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Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

It's Willits Frontier Days' time!

To the Editor:

This Friday, June 22, kicks off the beginning of the 92nd annual Willits Frontier Days celebration, and on behalf of Willits Frontier Days, we want to welcome and encourage all of the community to come out and enjoy the festivities.

This Friday, the Hometown Celebration will be held on the downtown blocks of Willits; come see vendors and booths, have your photo taken, face painted, do some shopping and check out all the offerings from 5 to 9 pm.

Saturday will be the poise and personality judging portion of the Sweetheart contest at the Willits Community Center at noon. On Sunday, the horse show will start at 8 am and the National Anthem Contest will be held at noon. All are free to attend.

Next week, the carnival will open at 4 pm on Thursday, June 28. The Truck and Tractor Pulls will start at 6 pm on Friday, June 29 and the Street Dance will follow afterwards, wrapping up around midnight with Bobby Zoppi entertaining crowds. On Saturday, June 30, the Sweetheart will be crowned, and Sunday, July 1, will feature the Lions Club Breakfast, Cowboy Church and the Junior Rodeo. The breakfast will be from 7 am to 11 am, and Cowboy Church will be in session at 10 am – all at the Rec Grove Park. The Junior Rodeo will start at 4 pm at the rodeo grounds.

Tuesday, July 3 will host the night CCPRA Rodeo, starting at 7 pm at the rodeo grounds, and the free Western Dance featuring Chad Bushnell will follow afterwards. On Wednesday, July 4, the day will start out with the Horseshoe Contest at 10 am at the Rec Grove, followed by the Main Street parade starting at 11 am and then the Country Music Rodeola and Beef Barbecue at noon in the Rec Grove Park. Finally, the day will conclude with the second of the two CCPRA rodeos at 4 pm.

Tickets for the breakfast, Junior Rodeo, BBQ and CCPRA rodeos will be available at the events, or by calling Sweetheart contestant Liah Garman at 354-3588 before her ticket-selling deadline: Friday, June 29 at 4 pm.

We would like to thank our major sponsors of this year's event: Budweiser/Eagle Distributing, J.D. Redhouse and Co., Adventist Health Howard Memorial, Todd Hollifield Construction, Sherwood Casino, Geiger's Long Valley Market, Willits Power and Hardware, and Nor-Cal Recycled Rock and Aggregates, along with all of the other businesses, sponsors, individuals and community organizations who help put on and support our events each year. Planning and holding the event each year takes hundreds of volunteer hours and thousands of dollars, and Willits Frontier Days appreciates all of you who help make it happen!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Fourth!

Marcy Barry, vice president, Willits Frontier Days

Thank you

To the Editor:

I would like to express my deep gratitude to the Johnsons, owners of the KOA campground just west of town. Recently I drove out of town without realizing that my wallet had been left on the top of my car with all my valuables in it.

Hours later, thinking it was lost for good, I came home to find four phone messages from David Johnson telling me that he had found my wallet in the road. He went out of his way to find me. Thank you, dear neighbors!

S.K. Dodge, Willits

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Potter Valley Project

To the Editor:

Last month, Pacific Gas and Electric Company announced its intention to auction off the Potter Valley Project, also known as the dams on the Eel River (Willits Weekly, May 24, 2018).

While farming and agency interests rush to keep these dams on the Eel River, I think it is important to establish and secure, right now, equitable flows for the Eel River below the Van Arsdale diversion. Currently, up to 90 percent of the release out of Scott Dam can be diverted out of the Eel River Basin into the hydroelectric project, aka Potter Valley Project, during the dry months. It is important to allow downstream stakeholders be given seat and a voice during these negotiations.

Equable flows should be established for the dry season prior to potential bidding on this project. These flows need to be considered as potential bidders weigh out the reality of the aging infrastructure, the lower power production, and high cost of upgrading the facilities to comply with current dam safety and environmental regulations.

Seems those benefitting from the water that once flowed down the Eel River have very little concern for the dewatering of the Eel River. The native Eel River salmon and steelhead suffer as the Russian River wants to improve their fishery. Little will be said that Lake Sonoma retains enough water to supply the 600,000 customers for several years; this water is readily available, and I would assume a cheaper cost than upgrading the Potter Valley Project.

If the project is to continue with new owners and not remove Scott Dam or both of these dams, I think the new owners should be required to:

- Require downstream stakeholders to be given a seat and a voice at the table as decisions are made.
- Install a new fish and Pacific lamprey ladder.
- Seismically upgrade Scott Dam.
- Secure liability insurance in case there is a catastrophic failure of these dams.
- Install an advanced warning system to inform downstream residences living near the banks of the Eel River when the earthquakes do take out Scott Dam and send a wall of water down on their homes.
- Require the release of a more equitable flow to continue down the main Eel River.

Aside from the obvious impact on the native fishery and wildlife, the dewatering of the Eel River adversely effects the quality of life for those recreating downstream of the Van Arsdale Diversion Dam. During the summer months, at times, over 1,000 people can be seen swimming and enjoying the waters of the main Eel River. The Eel River has federal designation as a Wild and Scenic River; how does this dewatering even occur?

If these old dams are to remain, give a voice to those living on the Eel River.

Jerry Albright, Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:

Once again a successful Sober Grad Party has taken place. Once again at least one life has been saved! That makes 32 years; 32 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: Barbie 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, Willits Rental Center, 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. William Bowen, Dr. and Mrs. Ted Dawson, Ponderosa and Sun Realty, ER Energy/Hometown Store, Brewed Awakening, Olenick Fence Company, U.S. Army

Huffman co-sponsors new bill to open Medicare to all Americans

Submitted by the Office of Congressman Jared Huffman

Washington, D.C. – On June 14, U.S. Representatives Jared Huffman (D-CA) and Cedric Richmond (D-LA), along with four co-sponsors, introduced a bill that would make Medicare available to all Americans by offering individuals the opportunity to enroll in Medicare, and allowing businesses of all sizes to purchase Medicare coverage for their employees.

"Medicare is already one of the most successful programs in our nation's history, and the more people who can buy in, the better it will be for everyone," said Rep. Huffman. "Our 'Choose Medicare Act' will help lower drug costs, let millions of Americans buy into first-rate and reasonably-priced health care, and give businesses a new health insurance option for their employees."

"Every American deserves access to affordable, quality healthcare," said Rep. Richmond. "Medicare is among the most popular and efficient health insurance systems in the United States. Allowing all Americans the chance to buy in to the program is a positive step towards universal coverage."

The Choose Medicare Act would create a new Medicare program – called Medicare Part E – that would be available to everyone who is not already eligible for Medicare or Medicaid. Individuals would be allowed to use their subsidies under the Affordable Care Act to pay for this coverage, and businesses of all sizes would be permitted to purchase Medicare Part E for their employees as an alternative to private insurance. Medicare Part E would cover the Affordable Care Act's essential health benefits and all services covered by Medicare.

In addition to expanding access to Medicare, the Choose Medicare Act would take several other steps to increase quality, access and affordability. The bill extends the Affordable Care Act's ratings requirements to all markets, establishes an out-of-pocket maximum in traditional Medicare, and allows Medicare to negotiate prices for prescription drugs – leveraging the bargaining power of Medicare to help lower costs to patients.

Senators Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Chris Murphy (D-CT) first introduced the Choose Medicare Act in the Senate in April.

Recruiting Office in Ukiah, The Book Juggler, Yokum's Body Shop, Willits Solid Waste, Metal fx, City of Willits, Gabe Svenson from Jossie's Arcade, Devina Cash, East Hill Veterinary, Costco, North Coast Drivers dba Lucky Deuce, Shuster's Transportation, Adam's Restaurant, Willits Lions, Ileya Stewart and Safeway.

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 Tom Allman and Councilman Gerry Gonzalez for helping to make check-in run so smoothly!
- The "Prize Distribution Women"! Thank you Linda Matz, Annette Pinon, Mattie Owens, Miranda Musgrave and Kira Crelly! These ladies have turned the distribution of the prizes into a well-run machine! Actually had to slow them down this year!
- The "Clean-Up Crew Extraordinaire"! Thank you Diane Smalley, Todd Hollifield, Tom Woodhouse, Wayne Waters and Carl Crelly! Our clean-up crew was so great this year with these awesome leaders that we broke a record! It only took us an hour and a half!
- Can't forget the "Balloon Girls" who come year after year to help with decorating and set-up (and filling up all of those helium balloons!); thank you Kathy Uppinghouse and Pat Wilson!
- Also the "Mocktails Gals"! This crew comes up with delicious specialty drinks each year which have become a favorite! Thank you Davina Sentak, 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 Olenik 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

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Far left: The storefront of Printing Plus, across from Safeway at 90 South Street.

