narrowness of the area the courts had found needed to be fixed to make the EIR for the project adequate.

"We prevailed on air quality, traffic, traffic mitigation measures, water quality, water supply, the water supply assessment, on whether or not county counsel gave appropriate advice to the board; [we prevailed] on every single issue except the lack of evidence supporting those two alternatives," Wallis said.

"So, many of the issues that have been raised today were adjudicated and were resolved. We prevailed, and they cannot be raised again."

Wallis argued it was essential that supervisors claim original jurisdiction over the issue because the delay that would result should the project application go to the planning commission would harm the county's economy, would harm the county's ability to undertake vital road repair work, would cost the county money in foregone sales tax, and could potentially cost jobs.

The court had ordered the application for the expansion of Harris Quarry be combined with the application for a use permit for an asphalt plant, Wallis added, and while both applications are wending through the permit process, the company's prior use permit for gravel extraction would be in effect.

According to Northern Aggregates gravel operations manager Pat Allen, reverting to the prior extraction limit would mean Northern Aggregates would have to shut down. "If we fall back on our original permit that means, by July – we're done," Allen said.

It was unclear if Allen was saying the company would undergo a temporary shutdown, until the beginning of the next calendar year, or if the shutdown would be final.

Wallis was ambivalent on the question. At one point she said moving ahead quickly was vital because the alternative could be plant closure. "If this matter is not determined expeditiously, there is a very good chance the company will shut down,"

she said.

If the issue did not first go to the planning commission, Wallis said: "We can minimize the shutdown, we can avoid 61 people losing their jobs, we can get this quarry back on line faster, and we can bring the sales tax back to this county faster."

Supervisor Williams said he was reluctant to short-circuit the county's standard land-use permitting process, which would involve sending the item to the planning commission. Williams added that before voting to support the assertion of original jurisdiction, he would need evidence to support Wallis' contention that the current situation constituted an emergency, a necessary precondition for supervisors to take jurisdiction over the issue.

He asked Wallis several times to provide data to support her claim. When Wallis seemed not to know what information Williams wanted, Williams said he wanted data that would prove that, if Northern Aggregates were to shut down, that gravel available for Mendocino County public works projects would decline precipitously enough to constitute an emergency.

Wallis said federal law provides that data on gravel extraction rates is proprietary information and cannot be made public. She apologized to Williams but said she could not give him the data he wanted.

Williams asked Deputy County Counsel Matthew Kiedrowski how much staff time and how much time in general would be spent if the board sent the item to the planning commission. Kiedrowski replied it would take "days of staff time and probably additional months if the issue went to the planning commission."

Second District Supervisor John McCowen opined that sending the application for a use permit to the planning commission would be a waste of the commission's time, because the planning commission had already voted to support the plant in 2012.

"Going back to 2012, this item came to the board of supervisors on appeal from the planning commission," McCowen said. "Does anybody doubt that, however the planning commission might rule, they would hear from all the same people we would hear from, and no matter what the planning commission decided, it would come on appeal to the board?"

"And it's a little ironic to have people talking about 'fast-tracking' the process," McCowen added, "since the last hearing before the board was in 2012, the permit process began in about 2004 or 2005, and since 2012 – when the board originally did approve this and the planning commission originally did approve it – the loss to Mendocino County as an entity, to individual contractors, truck drivers, citizens, public entities that rely on aggregate and asphalt, is probably quite a few millions of dollars.

"I think it is in the public interest to get this matter to a public hearing and have a decision be made, one way or the other: either the new alternatives analysis that's going to be presented is going to be sufficient, or not; either they're going to move forward at this location, or there needs to be another location. The sooner that decision is made, the better, for the county and the public," McCowen said.

Board Chair Brown suggested, because the Harris Quarry is in the Fifth District, Supervisor Williams should be given an opportunity to offer a motion on the issue. Williams moved to deny the request that supervisors claim original jurisdiction. He said he was basing his motion on the lack of evidence that the current situation constituted an emergency. His motion did not receive a second.

McCowen then moved to claim original jurisdiction, and the 3-1 vote came down.

At the beginning of the board's discussion on the item, Haschak explained why he could not participate. "I am going to have to recuse myself from this item, on the advice of county counsel, because of the proximity of my house to the site of the plant," he said.

