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Frontier Days
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To the Editor:

Thank you all for an amazing year for Willits Frontier Days. With the down-to-the-wire completion of the new bleachers, event organizers were all nervous for this year's events, but were we ever pleased with the 2017 turnout.

Hometown Celebration was filled to the brim with 50-plus vendors, and the cool weather brought out crowds like we couldn't believe. The parade was amazingly well-attended, too, with lots of new faces entering floats; the park was so filled for this year's barbecue, attendees were almost searching for seats.

The week's cooler weather and shady trees still lining the grandstands brought great crowds to all our arena events; and the full row of rodeo vendors offering everything from western clothing and accessories to kettle corn to festive leggings made for great shopping and browsing during the rodeos.

As always, Willits Frontier Days looks to improve our events every year, and we would like to offer the community a chance to let us know what we could do next year, or in the coming years, to help Willits Frontier Days grow and succeed into the future.

Please, send your comments, questions, concerns or constructive notes to us via email: willitsfrontierdays@gmail.com so that we can go over them in the coming months and take what we can into consideration for the 92nd annual celebration and on!

Willits Frontier Days

Thank you

To the Editor:

Little Lake Fire Protection District would like to take this opportunity to offer our gratitude for the donations made at the Rotary Gala which took place November of 2015. Due to your generous contributions towards the "Colter Fund," we were able to purchase three breathing apparatus, helmets, turn outs, structure boots and gloves.

Your donations will make a positive difference with our 36 volunteers we currently have on our roster. Little Lake Fire volunteers respond 24 hours a day/365 days a year. The Little Lake Fire Protection District responds to approximately 600 calls for service a year in our 240-square-mile district. Organizations and community members that support our efforts play a critical role in the safety of our firefighters. We are forever grateful for the support.

Thank you!

Little Lake Fire Protection District, Willits

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Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Thoughts on the bypass, trees, and values

To the Editor:

Statement by Councilmember Madge Strong to the Willits City Council, June 28, 2017:

There have been some ironic and disturbing revelations in the past couple weeks.

One is the news that instead of costing a mere \$300 million, the Caltrans Willits bypass actually has cost \$460 million. Compare that with the city's total general fund expense (in the proposed 2017-18 budget) of \$4.2 million – in other words, the money spent on this freeway could have provided police, parks and recreation, roads and public works, planning, and administration for our entire city for well over 100 years.

Because of the bypass' impact on our local economy, and in turn the city's expected reduced gas, sales and transient occupancy tax revenues, the City of Willits budget projects a \$400,000 general fund deficit. The bypass cost more than 1,000 times that shortfall!

Most of the bypass cost was borne by state taxpayers (which includes us, of course), but about \$42 million came from MCOG's transportation funds, wiping out pretty much all funds for our entire county's needed road projects.

It's no use crying over spilt milk and all those hundreds of millions of dollars that could have been saved if Caltrans had considered a different bypass – one that better served our community, environment and Native American heritage.

Now we must try to put our town on the map as one of the best towns in northern California, worth getting off the freeway for. Try to help our businesses survive and thrive post-bypass. Count on our small city staff to keep our services going with their dedication.

But then it's especially ironic that Caltrans, on a small little project here in town, decided it was more convenient to

cut down four lovely old cork oak trees on Main Street in front of the high school than to work around them. Shade, beauty, and nature weren't valued. Again, no use crying over spilt milk....

But there's something wrong with the priorities in this country and in this state, when billions are siphoned from programs that serve public needs and instead give tax cuts and enrich the richest few, the special interests. When we spend more on prisons than education. When we ignore climate change while continuing to burn coal, frack for oil, and – yes – build more freeways and cut down trees.

Here locally, what are our priorities and values? In whatever ways we can, I want Willits to be part of the solution. Let's help and support each other in our community, make improvements that benefit all, and protect the precious resources we still are blessed with. It's up to us, individually and collectively, with our hearts, hands and brains, to make the future we want for our children and grandchildren.

Madge Strong, Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:

On May 3, 2107, I received a call from Leslie Horak of Pacific Gas and Electric. She told me she had heard a lot of good things about the Willits Senior Center. She asked me if I would be interested in applying for a grant. She sent me a link to the PG&E Corporation Foundation and encouraged me to apply.

Willits Seniors Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our ability to provide services for seniors is in large part determined by the support we receive from our community. I cannot tell you how rare it is to actually have someone call me and request that I apply for a grant. On behalf of the seniors in the Willits area, I would like acknowledge PG&E, the primary funder of the PG&E Corporation Foundation for the grant in the amount of \$2,000.00.

This grant will be applied to our Transportation Program. Our door-through-door pick-up and return ride is so important to those who are not as mobile as they used to be and to those who are no longer driving. We assist them to their doors, and carry their groceries as well if needed.

We work closely with Howard Hospital, physical therapy, Little Lake Clinic, Baechtler Creek Clinic and the patients themselves. We pick them up for early surgeries and take discharged patients who need rehabilitation to Northbrook Nursing and Rehab. We are the only wheelchair-accessible transportation beside the ambulance that provides this service to seniors who don't have their own transportation or family/friends to help.

We thank PG&E Corporation Foundation for their community partnership and being an integral part at aiding us in providing this much needed service.

Richard Baker, executive director,
Willits Seniors Inc.

Caltrans: Summer traffic showing Willits bypass a success

By Phil Frisbie, Jr., chief of public information, Caltrans District 1

Schools are out, summer is here, and the Willits bypass is successfully handling the extra traffic during its first summer of use. The long traffic backlogs and delays which have been the norm for decades have not

reappeared. The April traffic counts show that on average more than 4,000 vehicles per day are using the bypass and not creating the previously reoccurring congestion in downtown Willits. As summer traffic peaks even higher the bypass is anticipated to continue to easily handle the traffic.

"The California Highway Patrol is extremely pleased with the efficiency of having the Willits bypass," said CHP Lieutenant Randy England, Garberville Area commander. "We have seen the impact of safer roadways and less congestion during busy weekends." Those busy weekends so far this year have included Memorial Day, the Redwood Run, as well as Humboldt State University's graduation. In the past CHP would have added extra officers in the Willits area during these weekends, manually directing drivers to keep traffic moving during severe backups. Thus far, there has been no need for traffic control assistance.

The Willits bypass, first envisioned in the 1950s, and initiated as a project in 1989, is the longest running project in Caltrans, District 1. The total cost for the bypass and the associated mitigation, improvement, and relinquishment projects is about \$450 million, and includes the most extensive mitigation in Caltrans history that will improve the environment of the Little Lake Valley for decades to come.

While the bypass project is complete, the associated

projects continue. The main mitigation project continues to progress, and has completed more than 52 acres of wetlands establishment, 60 acres of invasive plant removal (using mechanical and manual means, no herbicides used), 19 stream crossings have been repaired and enhanced, and more than 800,000 native plants have been planted.

Fish passage improvement projects at Ryan Creek and Upp Creek have recently started construction. Two legs of Ryan Creek which pass under U.S. Highway 101 will have the existing culverts replaced with natural bottom culverts which do not impede fish, and the existing culvert at Upp Creek on the old 101 alignment will be replaced with a bridge. These creeks are headwaters of the Eel River, and miles of fisheries habitat will be reopened for threatened coho salmon. Both projects are anticipated to be completed this year.

A project adding sidewalks in front of Willits High School to provide improved access for pedestrians is under construction and is anticipated to be completed this year. Two additional projects, the Sherwood Road intersection improvement and the relinquishment project through downtown Willits, will begin next spring and are anticipated to be completed by the end of next year.

Editor's Note: Caltrans District 1 posted this item on the Willits Bypass Project News blog site, https://willitsbypass.wordpress.com, on June 20, 2017.



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Above, from left: A dinosaur sculpture captures the attention of onlookers. Emmy Good and other onlookers admire the stunning artwork. Evan Hobart's art piqued the imaginations of many, including artist Morgan Rex.

Ceramic Expressions
Center for the Arts July exhibit runs through July 23

On the evening of Friday, June 30, downtown was bustling with the activities of the Hometown Celebration, including the opening evening of a very unique art show. Those lucky enough to find themselves at the Willits Center for the Arts on the opening night discovered the stunning three-dimensional pieces crawling out of the walls and hanging from the ceiling beams. They were also treated to snacks and drinks provided by Mariposa Market. The show featured artists Crystal Kamoroff and Evan Hobart.

Drinks in hand, people slowly moved through rooms filled with the breathtaking art. Children wandered around the sculptures with wide eyes and pointed fingers. Voices mingled together as those admiring the work discussed favorite paintings and sculptures. The artists themselves stood in the midst of their work, answering questions and sharing the stories and process of their artwork.

Evan Hobart, his show titled, "Changed by Fire," wore a ceramic piece of jewelry of his own creation around his neck. He openly greeted those who came to him and explained the process of his elaborate sculptures. Hobart had a laptop in the corner playing an animated film he had made of the making of one of his pieces.

He expressed that most often people ask about the firing process of his creations. His work literally jumps out at you as you enter the room, capturing attention with the bulky and intricate detail of each piece. The children were captivated by his wild-looking dinosaurs, mouths filled with sharp glass teeth and staring eyes.

The creatively-titled "Mud Pie and The Obsessive Curiosity" presented by Crystal Kamoroff, was in the next room of the WCA. Her work hung from the ceiling and adorned the walls. She was warm and humble as she spoke about her art and how she created each unique piece.

Her paintings and sculptures featured the graceful curves and shapes found in anatomy and nature. Inspired by the biology of humans and animals, her work reflects these qualities.

She pointed out her favorite piece – a ceramic and wire sculpture strongly resembling a large human tongue – and explained the firing process and the story that makes it so unique. She uses a Japanese kiln, which takes days to get to the right temperature and requires shifts of people to run. The process leaves the ceramic burnt in stunning, naturally occurring colors, including orange and soft blues.