At left: The workshop at Printing Plus is a scene of creative chaos.

Below: The crew at Printing Plus gather around one of the traditional printers: Mary Elizabeth Church, Bridget Dable, Dan Church, Miguel Jimenez and Alisa Kvasnicka.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Hello, Goodbye

Printing Plus passes from one local family to another

Printing Plus is alive and well, thanks to the stewardship of Dan and Mary Elizabeth Church, the new owners. Parlaying their savings from their other business, Gateway Games, they took on the responsibility of the thriving print shop from Tim and Jennifer Ramming, who are relocating to Oregon with their family after many years in Willits.

Tim Ramming approached Dan Church, with whom he had worked on charity projects, and proposed that he take over the shop. "I'm going to sell this business soon," Ramming told Church, "but I want to sell it to someone who will not crash and burn it."

Church worked, or rather interned, at Printing Plus, beginning in January for a few months, to learn the business and to decide if he liked it. He did. He signed the papers and took over April 1 – an auspicious date for starting a project and changing one's direction in life. There was a huge learning curve in this extremely technical business, with many machines, techniques and clients to become oriented to.

Luckily, Church was able to retain master pressman Miguel Jimenez who has been with the shop for many years and is responsible for all the quality output of the traditional, non-digital printing. Jimenez's press experience is a priceless specialized commodity, which will allow the Churches to continue that part of the business as usual.

In addition to Jimenez, Alisa Kvasnicka is still working for Printing Plus. Kvasnicka is in many ways the print shop's

"face," as she can be seen at the computers at the front counter, taking orders, creating graphics, running the digital printers, and generally lending her experience to the smooth running of the customer service department.

Wendy Wilmes is the other holdover from the Ramming days. She sold her framing business to Tim Ramming a few years ago and still works at the shop at least two days a week, consulting and creating frames of all types.

Another part-time employee is the Churches' daughter, Bridget Dable, who works there a few hours a week. The Churches have also hired a delivery man since the takeover, enabling them to free up a lot of their own time for actually working the business.

As with any new or acquired business, there are minor and major problems, including machinery maintenance and upgrades, to be solved in order to keep systems running smoothly. The new owners need to be able to offer new and loyal customers a reasonable level of continuity and competence, as well as desired services.

The large-format and banner printer at Printing Plus

At top, from left: The large-format scanner allows Printing Plus to provide a service that can't be found elsewhere in town. The folding machine and a specialty printer at Printing Plus are two of the machines that supply traditional, non-digital printing.

Above, from left: Bridget Dable works with her mother, Mary Elizabeth Church. Master pressman Miguel Jimenez inspects a proof. Mary Elizabeth and Dan Church took ownership of Printing Plus on April 1 from Tim and Jennifer Ramming.

A PAP TEST TAKES

5 MINUTES!

SCHEDULE NOW and reduce your risk of cervical cancer.

Every year, pap tests save 3,300 lives in California.

It's a small amount of time for peace of mind!

A message from Partnership HealthPlan of California and a coalition of health care providers in Lake and Mendocino counties

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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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12. Be in debt
13. Tattles
15. Musician ___ Lo
16. Arrange again
19. A binary compound of carbon with a metal
21. Brazilian futbol great
23. Feared
24. Annoy
25. Unit of heredity
26. Small freshwater fish
27. Muscular weaknesses
30. Fined
34. One-time EU currency
35. Egyptian unit of weight
36. Winged horse
41. Increments
45. Abnormal rattling sound
46. Middle Eastern country
47. A type of greeter

CLUES DOWN

1. Put fear into
2. Partner to corned beef
3. Interiors
4. Agrees to a demand
5. No (Scottish)
6. ___ Hess Corp.
7. Ornamental molding
8. Garment
9. Electric car company
13. Decimal digits in binary (abbr.)
14. Gibbon

SUMMER FUN WORD SEARCH

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BARBECUE	FESTIVAL	PARTY	SURFING
BAZAAR	FIREWORKS	PIES	SWIMMING
BOARDWALK	GAMES	RACES	TICKETS
CARNIVAL	GO-CART	RACETRACK	TOURIST

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

June 11 to June 17

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 153 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

June 11

8:45 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Manor Way and Elm Lane.

10:08 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

11:25 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

6:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Holly Street.

9:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

9:16 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

June 12

7:06 am: MADSON, Tate Edward (22) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of failure to appear.

7:35 am: OWENS, William Wayne (29) of Ukiah was contacted in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear and violation of probation.

10:33 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of South Main Street.

1:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

2:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

8:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Mill Creek Court.

10:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 200 block of Bonnie Lane.

11:26 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Holly Street and issued a warning.

June 13

8:04 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.

3:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

5:23 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

8:18 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.

9:34 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

June 14

11:57 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of Baechtel Road.

1:37 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

8:13 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West Van Lane.

8:23 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West Van Lane.

10:10 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West Van Lane.

11:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

June 15

10:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of South Main Street.

June 16

1:05 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Coast Street and Pine Street and issued a warning.

2:24 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of West San Francisco Avenue and McKinley Street.

2:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

11:26 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Holly Street and issued a warning.

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LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FIRE CALLS

June 8 to June 13

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

06-08-18 (North Highway 101, mile marker 41)

Reported motorcycle over the embankment: Little Lake Fire responded to a motorcycle over the embankment. Upon arrival the motorcycle rider had struck a small bear causing the patient and motorcycle to land approximately 20 feet over the embankment. Little Lake Fire, Cal Fire and the medic unit at scene packaged and brought the patient up to the roadway and into the ambulance. The patient was then transported to Howard Memorial Hospital. 10 firefighters responded for service.

06-09-18 (Baechtel Road)

Lift assist: Little Lake Fire responded to a lift assist on Baechtel Road. Upon arrival the patient was on the floor of their residence. Little Lake Fire assisted the patient back into their bed. 7 firefighters responded for service.

06-04-18 (East Hill Road)

Structure fire: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported structure fire. Upon arrival the second-story bedroom was engulfed in flames. Fire units were able to contain the fire to the upstairs bedroom. 12 firefighters responded for service.

06-06-18 (Hill Top)

Motorcycle down: Little Lake Fire responded to motorcycle down; upon arrival the patient was sitting up with minor injuries. The medic unit at scene advised they could handle the patient to allow fire units to respond to a reported vehicle accident just north of Howard Forest. 5 firefighters responded for service.

06-06-18 (north of Howard Forest, mile marker 40)

Vehicle accident: Little lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle accident. Upon arrival a pickup truck was viewed with major damage. Fire units used the "jaws of life" to extricate the passenger of the vehicle. Both the passenger and the driver were loaded into the ambulance and transported to Howard memorial Hospital. 5 firefighters responded for service.

06-11-18 (Williams Street)

Power lines down: Little Lake Fire responded to a report of power lines down into the backyard of a residence. Upon arrival Little Lake Fire units secured the scene and notified PG&E. 12 firefighters responded for service.

06-12-18 (Branscomb, Laytonville)

Water rescue: Little Lake Fire sent a team of five fire personnel, two utility vehicles and a swift-water rescue trailer to assist the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office in a search for a missing person in the water.

06-13-18 (Branscomb, Laytonville)

Little Lake Fire continued the search with the abovementioned equipment. The victim was then found early morning on June 13.

06-13-18 (Baechtel Road)

Lift assist: Little Lake Fire responded to a lift assist on Baechtel Road. Upon arrival the patient was on the floor of their bedroom. Fire personnel and the medic unit at scene assisted the patient back into their bed. 5 firefighters responded for service.



Photos by Maureen Moore



Above, from left: Ashtan Bloomquist and Jake Whitehurst of J.D. Redhouse. Bloomquist is the Hometown Celebration event organizer. Horse-drawn wagon rides will be back again this year. Passengers will be picked up at the corner of East Mendocino Avenue and Main Street, and it's just \$2 to ride. Below: Main Street gets busy during Hometown – come celebrate from 5 to 9 pm!

Party Downtown

Family fun showcased at the 12th annual Hometown Celebration Friday evening

Downtown Willits will be a happening scene Friday evening from 5 to 9 pm, as neighbors and visitors mingle at the 12th annual Hometown Celebration, the kick-off of two weeks of Willits Frontier Days events.

