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## Moorman rules for Sherwood property owners

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On June 25, Superior Court Judge Ann Moorman ruled in favor of plaintiff Janet Norris and against defendant Laurence Jennings regarding certain details in the case Norris v. Jennings. This is the Sherwood Ranch Homeowners Association case (also known as the Sherwood Ranch Property Owners Association or SRPOA) in which Jennings, acting as secretary and treasurer of the association, placed liens on nine Sherwood Ranch

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## Sherwood Ranch to hold board election

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Over the next two months, Judge Ann Moorman will oversee a mail-in election among Sherwood Ranch property owners to determine the composition of the Sherwood Ranch Property Owners Association's new board of directors.

Moorman articulated the general guidelines for how the election will be run and when it will occur during a July 2 court hearing.

Andrew Cantor, attorney for former SRPOA board member and officer

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## Suspect in Britton disappearance due back in court July 27

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The prime suspect in the disappearance of a young Covelo woman will return to Mendocino County Superior Court July 27 for a pre-trial conference in connection with weapons charges.

The Mendocino County District Attorney's Office dropped kidnapping charges against Negie Tony Fallis IV of Round Valley June 11, citing a lack of evidence, according to DA spokesman Mike Geniella.

Fallis was arrested in mid-February after allegedly abducting 23-year-old Khadijah Britton at gunpoint from a friend's home in the

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Above, from left: 2017 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Hailey Riley, left, poses with WFD Vice President Marcy Barry, 2018 Sweetheart Lilah Garman, and WFD President Fred Barry at the Sweetheart dinner. The Nor-Crawl parade entry shows off giant rigs with giant tires. Walker Klee in the steer riding event. Klee barely made it to the Junior Rodeo, as he was returning from Junior High National Finals in South Dakota. Below: Wyatt LaRue, 2, "drives" the Old Glory Trucking rig in the parade with a little help from mom, Christi Lovell.



Photos by Maureen Moore



At top, left: It was a hairy dismount for Cole Casteel in the bull riding event at Sunday's Junior Rodeo. At right: Lilah Garman gives her Sweetheart speech. Above: Past Sweetheart winners in attendance at Saturday's dinner.



## Frontier Days Festivities

Fourth of July celebrations conclude after two weeks of fun



At left: Members of the Little Lake, Brooktrails and Ridgewood Ranch fire departments who battled it out Tuesday with the resurgence of the waterfight.

At left, below, from far left: "CHiPper" the CHP Chipmunk smiles for the camera during the Main Street parade. A young rider tries to stay atop the small bucking bronco in the Young Guns saddle bronc class at the CCPRA rodeo.

Below: Jerry and Kat Harris of the Willits Wild Bunch ride in the parade.

At bottom: Time Bandit, driven by Willits' Fred Barry, gets ready to pull in the annual Truck Pulls.



Photos by Maureen Moore



Below, from left: Janet and Kevin Reedy and their boys, Valentino, center, and Jeremiah, right, get ready to enjoy full plates from the July 4 barbecue. Grady Fonsen clings to the side of his sheep in the mutton bustin' event in the Junior Rodeo. A patriotic moment from one of the horseback riders in the parade.



## Council: No rent stabilization ordinance

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The Willits City Council decided last week not to pursue a rent stabilization ordinance for mobile home parks, something many park tenants and other advocates had been pushing the city to adopt since last year.

Several park residents were at the meeting last week to speak their minds as they had at previous meetings, and brought up again what they viewed as steep, unfair rent increases by the new owners who took control last year, BoaVida Communities, as

Read the rest of **Rent**  
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## Son held in Highway 101 family shooting, murder

A Covelo father was killed and his eldest son critically wounded Monday afternoon on Highway 101 south of Willits, and the man's youngest son, Ubaldo Ramirez, 23, of Covelo, has been arrested on suspicion of murder.

Sheriff's deputies and state traffic officers were dispatched at 4:41 pm on July 2 to "a suspicious situation" on Highway 101 just south of Ridgewood Ranch.

"Initial reports suggested a vehicle had been involved in a traffic collision and an occupant was suffering from a gunshot wound," said sheriff's Capt. Greg

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## Resource conservation district reports to BOS

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Megan McCluer, executive director of the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, on June 19 presented a report on the organization's more recent projects to the county board of supervisors.

McCluer noted supervisors had funded the MCRCD to the tune of \$25,000 in fiscal 2017-18. The organization used those funds as "seed money" to secure \$1.9 million in grants. "That's \$76 of return for every \$1 in investment," McCluer said. "The investment we bring in externally is spent within the county," she added.

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

## No help from city council

To the Editor:

The City Council's "no action" decision on June 27 to not help the 67 families (240 people, *not 40*) who did not sign the long-term lease gives an OK to all landlords in Willits that a \$110 a month or more yearly increase for people that earn \$25,000 or less is *now protocol for Willits*.

All of the facts that were presented to city council were ignored:

Sixty-eight percent of the 500 residents at Wagon Wheel mobile home park earn \$25,000 a year or less and cannot afford a \$110 a month yearly increase and will lose their homes.

Over 100 other cities in California, both large and small, have passed rent stabilization ordinances in their mobile home parks to protect their low-income communities

Only 46 people *not 68* signed the long-term lease (which is exempt from any rent stabilization).

On April 23, 2018 the Ninth District Court of Appeals in California ruled in favor of rent stabilization in Carson, California (16 miles from Los Angeles) against a mobile home park owner. This sets a huge precedent for rent stabilization in mobile home parks ... as cities no longer have to be afraid of lawsuits from millionaire park owners!

And Mayor Strong's "excuse" about the cost just reveals that the council didn't read the material provided thoroughly. A rent stabilization ordinance passes the cost on to the residents, a small fee of \$2 or \$3 a month for every lot in Willits ... which at \$3 per 130 spaces a lot would generate an income of \$490 a month for the cost, and I'm sure residents would rather pay \$3 a month instead of another \$110 a month!

City council members also did not take seriously the fact that while at Kort & Scott Financial Group in 2016, Manager Abe Arrigotti and Drita Bronkey (now BoaVida managers) were responsible for 714 seniors and disabled people in Reseda Mobile Home park in Reseda, California being "priced out" of their homes, at risk of becoming part of the ever-growing homeless population. This is how they do business, and they are now in Willits and were given the green light by the city council to continue this evil.

Cheryl Abney, Willits

## Thank you

To the Editor:

With the final results for the primary election in, I would like to express my gratitude to the people of the Third District for their vote to send me on to the general election in November. As a teacher and first-time candidate, I feel honored that so many have voted for me for county supervisor.

There were eight candidates in the race representing a wide variety of experiences, viewpoints, and skill sets. Many people have noted that there has never been such a large field of candidates for this position. I found that each candidate has a deep love for our community and wants to do what is best to move this county forward. Some of the candidates were long-time acquaintances while others became new colleagues. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their ideas for

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making this a better place to live and their efforts to run for office.

One of the best parts of this campaign so far has been meeting new people from around the district. The Third District has an incredible amount of talented, knowledgeable, dedicated, and hard-working people. We care about where we live.

Between now and November, I will continue to meet more people from our district, talk about our ideas to bring positive change to Mendocino County, and work hard to earn your vote. We certainly have our challenges with an economy in transition, disaster preparedness, and a county structure that needs greater transparency, responsiveness, and openness to the needs of our citizens.

I hope that in the next few months we can share our visions about how to build stronger communities together. We have the potential to create a county which could be a model for all other counties. We can protect our citizens, create a thriving environment, ensure that our air, water and land are kept clean, and provide a county government in which we can all be proud. Please feel free to call me at 707-513-6166 if you would like to share your ideas.

John Haschak, Willits

## Senior Center appreciates donors

To the Editor:

In 2015 the Willits Senior Center was in desperate need of a new roof. As a non-profit we made the difficult but necessary decision to take out a \$125,000 loan for a new roof. We have paid off \$34,936.35 of the roof loan and have a remaining balance of \$90,063.65.

Once the roof loan is paid off we can reallocate the loan payments towards services and programs. Each year we track every person that comes in contact with senior center; last year we had 101,384 contacts.

People come here to eat lunch and socialize, exercise, dance, attend Life Changes and Parkinson's support groups, request transportation services, pick up free firewood and free medical equipment, receive financial assistance, receive help applying for Social Security and veterans services, pick up free food boxes, shop at our thrift store, and play bingo.

Our ability to administer these programs and services is a direct result of the donations we receive. The profound gratitude and heartfelt appreciation we experience on a daily basis is a result of the kindness and generosity of donors.

If you would like to donate, go to [willitsseniorcenter.com](http://willitsseniorcenter.com) and find the donation tab, or make a check payable to: Willits Seniors Inc. 1501 Baechtel Road, Willits CA 95490. We appreciate you aiding us in making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Richard Baker, director, Willits Senior Center

## Hospice Golf Tournament

To the Editor:

Enjoy a day "on the greens" under the beautiful redwoods! Willits Rotary is hosting the 20th Annual Hospice Benefit Golf Tournament on Sunday, July 15 at the Brooktrails Golf Course in Willits.

Check-in is at 8 am; shotgun start at 9 am. Everyone is welcome. Come play and see if you can win one of the many prizes being offered at the event: a "\$10,000 hole in one" on hole 9 or the "closest to the tee" contest along with three other hole-in-one prizes.

The event also includes a raffle and an amazing barbecue lunch. The cost is \$55 for Brooktrails Golf Course members and \$75 for non-members.

We are currently looking for sponsors for the event. If you are interested in supporting hospice through becoming one of our sponsors or would like to play in the tournament, contact Tammy Long at 456-3244 or 480-993-5755. Come help support hospice – their work is crucial to our community!!

Tammy Long, Willits

## North Coast legislators applaud opening of Eureka Bureau of Cannabis Control Office

**Submitted by the Offices of Assemblymember Jim Wood and Senator Mike McGuire, Sacramento**

North Coast legislators Assemblymember Jim Wood and Senator Mike McGuire are pleased the North Coast Regional Office of the Bureau of Cannabis Control is open for business starting this week, providing a one-stop shop for local residents to do business with the state.

Wood and McGuire successfully fought for the North Coast Regional Office to be included in last year's budget.

"The cannabis industry is a big part of the North Coast's economy and sending licensed farmers on a five-hour drive to pay their taxes is simply not acceptable and not a good way to do business," Senator McGuire said. "This office will provide Northern California residents with the cannabis tax and licensing services they need all in one place, close to home. I've been grateful to work with Assemblymember Wood to get this office open and serving the public."

The temporary office, located within the Humboldt County Courthouse, is open as of July 2 and will provide residents with a one-stop shop to apply for state licenses, pay fees and ask questions.