The entire show was dynamic and completely unique. The atmosphere was lighthearted and friendly – everyone enjoying the company of artists and friends as they drank wine and admired the stunning artwork.

One man with tears in his eyes declared the artwork, "absolutely incredible," expressing how touched he was by the creativity around him.

Hobart and Kamoroff's ceramic artwork will be on display at the WCA through July 23. Summer gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11 am to 6 pm.



At top: Ceramic sculpture by Evan Hobart. Above: Friends gather in the WCA foyer. Below, from left: Crystal Kamoroff poses next to her artwork. Hobart's show, "Changed by Fire," has a whimsical flair. WCA guests take a moment to appreciate Hobart's work.

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Water tank, conservation workshop to be held at Mendocino College


Mendocino College and the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District are offering a two-day workshop to finish the ferrous cement water tank at the college's Sustainable Technology House and to learn to harvest, design for, and use rainwater. This workshop will be held July 22 and 23 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Mendocino College Ukiah campus. Set yourself up for success and prepare for next winter's rains - a single storm can fill your tank.

This weekend-long workshop will engage participants in learning how to design and install a rainwater catchment system. Come ready to get dirty with hands-on training as you help build a 900-gallon cistern to be connected to the existing rainwater catchment system at the Sustainable Technology House.

Led by experienced tank builders Anna Birkas and Peter Field, the course will take you through the steps of connecting a cistern to an existing catchment system, designing and installing the plumbing to catch the roof water, and applying ferrous cement to the inside of the cistern that is currently under construction. The rainwater tank and catchment system will be used to provide water to flush the toilet.

As part of the Mendocino Jumpstart Integrated Water Plan at Mendocino College, these classes offer opportunities to learn advanced skills in the growing field of water conservation, and provide support to further develop water resources curricula at the college.

The Sustainable Technology Program at Mendocino College, directed by Jen Riddell, provides hands-on training in construction, plumbing and electrical, with a special view toward the sustainable link to the community, economy and environment.




Water conservation enthusiasts, builders, landscapers, farmers, facilities managers or homeowners can follow the Jumpstart Project at the Mendocino County RCD webpage at www.mcrd.org for updates and future class offerings. Future workshops will include subjects such as xeric landscaping, plumbing (including legal gray water and rainwater catchment systems), storm water infiltration, and irrigation efficiency.

Pre-registration is required but does not require going through the registration process at Mendocino College. Simply contact Joe Scriven by email: joe.scriven@mcrd.org or by phone: 462-3664 ext. 104 to pre-register.

The workshop will be held at the Mendocino College Ukiah Campus, Sustainable Technology House at 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah.

- submitted by Mendocino College, Ukiah



At top: The rebar and metal mesh finished framework of the cement water tank awaits the final step.

At right: Finishing touches are put on the Sustainable Technology House's ferrous cement water tank.

Below: Students build the framework of the water tank.



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Congrats

Friends, family gather to celebrate the Halls' 75th wedding anniversary

By Mike A'Dair

Friends and family gathered at St. John Lutheran Church on Sunday to celebrate the 75th wedding anniversary of Herb and Dot Hall, who were married July 3, 1942 in Pasadena.

Herb is 94 and Dot is 92. Dot will turn 93 in three weeks. Both were born and raised in Southern California. The couple moved to Willits in 1991 and have enjoyed living here for the last 25 years, making many new memories and friends. The couple regularly attends church at St. John on Mill Creek Drive.

The Halls had six children (one has passed away), 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Tables at the celebration where the guests ate cake and sandwiches were liberally sprinkled with small cardboard boxes, covered with pictures of the Halls during earlier days and with text that told the story of their marriage and their lives.

According to the text on one of the boxes: "These days they both love seeing family pictures pop up on Facebook or a shared photo album online. A day rarely goes by that Herb and Dot don't play at least two games of cards. Dot still cooks their meals, and you can usually find a homemade dessert on the counter or at least some homemade cookies in the freezer."

According to the text on the boxes, Herb often tunes in the computer to the Frank Sinatra station on Pandora, because Ol' Blue Eyes is Dot's favorite. And Dot will often make a batch of cookies for Herb, because cookies are one of Herb's favorite things. The text on the little boxes said, "A little bit of Sinatra, and some cookies: That's what has made their marriage work."





At left: Herb and Dot Hall at their 75th wedding anniversary celebration at St. John Lutheran Church. Photo by Joyce Jackson

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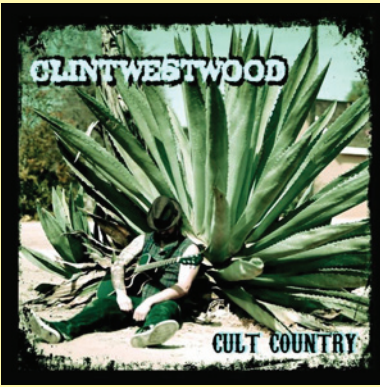
Thursday, July 6

Willits Reads: Every Thursday Willits Library invites special guests from our community to find out what they are reading. The guest(s) will also kick off Story Hour by reading the first book. This week's guest: Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey. Thursday, July 8. 10:30 to 11 am. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

Special Show at the Noyo: There will be two special previews of "Spider-man: Homecoming" at the Noyo Theatre. 7 pm in 2D, and 7:30 pm in 3D. Thursday, July 6. Noyo Theatre, 57 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-6696.

Friday, July 7

Shanachie Pub: *Clint Westwood four-piece band – "keep it simple" – play country and folk. Opening act: Marty's Garden, "a hefty dose of psychedelic boogaloo."* Friday, July 7. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



Saturday, July 8

Mike the Rat's Yard Sale: Sparetime Supply sale at a new location: 475 East San Francisco Avenue, 7 am to 12 pm. "Huge selection of discontinued, close-out and damaged items." All proceeds, less tax, will be donated back to the community. Info: 459-6791.

NCGA Golf Club Fun Tournament: at the **Brooktrails Golf Course.** Saturday, July 8, 8 am to 2 pm. Info: 459-6761.

Massive Yard Sale: Willits Mini Storage is having a flea market-style yard sale, with almost 50 vendors. Harrah Senior Center will be cooking up hotdogs and serving drinks. Saturday, July 8. 9 am to 4 pm. Willits Mini Storage, 261 Franklin Avenue. Info: 459-2529.

Phoenix Rising Gardening Class: Learn agricultural skills and help with one of the gardens that provide vegetables for the Willits Food Bank. Saturday, July 8. 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. West side of North Street between Redwood Street and Pine Street. Classes are free, but donations are appreciated. Info: Ron 489-5408 (leave a message with a good time to call you back).

Willits Pet Adoption Day: The Humane Society of Inland Mendocino is providing an opportunity for good homes to adopt pets. Complete adoption assistance will be available. Canine fees: \$225

for puppies up to 6 months, \$175 for adults up to 5 years, \$50 for seniors 5+ years. Feline fees: \$80. Saturday, July 8. 10 am to 1 pm. Parking lot of Coldwell Banker Mendo Realty, 1460 South Main Street. HSIMC is located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley; 485-0123; http://mendohumanesociety.com.

Summer Youth Performing Arts Camp Sign-Ups: Willits Charter School has a performing arts camp with theater arts teacher Billy Hetherington.

Available for youths ages 7 to 18. This 5-week course will focus on the elements of preparation and performance. Writing, building, and performing will give youth an opportunity to learn new life skills. The program will be arranged into two groups ages 7-11 and 12-18. Sign-ups on Saturday, July 8. Noon to 1 pm. Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. Class space is limited. Info: 459-5506.

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1000 Sunflowers Project: Grow sunflowers all along Main Street, in front yards and backyards. Want to participate? Come to the Willits Hub. Saturday, July 8. 3:30 pm. Willits Hub, 630 South Main Street (two doors south of Mariposa Market). Info: Paul 459-1418, or 4paulj@gmail.com.

"Fat Dance" in Laytonville: Non-profit radio station KPHT-LP is throwing a Fat Dance fundraiser to benefit themselves. The music of Indiana Slim and the Rebel Rousers, Steven Gregory, Pick & Pull, plus Mystic Sol and more. Saturday, July 8. 4 to 10 pm. Admission \$10, free for kids 12 and under. No dogs (even if they're regular listeners). Laytonville Rodeo Grounds, Harwood Road. Info: www.KPHT-LP.org

Shanachie Pub: Sandy Poze & Bob Herman, guitarist and bassist for Sonoma County's Rhythm Method, will play acoustic Americana, blues and swing. Saturday, July 8, 6 pm. \$5 cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Monday, July 10

Shanachie Pub: *Carissa Johnson, award-winning punkish-new wave-ish-rock musician from Boston.* Monday, July 10. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



Carissa Johnson

Tuesday, July 11

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movie: "Despicable Me 3." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Thursday, July 13

"The Cannabis Hour": the July 13 edition, hosted by Jane Fletcher on KZYX Radio, features guests from Flow Kana, the SF-based cannabis business that now owns the Fetzer family estate in Redwood Valley. "Flow Kana's founder Michael Steinmetz and Community Relations VP Amanda Reiman will join Jane in the Philo studio to talk about their plans for the historic site, explain how Flow Kana is keeping the neighborhood happy, share what they see as the future of the cannabis industry in Mendocino County and suggest ways to talk to our kids about cannabis." 9 am; call-ins at 9:40 am, 707-895-2448. KZYX Radio, 91.5 FM in Willits, or stream live at kzyx.org. To hear programs you may have missed, visit jukebox.kzyx.org.