Event organizer Ashtan Bloomquist of J.D. Redhouse says she has more than 60 applications from vendors, non-downtown businesses, organizations, and others for tables and booths. "We have a lot of local businesses from outside the Main Street blocks who are coming to participate," she said.

"We have two face painters in different locations, and three bounce houses," Bloomquist continued. "We can really spread out the activities this year, all the way up to 101 Burger and Scoops [which will be open until 9 pm Friday night] and the music store across the street [Roadhouse Music]."

Pavlos Garage will be playing live music in the parking lot next to Main Street Music, and KLLG Radio will be set up in the parking lot of the St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, giving away copies of the latest programming schedule.

"One of the really big things we're doing again this year is the Scavenger Hunt," Bloomquist said. "Right now I have collected over \$400 worth of local gift certificates as prizes that will be divided between three winners." Scavenger Hunt participants can pick up the form at any participating business starting at 5 pm, and must turn it in, complete, by 9 pm to be eligible for prizes.



"All the directions are on the form," Bloomquist said. "The motivation for the Scavenger Hunt is to get people moving across the event, not just lingering on one familiar block, but really seeing what our community has as far as resources, businesses and organizations."

Downtown businesses will be open late, and offering specials, including restaurants welcoming those who'd like to sit down for dinner. Street food will include Mexican food from the Ramirez Taco Truck, and a Lions Club BBQ fundraiser.

Members of the Shifters Classic Car Club will show off their fancy vehicles, and two different motorcycle clubs, the Willits Wild Bunch and BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse), will line the sidewalks with their bikes. The Wild Bunch booth will be in front of Willits Online, and bikers will be selling tickets for their big raffle prize at the Toy Run later this year.

Kenn and Susan McCarty from Lake County will be back, offering their Live Oak Belgians horse and buggy rides, picking up passengers on the corner of East Mendocino Avenue.

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Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Smart Hope

Hope is an amazing dog who has come out of her shell tremendously since she has arrived at the shelter. She is very easy to leash up and has impeccable

kennel manners. Hope will need a home with a very strong family, as she does tend to pull on leash. She is a 1-year-old spayed female who currently weighs 56 pounds. Hope is very smart and already knows "Sit" and "Down" while gently taking treats.

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

Cute Evie

This little cutie is from a box of puppies we had brought to our shelter. We are not sure of their breed, but they look like they will be small dogs. And, boy, are they adorable! We have them in foster care while we get them all ready for adoption!

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



We are on this earth for a reason. You move through life with a style your own, displaying elegance and grace. Nothing can knock you off rhythm. You look at life as a celebration, and your example makes us all feel the same. You, and everyone with your upbeat spirit, inspire us to do more than practice medicine. You inspire us to transform lives.

See inspiration in action at AdventistHealth.org.



Together inspired.

The rest of
Hometown

From page 5

Wood Street will be closed, as the Willits chapter of the Future Farmers of America present “Cornhole on Wood Street.” Several stations of the bean-bag-toss game will line the street so teams can face off against each other at the same time. The FFA encourages all to “Come by to play a game and enjoy a bite to eat off the patio at Loose Caboose.”

Willits Farmers Market favorite, Robert Goleman of Bolliwer's Fine Foods and Confections, will be stationed on the corner of Wood Street – make sure to grab a treat, and a copy of Willits Weekly from our table next to Bolliwer's in front of J.D. Redhouse.

Willits Weekly's Maureen Moore, official photographer for Willits Frontier Days, will be doing a Fourth of July photo booth on the other side of J.D. Redhouse's main doors as a 50/50 fundraiser for the Willits 4-H club. Digital photos are just \$5 each and will be available for download.

The Little Lake Firefighters Association members are also holding their annual Open House and Fundraiser at the main firehouse on Commercial Street on Friday night, from 5 to 9 pm.

Fire apparatus will be on display; the firefighters will be giving tours of the firehouse; rides will be available in the antique fire truck; food and drinks will be available for a small donation; the colorful LLFD T-shirts will be on sale, and raffle tickets will be available, too.

Drop off a little extra cash and encouragement for our volunteer fire department, as they get ready to face the 2018 fire season.

The rest of
Printing

From page 3

currently promoting, such as a game called “Magic” and the obligatory “Dungeons and Dragons” – Church is a local Dungeon Master.

The Churches plan to offer fine quality T-shirt printing with a digital T-shirt printer, that should be up and running within a couple of weeks. In addition to adding the T-shirts, they are also creating a website where customers can actually create and proof their work prior to sending it to print.

The website will work in conjunction with their updated and redesigned computer tracking and billing system in order to streamline operations much more efficiently. Church aims to facilitate the talents and strengths of those who work for him, while providing them the best tools and a workflow system that allows everyone to do what they know best. Church wants his employees to look out for each other, proof each other's work, and provide the customer with the best product possible.

Printing Plus is open from 10 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, although the Churches can often be found at the shop on weekends, trying to play catch-up during the quiet times. The shop is located across from Safeway at 90 South Street; visit www.printingplus.ink or contact printingplus@pacific.net or 459-9401 for more information.

The rest of
Clean-up

From page 1

the year.”

People who are interested in helping are being asked to call Woodhouse at 367-6334 to let him know they are coming. People should bring work gloves; Woodhouse will provide trash bags. The work party will begin at Creekside Properties, 2 North Street, at 9 am this Saturday and will last until the last volunteer quits.

The rest of
WPD

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4:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 200 block of South Main Street.

5:09 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Baechtel Road.

9:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of several unwanted subjects in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

June 17

11:08 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Hazel Street.

11:14 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

10:11 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

The rest of
Letters

From page 2

which has been provided and manned by the U.S. 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! Thank you Kohls!

• And we hope to add one more returnee: “Paul Riley, the Table Guy”! Every year we need a “table guy” to deliver six casino tables and two ping pong tables to the Community Center on Thursday, and then pick them up Friday morning and return them – no small feat! Paul has taken this project on three of the last four years, and we're keeping our fingers crossed for next year!

• And “The Ones Behind the Scene”! 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 we absolutely cannot forget Suzanne Kidwell for her computer expertise and helping with check-in this year!

We also wish to thank the following individuals for helping set up/decorate, chaperone and/ or help with cleanup: Cati Nicolaus, Debbie Carrillo, Dave Edgar, Dan and Annette Pinon, Olga O'Neill, Divora Stern, Kari Rescina, Carmen Thomas, Nicole Burke, Mike Colvig, Rose Mehtlan, Karen Thiel, Julie Orr, Kari Stiles, Marian Lohne, Maureen Moore, Cathy Moorhead, Peter Smith, Mike Horger, Heidi Ahders, CHP Officer Brandi Gamble, CHP Officer Alex Kimball, Staff Sgt. Cameron Bornowski, Staff Sgt. Daniel Miller, Martin and Arcelia Duran, Stephanie and Anthony Willcutt, Shawna Collicott, Bonnie and Paul Riley, Jessica and Aaron Branscomb, Delores Pedersen, Georgetown Hollingsworth, Robert and Colleen Nowlin, Leticia Amador, Santa Calderon, Erika Ramirez-Alvarez, Carol Freeman, Tonie Frye, Kathryn Brundage, Jennifer Delleit, Jenny Forrester, Bo Stephens, Bill and Alicia Novo, Stephanie Strickland, Erin Vaccaro and Jennifer Delleit.

Thanks also to the Class of 2018 parents for donating 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!

The rest of
Absent

From page 1

he was to report to the board of supervisors on the status and future of the county's four cannabis working groups.

His absence from the June 12 meeting raised eyebrows. Casey O'Neill and Ron Edwards – both members of one of the cannabis working groups had who had spoken to Overton a few days before the meeting – told Willits Weekly Overton had told them he would attend the June 12 meeting and make a presentation to the board of supervisors on the status of the working groups.

During the June 12 meeting, no mention was made that Overton was absent and no explanation for his absence was given.

Since that time, county staff – including Overton himself, Human Resources Director Heidi Dunham, and County CEO Carmel Angelo – have failed to return repeated calls from Willits Weekly asking about Overton's status as a county employee.

And during this week's June 19 board meeting, members of the board of supervisors and Angelo made references to the lack of staff in the county's cannabis department. Those references lend weight to the hypothesis that Overton is no longer with the county.

During the morning session of this week's meeting, Angelo told supervisors while making her CEO report that there would not be an update on the status of the county's cannabis program because “there is no staff to do that.”

During the public expression

The rest of
Drowns

From page 1

Team was sent to the location, and the Little Lake Fire Department Water Rescue Team and Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue team joined the hunt.