Haschak lives on Shafer Ranch Road, approximately a mile as the crow flies from Ridgewood Summit.

During discussion on the item, 13 members of the public addressed the supervisors on the issue. All identified themselves as either residents of Ridgewood Ranch, former students of La Vida Charter School, members of Keep the Code, or residents of the Black Bart Drive area near the proposed asphalt plant.

All spoke in opposition to siting the plant in the proposed location, which is along the lower reaches of Black Bart Drive near its intersection with Highway 101, and all spoke in opposition to the Northern Aggregates proposal to bypass the standard land use procedure by not sending the item to the planning commission for review.

In a future article, Willits Weekly will report on Keep the Code's response to the re-emergence of the Northern Aggregates asphalt plant proposal.

The rest of **Budget** *From Page 1*

The total allocation of \$313.5 million is \$33.4 million more than was allocated last year and represents an increase of 11.93 percent over the 2018-19 budget.

As noted in Willits Weekly's June 7 edition, the 2019-20 budget does not include the planned 2019-20 installment of \$4.5 million for the five-year, \$18.3 million Information Technology Master Plan, nor a proposed additional \$200,000 for the Department of Probation, nor a proposed \$110,512 to pay for staffing for the Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee.

In other county news, on Tuesday the board narrowly approved signing a contract worth \$85,000 with Blue Point Planning, a firm specializing in planning and designing urban and rural parks. The money will be used to fund a needs assessment for the county's seven parks and two public access areas.

The vote was 3-2, with supervisors John Haschak and Dan Gjerde voting no. During board discussion on the item, Haschak suggested he would prefer to see the work done "in house" – i.e., by county staff. He also asked why staff was coming to the board with this funding request when the board had approved the county budget only two weeks ago.

Haschak was told the money was included in the 2019-20 budget.

Deputy CEO Sarah Dukett told the board the county currently does not have anyone on staff who is capable or qualified to do a needs assessment on county parks.

Gjerde said he thought the scope of the work, as well as the price tag, were both too large and added he would prefer to see a smaller scope of work, with a needs assessment being done for just two county parks.

Dukett was asked if the needs assessment would be helpful in securing grant funding later, and she replied it was almost a necessary precondition.

Deputy CEO Janelle Rau reminded supervisors that the \$85,000 would be the first money the county had spent on its parks, other than on wages for bare-bones park maintenance, in living memory.

Supervisor John McCowen moved to sign the contract with Blue Point. At first his motion did not receive a second. Then board Chair Carre Brown passed the gavel to Vice Chair Haschak, who proceeded to conduct the meeting. Brown seconded McCowen's motion, and the 3-2 vote proceeded.

The Parks Department was first created in 1973. At some point, it was folded into the county's General Services Agency. In October 2015, the General Services Agency was folded into the county's Executive Office, and maintenance and administration of county parks became the responsibility of the Facilities and Fleets Division of the Executive Office, which had formerly been a division within the General Services Agency.

In June 2018, the parks function became part of the Cultural Services Agency, along with the county's library system and the county museum in Willits.

The county parks system includes Bower Park in Gualala, McKee Parkway in Potter Valley, Low Gap Park in Ukiah, Faulkner Park in Boonville, Indian Creek in Philo, Mill Creek Park in Talmage, and Redwood Valley Park in Redwood Valley.

Two public access areas which don't qualify as parks are also being maintained by the county: Mariposa Swimming Hole on Tomki Road near Redwood Valley, and 2.7 acres of public land surrounding the east side of Vichy Springs Bridge, on the Russian River near the eastern end of Perkins Street in Ukiah.

The rest of **Code** *From Page 1*

activity that year.

At the same time code enforcement was to assist in handling cannabis complaints, it also took over other areas of enforcement previously overseen by other departments.

Those areas included unpermitted construction and grading; building development in the coastal zone without a coastal development permit; abandoned vehicle abatement; general refuse and nuisance complaints; and uninhabitable or substandard structures and/or living conditions.

According to Taylor, about 50 percent of the complaints that come to code enforcement concern cannabis. That part of the work includes manning the cannabis hotline, fielding, responding to and referring out cannabis complaints, and dealing with unpermitted cannabis cultivation and related unpermitted construction and grading activities.

Taylor said that about 4 percent of all complaints are referred to other regulatory agencies, including law enforcement.