Willits Reads: Every Thursday Willits Library invites special guests from our community to find out what they are reading. The guest(s) will also kick off Story Hour by reading the first book. This week's guest: to be announced. Thursday, July 30. 10:30 to 11 am. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

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Lamprich Center Open House & Health Fair

Sunday, July 16

The Lamprich Center, a new facility dedicated to keeping families healthy, houses the Redwood Medical Clinic, Outpatient Rehabilitation, Howard Pharmacy and Howard Healthcare Foundation on the new Howard Hospital campus. The Center invites the public to the Open House & Health Fair on Sunday, July 16 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital Lamprich Center, 3 Marcela Drive. Meet the staff, tour the facilities, and learn more about the services offered. There will be free health screenings and tests which include: diabetes, blood pressure, body composition, balance assessment. And just for fun there will be face-painting, balloon animals, raffles and giveaways.

Harvesting Rainwater Workshop

Saturday and Sunday, July 22, 23

A two-day workshop to complete the ferrous cement water tank at the Sustainable Technology (SST) House will be held on Saturday July 22 and Sunday July 23, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Mendocino College Ukiah Campus. These weekend-long workshops engage participants in learning how to design and install a rainwater catchment system. Experienced tank builders Anna Birkas and Peter Field will lead the two-day course which will take participants through the steps: designing and installing the plumbing to catch roof rain water, applying ferrous cement to the cistern under construction, and finally connecting the new cistern to the existing catchment system. Info and pre-registration, required: contact Joe Scriven at joe.scriven@mcrcd.org or 462-3664 ext. 104. See article on page 10 of this edition for more details.

at 6 pm. **Willits High School Food Center.** The next **Boosters fundraising event: the 5th annual Golf Tournament at Brooktrails Golf Course**, set for Saturday, August 19.

Friday, July 14

Funkicillan: Funkicillan (with Shanachie's own Cherie Cherie) is getting it on with "originals and old school funk." Friday, July 14. 9 pm. Boomers on Highway 101, Laytonville.

Shanachie Pub: The **Robbers, Brazilian background mixed with vocal howls and rock-n-roll authenticity.** Monday, July 10. 9 pm. \$5 cover. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



Saturday, July 15

Singalong Therapy Workshop: Workshop for Alzheimer's and Dementia led by pioneer of Singalong Cheryl Hodge. Attendees should include dementia patients, their caregivers and/or friends and family. Participants encouraged to bring their guitars. "This will be great training for caregivers and family." Saturday, July 15. 10:15 am to noon. Donations accepted. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: cherylhodge.com, or 459-5908.

Phoenix Rising Gardening Class: Learn agricultural skills and help with one of the gardens that provide vegetables for the Willits Food Bank. Saturday, July 15. 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. West side of North Street between Redwood Street and Pine Street. Classes are free, but donations are appreciated. Info: Ron 489-5408 (leave a message with a good time to call you back).

2nd Annual DripFest: at DripWorks, Willits' purveyor of "Drip Irrigation Supplies & Systems." "Enjoy fun game activities for kids, live music, merchant booths, great food." 20 percent off sale on drip irrigation products. Willits Lions Club hosts the Beer and Wine Garden. Drip Irrigation

San Francisco Mime Troupe in Ukiah

Saturday, July 13

The Tony award-winning San Francisco Mime Troupe returns to Mendocino County in their annual visit to perform "Walls" which asks the question: How can a nation of immigrants declare war on immigration? The answer: Fear! The Mime Troupe's performance starts with music at 6:30 pm, and the play begins at 7 pm on Saturday, July 13 in Todd Grove Park. Ticket information: Free (donations accepted). Also, the Mime Troupe will be performing on Saturday, July 15 at the Mateel Community Center in Redway. For information about the Mateel performance: 1-323-251-0542, or Mateel.org.



Massive Yard Sale

Saturday, July 8

Willits Mini Storage is having a flea market-style yard sale, with almost 50 vendors. Harrah Senior Center will be cooking up hotdogs and serving drinks. Saturday, July 8. 9 am to 4 pm. Willits Mini Storage, 261 Franklin Avenue. Info: 459-2529.

Class 11 am to 12 pm by local irrigation garden expert Chris White. Saturday, July 15. 11 am to 4 pm. Dripworks, 190 Sanhedrin Circle, off East Hill Road. Free drip irrigation class sign up: 1-800-522-2347, or email marketing@dripworks.com.

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Shanachie Pub: Clay Hawkins Band "late night, boot stomping road music from the heart." Saturday, July 15. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, July 16

Jazz at WCT: Vocalist Cheryl Hodge, joined by bassist Dylan Hodge, will perform jazz and blues on Sunday, July 16. 2 pm. Tickets \$10. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). Advance tickets are in person at Mazahar; online at brownpaperickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. (See article elsewhere on Calendar page for details.)

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Here's to a healthy start to your summer! Join us for an open house and health fair to see and experience a whole new facility dedicated to keeping your whole family healthy! Meet our providers and staff, enjoy food, face painting and lots of fun for everyone young and old! Free health screenings including blood pressure, diabetes and total cholesterol, plus body composition testing. Tour our new spaces and learn more about services offered including the Redwood Medical Clinic, Outpatient Rehabilitation, Howard Pharmacy & Howard Healthcare Foundation.

Sunday, July 16
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Lamprich Center
3 Marcela Drive in Willits

Lots of fun activities for the whole family:

- Meet our staff and tour the facilities
- Free health screenings: Diabetes, Blood Pressure, Body Composition, Balance Assessment
- Face painting, balloon animals, raffles and giveaways

Free activities & health screenings!

Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital
Adventure Health

Auditions at WCT

Saturday, July 8 and Saturday, July 15

Willits Community Theatre is holding two auditions for three roles for Ken Ludwig's classic screwball comedy "Moon Over Buffalo" on Saturday, July 8 and Saturday, July 15. Each Saturday audition begins at 3 pm. Directed by Bill Barksdale, the auditions take place at Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane, just behind Shanachie Pub.

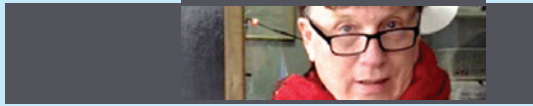
The call is for two men, ages 20 to 35, and one woman, age 20 to 35. All three parts are supporting roles, and each has a relationship to Rosalind, the theater-hating daughter of the play's two leads, George and Charlotte Hay.

Paul is a sassy and sophisticated actor and theater producer. He is Rosalind's former boyfriend. Though they aren't talking, he and Rosalind still love each other. "Clueless" Howard is Rosalind's current boyfriend, who thinks being a TV weatherman means he's in show business. Eileen, the up-and-coming actress, had an affair with the aging matinee idol George Hay and got pregnant. This sets off madcap comic conflicts which will resolve, finally and hopefully, in a big happy ending.

Barksdale is a veteran director; over the last 23 years, he has directed a long string of hits for WCT. He excels at getting the very best performances from his actors. The play "Moon Over Buffalo" is due to begin rehearsals August 1. It will open November 3 for a 10-show run, and close on November 19. If Willits Weekly readers have questions about the show or about the characters, call Bill Barksdale at 459-1200 or at 489-2322.

– submitted by Willits Community Theatre

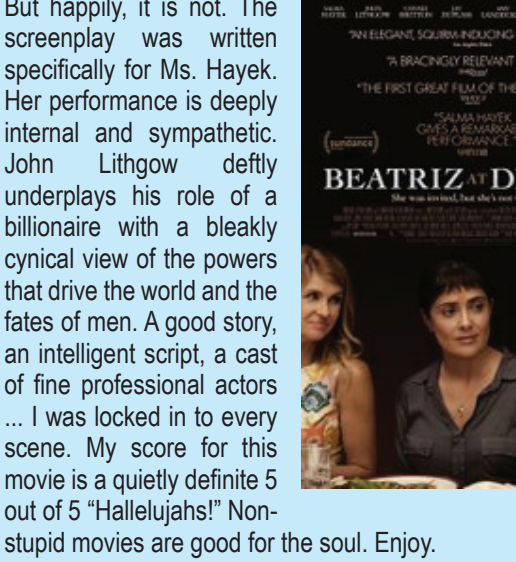
COLUMN | At the Movies



'Beatriz at Dinner'

The Story: A quietly intense drama ... billed as a dark comedy. Beatriz (Salma Hayek) is a massage therapist; she is also a spiritual healer who reveres the life force in all beings. Her car breaks down at the home of Cathy (Connie Britton), a wealthy massage client who is having a special dinner party for her husband's business partners. Cathy invites Beatriz to stay. Class attitudes and values clash, a conflict fueled in part (though not solely) by Beatriz drinking too much white wine. Doug Strutt (John Lithgow), an international developer of hotels and shopping centers, is her chief adversary.

My Thoughts: The movie could have been peopled with stereotypes. But happily, it is not. The screenplay was written specifically for Ms. Hayek. Her performance is deeply internal and sympathetic. John Lithgow deftly underplays his role of a billionaire with a bleakly cynical view of the powers that drive the world and the fates of men. A good story, an intelligent script, a cast of fine professional actors ... I was locked in to every scene. My score for this movie is a quietly definite 5 out of 5 "Hallelujahs!" Non-stupid movies are good for the soul. Enjoy.



Parents: This movie is rated R. I'm not entirely sure why. That said, children won't like the movie, nor would they understand the depth of the issues this movie raises. So don't bring them. For intelligent teens and up.

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

Do you have an event to include into our calendar?

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Email us a photo, poster and copy-and-paste text to:

willitsweekly@gmail.com

Monday deadline for Thursday publication

Save the Date:

"Happy" at the Now and Then Film Series, July 20, Little Lake Grange

Relay for Life, July 29, Rec Grove Park

Willits Boosters 5th Annual Golf Tournament, August 19, Brooktrails Golf Course

Senior Center Lunch

Week of July 10 through July 14

Monday: Shredded Beef Tacos

Tuesday: Egg Salad Sandwich

Wednesday: Beef Stir Fry

Thursday: Pizza

Friday: Chicken Dumplings

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entree, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Ongoing Events

Willits Farmers Market:Weekly farmers market is outdoors for the season, at a new location: Rec Grove Park on East Commercial Street. 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, live music. The new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Twice-Monthly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

Tibetan Buddhist meditation group meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or honemann@yahoo.com.