As resources were arriving to join the search on June 13, a Mendocino County Sheriff's deputy observed what he thought was human remains floating in the lake, near

portion of the June 19 meeting, this reporter asked the board to comment on Overton's status. The question was met with silence.

During Tuesday's afternoon session, board Chairman Dan Hamburg introduced consideration of “an informational update on the implementation of the Mendocino County Cannabis Cultivation Program and Cannabis Compliance and Code Enforcement Unit.”

After reading the description of the agenda item in full, Hamburg said: “The cannabis program is the sponsor [of this item]. We have no staff here from the cannabis program, but if the board would like to take the item as an item to discuss our cannabis program, we can do that.”

Toward the end of the board's discussion on the county's cannabis program, the board asked Angelo to prepare a report on the status and recommendations of the county's four cannabis working groups. Angelo promised to have a presentation ready by the end of July and added: “We will ask Planning and Building and the Agriculture Department to help us.”

Her statement would indicate there is no cannabis staff available to help Angelo prepare a presentation on the cannabis working groups and could also imply Overton is no longer a county employee.

Mendocino County announced it had hired Overton as Mendocino County cannabis manager on February 28. In that announcement, Overton was quoted as saying: “My immediate goals are streamlining the permit application process and working to further establish cannabis as an economic driver in the county.”

During the seven months former

interim Agricultural Commissioner Diane Curry was head of the agriculture department and running the cannabis permitting program – between May 4, 2017, when the county began accepting applications for cannabis cultivation permits, and the end of 2017 – some 784 applications for a permit were received and 59 issued.

During Overton's three months as cannabis manager, his department received an additional 133 permit applications and issued or approved 214 permits. That's 23.3 percent of the 917 permit applications received since May 4, 2017.

Overton's departure brings to four the number of department of agriculture heads or cannabis unit managers who have overseen the county's cannabis program and have abruptly left that position in the past two years.

Chuck Morse retired in January 2017, a few months before the county's program started. Joe Morea, a former commissioner of agriculture from Modoc County, was hired to be commissioner of agriculture here in February 2018 and quit after only one week on the job. Diane Curry retired in March of 2018. Overton is the fourth.

On Overton's Facebook page, a new June 19 post says Overton will be fundraising for the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services by walking 125 miles from Palm Springs to Mexicali, Mexico, for his “[late June] summer vacation.”

“I believe the separation of children from their parents by US Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) is both criminal and immoral,” Overton writes. “I am tired of the talk, so I am going to walk.”

where the missing person was last seen.

The remains were removed and identified as being Piszczek's.

Foul play is not suspected, Porter said.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.



Happy Father's Day to the most caring and loving man we know. Best dad and now best papa! Lupe Gutierrez



Happy first Father's Day Lorenzo! You're truly the most amazing dad. Love Amella.



Happy Father's Day, Daddy. Love your baby, Cruz Thank you Juan for being the best dad, grandpa and stepdad! We are blessed to have you!



Skyler Blue, a hard-working, dedicated father who always puts his family first. Pictured here with his two little boys Calvin, left and Emry, middle.



I wanna say thank you so much for stepping up and taking on my two kids as yours and being such a great father to all three of the kids – they are lucky to have you in their lives! We love you, Christopher Lee Abel!



Happy Father's Day to the most awesome dad out there! Danny Gutierrez



Happy Father's Day, Dad. I love you Dad! Grady.



Happy Father's Day! From back-to-back terrible twos, to two 16-year-olds! We love you dad ♥ Tay and Jess.



Thanks for being the best dad in the world. Love Ashley, Dylan, and James.



Thanks for being a great dad; putting up with my endless requests, always supporting my shenanigans, and teaching me new skills, even when it's just easier for you to do it!! Love you!



Daisy, David, and Lily Barrett celebrating Father's Day on the coast.



Slaying fire-breathing dragons, making stacks of blueberry pancakes, and taking missions to outer space are everyday tasks for this super dad! Happy Father's Day, the kids and I are so lucky to live in this enchanted world with you as one of our heroes!



Happy Father's Day, Dad. I love you Dad! Grady.



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My favorite memory with my dad is: I was laying on him the other day and asked him what would u do if i wasn't here and you said u would get a good night's sleep – from your Pastteal.



Such a great Dad. Tim with Lucy.



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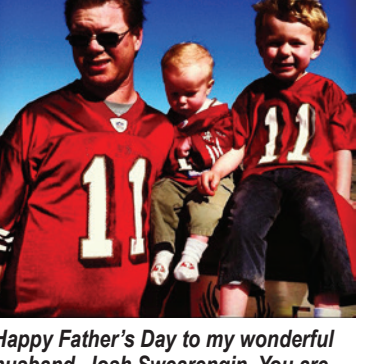
Happy first Father's Day!!! Hudson's lucky to have such an amazing, loving dad. Love you!



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Thursday, June 21

Willits Farmers Market: At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music and Video, Thursday, June 21, 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, strawberries from Redwood Valley, local meats and local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread, gift items, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted iced coffee, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Last chance to see “Giving Voice Through Art”: At the Willits Center for the Arts. Featuring the art of five Native American Artists, Johnny Clay, Frank Howell, Leah Mata Fragua, Timeteo “Ikoshy” Montoya, and Maureen Self. Co-curated by Wallace Clark-Wilson, chairperson, Konkow Valley Band of Maidu Indians. Sponsored by the Sherwood Valley band of Pomo Indians. Exhibit runs through June 24. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. 71 East Commercial Street.

Willits Chamber Skunk Train Mixer: June 21, 5:30 to 7 pm. “Come and join us as the historic Skunk Train hosts a Chamber mixer. This is an exclusive Chamber member event that will give you the opportunity for a look into the Skunk Train that no one else gets. Music will be playing on the patio as Croux and Co. serve up some amazing food. All of this can be paired with a drink that you can get from the bar inside the train car.” At the Skunk Train station, 299 E. Commercial Street.

Shanachie Pub: Dennis Chrisp & Special Guests: “It’s only rock and roll but you know you like it! Dennis Chrisp & special guests play an acoustic night of old school rock and roll, rockabilly, psychobilly, blues and Bakersfield country.” Thursday, June 21, at 8 pm. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam’s Restaurant.

Friday, June 22

Hometown Celebration: Willits Frontier Days kicks off 2018 festivities with the Hometown Celebration on Friday, June 22, in downtown Willits from 5 to 9 pm. Free to attend. Downtown brick-and-mortar businesses are open with specials, sales and samples, and booths are set up for many other businesses and organizations in the parking lot areas. Games and fun for the kids, raffles, street-friendly eats, horse & buggy rides, and live music, not to mention strolling and greeting friends and neighbors. Information: Willits Frontier Days at 459-6330 or Ashtan: 459-1214.



Senior Center Lunch

Week of June 25 through June 29

Monday: Shredded Chicken Sope

Tuesday: Fish and Chips

Wednesday: Teriyaki Chicken with Rice

Thursday: French Dip Sandwich

Friday: Birthday Turkey Dinner

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

Legends of the Redwoods 5K Run/Walk

July 8
Legends 5K Run/Walk will stage at the Mendocino County Office of Education, 2240 Old River Road, Ukiah, CA. Race day registration will be 7:00 to 7:50 am. Race will start at 8:00 am. This event is in celebration of the Native American Ultra-Marathon Races on the Redwood Highway from San Francisco to Grants Pass, Oregon in 1927 & 1928. The fast, flat out-and-back course features a well-maintained gravel road through Beckstoffer vineyards. This course is ideal for kids and strollers. For more information and online registration go to Active.com. For more information please visit striders.org, the North Coast Striders Facebook page or phone Gail Leland 485-7821. Awards: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Overall male/female and all age divisions. Age divisions: 0-9, 10 - 13, 14 - 17, 18 - 29, 30 - 39, 40 - 49, 50 - 59, 60 - 69, 70-79, 80+ FEES: \$25 for adults, \$20 for NCS members, \$15 for 17 and under, \$40 for families

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

Little Lake Firefighters Association Open House: Friday, June 22, 5 to 9 pm, at the firehouse, 74 East Commercial Street. “The Open House offers a chance for the community to get up close and have fun with the firefighters at the station located on the corner of Humboldt and Commercial streets. Fire apparatus will be on display; the firefighters will be giving tours of the firehouse; rides will be available in the antique fire truck; food and drinks will be available (for a small donation); department T-shirts will also be available for purchase, and, raffle tickets will be available, too.” Raffle prizes include gift certificates to Sparetime Garden Center, Auto Mart and a Giants baseball game, a Stihl chainsaw, base rock, Weber grill and a 50” flat screen TV.