Code enforcement has several tools at its disposal, Taylor told supervisors. The first level is simple outreach to the offending parties to investigate the cause of the complaint. Many complaints, he noted, resolve themselves at this level.

The next level up is issuing a notice of violation. This is a non-punitive notice that formally notes specific violations and remedies that must be undertaken. Taylor said that in 2018, his division issued 175 notices of violation. As of May 20, his division had issued 47 notices of violation.

When notices of violation don't work, code enforcement will then issue an administrative citation, which is punitive and includes fines of either \$100, \$200 or \$500 a day, which may be levied until the code violation is remedied.

Fifty-one administrative citations were issued in 2018, from which the county collected \$45,000 in penalties. From those 51 citations, \$79,000 in penalties remain outstanding.

In 2019, code enforcement has issued 25 administrative citations. From those citations, \$80,000 has been collected and \$89,000 in penalties remain outstanding.

The most drastic tool in the code enforcement toolbox is filing a civil lawsuit. According to Makdisi, the county has filed two lawsuits in superior court in response to administrative citations that were not resolved. In both cases, he noted, litigation was successful.

In one case the county collected the full amount of \$10,600 in citation fines. In the second case, the county obtained a judgment for \$223,600, although to date payment has not been received. Taylor said the county will continue to use the legal process to try to collect those funds.

Director of Planning and Building Services Brent Schultz submitted a written report to supervisors listing the accomplishments of the code enforcement division. His report noted how the results of enforcement activities were spread over the array of possible actions.

"On average 39 percent of all complaints are resolved by way of code enforcement division intervention in order to gain compliance without having to take formal administrative action," his report stated. "Another 36 percent of our cases achieve compliance after formal action. That leaves 25 percent of our cases, for which the division is actively engaged in leveraging compliance, though administrative penalties and potential litigation, or both."

The code enforcement division is currently carrying a caseload of 200 open cases, Schultz's report stated. Of those 200 cases, Taylor noted, there are 44 "significant grading operations" his division is currently working on.

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Third District Supervisor’s Report

By Supervisor John Haschak

The county’s budget was adopted by the board of supervisors on June 5 with an emphasis on emergency preparedness. We put in an additional \$500,000 for disaster recovery, \$75,500 for fire safe councils, \$35,000 for emergency access roadwork, and \$20,000 for forest and soil health management and watershed improvement projects. All of these funds are to be used to get additional grant funding to increase the scope and scale of these projects.

Fire safety is first and foremost on most people’s minds these days. CalFire, Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services, and the local fire departments have all been working very hard to make our communities safer.

Together we have been concentrating our efforts on creating emergency access routes, shaded fuel breaks, and other emergency preparedness projects. There are many talented and spirited folks volunteering their time to organize our communities for emergencies. I greatly appreciate the fire wise councils of Brooktrails and Pine Mountain.

I continue to meet with the above entities to ensure that we have various options in case of emergencies. I am on

the Mendocino Council of Governments Board of Directors, and we just received a large Caltrans climate adaptation grant of almost \$250,000 to study emergency evacuation routes and procedures throughout the county.

I am a member of the BOS cannabis cultivation ad hoc committee with Supervisor McCowen. We presented our recommendations to the board on May 14. Most of the recommendations to modify the cannabis ordinance were accepted and submitted to county counsel to turn into legally binding language. I believe that the changes are reasonable and will help the small farmers of our county.

In the bigger picture, there are many barriers to the permitting process at the state level, big corporate influence, and the economics of supply and demand. My commitment is to protect as much as possible small mom-and-pop cannabis farms, get as many small farmers into the permit process as possible, and protect our environment and way of life.

At the end of April, Supervisor Ted Williams and I personally delivered a



Third District Supervisor John Haschak poses with his three 2019 scholarship winners, from left: Savanna Hofmaister of Willits High School, Mariah Cox of Laytonville High School, and Emily Escareno-Arteaga of Round Valley High School. All three students plan on careers in public service.

letter from the board to California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, asking for his opinion on whether Mendocino County can legally enforce Measure V, the hack and squirt measure passed by Mendocino County voters in June 2016, to ban the forest practice of injecting toxic herbicides to kill standing trees.