Ceramics Classes: Instructor Nancy New is sharing her knowledge of hand building, wheel and other methods. "Still not too late to join in the fun." Wednesdays, Kids 10:30 - 12:00; Adults 4 - 6 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-1726.

Center for the Arts July Exhibit: The July show at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, features Crystal Kamoroff's works, "Mud Pie and The Obsessive Curiosity." Also featuring: "Changed by Fire," the ceramic sculptures by Evan Hobart, Ceramics program manager at the Mendocino Art Center. Summer gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11 am to 6 pm. If you are interested in volunteering to be a docent, call the art center at 459-1726.

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

Tuesday Night Potluck Bingo: Potluck dinner and bingo every Tuesday at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. "Be sure to bring a dish to share!" 5 to 7 pm; \$5 buy-in; 50 cents per card. Info: 459-6826.

Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays: (except the first Wednesday of the month), 9 to 10 am "Ancestry.com"(limited space, pls. sign up in advance), and every Wednesday at 11-11:30 am "Play Group," and 3:30 to 5:30 pm "Lego Day" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Story Time", 4 pm "Farmers Market Story Time"; Fridays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Therapeutic Art Coloring" (all ages); Fridays: 5 to 7 pm "Youth Game Night" (ages 10 to 14). Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

The Willits Seed Lending Library: Offering information on seed saving and gardening. Seeds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables are free to seed library members, and seed donations are gladly accepted. "We look forward to seeing you at the Willits Library!"

Al-Anon Meeting: Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid) at the Evergreen Shopping Center. Saturdays at 10 am at St. Francis Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street. "Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery."

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

Soroptimists International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

Life Changes: Discussion and support group with Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

Volleyball Open Gym: at Baechtel Grove gym; Sundays 7:30 pm and Tuesdays at 8:30 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the HHM Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm; Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5 pm to 6 pm; Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 pm to 7 pm; Tweens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 pm to 8:30 pm. All S&L programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Singer songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. New time: 6 pm. No cover. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7:30 pm; pre-signup list starts at 3 pm when the Pub opens. "An eclectic array of local musicians and even performers from around the world!" 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

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





Members of Willits Girl Scout Troop 10574 with their hand-built compost bin.



Willits Weekly photos of Mendocino County Museum exhibits and events, from left, "Main Street: Then & Now"; former sheriff Jim Tuso at the dedication of the "Fallen Vietnam War Veterans" memorial; and "Woven Worlds: Native Peoples of Mendocino County."

Celebrate summer and discover local history at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits

Looking for fun and affordable activities for summer? Visit the Mendocino County Museum, located in the heart of Willits. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm, the museum shares and celebrates the stories, lives, people and places of the region.

From a 10,000 year-old Clovis point to storefronts of historic businesses, from the Frolic shipwreck to Seabiscuit's legacy, from 19th century stagecoaches to a "new settler" hippie van, the museum offers many opportunities to explore local history.

Peer into the windows of Dr. Withrow's Dental Office, J.F. McNamee's General Store, Emery's Millinery Shop and the beloved ice cream and soda fountain known as the Willits Creamery.

View earlier forms of mass transit with stagecoaches, horse-powered wagons and buggies, including a surrey with the fringe on top.

In the exhibit "Woven Worlds: Native Peoples of

Mendocino County," follow an incredible timeline from Coyote to casinos, first contact to self-determination. Watch videos of dancing, basket-making and harvesting hops. Play clapsticks, practice basket weaving and compete in the stick gambling game at interactive kiosks.

The exhibit "Veterans' History: Personal" highlights the stories of the 22 servicemen from Mendocino County who died in the Vietnam War. The Mendocino County Fallen Vietnam War Veterans granite memorial located just outside the county museum commemorates and honors their sacrifice.

Take a stroll through "Main Street: Then & Now," a re-creation of Willits Main Street circa 1914, featuring over 200 photos of "then and now" downtown Willits, accompanied by stories highlighting town history from the late 1800s to the present.

The Museum Gift Shop features local handicrafts, gourmet foods, vintage toys, unique giftware, and nature-inspired jewelry. Diverse book selections showcase Native

American literature, local history, western pioneers, trains, logging heritage, and many wonderful children's books.

Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey stated: "The Mendocino County Museum is an opportunity for everyone, from visitors to longtime residents, to learn more about the people and places that make up the fascinating history of Mendocino County. I take my family to visit it every year over the 4th and look forward to another memorable visit."

The Mendocino County Museum and Gift Shop are open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Admission is \$4 for adults; \$1 for students up to 18, and children 6 and under are free. Admission is free the first Wednesday of every month. The Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street in Willits, across from Recreation Grove Park. For more information, 459-2736.

— signed by John McCowen, chair, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, and submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

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Girl Scouts build 'perfectly imperfect' school compost bin

Baechtel Grove Middle School obtained a compost bin from Girl Scout Troop 10574, which is led by troop leader Maria Cramer and co-leader Kristin Fraser. It was fall of 2016 that the girls – Joscelyn Beebe, Cecilia Cramer, Alyssa Fraser, Kylie Jergensen and Jada Smith – got their idea for their Silver Award project that would better their school community. The Silver Award project is the highest award that a Cadette Girl Scout can earn. It is the chance to make a change you want to see in your local community. The girls had to create a sustainable and useful plan.

After lots of discussion, revisions and blueprints – they made a final design! With their money from selling a wide variety of sweets, they set out to their local hardware store and bought the materials themselves. The girls put in over 20 hours of their personal time to heighten their chance of success.

Over this time, they got to know the people in their community better, they learned to communicate, and learned teamwork ... let's not forget the construction skills! Their compost bin was perfectly imperfect. They feel that this project has promise due to the support from those around them.

As of now, two of the girls collect the compost every other day from the Baechtel Grove cafeteria. They want to take the time to thank Willits Kids Club, J.D. Redhouse, Tina Tyler O'Shea, Tina Stanley, and the lunch ladies and the janitor at Baechtel Grove. It would also be almost impossible without help from their parents.

— Submitted by members of Girl Scout Troop 10574



The rest of Cannabis

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comment on the state's proposed rules under the voter-approved Adult Use of Marijuana Act. At that time, those who attended the meeting were told the process to finish approving regulations was expected to take many months.

Approval of the bill was greeted as good news by some cannabis insiders. Nicole Howell Neubert, an attorney with cannabis industry law firm Clark Neubert LLP, was quoted an online Cannabis Business Times article by Melissa Schiller as saying: "It is incredibly encouraging to see the state and the industry work so quickly and well together to accomplish the goal of getting one set of rules in place before next year. Having this detailed framework in place finally allows us to advise our clients clearly and confidentially about initial state licensing."

The bill is designed to act as a framework to support and guide cannabis rules being adopted by local jurisdictions. It creates a new agency to govern and oversee the cannabis industry in California: the Bureau of Cannabis Control.

People cultivating cannabis for commercial medical purposes must first obtain a permit from their local jurisdiction before they can be issued a permit by the state. The bill declares it illegal to transport cannabis or cannabis products outside California, unless such transportation is authorized by federal law.

For personal adult use, the plant limit is six plants at one time. The plants must be "kept within the person's private residence, or upon the grounds of that private residence, in a locked space, and are not visible by normal unaided vision from a public place." (Section 130.)

The bill blends the rights of persons to grow and smoke cannabis under AUMA with the need for young people and children not to be exposed to cannabis.

Cannabis may not be smoked within 1,000 feet of a school, daycare center, or youth center while children are present, "except in or upon the grounds of a personal residence or in accordance with Section 26200 of the Business and Professions Code, and only if such smoking is not detectable by others on the grounds of the school, day care center or youth center, while children are present." (Section 131.)

MAUCRSA calls for major research into the benefits and dangers of cannabis to be conducted by an institution of higher learning in California, and asks the regents of the University of California to determine whether their university system is up to the task.

The bill imposes two levels of tax upon cannabis. The first is an excise tax of 15 percent which will be levied upon those who purchase cannabis products, at point of sale. The second is a cultivation tax to be levied upon growers.

The cultivation tax is set at \$9.25 "per dry-weight ounce" for cannabis flowers (\$148 per pound), and \$2.75 an ounce for leaves, and may be adjusted annually. The cultivation tax does not apply to cannabis grown for personal use.

MAUCRSA states that revenues derived by the state from the two taxes are not be considered part of the state's general fund, and describes how revenues are to be distributed to government agencies, including the State Board of Equalization, the Bureau of Cannabis Control, the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Department of Food and Agriculture, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Pesticide Regulation, the Office of the State Controller, the Department of Finance, the Legislative Analyst's Office, the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, to a public university or universities in California (for research), to the California Highway Patrol and to the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (to fund a community reinvestments grants program, which will provide funds to local health departments and to community-based nonprofits to support job placement, mental health treatment, substance abuse disorder treatment, and other programs associated with cannabis use).

The full text of Senate Bill 94, MAUCRSA, and the Legislative Counsel's Digest of the act, can be found at http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=20172018SB94.

Tree removal sparks anger against Caltrans

Several community members expressed anger and frustration with Caltrans during the public comment portion of the June 28 Willits City Council meeting regarding the recent felling and removal of four cork trees on North Main Street near the Sherwood Road turnoff.

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Gonzalez reaffirmed previous statements that city staff was not notified by Caltrans of its plans to remove the trees. In fact, Moore said the city had repeatedly informed Caltrans in previous talks of their desire to let the trees remain.