“Rio Hondo”: This western comedy play, opening Friday, June 22, 8 pm, \$20, will bring gun-slinging antics, brawls and romance, and all the necessary noble heroics for frontier justice to the Willits High School auditorium, 299 North Main Street. Plays through July 7. This Willits Community Theatre production of Bill Robens’ cowboy satire is directed by Lee Stipe and features a cast of 25 actors in colorful wild west roles, live music and live sound effects, and plenty of sure-fire hilarious action. Tickets available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpaperickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door until sold out. A special benefit performance sponsored by Rotary Club of Willits will be held on the first Thursday, June 28 at 7 pm. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$20 and available by calling Jolene Carrillo at 707-841-7758. Information: willits theatre.org.

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At right: A fawn eats from a bottle-feeding station at the Mendocino County Fawn Rescue and Rehabilitation Facility. This fawn has since graduated to eating on its own, thus preventing it from becoming used to human contact.

Far right: This is one of the four rescued fawns at the new Mendocino County Fawn Rescue and Rehabilitation Facility. The fawns will be released when they are about four months old.

Below: The Mendocino Wildlife Association rescued these two fawns. In the background is the injured fawn in the story, with his head still listing to the side. He's now almost totally recovered and will soon be returned to the wild.

Photos by Olivia Grupp



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Mendocino County's new

'Fawn Rescue and Rehabilitation Facility'

On May 16 a fawn with head injuries was found dazed, appeared blind, and walked crookedly on the side of Highway 1 not far from the Mendocino / Sonoma County border. The people who saw the fawn called Mendocino Wildlife Association's hotline. MWA sent a volunteer to the coast who picked up the injured and disoriented fawn and delivered him to East Hill Veterinary Clinic for treatment.

After treatment that day, he was sent to his temporary home at Mendocino County's new Fawn Rescue and Rehabilitation Facility outside of Willits. He was the first fawn to live in the tree-shaded 50 foot by 60 foot enclosure. It had just been completed in time to house, heal, and later release this year's injured or abandoned fawns.

There hadn't been a fawn facility in Mendocino County for quite a few years since Cathy Ortiz, longtime licensed wildlife and fawn rehabilitator, retired. There needed to be another Mendocino County person to take on fawn rescue and rehabilitation. Wildlife and fawn rescue centers are licensed under the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Due to the transfer of diseases, regulations require that fawns stay in the county where they are found.

MWA volunteer and Willits resident Olivia

Grupp stepped up to manage the local fawn rescue and rehabilitation facility.

Back in May, it was Grupp who took the injured fawn to veterinarians Chana Eisenstein and Brittany Kessler at East Hill Veterinary Clinic in Willits. "Now that there's a new fawn rescue facility, it's important to follow their protocols," said Eisenstein. "So calling the hotline first is very important," added Kessler.

Volunteer veterinarians are an important part of the wildlife rescue permitting process for assessing and treating the immediate needs of injured animals.

After treatment and supportive care, the injured fawn's prognosis was a "wait and see" situation. Sometimes fawns recover from head injuries like his. Grupp took the fawn to his new home and worked on getting him to suck from a bottle of special fawn formula. "It'll take some time here before we'll know for sure if he will recover sufficiently to be released back into the wild," said Grupp. Fawns that are severely injured and unable to recover are humanely euthanized.

Grupp learns from and works closely with Matt Wolfe from Sonoma County's Fawn Rescue. He is licensed by California Fish and Wildlife for fawn rescue and rehabilitation. Wolfe also supervises different satellite facilities like the

one in Mendocino County. Grupp is considered a sub-permittee under his permit.


According to Grupp, the fawn with the injured head is doing well. "He's frisky, eating and defecating well. His vision has returned and he's responding appropriately for a fawn his age," reported Grupp. He's been joined by three other fawns who needed rescuing and rehabilitation. All four are recovering, and Grupp is confident they'll be able to be released, as a family, back into the wild by the time they lose their spots - one of the markers for fawns who are old enough to fend for themselves.

It's important to distinguish between a fawn you find curled up in the grass and is well, and a fawn who's truly abandoned or injured. One of the biggest questions trained MWA hotline volunteers have to determine the answer to is, "How do I know this fawn needs rescuing?" It's best if the public can give clear descriptions of the fawn in question and where it's located.

Here are some guidelines from Grupp:

• If you see a clean and quiet fawn curled up in the grass, on a lawn, or in the shade, leave it alone. It's mother has most likely stashed it and is browsing somewhere nearby. She will be back.

Read the rest of **Fawns** Over on page 11



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LEGAL NOTICES

WW154 Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0315

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

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

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

s/ Saprina R. Rodriguez

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

WW153 Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0310

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

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

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

s/ Jill Kathleen Persico, Trustee

Pub dates: 5/31, 6/07, 6/14 and 6/21/2018

WW161

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

UNDER DEED OF TRUST LOAN: GRAHAM OTHER: 91209888 T.S. #: 18028-PR NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. "PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE Section 2923.3 (a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT, BUT TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/16/2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that REDWOOD TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC., as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JOHN WESLEY GRAHAM, a single man, recorded on 3/27/2017 as Instrument No. 2017-02928 in Book _____ of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MENDOCINO County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 3/6/2018 in Book _____, Page _____, as Instrument No. 2018 -02397 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 7/12/2018 At the main entrance to the Mendocino County Courthouse, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482 at 10:00 AM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust, A.P.N.: 038-260-14 and 038-260-15. 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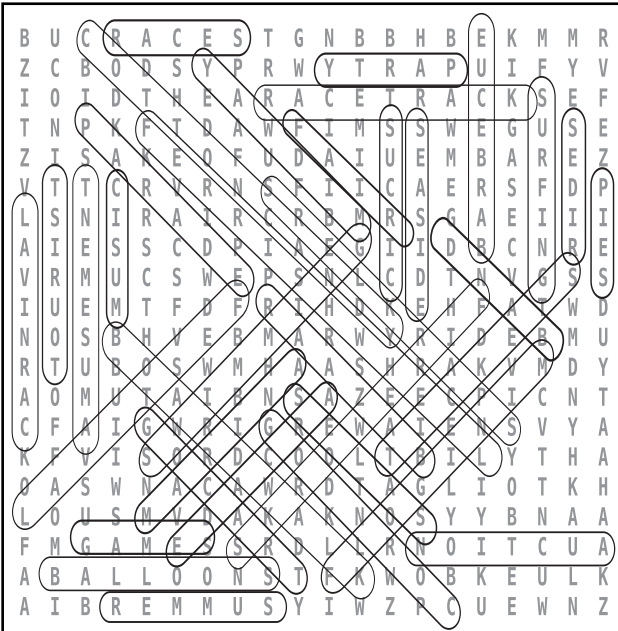
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2018-F0280

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This business is conducted by an unincorporated association.

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

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

s/ Sara Grusky

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The rest of Fawns

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• If you see a fawn with visible wounds, blood or feces on it, or it is walking around dazed and disoriented, or calling in distress for long periods of time, call the Mendocino Wildlife Association's hotline: 707-984-6363. Someone will talk with you about your experience and contact a person who will call soon to advise you. If the fawn needs rescuing, a volunteer will be sent to pick it up.

It can cost \$700 or more to rehabilitate one fawn. To support fawn rescue in Mendocino County, go to www.GoFundMe.com/WildMendo. The money donated will go to veterinary care, medications, formula, and other necessities not funded by volunteer efforts.

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Above, from left: Scott Stanton blasts the guitar for Verbal Abuse. Lucky Otis performs his throwback deft blues stylings at the anniversary party for Willits Garden Supply. Lily, the dog and Danielle attend the store's anniversary party. Nicki Sicki, original member of the seminal hard punk group, Verbal Abuse, performs at his band member, Scott Stanton's, anniversary party. Nile measures up to the grow lights.

Far left: The crowd at the Willits Garden Supply anniversary party gathers to listen to owner Scott Stanton's band, Verbal Abuse. AT left: Tume helps a customer purchase products which were 15 percent off during the Willits Garden Supply parking lot party.

Below: The Stanton family takes a break from running the store, Willits Garden Supply: Scott, Tume, Ocean, 8 years, and Nile, 5 years. Shelves overflowing with a variety of goods. Forrest Bingham of GRO IT and Eileen and Larry Sanders of KLLG enjoy themselves at the Willits Garden Supply parking lot party.

Parking Lot Party

Willits Garden Supply celebrates their growing success

Success comes with a price, and that's true for Scott Stanton and his wife, Tume, owners of Willits Garden Supply. Their dream came to fruition a year ago, when they opened their doors on June 11, 2017.