The attorney general promised he would respond in 30 days, but we still haven’t heard from him in mid-June. At our June 11 BOS meeting, we directed county counsel to call Becerra’s office and demand that he issue an opinion. Mendocino County has been waiting over two years for this opinion and our patience is wearing thin.

I had the pleasure of granting three scholarships during this high school graduation season. They were for \$4,000 each. Well-deserving recipients were Savanna Hofmaister of Willits High School,

Mariah Cox of Laytonville High School, and Emily Escareno-Arteaga of Round Valley High School. They all plan on careers in public service. I funded these scholarships with my share of the raise the supervisors voted themselves last year that was far in excess of the wage increases given to rank-and-file county employees.

Round Valley is forming a municipal advisory council, or MAC. This will help them organize around community issues. Their activism is awe-inspiring.

I will be holding Town Hall meetings in Willits on Thursday, June 27, at 6 pm and in Laytonville on Friday, July 26 at 6:30 pm. I am looking forward to hearing directly from you. Please contact me if you have any concerns at haschakj@mendocinocounty.org or 707-972-4214.

It is my honor to serve as your supervisor.

Willits AAUW announces 2019 scholarships

Submitted by AAUW

The Willits branch of the American Association of University Women is proud to present our three scholarships to the following impressive and deserving senior class members from Willits High School.

Karen Hernandez is a “driven leader” who will attend Cal Poly and, because of her love of numbers and formulas, will major in business administration. She has been active in, among other activities, the California Scholarship Federation honoring academic achievements. Karen is interested in immigration reform and has worked summers doing migrant education.

Savanna Hofmaister plans on going to UCLA to pursue a career as an English as a Second Language, ESL, teacher in foreign countries. She was the captain on the Academic Decathlon and, in her spare time, teaches herself Japanese at home well enough to speak it fluently.

Elisa Zelaya is heading to UC Davis to study microbiology to pursue her interests in forensic toxicology or marine biology. She wants to help oceans and deal with the effects of climate change. Her Ag teacher describes her as a “Renaissance woman.” She is fluent in English,

Spanish and Japanese, welds at the forge, showed her artwork at the Willits Center for the Arts this year, and is active in the Paint the Town project decorating our fire hydrants and waste bins in town.

It is a humbling experience to interview these remarkable and active young adults.

Since its founding in 1959, the Willits branch has been associated with the American Association of University Women, the nation’s leading organization advocating equity for women and girls. AAUW’s national membership of 80,000 seeks to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. People of every race, creed, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, and level of physical ability are invited to join. AAUW California is the state’s most active and diverse organization for women, with nearly 13,000 members in 140 branches, plus over 5,000 members-at-large.

The Willits AAUW branch may be reached at 459-4444



Above: AAUW scholarship awardees, all from Willits High School, from left: Elisa Zelaya, Karen Hernandez and Savanna Hofmaister.

for membership, donations or further information about our projects, which include Tech Trek STEAM Camp for seventh-grade girls, scholarships, candidates forums, and the Women’s History Project.

Willits AAUW is also a co-sponsor, with the Little Lake Grange, of the upcoming Town Hall meeting for Third District Supervisor John Haschak on Thursday, June 27, 6 to 8 pm at the Grange.



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Above: 2019 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart contestant Jaden Doak, at the podium, addresses the Willits City Council and represents “Western Wear Days,” along with Jeff Cook, in front.

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JUNE 21ST THROUGH JULY 5TH, 2019

WHEREAS, Willits Frontier Days is the oldest continuous rodeo in the state of California and this year’s theme, “Community Pride,” marks the 93rd anniversary of Willits Frontier Days, which still continues to draw people from all over to come and not only celebrate Independence Day, but to celebrate our community; and

WHEREAS, each year, this event is run solely by volunteers, with many hours dedicated to putting together this traditional event; and

WHEREAS, this annual community event instills great pride in all of us who call Willits home, past and present;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerardo Gonzalez, Mayor of the City of Willits, along with Vice Mayor Larry Stranske and Council Members Madge Strong, Saprina Rodriguez, and Greta Kanne, do hereby proclaim June 21st through July 5th, 2019, as

“WESTERN WEAR DAYS”

in the City of Willits and encourage all who enter our community to join us in the rodeo spirit by wearing western apparel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the CITY OF WILLITS to be affixed this 18th day of June, 2019.