"We were blindsided as well," she said. "Numerous conversations took place between the city and Caltrans over the last year, year and a half, where those trees were brought up many, many times – about the importance of preserving them – and we were repeatedly assured that everything would be done to preserve them. So, it was quite a shock to learn after the fact that they had been removed."

The reason given by Phil Frisbie, chief information officer for Caltrans District 1, for removing the trees was that they would obstruct a new light signal to be installed during the redesign of the Sherwood Road intersection. The new intersection is a "child project" of the main Willits bypass project that is slated to begin construction next spring.

Gonzalez and Moore both met with Caltrans officials after the incident, and

Gonzalez said new District 1 Director Matt Brady "received the message" that residents were angry, and that the city would like to be informed of such actions beforehand.

Moore said the decision to take down the trees did not come from higher-up positions in Caltrans.

"What I heard in that meeting was that the determination to take those trees out was made in the field basically by the people locally working on that project," she said. "It didn't sound to me like it was a decision they ran up a flagpole."

Dave Watts, nurseryman and co-owner of Sanhedrin Nursery, told councilmembers he had sent several letters to Caltrans since the incident.

"My reactions have gone from numbness to frustration to anger to rage to sadness," he said.

He told the council he had roped off two of the larger seedlings from the trees, and dug up four of the smaller ones in harm's way to be planted at a later date. He gave the council a petition signed by many Willits residents to preserve the seedlings, and asked them to help ensure it would happen.

"Unfortunately, the four cork trees that were taken out were the most highly valued four trees along the whole three-mile stretch," said Watts, who held a memorial for the trees with other community members after the incident.

"When we evaluate the remaining trees along our corridor, we must at least consider the trees' right to exist," he said. "I say we

The rest of Burglary

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to sheriff's Sgt. Matthew Kendall.

Investigating deputies believe Joaquin damaged electric service panels, fences and other security devices between 2 and 4:30 am that morning while trying to disable the security systems at the businesses and burglarize them, causing more than \$4,000 in damage.

Surveillance footage showed a suspect, later identified as Joaquin, using bolt cutters to damage the service panels and security fences, Kendall said.

At the time, Joaquin was on probation for similar crimes, and wanted for probation violations as well. On June 26, Round Valley Tribal Police Officers observed Joaquin leaving a Tabor Lane home and, with sheriff's deputies, engaged in a foot chase with Joaquin, who eluded capture.

Joaquin was booked into the Mendocino County Jail on several counts of attempted burglary, possession of burglary tools, and violation of probation. He is being held without bail.

The rest of Enforcement

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According to the grand jury report: "The Mendocino County 2016-17 grand jury finds the Code Enforcement Division of the Mendocino County Planning and Building Services Department does not initiate investigations, but as a policy matter primarily responds to complaints.

"There is a continuing backlog of unresolved complaints that are over one year old. The reasons for these shortcomings are inertia, lack of adequate staffing, and lack of direction from the board of supervisors and department management."

The report goes on to state the Code Enforcement Division makes it difficult for the public to know what properties are facing code violations. "Interviews revealed that it is not a priority to provide online access of data," according to the report.

Also, the report states: "On November 3, 2015, the board of supervisors gave direction to apply county ordinances to county-maintained buildings. To date, it is obvious the condition of the buildings has not significantly improved. When interviewees were questioned by the grand jury, the condition of county-maintained buildings was acknowledged as poor."

The report notes the Code Enforcement Division has done some good work over the past several years, reducing the backlog of unresolved code enforcement violations from an estimated 2,000 to 300. However, it added, because there is no publicly available record of complaints filed with or cases opened by the division, [the grand jury's] praise is based on the guesses of department employees and not on hard data.

The report describes the Code Enforcement Division as chronically understaffed, and decries a shortage of appropriate four-wheel-drive vehicles available for staff members. It finds there is far too little communication between the code enforcement wing and the rest

Round Valley man held on weapons charges

A 31-year-old Round Valley man was arrested on June 24 after sheriff's deputies received reports of a man shooting a gun in a field near the area of Concow Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard in Covelo just before 7 am.

Carlos Angelo "Pasta" White was already wanted for shooting a rifle and handgun in a negligent manner in the same area on June 18, says sheriff's Sgt. Joseph DeMarco.

Deputies were unable to locate White initially, but just before 3 pm, they found him sitting in the passenger seat of a car parked near the 23800 block of Howard Street. White, who also was wanted on misdemeanor arrest warrants, was taken into custody without incident.

He was taken to county jail on suspicion of being an ex-felon in possession of a firearm and negligent discharging of a weapon.

Bail was set at \$30,000. According to the Mendocino County

should try to save as many of those trees as we can."

Watts suggested drawing a plan specifically designating trees that could not be cut down. Moore has said she's asked Caltrans to provide a list of any trees they believe need to be taken out before resuming construction so actions can be discussed beforehand.

Gonzalez said he presented a letter and some photos given to them by Watts directly to Caltrans, telling them: "Dave's a well-respected guy in our community who we rely on as a resource."

Someone who spoke also expressed anger over recent reports that the Willits bypass cost taxpayers \$159 million more than the \$300 million Caltrans had been presenting as the total cost, due to a failure to include "support costs."

In a prepared statement, Councilmember Madge Strong noted the total spent – \$459 million –

could have paid for the entire general fund of Willits for more than 100 years.

"Then it's especially ironic that Caltrans, on a small little project here in town, decided it was more convenient to cut down four lovely old cork trees on Main Street in front of the high school than to work around them," she said. "Shade, beauty and nature weren't valued."

Moore noted someone from Caltrans was expected to attend the council meeting to discuss the Main Street relinquishment project but failed to show up.

Sheriff's Office booking log, Carlos Angelo White, 31, of was arrested again July 3 by the Ukiah Police Department on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Traffic stop ends in arrest

A June 30 afternoon traffic stop in the 200 block of Little Lake Way in Covelo resulted in the arrest of a 35-year-old Round Valley man on a felony bench warrant.

The sheriff's deputy who pulled the driver over recognized the vehicle's passenger as Britton Leonard Azbill, Jr, according to sheriff's Sgt. Joseph DeMarco.

The deputy remembered seeing a felony, no-bail bench warrant for Azbill earlier in the day, DeMarco said, and after confirming the warrant, arrested him.

Azbill was booked into county jail.

These reports were based on press releases from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

from the director of Planning and Building to the board of supervisors.

The grand jury recommended that supervisors enact policies by June 30, 2018, to provide Code Enforcement Division staff with consistency and clarity regarding the imposition and the amount of fines levied in response to code violations.

The grand jury also recommended the county place all building code violations and complaint actions in an online data base, so the public might have access to that information, and list the information by street address and property number, while omitting the name of the complainant.

Finally, the report recommended supervisors direct county staff to ensure all county buildings are brought up to state and local environmental standards within the next fiscal year, and staff be instructed to report back to the board of supervisors early in the following fiscal year on the results of that effort.

The county has already dealt with two of the grand jury's recommendations. At the June 20 meeting of the board of supervisors, Code Enforcement Division supervisor Trent Taylor told the board he had recently hired three new code enforcement officers. Not only is his division fully staffed, but it is staffed at a higher level than ever before in the division's history.

The division is now responsible for enforcing violations of the county's medical cannabis cultivation ordinance, as well as building code violations.

Also, the county allocated funds in the 2017-18 budget to purchase two new Toyota Tacoma four-wheel-drive pickup trucks for the county's code enforcement team.

The full grand jury report on the Code Enforcement Division can be found online at www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=9313.



COLUMN | Garden Tip of the Month

July: Hot weather gardening

Jamie Chevalier
Columnist

This time of year, gardens can get out of hand while the gardener is on vacation, or just plain too hot. Yet July is a super-important time for keeping your summer crops pumping, and planting the veggies you'll eat all winter. Here are some tips to keep your garden happy and yourself cool.

Salad sounds great, but lettuce is a cool-season crop. Here is how to have sweet lettuce in summer: Lettuce seed goes dormant when the temps are over 80 degrees. Put your seed in the fridge for a week. Once chilled, it will think it's spring and sprout readily. Sow in the evening, water well, and make sure your planting is shaded all afternoon, either by other crops or by a structure (or shade cloth). The east or north side of some corn or tomatoes is good.

Consider using shade cloth. Plants go into shock when the air is above 90 degrees. Tomatoes will abort their fruit; green beans will stop making pods. Peppers and tomatoes will sun-scald. Shade cloth cuts down the heat while letting in enough light for good growth. It is lightweight and doesn't need elaborate support. A few outward-leaning sticks will support it over a bed of lettuce or peppers. Bamboo poles will carry

it over tomatoes. A bed sheet works in a pinch, if it's open on all sides and at least a foot above the plants.

Late July is the best time to start kale, broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, and other fall veggies. But the garden is full of summer stuff and, besides, it's too hot out there for kale right now. Make a nursery bed in the shade. Then they aren't in little pots getting rootbound, and you can get the whole job accomplished without going out in the sun. Plant twice as close as usual. You'll transplant your fall veggies to their permanent spots in the fall. The whole cabbage tribe thrives on transplanting – university studies show bigger and better root systems when they are transplanted once or even twice! For details: <https://www.bountifulgardens.org/articles/26>

Make one last planting of bush beans, corn, melons, and maybe even zucchini. This is the absolute best time to plant okra. Hot weather goes 'til October – make sure your hot-weather vegetables don't quit early.

Right now, most broccoli and peas have had it for the year. Yank them out and immediately plant something that likes heat. Or just cover the ground with straw. This saves hours of weeding. One easy alternative is to sprinkle seed for hot-weather greens in the gaps. Purslane, chard, Egyptian spinach, and amaranth all sprout easily in heat.