"Humboldt has always been the heart of this industry, and I am pleased that the new Eureka office will be there to support them," said Assemblymember Wood. "The bureau needs to understand the sometimes unique issues and challenges of the North Coast cannabis industry, and I look forward to them providing valuable guidance."

The temporary office is currently located within the Humboldt County Courthouse (825 Fifth Street, Room 130, Eureka) until the Bureau of Cannabis Control opens a permanent office later this year. The office will be open Monday: Noon to 5 pm; Tuesday through Thursday: 8 am to 5 pm; and Friday: 8 am to noon.

Individuals wishing to apply for licenses, pay their fees or ask questions of staff in person can do so at this location. Fees for Department of Food and Agriculture and Department of Public Health licensees will also be accepted by appointment at this location. An appointment is required to pay fees. Appointments can be made by contacting 833-287-8171 or emailing [CannabisFeeAppt@dca.ca.gov](mailto:CannabisFeeAppt@dca.ca.gov).

## Flow Kana sungrown cannabis raises \$50 million to date

**Submitted by Flow Kana, via BusinessWire**

Redwood Valley's Flow Kana, the premier sustainable sungrown cannabis provider embracing Northern California's independent craft farm ecosystem, announced Tuesday the completion of a \$22 million round of financing, led by a \$15 million investment from Gotham Green Partners, a New York-based private equity firm that invests in cannabis and cannabis-related enterprises on a global scale.

With other institutional investors including Poseidon Asset Management, Salveo Capital and notable angel investors including Roger McNamee, Flow Kana has raised a total of \$50 million to date to build and scale a first-of-its-kind cannabis supply chain centered around small craft cannabis farms in Northern California.

Flow Kana recently opened the first phase of operations at its 87,000-square-foot facility in Mendocino County, The Flow Cannabis Institute, offering a wide range of processing, co-packing, white label, and distribution services to a growing list of partner brands, dispensaries, distributors, and manufacturers.

The completion of this round of financing will enable Flow Kana to focus on expansion of its services to support the Northern California ecosystem of independent farmers and to build capacity at The Flow Cannabis Institute to manufacture premium cannabis oil for distribution and sale to companies making specialty products such as topicals, tinctures, and more.

"Gotham Green Partners is a proven leader and advocate in the cannabis investment community, and a first-mover in capitalizing and supporting a growing ecosystem of businesses across the cannabis supply chain," said Michael Steinmetz, Flow Kana's co-founder and CEO.

"At a time when changes in state and federal policy are on the horizon, and the conversation about cannabis is accelerating globally, this partnership offers a clear path forward for Flow Kana to continue to showcase its farmer families' stories, their high-quality small-batch cannabis, and their sustainable way of life on a worldwide stage," Steinmetz said.

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Above, from left: Rick Micheletti plays "Blackbird" on his \$10,000 sinker-redwood guitar. Spencer Brewer stands in front of his "Circle of Fifths." Ken Franklin leads the crowd in a melodious version of "Down by the Riverside." At right: "Concerto Grosso Nuovo" by Spencer Brewer is a mashup of various instruments into a striking and unique piece of art utilizing a full-size cello as the base. Far right: Daniel Gracia plays one of Monty Levenson's shakuhachi flutes.

## Instrumental Art

World-class Mendocino-made instruments on display at WCA, along with music-themed sculptures by Spencer Brewer

The instruments, hand-crafted by local luthiers and artisans, sound as beautiful as they look ... but please don't touch. Gary Martin, curator of the Willits Center of the Arts and creator of the current show, "The Sound of Art," has placed a yellow tape line in front of the exhibits, hoping it will psychologically keep curious hands off the inviting strings, knobs and cranks.

The instruments are painstakingly crafted as a labor of love, and finished to a deep sheen which brings out the grain and natural patterns of the materials.

The opening reception on Saturday was one of the busiest yet for the WCA. Over 200 people showed up to check out this unique show that is really two shows. There is the functional beauty of the mostly stringed instruments in the back room and the non-functional, but incredibly creative, music-themed art works from local pianist and sculptor Spencer Brewer in the front room.

The craftsmen in the back room include Greg Byers, who's been making classical nylon-stringed guitars for over 35 years. The classical guitars, less popular than their steel-stringed cousins, have enabled Byers to find a niche. Byers believes classical guitars become known individually for how they sound, as opposed to steel-string guitars that become known for the name of their maker. He makes between six and 12 guitars a year in his studio on Hearst Road.

Ken Franklin makes guitars and ukuleles. He is showing a guitar with a top made from packing wood with a Hopland scene painted by well-known artist Ray Voisard from the Bay Area. He is a member of the Ukiah ukulele group, The UkeTones. He played a rousing singalong version

At right, above, left: Eight Japanese traditional shakuhachi flutes made by Monty Levenson from a rare root-end mandaké bamboo, harvested in Kyushu and Chiba, Japan. At right, above, right: Works from the late Ralph Waldman are on display – one finished violin, an unfinished violin, and an unfinished cello. At right: Ken Franklin crafted this guitar's top with packing wood and commissioned well-known artist Ray Voisard from the Bay Area to paint a Hopland scene on it.

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3:00, 5:45 & 8:30pm  
**Sun-Thurs:**  
2:00, 4:45 & 7:30pm

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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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HOW TO  
SUDOKU

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

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Guinean seaport  
5. They \_\_\_\_  
8. Electromotive force  
11. 'McVicar' director  
13. Monetary unit  
14. Mother of Hermes  
15. Broadway actress Daisy  
16. Tobacco mosaic virus  
17. Expression of surprise  
18. African financial intermediaries  
20. Fully ripe egg  
21. Soothes the skin  
22. Editors write them  
25. Nashville-based rockers  
30. Surgical tube  
31. Lasting records  
32. Member of Ghanese tribe  
33. Being in a vertical position  
38. Spasmodic contraction  
41. Cartilage disks  
43. Domestic help  
45. A way of drying out  
48. Small sponge cake  
49. Distinctive practice or philosophy  
50. Sword

CLUES DOWN

55. Type of missile (abbr.)  
56. Home to various animals  
57. American comedian Tim  
59. Scores perfectly  
60. A major division of geological time  
61. Spiritual leader  
62. Unhappy  
63. Unit of force (abbr.)  
64. Door part  
1. Academic degree  
2. Expression of sorrow or pity  
3. Large, stocky lizard  
4. Romanian river  
5. Stellar  
6. A way to change  
7. Surround completely  
8. A Philly footballer  
9. Dinosaur  
shuang\_\_\_\_aurus  
10. Slowly disappear  
12. Large antelope  
14. Not nice  
19. Piece of footwear

RECREATION WORD SEARCH

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BUTTERFLIES	GREEN	PLAYSET	SLIDES
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COMPASS	LANDMARK	PROTECTED	SWINGS
CONCERT	LANDSCAPE	RECREATION	TRAILS
DOGS	NATIONAL	RELAXATION	TRAVEL
EXPLORE	NATURE	RESPIRE	VACATION

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

June 25 to July 1

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **260** incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

June 25

3:11 am: Officer responded to a report of illegal camping and issued a warning.

3:32 am: DONAHE, Michael James (63) of Ukiah was contacted in the 200 block of Lenore Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and failure to appear.

8:19 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of South Street.

9:09 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

10:19 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 21000 block of Baechtel Road.

2:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of South Main Street.

3:57 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

9:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

June 26

11:49 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

12:50 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:35 pm: NUNEZ, Ruben Miguel (26) of Laytonville was contacted in the 100 block of

South Main Street following a fraud investigation. He was arrested on felony charges of grand theft, conspiracy to commit a crime, forgery, getting credit using other's ID, and failure to appear and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

2:07 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block North Lenore Avenue.

3:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:47 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:08 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

June 27

12:20 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

2:22 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of West Valley Street and South Main Street.

2:25 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of East Oak Street and Railroad Avenue.

2:59 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

7:45 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 600 block of East Valley Street.

11:18 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:57 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

6:02 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

8:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of East Oak Street and South Main Street.

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

June 28

9:13 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

9:48 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Holly Street.

10:32 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

2:10 pm: ESPANOLANORTON, Samantha Lynn (19) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 148 (A) PC (Resisting Arrest) and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

3:26 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Franklin Avenue and Blosser Lane.

6:28 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 4300 block of Spyrock Road.

6:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Barbara Lane and Railroad Avenue.

7:10 pm: LOUISIS, Alexander Louis (34) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Creekside Court. He was arrested pursuant to 415 PC (Disturbing the Peace).

7:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of Barbara Lane and Central Street.

9:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

10:29 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

June 29

1:03 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

10:38 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

3:11 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

6:38 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 19000 block of North Highway 101.

10:14 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

11:48 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of South Main Street and Alameda Avenue.

June 30

1:47 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

2:19 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Valley Street.

10:28 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of School Street and West Van Lane.

11:05 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.

12:47 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

3:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 24000 block of North Highway 101.

3:35 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

3:48 pm: WILLIAMSON, Keith Roger (32) of Willits was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of burglary.

5:01 pm: STANISLOO, Richard Lee (20) of Ukiah was contacted in the 700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.



Ruben Nunez of Laytonville.



Keith Williamson of Willits.

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Above: Lilah Garman's supporters surround her for a group photo at the end of the Sweetheart dinner held on Saturday, June 30 at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds including, from left: Jorge, Jorge Harms, Janice, Bud Garman, Sharon Garman, Sandy Eddy, Kara Garman, Emma Garman, Heath Garman, Tom Eddy, Margie Eddy and Ethan Eddy.

Crowning the Winner

Lilah Garman gets close to ticket-selling record with 2018 win

Being the only contestant didn't stop 16-year-old Lilah Garman from pounding the pavement, frequenting shops, events and community organizations all over the county, selling as many tickets as she could to this year's Willits Frontier Days festivities.

Maureen Moore crowned the winner of the title of 2018 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart, and it was announced by emcee Kathleen Goss at the Saturday dinner that Garman came very close to the record in sales, \$42,000, with her some \$37,130 raised between May 1 and June 29.

Garman was crowned the winner of the title of 2018 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart, and it was announced by emcee Kathleen Goss at the Saturday dinner that Garman came very close to the record in sales, \$42,000, with her some \$37,130 raised between May 1 and June 29.

Garman received a portion of the funds raised, a silver belt buckle, silver spurs, silver tiara, a bouquet of flowers, sash and a saddle. J.D. Redhouse sponsors the Sweetheart dinner each year and also sponsors the saddle and spurs. Willits Frontier Days sponsors the buckle and tiara.

The dinner was not only held to crown Garman, but also to thank the many corporate and major sponsors of Willits Frontier Days, and honor several special people who have contributed to the organization. This year, the Grand Marshal

award was given to Chris Neary, the Heritage award to Ruth Burris, and the Top Hand award to Todd Hollifield.