Gerardo Gonzalez, Mayor
Cathy Moorhead, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk



Brooktrails pot robbers get nine years

Two Indiana men were sentenced on Friday to spend almost nine years in state prison for an October 2017 home invasion robbery in Brooktrails.

Convicted in March of six separate felony charges, Christopher Deuane Bradford and Diontae Stephvon Wright, both 25, of Indianapolis, have begun serving their sentences at San Quentin, according to Mendocino County District Attorney’s Office spokesman Mike Geniella.

“Because the primary conviction – robbery in concert of an inhabited dwelling – is characterized ... as a violent felony, the credits Bradford and Wright may attempt to earn in prison towards release are limited to no more than 15 percent of the total sentence imposed,” said DA David Eyster, “meaning each of these defendants will be required to serve over 88 months in a state prison facility before becoming eligible for release on parole.”

A co-defendant in the case, Michael DeAngelo Taylor, 24, of Muncie, Indiana, was sentenced to 12 years in state prison in April 2018.

Bradford and Wright and Taylor were part of a gang that robbed three people of marijuana at gunpoint during a home invasion in 23600 block of Primrose Drive just before 1:30 am.

The robbers were arrested following a vehicle pursuit through the streets of Willits.

Following last Friday’s hearing, Eyster said county law enforcement agencies and DA prosecutors “will continue to vigorously investigate and prosecute each and every robbery case – marijuana and otherwise – to the full extent of the law.”

He added he hopes that making it known that almost every marijuana robber convicted in Mendocino County has received a lengthy state prison commitment – averaging 9 to 12 years may act to deter “the smart ones” from participating in such crimes.

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“The feds aren’t honoring the agreement,” Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes told the board. “It looks like we won’t go on federal fires.”

Wilkes added CalFire is honoring the agreement, so “we’re good to go to state fires.”

Other changes to the reimbursement protocol would seriously impact small volunteer fire districts that can’t afford to pay firefighters upfront – fortunately not a problem for Little Lake, but still a change that Wilkes said, “doesn’t work.”

“I don’t know about the county,” he said, “but I can speak for Little Lake, and we’re not going to go. Our volunteers deserve to get paid.”

The argument is ongoing, but Wilkes said after the meeting he didn’t think “it will take long to fix.”

“When we have a massive fire, things will have to change,” he said. “The [October 2017] Redwood Fire was fought with 72 percent local government resources.”

What, he wondered, “if that had been a fire on federal land, and no [local agencies] came?”

Of course, preventing fires in the first place is preferable, and to that end PG&E has made it widely known that Californians can expect extended power outages under certain extreme fire danger conditions.

“Shutoffs are going to happen locally,” said Wilkes. “They’re not going to play around with it, and it can take 72 hours to check lines.”

He told the board the fire district was meeting with the city “to work together regarding power shutdowns and get information out.”

He also “wants as many concerned citizens as possible” to attend and bring their questions to a PG&E informational forum about the power shutdowns which will be held July 18 at 5 pm at the Willits Community Center.

“The goal is to be prepared,” he said.

One of the ways the district is preparing includes an application for a \$7,500 grant from PG&E to be used to fill oxygen bottles.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County District Attorney’s Office.

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can with her husband’s emotional paralysis.

What particularly excites Williams in this production is the quality of resiliency in the Groden family, a trait that he commonly sees around himself in the real people of his own community. For this reason the play offers something especially compelling and genuinely satisfying for local audiences. Ultimately the story comes down to the importance and lasting impact of adults teaching or mentoring children, especially in a moment of crisis.

“Off The Map” opens on June 21 for its three-week run, with shows on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Advance tickets are \$15 for the Sunday shows, and \$20 for the Friday and Saturday performances.

A special benefit performance sponsored by the Willits Rotary Club will be held on Thursday, June 27 at 7:30 pm. Benefit tickets are \$20 and available through Tamara Alaniz at 707-354-3388.

Tickets for all regular shows are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

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“We get them from Ukiah now,” he said, noting that when there are power outages, the department usually gets “about 10 calls from homes [needing oxygen] after five or six hours” without power.

After 72 hours, it’s likely there will be a lot more than 10 calls.

And when you need oxygen, you need it now.

Just like when you need an ambulance, you need it now ... a subject about which Wilkes went into some detail at the meeting.