Working 15 to 30 minutes in the cool of the evening or with morning coffee can accomplish a lot. If you set out to do a manageable amount, you'll be enthusiastic about doing it again tomorrow.

Jamie Chevalier has gardened professionally in both California and Alaska. She writes about gardening for Bountiful Gardens Seeds, www.bountifulgardens.org.

At right, from top: Late July is the best time to start fall veggies like red cabbage. Red Leaf Amaranth, known as "Red Calaloo," in the Caribbean, grows best in hot, humid conditions. Purple broccoli starting to flower.

Above, from left: Jericho romaine lettuce tolerates dry, hot weather well. A basket of beautiful dragon tongue beans. Blacktail Mountain watermelon.

Photos by Jamie Chevalier



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Cuddly Ollie

Ollie is a 8-month-old heeler-Chihuahua mix who is a real scamp! He starts with a bark, but two seconds later he's in your lap with kisses and wanting to be cuddled. As he is still a puppy, he needs socialization with other dogs to learn a few doggie manners – something a larger, more mature dog could help with.

He is very cute and very sweet, so with normal exercise and training, he will make a great family dog. Come meet him soon!



For more information on Ollie or other adoptable animals, call Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County at 485-0123, check www.mendohumanesociety.com, or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

Fun Floyd

Floyd is a sweet and handsome 2-year-old male mixed-breed dog who weighs 61 pounds. We think Floyd would be a great addition to his new family and that he'd enjoy a new canine friend. Floyd has a fun-loving, happy personality and would like an active family to take him out and about.

The Ukiah Animal 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 dogs and cats here, please visit online at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453. Please join us the second Saturday of every month, coming up this weekend on July 6, for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk and help us get every dog out for some exercise!



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At top, left: The 2017 Grand Marshal, the Frank R. Howard Foundation, is carted around the Jack Sharp Arena by Live Oak Belgians owned by Susan and Kenn McCarty. The Foundation's board members include: Margie Handley, board chair; William Bowen, vice president; Jann Lamprich, secretary; Tom Herman, director; Tedd Dawson, director; Richard Willoughby, director; Terry Hansen, director; and Tony Madrigal, director.

At top, center: Danielle Barry on Rebel leads a pony with an empty saddle around the arena as a special tribute to Harold Potter, who passed away last year. Potter was the Top Hand award-winner from Willits Frontier Days last year and has been a huge part of the crew and board of directors that put on the events each year.

At top, right: Another Live Oak Belgians carriage brings 2017 Heritage Award winner, Bev Henderson, around the arena.

Below, left: A cowboy ropes a calf, and gets ready to dismount, then run to the roped calf, flip the calf, and tie three of its legs together in the calf roping event. Below, right: 2017 Sweetheart Hailey Riley makes her queen run in the perpetual American flag chaps made by Mary Anne Underhill of Underhill Western Craft. The chaps will be signed by the current Sweetheart and then passed down to each new Sweetheart as the years progress. 2016 Sweetheart Halee Reed was the first recipient and wearer of the chaps.



At left, from top: A bareback bronc rider tries to hold on for the full 8 seconds of the ride during Monday's

CCPRA rodeo. A saddle bronc rider gets airborne but does his best to hang on to the lead rope.

Trick roper Rider Kinsler showcased great skill during the half-time show of Monday's rodeo.

Another bareback rider gives the spectators just on the other side of the fence an up-close and personal view of the sport of bronc riding.

At right: Another saddle bronc rider keeps his free hand high in the air during his ride.

Far right: Trick roper Rider Kinsler encircles his ride with a spinning rope as he rides around the arena.

CCPRA Rodeo

Members of the California Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association showcase their skills at Jack Sharp Arena during the Willits stop on the pro circuit

See these and many more photos of all the 2017 Willits Frontier Days events online at www.WillitsFrontierDays.com or <http://photographress.zenfolio.com/wfd2017>



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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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- School for healing
- Of the cheekbone
- Disco rockers
- The Bee ____
- Gorged
- Khoikhoi people
- Payroll firm
- A hiding place
- Georgia rockers
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- Second epoch of the Tertiary period
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- Information
- Where wrestlers work
- Dash

CLUES DOWN

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- Donation
- Mariner
- One who accepts
- King Cole, musician
- Streeter
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- Swampy coniferous forest

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- More abject
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- Shopping trips
- Values self-interest

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

June 26 to July 2

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

Summary of Active Investigations
and Arrests

June 26

6:50 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.
8:42 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Holly Street.
11 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.
2:28 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

3:04 pm: SMITH, Yvonne Erika (53) of Ukiah and HALL, Brigitte Martha (73) of Willits were contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. Smith was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence) and on charges of driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level over .08. Hall was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on charges of disorderly conduct. According to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office booking log, SMITH, Yvonne Erika (53) of Ukiah was also arrested by the Ukiah Police Department on misdemeanor DUI charges at 8:35 am on June 25, 2017.

5:24 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of Haehl Creek Drive.

10:05 pm: McCARTNEY, Kyle James (30) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Sandy Avenue and Bonnie Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation) and on felony charges of possession of hashish/ marijuana and obtaining credit using false ID, and on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

June 27

2:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 200 block of North Main Street.

2:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

6:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of several unwanted subjects in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 800 block of South Main Street.

7:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of West Oak Avenue.

8:04 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 800 block of Coast Street.

8:09 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Madden Lane.

9:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.

June 28

12:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of Coast Street.

5:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

8:25 pm: KOSKINEN, Christopher Michael (43) of Willits was contacted following a traffic collision near the intersection of Sherwood Road and North Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence) and on felony charges of driving under the influence causing injury, and on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level over .08.

9:03 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

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

11:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

June 29

1:47 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of

South Main Street.

2:50 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 800 block of Coast Street.

4:13 pm: FERRER, Jesse Dywane (33) of Arcata was contacted in the 1200 block of Locust Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on charges of disorderly conduct.

6:57 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Bush Street.

7:43 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 24000 block of Lilac Terrace.

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

June 30

1:31 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of Creekside Drive and issued a warning.

2:43 am: RODRIGUEZ, Christiane (31) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on charges of disobeying a court order.

6:55 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

8:52 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

10:41 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

12:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.

12:52 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of North Lenore Avenue.

1:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

5:51 pm: HAND, Pat James William (27) of Willits was contacted following a traffic stop near the intersection of South Main Street and California Street. He was arrested pursuant to 4463 VC (Forgery or Falsification of Vehicle Registration).

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

10:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

July 1

1 am: ROGERS, Jared Michael (37) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of North Main Street. He was arrested on charges of driving under the influence and driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level over .08.

12:53 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

1:15 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:48 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation near the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Holly Street.

6:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of unwanted subjects in the 700 block of South Main Street.

9:18 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 700 block of South Main Street.

9:32 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Pine Street.

10:41 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Margie Drive.

July 2

2:43 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Gregory Lane.

5:19 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of Coast Street.

6:17 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 23000 block of East Side Road.

8:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Alder Street.

9 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.



BBQ &
Pancakes

Two meals offered
for Willits Frontier
Days guests over
July 4th weekend



While some people like to mix their meals, most enjoyed separate excursions to the Rec Grove last weekend: Starting early on Sunday, July 2, the Willits Lions Club offered ham, eggs, pancakes and more to the breakfast crowd, and on Tuesday, July 4, the grove converted to a packed-full crowd of beef, corn, salad and bread eaters during the annual Beef Barbecue.



At top, from left: Eva, Emily Rose and John Pinon enjoy breakfast at the shaded picnic tables in the Rec Grove. Willits Lions Club volunteers pose together inside the octagon cook shack, where eggs were cooked, batter was mixed, and excited guests were served.

Above, from left: The Willits Lions Club banner hung prominently at the corner of East Commercial and South Lenore streets welcoming guests to the breakfast. Tony Madrigal and Tom Lucier supervise and work the ham station on the Lions' griddle trailer.

At left: The Rec Grove was fuller than many remembered in any years of the recent past for the 2017 Beef Barbecue on Monday, July 4.

Below, from left: Kristin and Jeremiah Dawson accept plates from Willits Rotarian Bruce Burton at the start of the barbecue line. The bean crew, including Jeremy Stevens, Konner Reed, Matt Rountree, Tate Heiken, Brad Coleman and Donny Barnard. Members of the "Old Buzzard" meat and meat-serving crew pose for the camera.

At bottom: Bobbie Tilley, Marlene Brown, Carol Oliver and Mike Frahm take tickets at the front of the barbecue line.



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Above, from left: A four-generation float showcasing involvement with Willits Frontier Days since 1972. A glittery unicorn and sparkly fairy shone down Main Street. A metal horse led the Grand Marshal float down the parade route. Willits City Councilmember Madge Strong, left, Mayor Gerry Gonzalez, center, and Willits City Manager Adrienne Moore, right, smile to the crowd. Janet Reedy "dances in honor of the old Aztec Gods wearing a costume similar to what warriors used to wear, but with a twist of today's music." The NorCrawl parade entry showcased big trucks – and even bigger tires!



At right: A cowgirl tries to hang on to a bucking bull for the full 8 seconds during Sunday's Junior Rodeo.

Below: A young cowboy lands upside down after being ejected from his calf during the calf riding event.

Below, right: Claire Case-Brackett rounds a barrel in the barrel racing event.

At bottom, right: Danielle Barry successfully paints her steer with a dab of red paint in the steer daubing contest.

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Junior Rodeo: Young riders have fun learning the ropes of the cowboy life

Events in this year's Junior Rodeo included calf riding for kids through age 12; steer stopping for kids up to 18; steer daubing for kids ages 8 to 18; two divisions of barrel racing: one for kids ages 12 and under, and one for kids ages 13 to 18; steer riding for kids ages 13 to 15; girls breakaway roping for kids up to 18; girls goat tying for kids ages 8 to 18; and finally bull riding, for kids ages 16 to 18.