Burris also received the Grand Marshal award in 2004, but was honored this year for her countless hours spent at the grounds over the years answering phones, selling tickets and "doing a lot of babysitting!" Burris received a silver bracelet sponsored by Harrah Industries.

Neary and his family, including mother Barbara Hamilton, who has a perpetual trophy in the horse show and helped write the rules for the Sweetheart contest, have been involved with the annual celebrations for decades. His sister Joan was Sweetheart in 1954 and his father, Bob, was also a past Grand Marshal award winner. Neary remembers riding in his first parade back in 1952 and has enjoyed participating in the events each year, and also provides legal assistance to the organization through his law practice. Neary received a silver belt buckle sponsored by T&T Towing.

Hollifield has been the boots on the ground, or in the cement, working hard with the crew to repair the massive damage which occurred two winters ago when a

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Above: WFD President Fred Barry, left, smiles as Tylor Yadon presents the "Past President's Gift," a cooler, to Marcy Barry, right.



Photos by  
Maureen  
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Above: The 2018 Sweetheart Tiara awarded to Lilah Garman. Below, Fred Barry, right, presents buckles to Top Hand Todd Hollifield, left, and Grand Marshal Chris Neary, right.



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The money was used to fund 11 projects to improve instream flow and aquatic habitat in the Navarro River watershed, to improve forest health and safety, to assist with fire recovery and improving fire resiliency, and for a three-county winegrowers project to improve soil health and combat climate change.

**Water resources**

The MCRCD removed fish barriers in county rivers, rendering 7 miles of steelhead habitat accessible to fish. It storm-proofed 17 miles of rural roads. It upgraded water conservation measure at eight sites in the county and removed pollutants from 2 million gallons of storm water.

In the Navarro River watershed, MCRCD staff developed plans for six water storage projects, which will reduce water diversion from the Navarro in summer. MCRCD staff also worked with private landowners to achieve compliance with water quality and water quantity standards.

**Soil health**

McCluer said the main work in soil health accomplished in 2017-18 was done in connection with a project called “climate beneficial vineyard management.” MCRCD secured \$394,000 for outreach, education and marketing assistance for vineyards in Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino counties that employ practices to reduce the carbon footprint of their agricultural and manufacturing processes. MCRCD developed carbon farm plans for three vineyards and conducted soil health assessments on eight vineyards. It also established the North Coast Soil Health Hub, an online site that provides tools for increasing and improving soil health.

MCRCD also continued its management of Willits bypass mitigation lands, more than 2,000 acres of grassland and wetlands in the northern third of Little Lake Valley. Both McCluer and Project Manager Chris Bartow told supervisors the project is going well and they expect the high standards of land management and productivity established as a target by Caltrans will eventually be met.

“We may not meet those standards within the five-year window set by Caltrans,” McCluer said, “but we will meet them.” McCluer explained that after the standards are met, Caltrans will turn ownership of the land over to MCRCD.

McCluer noted the tours her organization is hosting of the mitigation lands.



### Current Job Openings:

- Deputy Sheriff-Coroner I/II
- Emergency Services Specialist
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“The Willits bypass was not supported by a lot of environmental groups, as I am sure many of you are aware,” McCluer understated. “We recently invited groups to do tours of the property and the sentiment for healing is under way.”

**Forest health and fire recovery**

In fiscal 2017-18, MCRCD linked forest health with fire recovery and fire resiliency, for obvious reasons. As a result, many of its forest health projects were at the same time fire recovery and/or fire resiliency projects.

RCD developed three forest management plans for a total of 515 acres. It partnered with the South Ukiah Rotary Club to purchase 50,000 conifer seedlings for planting in the fire-ravaged Redwood Valley area and secured funding to reforest 240 acres within the Redwood fire footprint. It organized four workshops on natural resource management, with an emphasis on fire recovery.

The MCRCD board of directors voted to “adopt” the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, the small, hands-on group with numerous local chapters whose mission it is to “help the citizens of Mendocino County survive and thrive in a fire-prone environment.”

As a byproduct of that adoption, MCRCD is providing physical space for the fire safe council’s organization. Some of the MCRCD staff has become staff for the council; the objective, however, is for the council to acquire its own staff.

According to a PowerPoint presentation shown by McCluer to supervisors: “The fire safe council will leverage the technical expertise of the MCRCD staff to provide information and/or resources for road clearing, defensible space, home hardening, evacuation route planning, emergency communication strategies, education and outreach.”

After the presentation by McCluer, Second District Supervisor John McCowen opined that MCRCD might be the perfect organization to draft the oak woodlands protection ordinance, required as a mitigation measure for the county’s cannabis program.

McCowen requested the question of how to accomplish that goal be placed on a future board of supervisors’ agenda, and Chairman Dan Hamburg agreed to do so.

Van Patten.

Police found a 2001 maroon Chevrolet Silverado 4-door pickup truck stopped in the southbound traffic lanes of the highway, Van Patten said.

Inside they found 51-year-old Calixto Ramirez dead from gunshot wounds and his 30-year-old son Miguel Ramirez with “a life-threatening injury.”

The younger man was airlifted to an out-of-county hospital in critical condition, Van Patten said.

Southbound Highway 101 was closed for hours, with traffic being diverted into Willits, while sheriff’s detectives, California Highway Patrol officers, California Department of Justice personnel and Mendocino County District Attorney’s Office investigators processed the crime scene.

The Sheriff’s Office also put out notification to the public, starting around 8:30 pm, via robo-calls and text messages “asking for citizen assistance in locating a suspect” who “may be considered armed and dangerous” who left the scene of a shooting on Highway 101 on foot, “in an unknown direction of travel.”

Although the robo-call had no information about whether the suspect was male or female, or any clothing description, the call said: “Please contact the sheriff’s office if you have any information about the incident or if you notice subjects in your area who are strange or appear out of place, especially anybody seen in your area hitchhiking.”

With assistance from the public, Van Patten said investigators were able to identify the shooting suspect as Ubaldo Ramirez, the son of Calixto Ramirez and the younger brother of Miguel Ramirez. Ubaldo Ramirez was located at about 1:30 am in a parking lot in the 77800 block of Highway 162 in Covelo and taken into custody on suspicion of murdering his father and the attempted murder of his older brother.

He was booked into Mendocino County Jail, where he is being held without bail.

“Specific details regarding the shooting are not being released at this time due to pending follow-up investigations by sheriff’s detectives,” Van Patten said.

Southbound passenger cars which had been queued up on the grade south of the Willits exit due to stopped traffic were finally allowed through using the northbound lanes, according to a 9:34 pm update from Caltrans. Then, at 12:38 am on July 3, CHP Dispatch out of Ukiah reported that “southbound 101 on the Willits grade at mile marker 37 is now open.”

Persons with information about this incident, including anyone who might have seen Ubaldo Ramirez between the scene of the shootings and Covelo, are being urged to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office Tip-Line: 707-234-2100.

Residents interested in signing up for phone, text or email alerts via the Mendocino County Citizen Alert Notification System should visit [www.mendocinosherrif.com](http://www.mendocinosherrif.com), and select “Click here to sign up to our Emergency Alert System” to start an account.

*This report was based on press releases from the Mendocino County’s Sheriff’s Office, Caltrans and CHP Dispatch, Ukiah.*



well as mismanagement of the parks such as lack of oversight.

However, none of the five councilmembers expressed enthusiasm for a rent ordinance, citing concerns over the potential cost of implementation and the narrowness of its scope regarding those it would help.

Ben Smith, regional manager for BoaVida, said at the meeting a majority of tenants from their Willits mobile home parks – Wagon Wheel and Valley Oaks – had already signed long-term leases with annual rent increases since the company took over.

According to Mayor Madge Strong and others, those tenants would not legally be able to take advantage of any rent stabilization put in place by the city.

Smith said about 68 of some 108 tenants were on long-term leases at the parks, though Cheryl Abney – a Wagon Wheel resident and one of their leading advocates – said that in a survey she conducted only 46 tenants stated they had signed the leases.

Strong said she wanted to help those having a difficult time affording the rent, but worried the city’s administrative costs for an ordinance could be passed on to all the park residents, and potentially other taxpayers in the city as well.

“I’ve been doing a lot of soul-searching on this,” she said, “because it’s really painful to know that people who are low-income, and seniors who really rely on some affordable housing – and it’s very limited – are facing rent increases.”

The mobile home rent stabilization issue had been on the agenda for last week’s council meeting since February 28, when the council created an ad hoc committee in an attempt to mediate between park residents and the new owners. At the time, the council had agreed to possibly reconsider an ordinance in late June if they determined it was the best option.

However, both members of the ad hoc committee – Vice Mayor Saprina Rodriguez and Councilman Gerry Gonzalez – said they were disappointed in the lack of responsiveness by park tenants and advocates when the city tried to set up special meetings between the parties.

“The ad hoc committee was unsuccessful because the park tenants in my opinion put more time into protesting than into solving [the problem],” said Rodriguez, referring to the protests that took place near City Hall before every council meeting for several weeks.

“I can look in your eyes, and I know that you’re struggling,” she continued. “But at the same time, there was a time and a place to come and have this conversation and see if you could come together with the park owners and come up with some solutions. And there were some solutions that were proposed.... But without coming together and brainstorming some ideas, how will we get to the end result we’re looking for?”

Abney described the ad hoc committee as “a failure, and a waste of time and money for park owners, park residents, and the City of Willits.” She said she became frustrated with their efforts after park owners refused to consider altering the contracts of those who had already signed long-term leases, and felt talks had come to “a dead end” at that point.

At a previous meeting, some park residents said they felt pressured by the owners into signing the long-term leases, which increase rent prices for tenants around 4 to 5 percent per year over a 15- to 25-year period.

This is in addition to what former City Manager Robert Perrault estimated was a 12 percent rent increase during the first year of BoaVida ownership, as well as the elimination of a \$50 yard discount for some tenants.

Abney also pointed out to the council that more than 100 cities in California currently have some form of rent stabilization, as well as her findings that 68 percent of Wagon Wheel residents make \$25,000 per year or less.

Rodriguez and others on the council suggested that more park residents look into the rental assistance program offered by BoaVida for low-income tenants, as well as into programs offered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist with housing costs.

BoaVida’s Smith said only one tenant was currently on the Boa Vida rental

assistance program, but there was no limit to the number who would be accepted if they met the requirements. He also said someone from BoaVida could potentially help low-income residents with applications, or they could work with the Willits Harrah Senior Center to do so.

Priscilla Tarver, an outreach worker at the senior center, said she would be happy to help people from the parks through any rent assistance application process, although she felt a rent stabilization ordinance was still appropriate.

“I don’t see where it would hurt to have the rent stabilization,” she said. “I think it would be really an asset because you’re protecting your community, you’re being an example across the board of what your community is willing to do.”