"I've been working pretty much every day," said Stanton, "and the days that I have off, I go and work. My days off consist of going to pick something up from a distributor in the Bay Area, for example. I actually get to leave the store."

Despite his busy schedule, Stanton found time to plan a party celebrating the anniversary of the opening of Willits Garden Supply. The party, held in the store's parking lot, was a family affair with energetic children running and bicycling about as the adults schmoozed, ate hot dogs and hamburgers, and perused the wondrous array of gardening and growing products in the store.

The anniversary party also provided entertainment, with a performance by Stanton himself, slamming on his guitar with the seminal hard punk group, Verbal Abuse, one of the pioneers of its genre.

The group blew party-goers out of their seats with its hard-driving rhythms and uber-loud sounds.

"No one can say there is a faster or louder band than Verbal Abuse," declared Stanton. The band's original singer, Nicki Sicki, was joined by Stanton on guitar, bass player Dave "Koko" Chavez and drummer Geza Szent-Galy.

Prior to their set was a performance by blues singer and guitarist, Lucky Otis, who also handled the announcing and DJ duties. Otis is the son of Shugie Otis and grandson of rock legend, Johnny Otis. His throwback deft blues stylings were in stark contrast to the pounding beats of Verbal Abuse and the sweet, classical flamenco guitar of the opening act, Jason Wright of Redwood Valley.

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The anniversary party was a fun way to celebrate the adventurous year the Stanton family has had. They put their heart into making a go of their venture and it is beginning to pay off. The startup year for any business can be difficult and Willits Garden Supply is no exception. The shop, being a seasonal business, adds an additional degree of difficulty, trying to guess ahead of time which products to stock at which times, while at the same time, continuing to research new products as they become available and get a feel of how much to have on hand.

"At first, we had to make an educated guess as to what to stock in the store. Then as people started coming in and would say, 'do you have this specific item?' we would take all those requests and try to fill them as quick as possible. That's pretty much what we stock, the things that I knew before I started the store, plus all of the stuff that everyone is asking for that they say they buy. Now I can say that we have a 'one-stop shopping super center.'

"Now that we've done a full year cycle," continued Stanton, "we're able to predict what the next run will be. The first year was an education and a surprise.

"We can special order pretty much everything the other stores have and plus a lot more," he explained, "because I have some pretty good distributors that I work with. I can usually fill a special order on the same day or the next day."

Stanton has some very interesting and innovative products, such as the new bags that can separate and trim product – pretty much in a single operation – or grow lights that can save over 30 percent on electricity, or odor-proof bags of all sizes. During the anniversary celebration, everything, with the exception of dirt products, was 15 percent off and Smart Pots are on sale until July 10 with a generous 20 percent discount.

More important than the products he sells, is the knowledge and friendly attitude of Stanton and his staff. Come in with a problem and leave with a solution. It seems that Willits Garden Supply has created a niche for itself. Find them at 1569 South Main Street, next to NAPA Auto Supply, 456-9382, or visit www.willitsgardensupply.com.

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According to the CEO report, there are currently four working groups: one is working on track-and-trace issues; one is working on county building requirements related to cannabis cultivation and production; one was originally working on monitoring the requirements of the state's cannabis regulations, but unilaterally added the function of drafting language for amendments to the county's cannabis ordinance to its scope of work; and the overlay working group.

Angelo's report states the track-and-trace working group is meeting bi-monthly "and is preparing recommendations regarding the county's local track-and-trace system."

The building requirements group is "working on a frequently asked questions list and wants to recommend to the board of supervisors a reduction in ag exempt building fees."

The overlay working group has been meeting with consultants from Michael Baker International, which has been contracted by the county to draft the overlay zone amendments.

Angelo's report said the state requirements working group had completed a letter that went before the board on February 6. It provided feedback to the County Counsel's Office and Planning and Building regarding microbusinesses.

Toward late April, the group wrote and approved draft amendments to the county's cultivation ordinance. This act was not requested by supervisors, and prompted Kelly Overton, manager of the county's cannabis program, to ask supervisors at their May 8 meeting for direction on how to regard and use the working groups. These issues were supposed to be on the agenda for the June 12 meeting. The June 12 meeting did happen, but without a discussion of the working groups and without Overton.

Transferability

At Tuesday's meeting, the board also discussed how and when to tackle the discussion of transferability of title deeds for property upon which cannabis has been legally grown.

According to Mendocino County's cannabis cultivation ordinance, cultivation permits for parcels located in rangeland, forest land or timber production zones will only be issued when property owners can show they were growing pot there prior to 2016.

Under the cultivation ordinance as it is currently written, no new permits in those zoning districts will be issued. In addition, property owners who are legally growing cannabis in those districts may only transfer the title of their property to family members, including a "spouse/domestic partner, child, parent or, for estate planning purposes, to a trust."

According to Second District Supervisor John McCowen, this provision was put into the cultivation ordinance to reduce the presence of cannabis cultivation in resource lands and to save those lands for their intended uses.

However, the provision has not been popular among cannabis growers. Over the past six months, some 50 to 100 people have, at different times, urged supervisors to amend the transferability provision, arguing the limit on transferability reduces the value of their land and restricts potential investment in it.

McCowen has often said he thinks removing the limitation on transferability would provide cannabis growers with an unfair advantage over their neighbors.

When asked to clarify, McCowen told Willits Weekly: "We've created this closed universe of potential applicants. To obtain a permit, if you have property in rangeland, or forest land, or in TPZ, you must be able to prove you were growing cannabis prior to 2016. And for those people, we have limited transferability to family members only.

"What that means is, for everyone else who has property in those zones, who have been following the law and who have not grown marijuana in the past, we are saying: 'No permit for you.' But to people who were growing cannabis before 2016, we say: 'Yes you can have a permit, and you can transfer the permit to your family members.'

"There's a kind of injustice there," McCowen believes. "On top of that, if we approve transferability, then we make that land more valuable than their neighbor's land, not just immediately but for the foreseeable future."

On Tuesday, Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey told the board she wanted either to convene a transferability working group as soon as possible, or to agendize the topic for board discussion. Board Chairman Dan Hamburg said he agreed with Croskey. McCowen said he thought transferability "was a discussion for 2019, not for 2018."

After further discussion, McCowen agreed to discuss transferability, but only if the discussion were expanded beyond a "cannabentric" point of view.

McCowen said he wanted to invite members of the Mendocino County Farm Bureau and the environmental community to the conversation, adding he felt such a discussion should occur only after the board has had an opportunity to consider the recommendations of the other working groups.

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cultivation; \$2 per square foot for nursery cultivation; 4 percent of gross receipts for dispensaries and delivery businesses; 2.5 percent for manufacturing; 2 percent for distribution; and 1 percent for laboratory testing.

The maximum rates would be set at \$10 per square foot of canopy for indoor cultivation (outdoor cultivation is still prohibited in the City of Willits), 6 percent gross receipts for dispensary and delivery businesses, and 4 percent for other types of cannabis businesses.

According to the ordinance, crafted by City Attorney Jim Lance, the city could expect to see annual revenues of between \$250,000 and \$400,000 per year from the tax. The money would go into the city's general fund.

The rates initially suggested by Lance and city staff had been significantly higher (e.g., \$25 per square foot for cultivation), but were lowered after hearing recommendations from HdL Consultants.

According to a report from Lance, HdL is a "statewide consulting agency serving municipal clients, and specializing in the regulation of cannabis industries."

HdL representative Tim Cromartie gave a presentation at the June 13 meeting, explaining the firm recommended the lower rates to help ensure the success of new cannabis businesses, particularly considering the competitiveness of the new legal market and the tax burden already being placed on them.

"You want [the tax rate] to be high enough to generate proceeds that are going to help the city out," said Cromartie, "and low enough that you avoid overtaxing and ensure sustainability. You cannot overlook the fact that you are extremely close to ground zero in California for cannabis cultivation. We have a thriving multi-billion-dollar black market right here, and for that reason you want the tax to be low and reasonable. We say the same thing to cities statewide."

Cromartie said the California Department of Food and Agriculture as of March had already issued enough cultivation permits to meet over 200 percent of the demand for cannabis in California, and that the cumulative state cannabis tax was currently around 25 percent, which he felt was much too high.

"We're in a boom period right now," he said. "There's going to be a bust as some of these businesses realize the taxes are too high.... For a variety of reasons, a number of businesses are not going to survive the transition to the regulated market. We expect some of the highest failure rates to be in cultivation specifically because there is so much of it."