The All Around Cowgirl title, awarded to the cowgirl with the highest overall score gained from competing in all the events went to Hailey Finnegan of Covelo. Finnegan also won the Bud Suttles Memorial Trophy given to the overall High Point rider for the day.

Several Willits, Laytonville and Covelo contestants entered, and family and friends were in the stands to cheer them on during their events. Riders from Willits included: Danielle Barry, Claire Case Brackett, Samantha Arms, Hazel Cooke, Caleb Lovell, Sierra Mayfield, Walker Klee, and Alton Cooke. Laytonville riders included: Trysten Wheeler, Hailey Finnegan, Michael Wheeler, Jimmy Whitley, and Preston Wheeler; and Covelo riders included: Kyle McCarty, Adrian Phillips, and Clint Gonzales.

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At right: Troy James and one of the Roots of Motive Power entries. Below: Unicyclists ride in the Main Street Parade on July 4.



Above, left: Mike Mondo drives Jack Sharp and friends down Main Street during the parade.



2017 4th of July Parade Results

FLOAT RESULTS

Best Mechanical/ Imagination

1st place: Grace Community Church

Best Patriotic

1st place: Stay and Play Dog Care
2nd place: American Legion Post 174
3rd place: Yokum's Body Shop

Best Theme-Based

1st place: Stay and Play Dog Care
2nd place: Willits Rotary Club
3rd place: Coast Hardware

Novelty/Open/Miscellaneous Non-Float

1st place: Old Mission Pizza
2nd place (tied): Glitter My World and Willits Kids Club
3rd place: California Institute of Knowledge

AUTOMOBILE RESULTS

1950-59 Original

1st place: Police Car - Neil Orr, Jr.

1960-70 Modified

1st place: Steve Quinliven
2nd place: Bryan Casey

1960-70 Original

1st place: Daniel Curtis
2nd place: Neil Orr, Jr.

Group of Cars

1st place: Willits Seniors Inc.

Group of Motorcycles

1st place: Willits Wild Bunch
2nd place: The Bike shop

Vintage, pre-war gas/diesel steam

1st place: Vickie Lane

Truck Open mon/mud/mod

1st place: NorCrawl
2nd place: Maciel
3rd place: Les Schwab Tires

Decorated Car, non-year-specific

1st place: Glitter My World
2nd place: Brooktrails Golf Course

EQUESTRIAN PARADE RESULTS

1st place: Willits 4-H Group

Mounted Group

1st place: Vaqueros Mexicanos

Pony Class

1st place: Trinita Freudenberg

Ethel Clatty Award

Trinita Freudenberg

Parade results provided by the WFD Parade Committee.



Below, from left: The Stay and Play Dog Care float won two first-place awards for their dog-and-people-packed entry. Members of the American Legion Post 174 carried the flags at the beginning of the parade. Hometown was affluter with new faces – from vendors to attendees – all up and down several blocks of Main Street.

At right, from top: One of the beautiful dancing horses. Laura and Peter Koch. Ellie Bruce and Robert Smith enjoy the Hometown festivities. Shoppers check out produce at the Farmers Market.



A Happy Hometown

Big participation at annual downtown festival this year

A big and happy crowd showed up for the annual Hometown Celebration in Willits last Friday evening.

Kids, young families, teenagers and old stalwarts were among those enjoying the cooler evening weather – and the community spirit – in downtown Willits.

Not only was there festive food, kids fun and games, giveaways, live music, and special sales, there was education going on, too. Tables staffed by area nonprofits, service clubs, community volunteers and agencies enjoyed talking to locals and guests about their services, events and achievements – and did a little fundraising, too.

Winners of the Hometown Celebration Scavenger Hunt

were: Myrtle Deaton (first place; \$250 worth of gift certificates from local businesses); Ashley Rodriguez (second place; \$200 worth of gift certificates); and Elida Cardona (third place, \$200 worth of gift certificates).

The Willits Weekly table gave away stacks of newspapers and chatted with community residents all evening. One favorite story? A young student on a bicycle who said he was a newspaper reader, and who dropped a \$2 bill into Willits Weekly's tip jar. "It's important to support the local newspaper," he said.

2017 Hometown Celebration co-chairs Willits Frontier Days Vice President Marcy Barry and Ashtan Bloomquist of J.D. Redhouse were pleased with the event's success.

"The smiles and laughter were priceless!" Bloomquist said. "I'm not sure where to begin, but I have to give a huge shout out to the Willits

Frontier Days, Marcy Barry, Linda Matz, Peter Swanton, Allie Findley, Maureen Moore, and Jake Whitehurst for getting down and dirty and making sure that things went as planned.

"Thank you to our local businesses and organizations, the City of Willits, the Sheriff's Office, and the Willits Police Department for making tonight possible, safe and fun for the community!"

Willits Frontier Days encourages community members to send in feedback about Hometown Celebration and ideas for next year. Please email willitsfrontierdays@gmail.com. Anyone who wants to get involved in planning for or volunteering at any of next year's big events is encouraged to reach out and participate.

– Jennifer Poole

Below, from left: Tom Allman poses with Holly and Gabe Madrigal at the Willits Rotary Club booth at Hometown Celebration. Allman was a sport to sit in the Splash Zone and allow the community to toss bean bags at a mark, that, when hit, released a water balloon onto the head of the willing participant. Sidewalks were bustling during the highly successful Hometown event. Kobi and Kyler Hall-Jimenez and Ella Fitzpatrick show off their painted faces. Carl and Kira Crely walk their dog, Tanner.



At bottom, from far left: Cheerleaders gather together for a smile from their Hometown booth. Willits Youth Football represented the green and gold at Hometown. The BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) booth was next to the display of their motorcycles. Christine Johnson and Michelle McCoy in their LuLaRoe booths. The Boy Scouts manned the Monkey Bridge next to the Farmers Market in the parking lot next to Main Street Music. At right: Happy riders dismount the back of the Live Oak Belgians wagon, owned by Susan and Kenn McCarty.

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Above: Attendees at the 2017 Sweetheart dinner, held on Friday, July 1. The dinner is not only for announcing the winner of the Sweetheart contest, but also to thank the Willits Frontier Days corporate sponsors and to introduce the Heritage and Top Hand winners and the Grand Marshal: Bev Henderson, June Sizemore and the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Below, from left: 2017 Willits Frontier Days President Fred Barry tips his hat to 2017 Top Hand award-winner June Sizemore. Barry stands with Mendocino County Third District supervisor – and past Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart – Georgeanne Croskey, who presented and read a proclamation of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors recognizing the 91st anniversary of Willits Frontier Days. Event announcer, Kathy Goss, speaks from behind the podium, adorned with flowers by the Flower Lady of Willits. Barry poses with past Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Ashton Bloomquist and her daughter Aybrie Whitehurst of J.D. Redhouse with their sponsor plaque. Not only does J.D. Redhouse sponsor the dinner event, but Bloomquist and many other members of the Redhouse crew help serve the dinner each year as well. At bottom: The 2017 Sweetheart winner, Hailey Riley, stands with her family, including, from left, mother Bonnie, sister Morgan, and father Paul. She also holds her winnings, including: a custom saddle and silver engraved spurs both sponsored by J.D. Redhouse; a silver engraved belt buckle and silver engraved tiara sponsored by Willits Frontier Days; and a bouquet of roses and flowers by the Flower Lady of Willits. Riley also received a check for 15 percent of her overall ticket sales. Paul Riley holds the perpetual American flag chaps Riley will wear for the year of her reign.



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At right: Willits Frontier Days runner-up Keely Ahders and 2017 Sweetheart winner Hailey Riley before the crowning. Riley and Ahders also gave their speeches to the gathered crowd; Willits Weekly is pleased to reprint those speeches, at right, for the rest of the community to enjoy.

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Sweethearts sold a total of \$47,632 worth of tickets this year

Sweetheart Dinner

Sponsors recognized and Hailey Riley named Sweetheart at Friday, July 1 awards dinner at rodeo grounds

Keely Ahders - Sweetheart Speech

Hailey Riley - Sweetheart Speech

‘Willits Western Small Town America’

Hi everyone, my name is Keely Ahders, I am 17 years old, and I have been born and raised here in Willits. The theme for the 2017 Willits Frontier Days is “Willits Western Small Town America.” I was trying to figure out what makes a “western Small Town America,” so first let’s take a moment and think about what it means to live in a small town.

Living in a small town, I think of traditions, friends, family and a close-knit community. It also means everyone knows you and you know everyone. This can be good or bad depending on how you look at it. Because, not only do they know you, they know your family and friends too, which often ends up turning your quick run to the store into a town meeting.

What comes to mind when you think of small town western America? We live in a perfect example of this. Settled in 1857 and originally known as Little Lake Valley and then Willitsville, it was not until 1874 that we gained the name Willits. In holding with the true western spirit, Willits even had its own true legendary western family feud that culminated in a deadly gun fight between the Frost and Coates families. But for the most part, Willits was western in the concept of people coming west to build their future in the booming logging industry.

For me, I think of family and friends. I think of a close-knit community like Willits, especially during all of the Fourth of July festivities. Which makes me think of Willits Frontier Days.

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‘Willits Western Small Town America’

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Riley
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In 1926, the Willits Development Association came up with the idea of sponsoring a community activity to raise funds for the construction of a much-needed hospital. The fundraising plan developed was the first Willits Frontier Days Rodeo, which occurred in July of 1927. Though it was a success, in 1932 the true promise of the association was realized and improved on. Then in 1950, the true birth of Willits Frontier Days Rodeo came to its potential when it was incorporated and refined into its current status by many local ranchers and businessmen.