Rodriguez and Strong both said they’d be open to revisiting the issue next year if new information came to light.

**Garbage rates**

The council unanimously approved amending the city’s contract with Solid Waste of Willits to allow it to raise rates to customers by 3.63 percent starting July 1.

According to Solid Waste President Jerry Ward, the rate increase was necessary in light of a rapidly changing market with China, which used to purchase much of the plastic and paper recycling material but now charges to accept it.

Ward said up until six months ago, companies from China were paying around \$80 per ton for paper and \$5 to \$10 per ton for certain plastics, but now charge \$15 per ton for paper and \$90 per ton for the plastics. He estimated the change was costing his company around \$85,000 per month in revenue.

The changing market was affecting communities all around the country, he said, and some had responded by simply putting all paper and plastic in garbage landfills.

“I don’t want to go that direction,” said Ward. “It’s a waste of product.”

He hoped California would eventually come up with a plan to process more recyclables in the state, but didn’t expect that change to happen soon.

“I think it’s a big wake-up call for the state of California to sit back and say we need to take care of this problem locally and not rely on other countries to take our materials.”

He noted “contamination” also continued to be a factor in local rates for customers, since about 15 percent of all materials placed in blue recycling bins is actually garbage that has to be separated and put in landfills.

Ward said the 3.63 percent increase would amount to only about 85 cents per month for the average customer with a 35-gallon garbage cart.

**Grid Alternatives**

The council also agreed to endorse the nonprofit solar company Grid Alternatives in its efforts to encourage lower-income Willits homeowners to pursue free solar power. The city will be signing a co-branded letter sent out by the organization, which can provide no-cost solar energy set-ups to those who meet income qualifications.

Grid Alternatives North Coast Outreach and Development Coordinator Justin Fricker told the council the company has operated since 2004, starting in the Bay Area, and has installed around 10,000 solar energy systems in several states and internationally as well.

He said those approved for the program would receive free solar installation and maintenance for 20 years, and should expect somewhere between 50 to 90 percent of their electricity costs to be covered during that time.

The organization can provide the free solar plans thanks to a state rebate program as well as grants and donations they receive. They also implement local job training in their process for students, such as those in the Sustainable Construction and Energy Technology Program at Mendocino College.

Their North Coast office is on 377 East San Francisco Avenue in Willits. Those interested in the program can call 456-4852.

Fricker said the company also is planning an informational meeting at the Willits Library in the near future. Other contact info: [jfricker@gridalternatives.org](mailto:jfricker@gridalternatives.org) or [www.gridalternatives.org](http://www.gridalternatives.org).

**Thursday, July 5**

**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.

“**Rio Hondo**”: Thursday, July 5, 7 pm. \$20. “Rio Hondo” brings 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 for regular performances available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpaperickets.com](http://brownpaperickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door until sold out. Information: [willits theatre.org](http://willits theatre.org).

**Friday, July 6**

**Willits Chamber of Commerce Mixer at Scoops:** “Come and hang out at Scoops! We are going to be celebrating their success of six years in business, enjoying fun, light food, and a giveaway of some phenomenal door prizes! Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the evening. Don’t let the construction scare you away, we will be celebrating despite the cones.” Friday, July 6, 5:30 to 7 pm, 110 North Main Street.

“**Rio Hondo**”: Western comedy satire. July 6, 8 pm. \$20. See Thursday, July 5 for details.

**Shanachie Pub:** The Cult of Ours: “Come on out for a fun time with music from many of our locals! Previous musicians featured include Tom, Kyle, Jesse, Donny, Simantha, Supergroovy, Page, Simba and Sarah Rose!” Friday, July 6, at 9 pm. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam’s Restaurant.

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**Saturday, July 7**

**Hazmobile Waste Collection in Laytonville:** Bring your household hazardous waste to the Laytonville Fire Department, 44950 Willis Avenue, July 7, 9 am to 1 pm. HazMobile accepts toxic materials like paint, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, gasoline, solvents, acids, bases, toxic cleaners, auto and household batteries, mercury and fluorescent light tubes, that can’t go in

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**Good Vybz Opening:** Grand opening of this new shop with tie dye and other handmade merchandise from local makers, including organic clothing produced ethically while providing living wages, will take place on July 7, 12 to 6 pm at 1637 South Main Street, Suite C, behind Northwest Sporting Goods, with ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 pm. Live music in the parking lot next to the building and a delicious BBQ for everyone to enjoy. Grab a flyer with discounts, including 50 percent off one item only during the grand opening. Info: 707-510-7997.

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**Shanachie Pub:** Margo Cilker and Friends: “Margo Cilker is a westcoast songwriter, pulling from a variety of roots Americana traditions, who has an affinity for taking the long way home.” Saturday, July 7, at 8 pm. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam’s Restaurant.

**Sunday, July 8**

**Pancake Breakfast:** Harrah Senior Center, Sunday, July 8, 8 to 11 am. All you can eat pancakes, bacon or sausage, eggs any style, Grandma’s biscuits, country sausage gravy, coffee, tea, milk or juice. Maple syrup available for an extra charge. Adults \$8, seniors \$7, children under eight \$6. 1501 Baechtel Road.

**Monday, July 9**

**Ice Cream Social:** Just For Fun Singers at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Monday, July 9, 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Pie, ice cream and coffee will be served. Entertainment and prizes. Adults \$1.50, Members \$1.

**Tuesday, July 10**

**Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:** All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the

**Reggae on the River announces lineup**

Tickets are now on sale for this year’s Reggae on the River, which will feature Iration, Busy Signal, The Original Wailers, Arrested Development, Bambaata Marley, Cham, Don Carlos and Hempres Sativa, plus additional artists to be announced in the coming weeks. From August 3-5, 2018 High Times will present the 34th staging of Reggae on the River in partnership with the Mateel Community Center. One of the world’s most iconic festival experiences that first began in 1984, the event is held at French’s Camp on the banks of the Eel River in Southern Humboldt County. Passes available now at [reggaeontheriver.com](http://reggaeontheriver.com)

**Senior Center Lunch**  
*Week of July 9 through July 13*

**Monday:** Beef Tips with Noodles

**Tuesday:** Chicken Broccoli Bake

**Wednesday:** Carnitas Burrito with Green Sauce

**Thursday:** Grilled Chicken Salad

**Friday:** Salmon Cakes

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, entrée, vegetable, dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

– submitted by Adventist Health Howard Memorial

**Thursday, July 12**

**Rock ‘n’ Roll with Richard Jeske:** “Get moving with local musician Richard Jeske as we sing songs, play instruments, and read stories.” All ages. Thursday, July 12, 11 am at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

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

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**Friday, July 13**

**Art at Albert’s:** Celebrate the arts in Laytonville. “Arts and crafts vendors, music, wine, Draft Punk craft beer and kombucha, food – Green Go Taco Wagon, Judy’s hot dish – and kids delightfully chasing each other. All are welcome. Free admission. 4 pm to sundown. July 13 and each Second Friday through the summer. 44851 North Hwy 101, Laytonville.

**Shanachie Pub:** The Self Fulfilling Prophecies: “with Morgan Stocker (nacho the stockrocker) Buckminster West and Bodhi Idarius, who all grew up in Ukiah, formed a band, moved to Portland and came back to their hometown taking their music to a new level. The music has elements of punk, folk, and rock, all original compositions.” Friday, July 13, at 9 pm. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam’s Restaurant.

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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, entrée, vegetable, dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

**Free Sports Physicals**

“As part of our mission to inspire health, our free sports physicals are back and even bigger this year! Mark your calendars and be sure to make your appointments!” Sports physicals will be held Saturday, July 21 and again on Saturday, July 28, both from 8 am to noon, at Howard Memorial Medical Office (formerly Redwood Medical Clinic). Call 456-3185 to make an appointment. “This year, we’re also including a ‘Back to School Fair’ on July 21, with additional free vision screening, diabetes and BMI screening, dental education by Little Lake Health Center, free haircuts for all students by Judy and her team from Mirror Mirror on the Wall, and free backpacks for all! Please note, the Back to School Fair is only offered on July 21. Sports physicals are required for any student wanting to participate in sports and are aimed at detecting problems that might pose a health hazard — such as a hernia, untreated asthma, an undiagnosed heart condition or concussion injury.”

– submitted by Adventist Health Howard Memorial

**Saturday, July 14**

**Art in the Plaza:** “A vision for Willits is becoming reality.” “Art in the Plaza” will debut July 14 and 15, 9 am to 4 pm, and continue every weekend through September. Come see our local artists and artisans – free – in the congenial plaza behind Café 77. Info: [www.artintheplaza.com](http://www.artintheplaza.com). Spaces are available for artists to sell their handmade goods (up to 10 artists each weekend). The spaces will be 4 X 8 & 7 X 8. Info: contact Morgan Rex at 841-0913 or see the application online.

**Shrinky Dink Jewelry:** “Create fun necklaces and bracelets with the always cool Shrinky Dinks (plastic which shrinks when heated). Ages 3 and up.” Saturday, July 14, 1 to 2 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

**Shanachie Pub:** Pick & Pull: “local band Pick & Pull will fire things up with boot stompin’, heel clickin’ and toe tappin’ music by Fred, upright bass fiddle; Keith, guitar, mandolin, banjo, vocals; and other locals.” Saturday, July 14, at 9 pm. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam’s Restaurant.

**Sunday, July 15**

**20th Annual Hospice Benefit Golf Tournament:** Willits Rotary is hosting the 20th Annual Hospice Benefit Golf Tournament on Sunday, July 15 at the Brooktrails Golf Course. Check in is at 8 am; shotgun start at 9 am. Everyone is welcome. Many prizes being offered at the event, plus a raffle and a barbecue lunch.” \$55 for Brooktrails Golf Course members and \$75 for non-members. Contact Tammy Long at 456-3244 or 480-993-5755 for info.

**Art in the Plaza:** 9 am to 4 pm, in the plaza behind Café 77. See Friday, July 14 listing for details.

**A Classical Afternoon at the WCA:** Willits Center for the Arts will present “A Classical Afternoon” on Sunday, July 15 at 2 pm. This will be a fundraiser for WCA and features Wei Liu singing selections from her favorite operas, and Scott Pratt playing pieces from composers as diverse as Gershwin and Poulenc. Tickets are \$12 at the door, wine and snacks will be available. 71 East Commercial Street.



**‘Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom’**

**The Story:** Furiously paced dinosaur action thriller. The island home of Jurassic Park is being destroyed by a massive volcanic eruption. The dinosaurs are threatened with extinction. Owen (Chris Pratt) and Claire (Bryce Dallas Howard) go back to the island to save the creatures, especially “Blue” the moderately well-trained and disturbingly intelligent velociraptor. All hell breaks loose ... big explosions, lava, dinosaur stampedes ... chaos reigns and humans get eaten ... but wait, there’s more!