“The public needs to know it’s a huge problem,” he said of the current state of ambulance availability in Mendocino County.

He told the board the county was addressing the situation by changing the current system – under which multiple private companies with county permits provide service – to a system where there is one private provider who supplies service in a newly formed inland-corridor “exclusive operating area” or EOA.

Local agencies that provide ambulance service, like healthcare facilities or fire departments, will continue to do so.

The county has submitted a request for proposals from interested parties who want to provide this private service, and Wilkes predicts a provider will be in place by July 2020.

In the meantime, “it’s killing us,” he conceded.

The 142-page-long county RFP describes the current situation as one where “there are a number of first-response agencies at different levels of service; however, not all areas of the EOA currently have first-responder coverage. The service is fragmented, and there are legitimate concerns about sustained ambulance coverage within the county.”

After the meeting, Wilkes went into more detail about the situation, explaining it was an “ongoing problem with a huge back-story ... getting worse and worse.

“We’re at a critical point with emergency medical service in this county,” he said. “Little Lake Fire District has fought to make people aware. The system is failing.”

The current system, he explained, includes private county-permitted ambulance companies that “can be where they want. Though there is some placement policy, they come and go as they choose.”

Over time, larger private companies have “pushed out the little companies,” he said, citing Falck, a Danish-based multinational and the world’s biggest provider of ambulance services, in particular.

Falck operates in Mendocino as Verihealth/ Falck – Verihealth being a Petaluma-based ambulance and medical transport company that kept its name when Falck acquired it in 2013.

Private ambulance services in our county are “here to make money,” said Wilkes.

Not surprisingly, inland Mendocino County is not as lucrative as some other counties and Verihealth/Falck, having somewhat decimated the competition, is reducing its services here.

But there’s more – like ambulances not being available locally for 911 calls because they are out of the county performing more profitable inter-facility transfer services.

The story is big, ongoing and complicated.

“I don’t think people understand how bad it is

because dispatch is doing the best they can to make ambulances available,” said Wilkes. “We go to level zero [no ambulance available] all the time.”

He added that being at level zero was never for “long periods of time.”

Moving on to matters less concerned with loss of home, life or power, Wilkes gave the board updates on more routine business.

Plans for the new firehouse should “be done by the end of the month,” he said. There’s no preliminary construction schedule because the plans “haven’t been to the city yet.” The fire department is moving slowly out of the East Commercial Street building and has donated the firehouse kitchen stove to the Boy Scout Hut in Rec Grove.

In money matters, Wilkes reported the district is “in good shape,” with a total income of about \$870,000 and expenses of about \$840,000.

He added this budget amount represented “what we live on” and didn’t include capital improvement or the cost of the firehouse.

Getting “a fair share” of the city cannabis excise tax was also discussed.

The fire district “has tons of responsibility with facilities. The industry is constantly changing, and our responsibility and liability is big,” said Wilkes. “It’s a big strain on us with no percentage.”

The fire district has an ad hoc committee which is negotiating with a city ad hoc committee to arrive at a percentage to be paid the district, which Wilkes hopes will come to a vote after one more meeting.

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And, surely sadly for some, Wilkes told the board there would be no Frontier Days Little Lake Fire-sponsored water fight this year.

“One firefighter broke his wrist last year, and we decided we needed to train,” he said. “And we didn’t have the training.”

Finally, weed abatement and burn permits.

“We’re in the middle of the weed abatement process now,” said Wilkes. “We’ve already identified the lots ... [and are] hearing from a lot of angry people.”

The district may also be hearing from angry people later in the year when it’s burn-pile season.

Wilkes told the board the county Air Quality Management District will be charging \$17 for burn permits this year.

“Some people will have to chase down three permits,” he said.

After the meeting he gave an example.

“If you live on Pine Mountain, you would need one from Little Lake Fire District [free], one from CalFire because you are in the state responsibility area [free], and one from Air Quality.”

Little Lake Fire doesn’t charge for permits, the fire chief said, because “we want to give people information about best practices.

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will evaporate before the roots can use it. What they don't say is that by evaporating, it forms as little pocket of cooler, moister air to refresh the plants.

When temperatures exceed 90 degrees, plants often shut down and cease growing; this little bit of evaporation can make the difference between growing and just surviving. It also cools and moistens the feeder roots, bacteria, fungi, and other organisms in the top inch of soil. Normal deeper irrigation can proceed at the normal time.