There are so many great families that have helped build our little town such as the Persicos, Shusters, Fords, Shorts, Randrups, Burtons, Cooleys, and many other amazing people, but we’d be here all night if I named them all. I mean just look at all the time, energy and hard work that went into getting our rodeo grounds back into working order after this last year’s hard winter took its toll. A special thank you to all the amazing volunteers that worked the countless hours to make it happen.

Our town is filled with knowledgeable and very helpful folks that love a chance to share their passion and expertise to lend a helping hand. When I decided to run for Sweetheart and word was finally out, I was greeted with an abundance of encouragement and words of advice. I felt so loved. Having so much support from so many amazing people is such a wonderful feeling. I love my small town.

When I was a kid, I remember seeing the Sweethearts and wanted one day to be like them. Getting to watch their run in the rodeos always caught my attention and made me dream of someday doing the same.

As I have been attending events in the process of running for Sweetheart, I realized how fortunate I was to consider so many people in our community my friends. There’s something about going places and more often than not, seeing people you know. It’s comforting knowing that in our small town there are such wonderful hearts and kind souls. I am sure that if I ever needed anything, I would have all the help and support I could ask for. The amount of love our small town has is beautiful. You don’t get what we have in big cities; we’re lucky to have each other in our little community.

The rest of
Ahders
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Growing up in Willits has been a great experience. I have been fortunate enough to be part of Willits 4-H and this has helped me get to know the community through community service activities, such as Wreaths Across America, and going around with buyer’s letters for the Redwood Empire Fair. This year I had the great honor of being president of my club; it has been a great experience being able to work with the other officers in the leadership development project and the members of the club.

This year I graduated from the New Horizons independent study program. Through helping with Sober Grad, I was able to see firsthand just how generous this community really is. When seniors went around to the service clubs to sell tickets for our fundraisers, the clubs practically jumped at the chance to support us.

In the old west, people of a small western town would work together. For instance, if someone needed a barn built, did they have to build it by themselves? Probably not. The whole town would come together in a “barn raising.” And as we know, “many hands make light work.” This idea of a town working together to make something happen was true back then and is true today. It may not be a barn we are building, although we did come together to build temporary walls and a front door for Les Schwab, the community is more than willing to band together to help each of us accomplish our goals.

Many of you may have seen my horse, Spirit, modeling with me on my poster. She is a Peruvian Paso, which is a gaited breed, and the reason why I chose not to use her for the horsemanship portion.

This sent me on a quest through the community for a horse I could use. As I was going around selling tickets, people would ask me if I had found a horse yet. And in the beginning, they would actually suggest different people to contact. They would say, “do you know so and so,” or, “call this person.” Because of this, I met a lot of nice people and finally found Violet, who is owned by Ruth Weston. If it wasn’t for living in a small town, finding a horse would have been very difficult if not impossible.

Every small town and country has its traditions. For our country, celebrating Independence Day is one of those. To coincide with our nation’s independence, we have Willits Frontier Days, which to me is our largest local tradition. It was started 91 years ago when Willits was even smaller and more western than it is today. This long-lasting tradition would not be possible without the pride in our community and all the wonderful volunteers who spend countless hours preparing for the all the local events we call Frontier Days.



Above, left: 2017 Sweetheart winner, Hailey Riley, left, stands with runner-up Keely Ahders, right.

Above, right: Willits Frontier Days President Fred Barry hugs Kathy Graves, past Sweetheart and office representative from event sponsor, Dr. Alfred Kerr.



At left: Todd Hollifield, left, poses with Fred Barry at the Sweetheart dinner. Hollifield Construction was a huge force in overseeing, working and completing the bleacher rebuild at the rodeo grounds in time for the 2017 events.

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young for the bulls. Steers are a little wiser and more experienced than calves and get the riders a little more prepared for the mean and motivated bulls, if they choose to go that path.

Of the seven riders, two placed with qualifying times, which resulted in scores out of a possible 100 points. Half of the points are given for the efforts of the rider, and the other half to the bucking of the steer. First place went to D.J. Albee of Mad River with a score of 69, second place went to Lake Bishop of Windsor with a score of 60 points.

Ten riders competed in the girls goat tying event, and two earned times. Riders run their horses to the other end of the arena, dismount – usually from a quick pace! – and run on foot to a goat tethered to a stake and rope. The contestant must flip the goat and tie three legs together with a rope. The goat must remain tied for several seconds in order to give the contestant a time. First place went to Hailey Finnegan with a time of 12.47 seconds; second went to Danielle Barry with a time of 16.62 seconds; and third went to Bella Colombini with a time of 20.74 seconds.

Steer daubing asks riders to carry a paint-soaked rag at the end of a long pole. Riders chase a steer and try to make contact with the paint and any part of the steer. Of the nine competitors, three placed with a qualifying time. First place went to Trysten Wheeler with a time of 9.39 seconds, second to Danielle Barry with a time of 9.48 seconds, and third to Claire Case Brackett with a time of 12.54 seconds.

Girls barrel racing has riders complete a cloverleaf pattern around three 55-gallon barrels set up across the arena. Riders have a choice of making two left turns and one right, or two right turns and one left. Electronic timer eyes are set up at the start/finish line, since times can be as

close as a 100th of a second in difference.

Four riders competed in the 12 and under age group, and the two fastest times came in from Hazel Cooke of Willits with a time of 23.30 seconds, for first place; second place went to Rylee De Marta of Redwood Valley with a time of 40.59 seconds.

Nine riders competed in the 13 to 18 age group, and the three fastest times went to Hailey Finnegan with a time of 18.13 seconds, for first place; second place went to Bella Colombini with a time of 19.60 seconds; and third place went to Alexis Gonzales with a time of 20.72 seconds.

Breakaway roping asks riders to simply rope a running calf with a rope that features a Velcro end. As soon as the calf pulls the slack in the rope tight, the rope breaks free from the saddle and time is stopped. There were no qualifying times for this event.

Bull riding finished out the day with three riders trying to stay atop a bucking bull for the full eight seconds. Kyle McCarty of Covelo was the only competitor to make a qualified ride and earned a score of 67 points.

There was another fun event for kids in the stands interjected between the official contestant events: the mystery scramble. Kids up to the age of 9 were welcomed from the stands into the arena. They were lined up at one side, and a few crates of chickens were set at the other. At the “go” mark, chickens were released from the crates, and the eager maybe-soon-to-be chicken owners were allowed to keep anything they could catch. A flurry of feathers, dirt and giggling kids followed, and many went home with the ultimate small-town-rodeo prize: pullets who were – hopefully!! – hens.

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At right: Scoops owners Lisa Davis, center, and Jon Kvasnicka, in rear, with Lisa's mother, Esther Cabrera, and sister Angie Blasi, at left, and Lisa's father, Victor Cabrera, and mother-in-law Nellie Larsen, at right. Below: Emily Davis, daughter of Scoops owner Lisa Davis, dishes up free ice cream to Hometown celebrants.



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Across top: Amy Anastasiou's reactions on first hearing of her good fortune from Mike Smith of Willits Furniture. At left: Mike Smith and Jeff Yokum present winner Amy Anastasiou with the keys to her new car, a shiny black 2007 Scion xB.

Hometown Stories

Business, community and families working together to make it work

Last Friday's Hometown Celebration street fair brought out masses of people and offered up far more than anyone could possibly take in over the course of a few short hours. It was a feast for the senses for sure.

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There were as many stories to tell as there were businesses and people.

Here are two of them – one about the community supporting business and the other about businesses supporting the community.

Scoops, purveyor of fine frozen yogurt, ice cream, coffee and deli items, was celebrating five successful years of business on Hometown night, serving free hot dogs, ice cream, fruit and drinks to multitudes of visitors and well-wishers. Asked whether the bypass had affected business, Emily Davis, daughter of Scoops' owner Lisa Davis, said there had been "no change at all. People have their traditions," she said. And Scoops has their "regulars" – the after-church and after-swim folks, the lunchtime crowd from the high school, and the Brooktrails bunch.

Lisa Davis agreed. Their success, she said, was due to "God's grace and gratitude. And the community."

And probably their friendly atmosphere, good food and ice cream as well. They serve Double Rainbow. It's "denser than most ice cream, more of a gelato," according to Emily. Try their best seller – sea salt caramel chocolate truffle. It's milk chocolate ice cream with caramel swirls and chocolate truffles filled with sea salt and caramel. Emily says, "It's really good."

The community has done a great job supporting businesses like Scoops. There are also instances where businesses are supporting the community.

Yokums Body Shop partnered with Willits Furniture Center to give away a car to a deserving person in need. The giveaway was the first in what will be an annual event; the winner was announced at the Hometown Celebration.

An anonymous group of Rotarians were charged with the difficult decision of choosing the winner from a group of about two dozen nominees, many of whom, the committee reported, were "in great need." The winner, revealed by Jeff Yokum, owner of Yokums Body Shop and Mike Smith, owner of Willits Furniture Center, was Amy Anastasiou. Smith told the assembled crowd that Amy had "faced huge challenges as she has struggled to improve not only her life, but also the lives of her children."

Anastasiou clearly was not expecting to win a car. "Oh my god. I don't even know what to say," was her first response. She was nominated for the giveaway by her friend, April Ford.

Later, she said that having a car would "alleviate a lot of struggles," not the least of which was to allow her to drive to Fremont where her 14-year-old son, Kevin Duncan, is in school. When he was in first grade, Anastasiou said, she had done what she knew was the right thing but also "the hardest thing I ever did in my life." She enrolled him in the California School for the Deaf in Fremont. Having a car will strengthen her family.

Strong families make strong communities, which make strong businesses. Scoops' success rests in part on the participation of the owners' children, siblings and parents. Yokums Body Shop has been a family-run business since 1982. And Willits Furniture Center has been family-owned since 1968.

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