**My Thoughts:** So much fun. Ignore the snotty critics who claim to be bored. They’re sick with seen-it/done-it-is, a disease of advanced age. You can ignore them because they are snotty, or even better, ignore them because they are just wrong. This is my favorite Jurassic Park flick. It’s right up there with the first one. Caveat: I am prejudiced because I love dinosaurs and I love dinosaur movies. Also, I like plucky girl movies, and in “Jurassic World” there’s a plucky little girl hero named Maisie (Isabella Sermon) who dodges bad men and hungry saurians. This flick has all the elements of a winner including the participation of Steven Spielberg, so check it out.

**Parents:** Too scary and too violent (people get dismembered and eaten) for little children. 12 and up.

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

– submitted by Adventist Health Howard Memorial





Photos by Maureen Moore



Above, from left: A cowboy tries to hang on to his bareback ride in the July 3 CCPRA rodeo. Jared Britschgi's Swiss Power pulls against The Terminator. The Willits Otters Swim Team's July 4 parade float. This saddle bronc rider is seriously "busting out of the gate" at the July 4 rodeo. Glitter My World had their own group of sparkled bikers. Below, left: The beautiful long manes of the Mexican dancing horses were a beautiful sight on Main Street. Jeff Whitty waits to be unhooked from the sled in the Truck Pulls.



Counterclockwise from above, right: Parade chair Kera Colvard stands with Richard Venturi of the Willits Wild Bunch which won first place in the motorcycles category; Colvard with Sharon and Bear Kamoroff of Willits Rotary which won first place with their best themed float entry; Colvard with Robert Ireland of the American Legion Post 174 which won second place in the best patriotic float category; Colvard with Steve Quinliven who won first place in the 1960-70 modified category; and Colvard with girls from the Willits Cheer float that won first place for the best mechanical/imagination float. Read the complete list of parade results on page 15.

Photos by Johnetta Thomen



Above: The BBQ meat crew pauses for a quick photo during the barbecue.



At left, from top: Louis Celaya, Kirsten Myers Shipp, Cathy Moorhead and Bruce Burton at the Fourth of July barbecue plate station. The Willits 4-H and the Willits Future Farmers of America entered the parade this year. Ridgewood Ranch nozzleman Cody Bartholomew shoots water at the audience, much to the delight of the young waterfight watchers.

At right: Hats are removed for the national anthem at the July 4 rodeo.

Far right, from top: A cowboy reaches with his free hand and spurs the shoulders of his July 4 bareback bronc. Jeremy Lippincott brings beer to the hard-working barbecue servers on July 4. Kenny Kumpula drives in the locals division of the Truck Pulls. The Nuestra de Alianza dancers were a colorful element to the July 4 parade. Below: The Willits Horsemen's Association is always a favorite entry in the parade.



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At top, left: Firefighters battle it out in the waterfight held Tuesday outside the Little Lake Fire Department. At top, right: Shannon Furr of Odin's Organics as Lady Liberty. Above: The Willits Rotary float was filled with cheering people and patriotic flags.



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Below, from left: Georgeanne Croskey and her daughter, Lorlei on their Loose Caboose-themed pony. Two "Rio Hondo" promoters smiled in western wear while handing out flyers for the current show. A cowboy tries to stay atop his bronco at the July 3 CCPRA rodeo. A cowgirl tries to rope her calf in the July 3 CCPRA rodeo. A plume of dark smoke emanates from American Addiction during the Truck Pulls. At right: The fire engines always signal the start of the Main Street Parade.



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Above, left: Grace Murry just before making contact with her steer in the steer daubing event. Above, right: Jordan Rodriguez falls from his calf. At right: Ericka Boesel runs home after rounding her last barrel. Far right: Joseph Arkelian tries to cling to his sheep.



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### Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0398

The following persons are doing business as Luscious Beauty Boutique and Day Spa, 91 South Main Street, Willits CA 95490: Dawnna Hetherington, 27981 Fox Road, Willits, CA 95490 and Laselle Spence, 1576 Padua Drive, 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: June 29, 2018.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on June 29, 2018.

s/ Dawnna Hetherington  
Pub dates: 7/5, 7/12, 7/19 and 7/26/2018

The rest of  
**WPD**  
From Page 4

10:39 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

11:04 pm: HOLTZ, Edward Aloysius (63) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of West Van Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 415 (2) PC (Disturbing the Peace), 148 (A) PC (Resisting Arrest), and 1203.2 (Violation of Probation).

July 1

7:34 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Gregory Lane.

9:24 am: PATTERSON, James William (38) of San Francisco was contacted in the 100 block of Marcela Drive. He was arrested pursuant to 602 PC (Trespassing).

12:05 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of McKinley Street.

12:48 pm: ACEVESLIZARRAGA, Javier Jahir (26) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 415 PC (Disturbing the Peace), 166 (A) (4) PC (Violation of a Court Order), and on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

8:59 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

The rest of  
**Suspect**  
From Page 1

23000 block of Airport Road and forcing her into a black Mercedes, which drove off.

After kidnapping charges were dropped, Fallis' bail was reduced from \$400,000 to \$35,000, and according to online posts from Britton's friends and family, Fallis bailed out of jail last weekend.

However, Fallis still faces felony charges of possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of ammunition by a prohibited person.

Fallis and Britton had a troubled dating relationship, and Britton disappeared less than a week after Britton told domestic violence counselors Fallis had attacked her with a hammer in January.

Despite numerous searches during the almost five months since her disappearance, Britton remains missing and is feared dead.

Mendocino County Sheriff's Lt. Shannon Barney, the lead investigator, said the case is still open and active, and deputies are continuing to search for Britton.

In a Facebook post this week, Britton's

# LEGAL NOTICES

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

UNDER DEED OF TRUST LOAN: GRAHAM OTHER: 91209688 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. 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**NOTICE OF ELECTION Consolidated District Elections November 6, 2018**

Notice is hereby given to the voters of the following districts of the County of Mendocino, State of California, that a governing board member election will be held on November 6, 2018, for the purpose of electing the officers indicated below:

District	Office	Number	Elected
Willits Unified	Gov.Brd.Mbr.	3 Long Term	At Large
Willits Unified	Gov.Brd.Mbr.	1 Short Term	At Large
Round Valley Unified	Gov.Brd.Mbr.	3 Long Term	At Large

Official Declaration of Candidacy forms for eligible candidates desiring to file for any of the elective offices may be obtained from the office of the County Clerk, 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1020, Ukiah, on or after July 16, 2018 and must be filed not later than 5 p.m. on August 10, 2018; provided if declaration of candidacy papers for an incumbent are not filed by the latter date and hour, any person other than the incumbent, shall have until 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2018 to file a Declaration of Candidacy for such elective office.

In the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees for such office and a petition for an election is not filed by August 15, 2018, an appointment to each elective office will be made pursuant to Elections Code Section 10515.

Dated: June 29, 2018  
SUSAN M. RANCOHAK Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder  
/s/ Katrina Bartolome Assistant Registrar of Voters  
Publication Date: July 5, 2018

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**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, on Tuesday, the 6th of November, 2018, at which election the following offices will be filled: Two (2) City Council Members

NOMINATION PAPERS will be available at the Office of the City Clerk, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, by APPOINTMENT ONLY, Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please contact the City Clerk to make your appointment at (707) 459-7121.

First day nomination papers will be issued: Monday, July 16, 2018 Last day to file nomination papers: August 10, 2018

Last day to file nomination papers (by 5:00 p.m.) if an incumbent fails to file: August 15, 2018

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

/s/ Cathy Moorhead, City Clerk  
Publication Date: July 5, 2018

mother, Connie Hostler, issued an emotional appeal to Fallis to "tell me where my child is."

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Above: The cast and crew of WCT's "Rio Hondo" onstage at the Willits Rotary night at Willits High School last week. At right: Rosarita Rivera, the "boss madam," played by Veronica Leon, with ruthless lawman Diego Sanchez, played by Devin Skaggs, in "Rio Hondo."

## Cast of 'Rio Hondo' on stage

Willits Rotarians enjoyed a special night at the theatre on June 28, complete with a delicious array of food. The Willits Community Theatre production of the western comedy by Bill Robens, directed by Lee Stipe, and produced by Mike A'Dair is running at the Allen J. Garcia Auditorium at Willits High School. Only three more chances to see this production: July 5 at 7 pm, and July 6 and 7 at 8 pm. Tickets are available at Mazahar Boutique, online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door subject to availability. Info: willits theatre.org.

— Jenny Senter



Photo by Jenny Senter

At right: Community Foundation Program Officer Holly Madrigal awards the Hammond Trust Emergency Services Scholarship to Willits High School student Ben Branscomb, left, and the Skye Scholarship to Willits High School student Nicholas Hebel, right, at awards night this year.



## Community Foundation announces 2018 scholarship winners

Submitted by the Community Foundation of Mendocino County

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County awarded \$138,500 in scholarships to 63 students at graduation ceremonies across Mendocino County this month. Thanks to generous donors, this represents an increase of \$12,500 compared to 2017. Scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$10,000, with the average size of about \$2,000. This year's scholarships were made possible through 26 Community Foundation scholarship funds.

The Community Foundation now offers scholarships for a diverse array of students across Mendocino County. The Community Foundation offers scholarships for students pursuing specific professions, such as teachers, engineers, doctors and nurses; scholarships in memory of family or friends; and scholarships for students who otherwise might be overlooked.

Students who may get left behind can include students with GPAs in the 3.0 to 3.5 range and sometimes even top-achieving students from middle-income families. Middle-class students often struggle to receive financial aid or scholarships based solely on financial need, but their families may not have the financial liquidity to support their education without resorting to costly student loans. Students whose parents have not attended college often need the extra support as well.

### Unique scholarships for remarkable youth

The students who might be overlooked are often in need of that extra boost of support that scholarships like the Skye Scholarship can offer them throughout their four years of school. The Skye Scholarship is looking for students who excel in an area of their lives that may not be academics and have overcome obstacles in their lives. The Skye Scholarship embodies the foundation's view that scholarships are not just about the funds received, but also about the community support received throughout the student's academic experience. This year's Skye recipients included Nicholas Hebel. Nicholas is headed to UC Berkeley in the fall where he plans to study law and become a criminal prosecutor.

While many scholarships are offered to students pursuing bachelor's degrees, the Community Foundation offers a number of opportunities for young people pursuing vocational education. One of the new vocational scholarships is the Hammond Trust Emergency Services Scholarship. Created by the Ukiah Firefighters Association in honor of Virginia and George Hammond, this scholarship is awarded to Mendocino County high school students and/or graduates to pursue careers as EMTs, paramedics, or firefighters. This year, the Hammond Trust Emergency Services Scholarship went to Ben Branscomb who is pursuing a degree in fire science.