Although no permitted cannabis businesses are operating in Willits yet, City Planner Dusty Duley said that an application for a 22,000-square-foot indoor cultivation site had been approved by the city, and the applicant is in the process of getting a business license.

In addition, another 10,000-square-foot cultivation site application is pending as the applicant upgrades the building.

If the excise tax measure passes, these two businesses alone would potentially pay the city a minimum of \$224,000 per year in city cannabis taxes in addition to permit and application fees.

Duley said 11 applications had already brought the city \$150,000 in revenue this year. He added that annual renewal fee totals would be a similar amount for the 11 cannabis businesses over the next year, and more applications would likely be coming in.

While the fees were designed for cost recovery for staff time as well as some city enforcement costs, Mayor Madge Strong explained the excise tax would help with "the additional costs we think is kind of inherent in having a new industry in town that is kind of a major part of our economy."

Cromartie said he and HdL recommended a square-foot tax for cultivation because there would be less need for audits, and because even if there was some crop failure or other issues, the city could still rely on the same amount of money each year from cultivators.

Local resident and activist Mike Adams said he felt gross receipts would be a more fair and equitable way to

tax cultivation, and pointed out the Mendocino County cultivation tax of 2.5 percent of gross receipts.

"In general it seems we should be looking at what is a fair rate of tax, not how much [the city] can get," said Adams. "Let's remember too that the state of California was expecting to receive a certain amount of tax revenue which they're not coming close to, partially because of the tax on top of tax on top of tax, which you could almost call extortion."

Cromartie noted earlier in the meeting that the state's cannabis tax revenues had come in at about 50 percent less this year than initially projected.

Councilman Gerry Gonzalez said he understood Adams' concerns, but he hoped those running city cannabis businesses would embrace the opportunity to help the community.

"I agree with you, Mr. Adams, that the tax needs to not be so onerous that we're not going to balance our books on the backs of the small businesses," said Gonzalez. "But at the same time ... there are other associated costs that aren't picked up in the fees that we also need to figure out a way to pay for."

"I really want your support for this," he continued, "because I want the cannabis industry to be part of our community ... and helping us with all sorts of things. I think the day may come when you see [cannabis businesses] sponsoring Little League or something, and it's not going to be such an anomaly. But we're not quite there yet."

Farmers market

The council also voted unanimously to suspend enforcement of requiring individual business licenses for Willits Farmers Market vendors. Instead it will allow them to operate under the umbrella of the market's business license. Market manager Michael Foley will give quarterly reports to the city with names and earnings.

The change in policy will require the city to alter its business license ordinance, but in the meantime, none of the vendors will be required to apply for a business permit.

Requiring the individual business licenses had become an issue in the last year pushed by City Manager Stephanie Garbrant-Sierra, after what Foley said was a de facto exemption by the city for market vendors during the previous 30 or so years of the market's existence.

Garbrant-Sierra said she was simply trying to make sure there was a record of what was bought and sold in the city for accountability purposes, and that correspondence showed that "we've been trying to enforce this for years, and this was actually in the agreement that was signed."

However, Foley, who's been market manager for eight years, said no one had approached him about it before last year, and that business licenses were not required for farmers market vendors anywhere else in the county. He also pointed out others doing business in the city who were exempt, such as wholesale vendors.

Foley told the council that while farmers were already exempt from business license fees, most of the vendors at the Willits market are often not farmers.

"In the winter and spring, the mainstays of the market are non-farmers," he said. "They keep the market afloat. The majority, counting farmers, are food vendors – but they're not all farmers.... Some of those food vendors are anchors of the market, and they bring people in. Those are the people who would be most affected."

Foley also warned that vendor attendance had gone down significantly at the last market, and he worried that was related to the business license issue.

The decision came after a long discussion, with several locals speaking on behalf of the market and its positive impact on the community, and asking that the city not place any unnecessary burdens on the vendors there.

"It seems a little petty to me," said Pete Swanton, who owns Main Street Music and Video next to the farmers market's new downtown location. The market moved to Main Street last month and will be happening there every Thursday afternoon until November.

"Enough is enough already," said Swanton. "Let's just have fun, let's get community back when we so desperately need it, and we need people to support us. With everything this community has been through – and we are resilient – we need that shot in the arm. Let's just do the right thing."

The compromise solution of placing the market vendors under the farmers market business license was suggested by Foley, and both sides seemed content with the decision in the end.

Sidewalk update

Caltrans senior resident engineer Geoffrey Wright updated the council about the relinquishment construction project on Main Street, saying it was going smoothly, and that Granite Construction, which was contracted to do the work, was operating ahead of schedule.

"We think the project's going really well," said Wright. "We're happy with the feedback we're getting from the community. To the best of my knowledge we've had very few complaints on the project, and I think it's proceeding well."

As per the city's request, he said construction would be stopping in the area between Commercial Street and East Valley Road, during the Frontier Days celebration, and focusing on the area north of Commercial.

The crew is hoping to have all of the city sidewalk construction completed before Thanksgiving weekend of this year.

He also spoke about the ongoing concerns some community members were having about tree removal for the project.

He said Caltrans was operating under a protocol set forth by the city last year, and a professional arborist has been present and assessing every tree in the construction areas to determine if they are healthy and not a safety hazard. Of 12 trees assessed since construction began this year, three were determined to need removal.

This was in addition to 13 trees that were designated as unhealthy and in need of removal last year after a walk-through and assessment involving Caltrans, members of the city council and staff, and nurseryman Dave Watts.

Museum advisory board

Vice Mayor Saprina Rodriguez explained to the council why she decided to resign from the Mendocino County Museum Advisory Board.

Rodriguez had made the decision public prior to the meeting, and had issued a letter to the county board of supervisors declaring her resignation.

Rodriguez said she came to her decision because of increasing frustrations over a lack of interest from supervisors in hearing and taking into account the advisory board's opinions.

Recently the board of supervisors voted 5-0 to merge the county museum, library and parks departments into one "cultural services agency," despite opposition from the advisory board as well as many others who spoke out about the issue at multiple BOS meetings.

Rodriguez said the county had also slashed funding for the museum and replaced the museum director with a position that was slated to spend just 10 percent of their time on museum issues.

"I serve no purpose by my appointment to the advisory board," said Rodriguez. "No action or recommendation the advisory board has made has been heard or received by the board of supervisors. And as I stated many times to supervisors, we have not received any kind of financial information for well over a year, and so it's hard to meet the purpose of the advisory board.... [The supervisors] seemed to already have their mind made up about what they were going to do. They moved forward despite public comment."

She said supervisors were still deciding whether to merge the library and museum advisory boards into one cultural services advisory board.

Rodriguez also noted that at recent museum board meetings, most of the five county district representatives had been absent, and worried that with her resignation the meetings may not have enough of a quorum to make them valid.

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teacher Dawna Allen was presented with a plaque and earned high praise from District Superintendent Mark Westerburg. "She's getting out at the top of her game," he said. "She did a great job."

He also gave high marks for retiring Sherwood School teacher Gina Hirsch, saying she had "done a great job. It's a tough gig. Sherwood's a unique environment, and a lot of it is due to her."

Brookside School secretary Lisa Koller, who retired in January, was also recognized for her work.

And Westerburg had nothing but praise for the district's bus drivers. "They have been killing it this year," he said. "They've been down a driver all year and been doubling routes."

Past board member Laurie Harris, who resigned her seat at last December's board meeting, was also recognized for her three years of service.

Addressing more substantive matters, the board unanimously adopted the state-required Local Control and Accountability Plan. The report described some notable achievements during the past year – including a fall in suspension rates, a higher graduation rate, a higher percentage of students going on to post-secondary education, and a rising rate of students completing A to G subject requirements (required for admission to University of California and California State University).

"Probably the most astounding statistic," Westerburg said, was that "our CTE [career technical education] graduates who have been vocationally endorsed went from 0 to 38. The vocational programs we have are good and strong, and there's a lot of enrollment for them next year."

The LCAP report also highlighted some areas that need work, including language arts and math assessment scores that need "to go up"; the need to "do a better job" providing English language services for students who are English language learners; and chronic absenteeism.

"There's almost a one-to-one correlation between poor attendance and poor performance," said Westerburg. "We have to figure out a methodology to make this better. We've been doing robocalling, but that's not drawing people in."

He said high school administrators and counselors were "going through every student that missed a lot" to try and find answers as to why kids "were not here."

School resource officer

Westerburg offered the board a possible solution to the problem in the form of hiring a "school resource officer," which the district would share with the City of Willits during the summer months.