By and large, I prefer to keep water off of the leaves. Moisture on the leaves in our hot sun can act as a lens and actually cook the leaf surface. At cooler times of the day, it can spread disease.

Water should reach the entire root zone and allow the soil food web to thrive, so drip emitters or hose watering should reach the whole bed. Mulch will hold water in the soil, and offers many other benefits as well.

Mulch, compost, and other organic matter are the fuel for soil microorganisms that make the soil fertile and feed your plants. Hot temperatures and fast plant growth will use up the organic matter in the soil faster than normal, so keep making and adding compost during the summer.

Many soils locally are already rich in phosphorus and potassium, so get a soil test before assuming that you need these nutrients. And take your water into account. Some well water in Willits has lots of boron, which is necessary in small doses and toxic

in larger ones. Beans are particularly sensitive. If your beans are struggling, check your water for excess boron.

Competition can make plants sickly and cut yields. Lack of root room can cut yields to a quarter of what you would have gotten. Don't forget that competition doesn't just come from weeds. Crowded plants won't produce well. For both good quality and high yields, plants need adequate space.

Damage from pests doesn't usually reduce yields as much as lack of space or nutrients does, but it's more obvious, and often provokes a violent response from gardeners. Your best defense? Other insects.

Often if you just wait a few days, some predator will arrive to eat your pests – if you don't wipe out your allies with sprays. You can help make sure they arrive by planting habitat for them. Herbs, flowers and shrubs draw life of all kinds, including beneficial insects and pest-eating birds.

We are only beginning to learn how the diverse oils and fragrances of herbs and flowers boost the flavor and health of crops by increasing pest-repelling terpenes and essential oils. What we know for sure is that herbs and flowers are especially effective parts of a healthy garden.

Jamie Chevalier lives and gardens near Willits. She has gardened professionally in Alaska and California and taught gardening in schools, as well as living in a remote cabin and commercial fishing. She wrote the Bountiful Gardens catalog from 2009 to 2017, and is now the proprietor of Quail Seeds, www.quailseeds.com.

Sweet Bubba

Bubba is one super sweet guy! It's hard not to get attached to this one, so be prepared! Bubba is a handsome young guy that seems to love everyone, but, as occasionally happens, he came back to try for a home that better fits his needs. He's a 3-year-old, medium-sized Rhodesian ridgeback mix with loads of love to give! He decided that city life wasn't for him so he's looking for another chance at love and happiness! Bubba is great with staff and volunteers. He's totally bff material. Come see him today! This extra sweet dog will melt your heart.

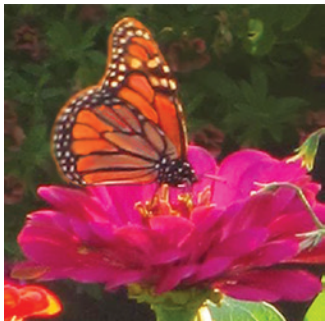
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Handsome Squirrel

We fell in love with Squirrel during his photo shoot – he is a beautiful, handsome dog with soulful eyes and a soft, shiny coat. He was very easy leashing up and walking. Squirrel found a tennis ball in the play yard and perked right up. Squirrel likes to be close to people, and can be a lovey-dovey dog.

Squirrel is a 1-year-old neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 59 pounds.

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Above, from top:

Yarrow is an easy perennial that is deer-proof, holds soil on slopes, and is drought-tolerant. Its flowers are the preferred shape for beneficials and butterflies – a cluster of small flowers with a flat top to land on.

The silvery wormwood repels gophers while the echinacea feeds beneficial insects. Both are traditional medicinal herbs.

Flowers draw all kinds of life to the garden, like this monarch butterfly.

Many gardeners scatter marigolds around the garden to help control pests.

Herbs help keep the whole garden healthy by attracting beneficial insects and confusing pests (which often find their preferred food by smell). Here, clary sage and grindelia are water-wise companions.

Borage is a great bee and beneficial insect plant. Its true blue flowers are edible.

The essential oils in herbs may cue crops to produce more of their own flavors and fragrances. Annual herbs like this Thai Basil draw beneficial insects and work well in beds with vegetables.

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