Three students were awarded the Randy Clark Scholarship. Set up in honor of former Willits High School student Randy Clark, these winners were selected because of their dedication to community, participation in FFA and local agriculture. Morgan Riley, Ben Branscomb and Ryan LaCount received this honor. Morgan plans to attend Mendocino College in the fall with a focus on business. Ben wants to become a firefighter, and Ryan LaCount is moving to San Diego to get his pilot's license.

Mitchell Hollingsworth was recognized as an exceptional scholar-athlete by being selected for the Charles & Harriett Smith Scholarship. Mitchell is headed to Auburn University where he gets to play football as well as study.

Willits High School alumni George Madrigal set up the Penserra Founders Scholarship to acknowledge outstanding students who are from first-, second- or third-generation families. Fatima Perez and Nicole KarKar received this award. Fatima is pursuing a career in nursing, and Nicole will be attending the University of Hawaii in the fall working towards a career in physical therapy.

Sabrina Garcia was one of the first awardees for the MCHC Health Centers – Linnea Hunter Memorial Scholarship, set up in memory of the organization's founder. Sabrina is following in her mother's footsteps and plans to become a nurse.

The support our students receive is only possible because the community gives back to future generations. Join us to make more opportunities for students available. To donate or to learn more about the Community Foundation Scholarship Program, please visit our website, www.communityfound.org, or call 468-9882.



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### The rest of Instruments | From Page 3

and Chiba, Japan. Levenson enlisted the virtuosic ability of Daniel Gracia from Puerto Rico, to demonstrate the deep, throaty sound of one of the instruments.

Ralph Waldman is no longer with us, but he left a legacy of beautiful stringed instruments, three of which were at the exhibit, one finished violin, an unfinished violin, and an unfinished cello. A man of many pursuits, Waldman was a logging truck mechanic, luther, welder, hydroelectric developer, heavy equipment operator, and an expert in land use. He was working on developing a natural finish for his instruments at the time of his death.

In addition to the craftsmen featured in the back room, there were instruments on loan from Holly Madrigal (taiko drum), Hal Wagenet (guitar), and Bruce Burton (banjo).

Spencer Brewer, whose work filled the front room, explained to the ample crowd, the makeup of one of his recent pieces, "Concerto Grosso Nuovo," a mashup of various instruments into a striking and unique piece of art utilizing a full-size cello as the base.

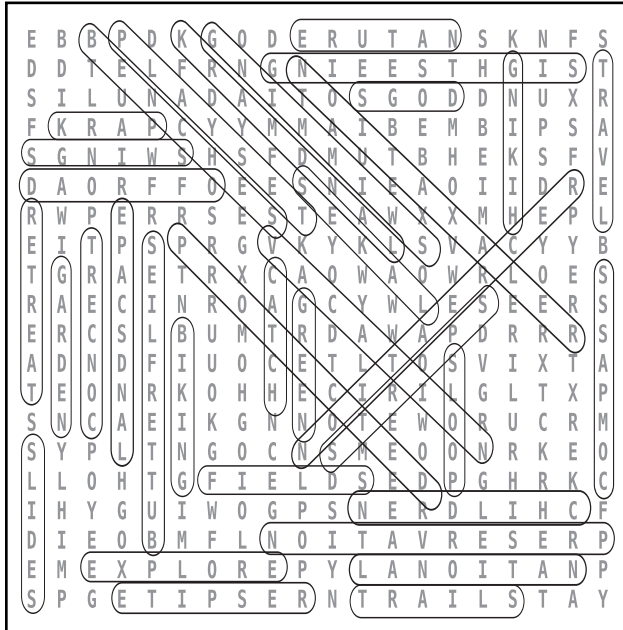
"This was inspired by a record jacket by Beats Antique. I looked at it and said, 'I can make that.' This is just a normal cello. I'm very much into not changing the patina, the age, anything of the original design. Every one of my pieces [includes] the original work without alteration.

"These are South African impala horns. This is from a tenor saxophone pad. I have French horns on either side, and they're holding trumpet bells. These are 1890 solid lead pipe organ pipes. This is a 1910 wood clarinet coming through the middle with 1940s Electrovoice 639 microphone backs. On top of this is a solid brass art deco candle sconce that I cut in half to frame this section. There is a trumpet on either side. This backing is a 19th century solid brass portal which frames two 78 rpm records."

Other pieces by Brewer in the show include an 1860s grandfather clock, a 1903 Victor Gramophone tone arm holder, a clarinet bell front, a 1906 Columbia reproducer from a Gramophone front, a large set of calipers, and two trumpet valves.

The oldest things are damper push rods from a Steinway grand piano from the early 1860s: "Put it all together and you basically have a small ensemble to play in a concerto."

The show will run through July 29 at the WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. Call 707-459-1726 for more information.



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### The rest of Sweetheart | From Page 5

giant tree fell and smashed the south portion of the grandstands. Hollifield worked tirelessly to get the new grandstands up and bring up much of the grounds to ADA compliance while they had the opportunity, making ramps and paving many areas to make the grounds more accessible to all. Hollifield received a silver belt buckle sponsored by the Time Bandit.

Another surprise recognition came from current Willits Frontier Days President Fred Barry, who felt it necessary to carry on the tradition of honoring the previous president, who happens to be his wife and current vice president, Marcy, in the best of non-traditional ways.

"What do you get a past president who doesn't want anything?" deviously smiled Fred as he glanced towards a suspicious Marcy, sitting to the side.

Tyler Yadon, 2nd vice president, emerged from the Willits Frontier Days office with something that bore the traditional gift symbolically adhered to the top: a custom "belt buckle" label honoring the past president, on something she did want: a Yeti cooler. Barry, clearly surprised by her husband's – and the rest of the volunteers' – sneakiness and secrecy, gladly accepted the gift as she wiped tears from her eyes.

Yadon also helped with another surprise in store for the rest of the gathered crowd of family, friends and Frontier Days supporters: two live auctions that were held mid-dinner. Yadon himself played auctioneer for the items.

One was an antique covered wagon out of a

### The rest of Juniors | From Page 10

included Isaac Silva of Willits, Wyatt Pollio of Guerneville, Clint Gonzalez of Covelo, Caidon Campbell of Willits, Jordan Shull of Willits, Jordan Rodriguez of Ukiah, Tucker Murry of Kelseyville, Montana Matthews of Potter Valley, and Kaden Comstock of Redwood Valley.

The fourth event, steer stopping, only had one rider, Hailey Finnegan of Laytonville, who tried her hardest to rope a steer, but was unable to make a catch, earning her a no time.

The fifth event, steer riding, also was unable to have a winner: Four riders aged 13 to 18, including Walker Klee of Willits, Ryan Moore of Murphy, Blake Bishop of Windsor, and Curtis Anderson of Cazadero, all tried to stay atop a bucking steer (a slightly larger-sized cow with horns), but all were unable to stay on long enough to make the buzzer.

In breakaway roping, Laytonville's Hailey Finnegan was able to earn a time of 21.92 seconds and place in the money, for roping her steer. Other riders included Sabina Ivanoff of Guerneville, Sienna Radelfinger of Ferndale, and Trysten Wheeler of Laytonville.

Goat tying was next: Nine riders tried to have the fastest time in running their horse to the opposite end of the arena where a tethered goat awaited. Riders dismount from their horse, some while still at a fast pace, approach the goat, flip it onto its side, and tie three of its legs together with a small rope. The goat must remain tied for a few seconds to count as a complete run. Wiggly goats who break loose of the tie cause a no time for the rider.

Three riders were able to qualify with times in goat tying, including first-place rider and check recipient Hailey Finnegan of Laytonville, with a time of 14.35 seconds. Second place went to Sienna Radelfinger of Ferndale, with a time of 19.94 seconds, and third place went to Trysten Wheeler of Laytonville, with a time of 21.96 seconds. Other riders included Danielle Barry of Willits, Claire Case Brackett of Willits,

set of six that were entered into the parade in the early 1980s, where it won first place as a wagon train. When the previous owner wanted to pass them along to someone who would take good care of them, Barry was chosen. One was donated to Emandal – a Farm on a River for an auction prize over a year ago, and one is on display at J.D. Redhouse. The other three are stored away in safe keeping.

The other auction item was set of five commemorative Willits Frontier Days plates, created by Shirley Newby for the 60th annual celebration. A gentleman came across 45 sets of the plates at a yard sale where they had been stored for the possible destiny of skeet shooting. The man immediately recognized the plates as something Willits Frontier Days would be happy to have and brought them to Barry. Some sets have been sold to people who collect WFD memorabilia, a set is on display at Willits City Hall, and this was the first set to be auctioned off.

Grandpa to the 2018 Sweetheart, Bud Garman of Garman & Sons Construction, purchased the wagon for \$2,100 and Paul Riley, father to the 2017 Sweetheart, Hailey Riley, purchased the plates for \$400.

Funds received from these two auctions, plus around \$1,000 earned during the 50/50 raffle at the Willits Frontier Days Truck Pulls event the night before, all went to support the emerging Willits Frontier Days Juniors club.

Hailey Riley is helping head the club, which formed to help get the younger generations participating in the fundraising, planning, and other projects at Willits Frontier Days, as well as to get them, hopefully, interested in running for Sweetheart or other positions within the

organization.

After the previous day's heat wave, event attendees were glad for an evening under the shade of the trees and a dinner on the cooling lawn. Head cook and Willits Frontier Days Treasurer June Sizemore organized the meal, which included (besides the main dish) her famous cheesy potatoes, Caesar salad, fruit salad, two kinds of pasta salad, and rolls. Kitchen helpers included Tracy Legris, Karen Cavanaugh, Tammy Cartwright, Debbie Westbrook, Natalie Spackman, Carrie Lambert, Alexis England and Maureen Moore.

The Willits Frontier Days Juniors, including Danielle Barry, Callie Brown, Clare Brackett, Katie Spackman and Brian Spackman, helped with cleanup and also manned the lemonade stand. The Juniors also helped set up and decorate the tables which were topped with flowers by Maureen Moore and Katelyn Garcia, who also prepared the Sweetheart bouquet and other flower decorations.

The meat of the "meat and potatoes" of dinner was a hog born at the farm of Ashtan Bloomquist and J.D. Redhouse and raised by Alexis England. Along with the whole hog, the meat crew, including Fred Barry, Bruce Cartwright, Willie England, Steve Spackman and Rick Crowder, also smoked turkey and pork butts.

Berry cobbler and carrot cake made by Kemmy's Pies finished the meal.

Congratulations to Lilah! The crew of Willits Frontier Days offers their continued appreciation to all of those who help make the Fourth of July celebration happen each year.