The officer would "go to a student's home [and ask] 'why is your kid not at school?'" said Westerburg. He emphasized that successful performance of the resource officer job "comes down to the personality of the officer ... the ability to engage with students and parents."

The officer also would be responsible for emergency and safety planning. "We're just the size that we should have one. Ukiah has several. Laytonville doesn't have one," said Westerburg. Willits High School, he noted, has "about 50 points of entry, and it's not cameraed as much as I'd want it to be. Proximity to Sanhedrin High School is also a good thing – they are two of our most potentially problematic spots."

Trustee Robert Chavez supported the proposal, saying he believed "the board would be negligent if we didn't hire an officer if we are fiscally able to." Board President Alex Bowlds said it was "a smart move," and he was "all on board with pursuing this."

The creation of the position will be considered again at the board's July meeting.

The last area of concern revealed by the LCAP report was the need to focus on "facility improvement and upgrade." Noting there was \$220,000 for this purpose provided in

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requiring lower amounts of tax than provided for in Measure AI, Deputy County Counsel Mathew Kiedrowski told supervisors the provisions of the new version did not need voter approval to become law.

The ordinance requires people cultivating cannabis to pay a 2.5 percent business tax and sets the initial time period of the tax as January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2020. The original start period the tax had been January 1, 2017, but supervisors gave the growers a free year, partly because of the Redwood fire.

After 2020, the tax rate may be changed.

The tax will be based on gross receipts. However, as per measure AI, minimum taxes are also imposed. For permit types of up to 2,500 square feet, the minimum tax is \$1,250 per calendar year. For Type I permits (up to 5,000 square feet) the minimum tax is \$2,500 per calendar year. For Type II permits (up to 10,000 square feet), the minimum tax is \$5,000 per calendar year.

The original version of the ordinance stated a minimum tax would be paid per growing cycle, but that language has been changed to "per calendar year."

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LCAP funding, Westerburg said he "could spend 10 times more than that in a month and still not be where we want to be."

Apropos of facilities upgrades, Bowlds inquired about the status of the issue of the district's insurance carrier requiring a major parking lot fix at the high school, asking "what happens if we don't?"

"They'll probably jack our rate up," said Westerburg. Noting the cost would probably be close to \$480,000 (the amount the district is receiving in one-time funding from the state next year), he admitted to hesitancy in using the funds.

"It's hard to wrap my head around a parking lot [versus] kids, and teachers, and staff," he said. "That's a hard choice to make. I'm hoping they'll give us lenience. It's a massive investment. You can't just pull that out of the general fund."

He also informed trustees that a goal for next year was "a complete facilities study. We need to prioritize what we want to fix," he explained, adding "I'll just use the B word. At some point the district has got to look at bonding."

Westerburg noted the \$43 million bond measure was passed nine years ago, and only \$14 million was spent. "Everything you wanted to do is now nine years older with worse problems than you had before. We're limping along with duct tape and super glue and whatever we got to keep stuff going...."

Willits Teachers Association President John Haschak addressed the board with concerns about an upcoming "18 percent increase" in health insurance costs for district employees saying it "is going to be devastating."

Westerburg agreed, saying he was "most concerned about my CSEA folks who work six, seven hours.... It went up so much, some have talked to me about 'Can I drop back an hour, because I might save money by dropping back and not having insurance.'

"That's the opposite of what we want," Westerburg said. "When people have insurance they're better-invested employees."

He mentioned "searching for another option," but didn't offer too much hope for success, noting the district had increased claims last year, which was like "having points on your license."

Westerburg also informed trustees of "reading skills" training being conducted for all K-5 teachers by Trish Martin. "It's a great program," he said. "All the teachers who have gone are enthused.... She is a star: 'Obi-Wan in reading.'"

Other upcoming professional development being provided for all middle and high school teachers includes an August training by a San Francisco-based Gender Spectrum on gender equity, which is "becoming more and more of an issue," said Westerburg.

A Native American program to increase success for this underserved group of students is also in the works for next year. Westerburg appointed high school assistant principal and athletic director Marian Lohne to put the program together, noting we "don't know the data well enough, [and we] have resources we're not using."

Willits PHF

The issue of the possible location of a county mental health facility at the old Howard Memorial Hospital site and what impact that might have for Willits' schools was also discussed by the board.

Mills Matheson, M.D., who has been attending meetings of the mental health advisory committee, informed the board about the types of facilities under consideration, differing lengths of involuntary in-patient treatment allowed by law, and what might be expected with respect to patient populations and behavior.

He said he hadn't seen a timeline but thought "if the decision was to go with Howard Memorial Hospital" it would be two years until a proposed psychiatric health

facility (PHF unit) and 32-bed rehabilitation unit could open or one year for a cheaper option – a crisis stabilization unit with attached residential unit.

He also provided trustees with a summary of research he had compiled, which included that "it is rare that patients escape from a locked facility," which the proposed Willits PHF unit would be.

His research also concluded the proposed unit would have up to 16 patients, 40 percent of whom would be homeless, with yearly admissions of 68 homeless from Ukiah and 20 homeless from Fort Bragg.

"It is unclear where the Ukiah and Fort Bragg homeless mentally ill patients will go after discharge," he wrote. "Each year, will the 88 homeless patients return to the towns they came from or join the Willits homeless?"

And he added, with respect to the numbers of homeless patients, that the research was done "in 1998, before the current epidemic of homelessness."

On the risk of violence after discharge, research showed that "27.5 percent of patients discharged will originate violence in the year after discharge ... [but] ... only 10.7 percent of the violent acts will be against strangers."

Westerburg, who also attends mental health advisory committee meetings, said he was "concerned with how [the location of a facility] affects schools. We need to be focused on ... What's the security plan? What happens if there's a breach in security? What's their release plan?"

Board President Bowlds said he would welcome the choice of the old Howard Hospital site if "security and release issues" were properly addressed.

Budget adopted

The board also adopted next year's almost \$20 million budget. Director of Fiscal Services Nikki Agenbroad explained the district was estimating deficit spending close to \$500,000, but one-time state funding of \$480,000 would counteract the deficit, although deficit spending would again occur in the subsequent two years.

"We know that we have been building programs and investing in things," Agenbroad told the board, "and will have to start talking about realigning the budget. It's not sustainable to deficit spend at that level forever."

Westerburg told the board the district was "financially OK. We're trying to use this year and next year to get into a good position to be safe."

Westerburg evaluation

Westerburg, himself, is in a good position to be safe given the board's evaluation of his job performance, which was the last item on the June 13 agenda.

In a document summarizing the evaluation, it was noted that "over the past two years, we have made significant progress in several areas, are moving in the right direction, and find Superintendent Westerburg to be highly effective.... The board finds Superintendent Westerburg's work ethic, knowledge and dedication to the district to be at a very high level. His relationship with the board is excellent, and communication is open and focused."

Some of the major accomplishments under his tenure listed in the document included "new English and math curriculums ... art and music reestablished to full time in grades 6-12.... All students 7-12 have Chromebooks.... Sherwood Elementary School expanded to K-8.... Sanhedrin is now an alternative vocational high school.... Adult education has been reinstituted.... Starting in 2018/19, grades K-5 will offer looping, multiage and transitional first grade and students in grades K-5 and 6-12 will be on separate buses.... All staff meet certification requirements.... Two-year contracts have been put into place with both unions."

Westerburg's contract was extended through June 2020, and the board unanimously approved a "merit pay" bonus equaling 3 percent of his salary.

A PROCLAMATION

OF THE WILLITS CITY COUNCIL DESIGNATING

WILLITS' WESTERN WEAR DAYS

92ND ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 22ND THROUGH JULY 4TH, 2018

WHEREAS, Willits Frontier Days is the oldest continuous rodeo in the state of California and this year's theme, "We Stand for Old Glory", marks the 92nd 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, Madge Strong, Mayor of the City of Willits, do hereby proclaim June 22nd through July 4th, 2018, 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 13th day of June, 2018.

Madge Strong, Mayor
Cathy Moorhead, City Clerk

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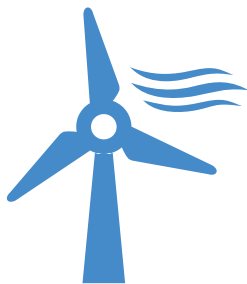
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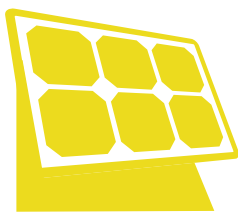
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