Redwood Valley, with a time of 22.82 seconds. Other riders included Shawnee Hawk of Ukiah and Lisa Arkelian of Laytonville.

The senior division was won by Hailey Finnegan of Laytonville, with a time of 18.34 seconds, second place went to Ericka Boesel of Ukiah, with a time of 20.46 seconds, and third place went to Danielle Barry of Willits, with a time of 20.81 seconds. Other riders included Sabina Ivanoff of Guerneville, Trysten Wheeler of Laytonville, Grace Murry of Sonoma, Hailey Bartolomei of Redwood Valley, Oakley Johnson of Novato, Liah Garman of Willits, and Claire Case Brackett of Willits.

The event concluded with two bull riders, Adrian Phillips of Covelo and Cole Casteel of Red Bluff. Neither was able to make the ride through to the full 8 seconds to earn a score and placing. Casteel was last to ride and ended the day on a scary note, getting tangled with the bull during and after his early dismount. While bruised and sore, Casteel is OK, after being checked over by EMT staff at the grounds and a transport to Howard Memorial Hospital that evening.

A big thanks to all of the boots on the ground helping keep riders and the animals safe, including bull fighters Michael McKinnon and Wacey Vann, the EMTs of MedStar, the arena men, judges, and event coordinators.

Results provided by Willits Frontier Days.

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## WHS Class of 1952

Some members of the Willits High School Class of 1952, at left, enjoyed a reunion lunch at Lumberjack's on June 30. Standing, from left: Patti Falge (Class of 1957 herself, but she helped organize the lunch), Jimmie Eriksen, Mary Stone Crothers, and her husband, Harold Crothers. Seated, from left, Bob Falge, Bill Russell, Bob May and Gene Groen.

Photo by Mathew Caine



OBITUARY |

## Dyane Forrester

Dyane Marie Forrester of Willits passed away June 27, 2018 at the age of 66. She was born in Willits on March 14, 1952 to Joseph Robert "Bob" and Mary Agnes Alecksick. Dyane married Douglas Forrester April 25, 1970 in Willits, where they continued to live and raise their children.



She was the food service supervisor for the Willits School District for 33 years, everyone's favorite "cafeteria lady." Dyane's greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends. Her home was open to all, and she kept everyone's favorite food and drink on hand.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Bob Alecksick and Mary Alecksick. She is survived by her husband, Douglas Forrester; children: Heather (Jason) VanHousen, Jennifer (Bo) Stephens, and Colby (Amy) Forrester; grandchildren: Hailee and Tanner VanHousen, Colten and Grace Horger, Caitlyn, Madison and Grant Forrester, Gann and Maele Stephens; and her brother (Rose) Alecksick; and mother-in-law, Clara Forrester.

Graveside services were held Saturday, June 30, 2018. Arrangements were under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

## Happy Faith

Faith is a 1-year-old mixed-breed spayed female dog who currently weighs 39 pounds. She is happy, happy and happy. We think she might be house-trained. Faith is beautiful, sleek and athletic. She has a soft mouth and knows "Sit." She really loves playing with all toys and will play with you forever!

Faith is still anxious and nervous – a volunteer explained that she jumped at the sound of wind hitting a tarp. But she has slowly been warming up to the volunteers lately. Faith will need to learn to trust you, but once that happens she is a very delightful dog to be around.



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.mendocinianshelter.com](http://www.mendocinianshelter.com). More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453.

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

OBITUARY |

## Billie Lamprich

Billie Lamprich was born on March 30, 1934 in Riverton, Louisiana to Fred and Cecil Reitzell. The family moved to Rockport, California in 1942. Her father moved to the area to build a sawmill. Her dad was a carpenter. As the youngest of eight, Billie loved to play in the creek.

She met the love of her life when she was about the age of 12. They married when she was 19 years old. Billie and her husband, Charlie, settled in Willits. Shortly thereafter they bought their first home on Raymond Lane.

Their first child, a son, Chris came along in 1957. Their second child, a daughter, Lisa came along in 1964. When Chris and Lisa were young,



Billie enjoyed decorating the house for the Christmas holiday. This tradition continued over the years. She loved nativity scenes. As the grandchildren came along, Billie spoiled her grandkids with love.

She's survived by her older brother, John Reitzell, her husband of 65 years (Charles), her two children (Chris and Lisa), and her three grandchildren (Chris and wife, April; Don and wife, Elizabeth; and Casey), and four great-grandchildren (Charley, Brodey, Rowdy and Wryen).

Hundreds of children knew grandma Billie from her 37 years of assistant teaching at Brookside Elementary. Billie gave up her Sunday mornings for 38 years as a Sunday school teacher. She was a devout Christian.

The family would like to thank the Phoenix Hospice volunteers.

OBITUARY |

## Barbara Pina

Barbara Joyce Pina of Covelo passed away June 24, 2018 at the age of 87.

She was born in Covelo to William and Vivian Beatrice "Pina" Frazier on October 29, 1930. Barbara loved to go to all family functions and events as well as playing bingo and watching ball games. She also loved to sit on the porch and sing gospel songs.

Her one true passion in life was taking care of her loved ones and her home. Barbara looked forward to her daily phone call from her brother, Pye, when they enjoyed talking

about everything under the sky from the San Francisco Giants to every detail of their family history.

Barbara was truly the family historian. She could tell you the name and date of birth of anyone in her family.



Services were held at the Round Valley Methodist Church with a wake Thursday, June 28, and funeral services Friday, June 29, 2018. Arrangements were under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

The rest of Election

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Laurence Jennings, was present in the courtroom by telephone. Chris Neary, attorney for Sherwood Ranch property owner and plaintiff Janet Norris, was present in the courtroom. Moorman consulted with both Neary and Cantor as she hammered out the guidelines for the election.

Cantor sought to delay the election and to limit the people who could participate in it. He called for the court to hire a "third-party processor" to establish the names and addresses of the title holders of the ranch's 79 properties. However, Neary said that work had already been done: Neary had paid title expert James Ranko to do it in an earlier phase of litigation. Cantor agreed Ranko's list would be sufficient.

Later, Cantor asked the court to determine that people who owed debts to the SRPOA, and who were not currently enrolled in a plan to pay off that debt, should be debarred from voting in the election.

Neary replied that nearly half of the property owners in the subdivision owed an outstanding debt to the organization.

"It would be very confusing to this court to determine who is in arrears and who is not," Neary said. "It would likely become a matter of litigation."

Moorman said she had a "gut feeling" against it and ruled there would be no bar against voting because of debt to the SRPOA.

Cantor said he and his client wanted the election to allow "cumulative voting," allowing voters to support more than one candidate on a ballot. Neary argued against it, claiming it would lead to confusion. But Moorman rejected Neary's argument and said she would allow cumulative voting in the following manner.

Each person who will be allowed to vote may vote for up to three candidates, since the board of directors at this post-litigation stage of the organization will consist of three members. Moorman further stated voters will be able to vote in any way they want. If, for example, someone named Don Smith is a candidate for a seat on the board, a voter could cast three votes for Don Smith, if he or she wanted.

Moorman said only the first named person on the deed of title will be eligible to vote. In instances where the first named person has become incapacitated or has been conserved, the other person or persons named on the title must submit to the court a notarized document stating the title holder cannot vote responsibly and another named person shall be entitled to vote for that parcel.

All votes must be notarized. Moorman said she is planning to send out a notice of election, together with the rules of the election, on July 16. Candidate statements of up to 300 words must be submitted to the court by August 7.

Moorman has called for a candidates' night to be held on Sunday, August 15, at 5 pm, at a location to be determined. Moorman herself will preside at the candidates' night. "Everyone's going to be polite," she said.

Ballots will be sent to the court and must be postmarked by August 30. Moorman said she will announce the results in a letter she will mail on September 7.

All this is being done to settle a political breakdown on Sherwood Ranch, a 79-parcel rural subdivision some 14 miles west of Willits.

The current phase of the breakdown began when Lawrence Jennings – a board member of and board officer for the Sherwood Ranch Property Owners Association for decades – failed to send out ranch road assessment notices for the years

2014, 2015 and 2016.

In late 2016, when Jennings did send out notices, the assessments were for three years and were inflated by attorney's fees of \$4,500, interest at 12 percent, and other fees.

According to Neary: "So, a landowner who did not pay the delinquency, or did not receive the bill, would be facing a delinquency of about \$9,000 to \$10,000, with the only alternative being to pay the amount under protest or face the loss of the property. For those notices of delinquency filed on December 29 [2017], the property owners would have lost title to their properties on April 10, [2018] had the court not issued an injunction prohibiting the foreclosures from proceeding."

According to Tom Strong, a Sherwood Ranch property owner, although nine property owners had liens placed on their property: "Technically, everybody [who owned property on the ranch] was put in jeopardy of being foreclosed upon."

Ranch residents reacted against Jennings' actions. In September 2017, a petition was circulated among property owners to remove Jennings from the SRPOA board of directors. According to Neary's November 20, 2017, legal brief, it was signed by "more than a majority of the membership" of the SRPOA and had the effect of removing Jennings from the board.

Jennings claimed his seat on the board of directors was protected by the Davis-Stirling Act, which prohibits members of home association boards from being removed by board action.

In October 2017, SRPOA property owners met in Willits and elected Tom Strong, Debi Messini, George Bono, Ray Van Pelt and Omaya Sisemore as members of a new board of directors of the organization. A few days later the board met and voted to remove Jennings from his offices as secretary and treasurer of the organization.

Jennings has continued to represent himself as being a member of the organization's board of directors and its secretary/treasurer. He has added his son, Jett Jennings, as a second board member, and has characterized his board as being legitimate, and the other board as illegitimate.

According to Neary's November brief: "Plaintiff is informed and believes that Jennings has threatened the association's Certified Public Accountant Brad Walton, should Mr. Walton agree to conduct a review of the organization's books and proceed with such review." Jennings also threatened to sue this reporter and Willits Weekly.

Neary sued Jennings and SRPOA in April 2017 to nullify the compounded assessment against his client, Janet Norris, and to remove the lien against her property. He sued again in November 2017 to resolve the situation involving the governance of the organization.

On June 25, Judge Moorman ruled against Jennings' arguments that the Davis-Stirling Act was binding upon the conduct of the SRPOA, and that the organization's covenants, conditions and restrictions, written in 1975, were still in effect.

Her ruling eliminated the legal basis for Jennings' claim that he could not be removed from office, as well as one of the legal bases for his placement of liens, which could have resulted in non-judicial foreclosures on the nine Sherwood Ranch properties.

Contacted by Willits Weekly on the ruling, Jennings made several comments in an email, but then wrote: "I do not comment on proceedings until they are completed."

The rest of Moorman

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properties after owners failed to pay annual road assessment fees.

Jennings did not send out notices that the annual road assessment fees were due for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016. However, in 2017 he sent out a cumulative bill demanding payment for the prior three years. In some cases, the total demanded was beyond the property owner's ability to pay. Nine owners who could not or did not pay had liens placed on their property.

Jennings and his attorney, Andrew Cantor of San Francisco, contended Jennings had a right to put liens on the properties, as provided in the property owners association's 1975 covenants, conditions and restrictions, or CC&Rs. They also claimed the 1975 CC&Rs were legally extended in May 2004.

In October 2017, a group of ranch property owners – believing ownership of their property was being threatened by Jennings – removed him from the SRPOA board of directors and created a new board. However, Jennings claims that vote was illegal and without effect, due to provisions of the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Act, which prohibits a board member of a homeowners association from being voted off the board by other board members.

According to Moorman's June 25 ruling: "On April 2 through 4, 2018, this action came to a court trial. On the third day of testimony, the parties agreed to terminate the testimony and conclude the trial based on a four-part stipulation to resolve the case.

"The four components of the stipulation were: 1. the court would decide on whether the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Act applies to the Sherwood Ranch Homeowners Association as a matter of law...; 2. the court would decide the validity or enforceability of the 1969, 1975 or 2004 covenants, conditions and restrictions; 3. there would be a new, court-supervised election of directors and officers for the Sherwood Ranch Homeowners Association; and 4. all recorded notices of foreclosure for past-due assessments on any parcels within the SRHOA would be rescinded and the new board would decide how to proceed relative to any past-due assessments."

Moorman's June 25 statement ruled on the applicability of the Davis-Stirling Act and on the CC&R question.

Regarding the Davis-Stirling Act, attorney Cantor argued the act did apply, because Davis-Stirling requires there be a "common area" which, in Moorman's words, may consist of "mutual or reciprocal easement right appurtenant to the separate interests."

Cantor claimed the road that goes around the perimeter of the ranch is that common area. Moorman found "there is no common area in this development as defined by Civil Code Section 4200." Therefore, the Davis-Sterling Act does not apply.

Regarding the applicability of the 1975 CC&Rs, Cantor and Jennings had argued the 1975 CC&Rs were in place in 2017 and 2018 because they were amended and extended at a June 22, 2002 meeting of the property owners association. As evidence of this claim, they produced minutes of the meeting, which attested that 61 property owners attending the meeting voted in the affirmative to extend and amend the CC&Rs. The law requires CC&Rs may be amended or extended by prior written consent of 75 percent of the property owners belonging to an association.

However, Moorman found that using the minutes of the meeting to affirm and attest that a legal vote of members of the association took place does not meet the requirements of the law.

"The minutes do not state with any precision who was present," Moorman wrote. "A document called a 'meeting vote register' is relied on by defendant Jennings to show that the 75 percent margin was satisfied by the voting register. The voting register lists parcels by a two-digit identifier, but no more. The register does not indicate the signatory is that of the lawful owner/member but only that of a purported representative. None of the signatures are notarized. There was no evidence presented that the signatory had the lawful authority to bind the individual parcel owner(s)."

In Moorman's view, "the register does not meet the definition of 'prior written consent' of 75 percent of the affected members as required by the 1975 CC&Rs."

"Because of the failure to obtain the prior written consent of 75 percent of the SRPOA members to extend the 1975 CC&Rs," she continued, "the 1975 CC&Rs expired by its own terms in May 2004. Therefore, the only effective and enforceable declaration of CC&Rs is the original version drafted and recorded in 1969, prior to the creation of the Davis-Stirling Act."

Regarding the fourth element of the April 2018 stipulation – that "all recorded notices for foreclosure for past-due assessments on any parcel within the SRPOA would be rescinded and the new board would decide how to proceed relative to any past-due assessments" – Moorman declined to rule specifically.

Instead, on Monday, July 2 (see accompanying story, "Sherwood Ranch to hold board election"), she spelled out when a second election of SRPOA board members would take place, and under what terms. According to the stipulation, once the new board is elected, it will determine how to handle any past-due assessments.

## 2018 Willits Frontier Days Parade Results

### Float Category:

**Best Mechanical/Imagination Float:** First place went to Willits Cheer

**Best Patriotic Float:** First place went to Coast Hardware; second place went to American Legion Post 174; third place went to McFarland Trucking

**Best Theme-Based Float:** First place went to Willits Rotary Club; second place went to Loose Caboose Cafe; third place went to Willits Otters Swim Club

**Novelty/Open/Miscellaneous Non-Float:** First place went to Nuestra Alianza de Willits; second place went to Wyatt LaRue; third place went to Imagination Station, Ace Copy, and MTA

### Horse Category:

**Novelty Costume:** First place went to Odin's Organics Dog Treats

**Horse/Animal: Future Horseman:** First place went to Ella Tuttle

**Horse/Animal: Matched Pair – horse and rider:** First place went to Merri Tuttle

**Horse/Animal: Mounted Color Guard or Group:** First place went to the Willits Horseman's Association; second place went to the Persico Color Guard.

**Horse/Animal: Family Group:** First place went to the Vaqueros Mexicanos

### Cars:

**1945-49 modified:** First place went to Willits Redwood Company

**1950-59 original:** First place went to John Yde; second place went to Shifters Police Car

**1960-70 modified:** First place went to Steve Quinliven

**1960-70 original:** First place went to Willits Redwood Company

**Car Group:** First place went to Willits Shifters Car Club; second place went to Les Schwab; third place went to Mendocino 4x4 Club

**Motorcycles:** First place went to Willits Wild Bunch; second place went to Glitter My World

**Pre-war gas/diesel/steam:** First place went to Roots of Motive Power

**Truck – open mon/mud/mod:** First place went to Maciel Trucking; second place went to A&N Quality Tree Service; third place went to Brooktrails Golf Course

**Decorated Car, non-year-specific:** First place went to Bob Borba; second place went to Jones Family etc.; third place went to Little Lake Grange.

*Thank you to Kera Colvard and Johnetta Thomen for the results and award photos*

The rest of Flow Kana

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"We are excited about our partnership with Flow Kana and everything the company stands for," said Jason Adler, managing member at Gotham Green Partners. "Flow Kana's vision and dedication to building the backbone of the California cannabis industry with a supply chain focused on small heritage farms that built this industry in the United States, are differentiators in the space and will be critical to this market's success. We look forward to working with Flow Kana's dynamic management team to support the company's growth strategy and build a broader marketplace for small-batch California cannabis."

In conjunction with the investment, Michael Henderson-Cohen, principal at Gotham Green Partners, will join Flow Kana's board of directors.

"Northern California's cannabis farmers within the Emerald Triangle are known for their rich history and unique legacy of cannabis cultivation, knowledge and genetics. Our partnership with Flow Kana will help the company continue to connect independent farmers with the burgeoning market in California and perhaps beyond," said Henderson-Cohen.

"Under Michael's leadership alongside the rest of the management team, the company is building a robust platform that will reach consumers directly and power other companies to meet consumer demand. Flow Kana has established a unique set of values and business ethos, and we are thrilled to be part of its journey," Henderson-Cohen said.

Just as small coffee farmers bring their coffee beans to a centralized facility to be dried, roasted, processed, and packaged for customers downstream, The Flow Cannabis Institute, the world's first cannabis campus and processing center, provides a centralized location for farmers to test, trim, process, package, manufacture and distribute their harvest at a massive scale.

With the processing center now in operation, Flow Kana plans to complete its manufacturing facility at The Flow Cannabis Institute within a year. Upon completion, Flow Kana will be able to further extend its white label and co-branding services beyond flower products to a full suite of oil-based offerings with cannabis inputs all locally sourced from Flow Kana's partner farmers, thereby harnessing the biodiversity, library of cannabinoids and strong terpene profiles found only in California's Emerald Triangle region – Humboldt, Mendocino, and Trinity counties.

The company believes that all customers should have transparency into who grows their cannabis and how it is cultivated. With any Flow Kana or "Powered by Flow Kana" products, customers can trust that regardless of form factor, the cannabis inside is sungrown and cultivated organically by independent craft farms.

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Above, from left: Willits Lions, Joey Duenas, left and Tony Madrigal, right, help fill the plates of longtime Willits Frontier Days supporters Lee and Evelyn Persico at Sunday's Willits Lions Club Pancake Breakfast. The picnic tables under the cover at the Rec Grove hosted many breakfast eaters between 7 and 11 am. The Hinton brothers, Thomas, 8, Wyatt, 11, and Anders, 6, hold a to-go plate of pancakes and eggs.

# Cowboy Breakfast

Willits Lions Club hosts annual pancake breakfast in the Rec Grove

On a warming summer morning last Sunday, subdued live music punctuated the air along with the smells of ham and pancakes cooking nearby.

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The Willits Lions Club generously hosts a crowd of grateful gatherers every year at the Willits Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, part of the esteemed Willits Frontier Days calendar.

The mood was relaxed and friendly, as diners attending the 7 to 11 am event enthusiastically finished their pancakes, eggs, ham and coffee while seated on shared, family-style picnic tables. The Lions Club members (all clad in matching Lions logo aprons) were laughing and helping each other with event tasks – obviously enjoying the day.

Originally founded in 1917 in Chicago, the Lions Club has grown internationally to 46,000 chapters and 1.4 million members making it the largest service club organization. The Willits Lions Club has 30 members from all over Mendocino County, many of who are attracted to the mission and longevity of the chapter.

Willits President Glen Helton said the Willits Lions Club has been serving the community since 1926. This makes the Willits chapter one of the oldest, at over 90 years of activity. Regarding their mission, all Lions Club chapters have traditionally kept vision or sight within their primary focus due to this appeal from Helen Keller:

“The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?”

In addition to honoring Keller's wishes, the Lions have expanded their mission to include community needs for special populations, gifting all additional funds outside of operating costs and supplies to the community.

The Lions Cowboy Breakfast is over until next year, but the Lions invite community members to join, donate to, or support the Willits Lions Club. Contact President Helton at 707-354-8262 or willitslionsclub@yahoo.com for more information.

Also, consider the Lions for event catering. They are licensed to provide both food (breakfast or with their BBQ grill) and bar service. This is where most of their funding comes from, and that money goes to helping local schoolchildren, fire evacuees and the elderly, as well as those who suffer from sight-related disorders.



Above: Willits Lions Club members man the grill trailer, including, from left: Jim Hinkle, Skip Lucier, Ken Bell, Tony Madrigal, Tom Lucier, Ed Scott, Glen Helton, Dean Bauman and Robert Anderson.

Below: More Lions serve from the hot trays inside the hut including, from left: Georgina Sanders, Joey Duenas, Carol Deuel, Eldon Miler, Bill Barker, Frank Deuel and Jim Holmes.



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