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Board of Trustees, the Laytonville Unified School District Board of Trustees and the Round Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees.

Two seats are up for election on the Willits City Council, the seats currently held by Councilmember Ron Orenstein and by Councilmember Larry Stranske. The Willits City Council meets on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings, most months, with an occasional special meeting and with councilmembers also serving on various ad hoc committees.

Four seats will be up for election on the Willits school board, the seats currently held by trustees Cynthia Cami, Robert Chavez, Robert Colvig, and Chris Neary. The Willits school board meets on the first Wednesday of most months, with an occasional special meeting.

In Round Valley, seats currently held by Peter Bauer, Amanda Britton, and Cynthia O'Farrell will be up for election, and two seats on the Laytonville school board will be up for election.

Candidates interested in serving on a local board can find more information about running for office and requirements to run in the "Candidate Information Packet" posted online at the Mendocino County Elections Office website at <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=21382>.

Candidates must be registered to vote inside the district in which they wish to run. Candidates who plan to raise or spend less than \$2,000 in contributions can file a Form 470 when they file candidacy papers. Candidates who think they will spend more than \$2,000 are requested to file a Form 410 – Statement of Organization and familiarize themselves with a campaign finance disclosure manual.

The Mendocino Women's Political Caucus is holding low-budget campaign training workshops for potential candidates around the county, including one at the Redwood Coast Senior Center in Fort Bragg on July 21 starting at 9:30 am. Those interested in finding out about future workshops can contact Val Muchowski at 895-3543 or vjmuchowski@gmail.com.

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Committee have been cancelled, because the committee had nothing on its agenda. Croskey chairs that standing committee; McCowen is the other member.

Contacted by Willits Weekly, Croskey detailed why she voted against forming the ad hoc. "I think our standing committees are under-utilized," she said. "I believe the working groups would compliment the structure of the standing committee quite well, and I worry that the ad hoc will duplicate the work of the working groups."

Asked why the standing committees would especially work well with the working groups, Croskey said: "They offer a good ability to have a set time and place to meet. That could be good for members of the public, who might like knowing when and where a meeting is going to take place. Also, these committee meetings are less formal than a regular meeting of the board of supervisors. Board meetings can be intimidating for some people."

In making the motion to establish the ad hoc, Supervisor Dan Gjerde added several provisos. First, before coming to the board of supervisors with a recommendation, the ad hoc committee will hold at least one publicly noticed meeting. Secondly, the ad hoc will not duplicate the work of the county's cannabis working groups, which are due to complete the first phase of their work over the next few months.

In discussing the advisability of establishing a cannabis ad hoc, discussion veered once again to the future of the working groups.

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fleeing the scene of the shooting on north Highway 101 south of Willits.

Sheriff's investigators have yet to reveal a motive for the shootings.

A forensic autopsy to determine the cause of death of Miguel Ramirez was scheduled Tuesday.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

Tip-Line by calling 707-234-2100.

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

County CEO Carmel Angelo told supervisors she intends to convene working group meetings on Thursday, July 12. Angelo added she intends to pick up the work of the working groups where they left off – after a hiatus due to the October 2017 fires – and to have the groups present reports to the supervisors "by August."

Angelo excepted the work of the State Requirements Working Group, which has morphed into the Local Ordinance Working Group, also known as the Transferability Working Group.

This is the group that met with former Cannabis Unit Manager Kelly Overton in late April or early May and presented him with a draft of an amendment to the cultivation ordinance that would have broadened transferability of title deed, beyond the narrow allowances of the ordinance as currently written.

A report by Overton on the progress of the State Requirements/Local Ordinance Working Group was scheduled for June 19 but did not occur. Overton "retired" on June 20.

Angelo told supervisors the report from the "transferability" working group would not occur. "Transferability will not occur. Everything else should come forward to this board, unless there is other direction," Angelo said.

McCowen has in the past said he is willing for the board to discuss transferability, but wants to discuss the issue in a broader context with input from the ag and environmental communities.

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Call to artists

To the Editor:

Starting the weekend of July 21, Art in the Plaza will have gone from concept to reality. Every weekend throughout the summer artists will be able to feature their handcrafted art. The venue is located in the courtyard at Cafe 77. There are spaces for up to 10 artists. Umbrellas are permanent on site to provide shade and backdrop. Contact Morgan Rex at 707-841-0913 or email info@artintheplaza.com to find out more.

Pete Swanton, Willits

FOWL seeks board members

To the Editor:

The Friends of the Willits Library – FOWL – is seeking new board members. Experience exciting, fun volunteer work making our library an even more effective center for research, entertainment, passing on of knowledge and skills, and information exchange among members of our diverse community.

Must be able to attend meetings at 10 am, the third Saturday of each month. If you love books, believe in community, and are looking for a way to contribute, attend a few meetings to see if this opportunity is for you.

To inquire, call Beth at 459-6453 or e-mail Janey at djmit@hughes.net.

Friends of the Willits Library

Support KLLG

To the Editor:

Our community has expressed appreciation for the long hours KLLG 97.9 FM was on-air during the fires.

Our staff will continue to serve the public in conjunction with CalFire, the Sheriff's Office, Office of Emergency Services, and other public help facilities.

We are a non-profit organization and are a project of the Little Lake Grange, located at 291 School Street in Willits, California. Reach us at 459-5554 (459- KLLG).

Thank you for your support.

Elaine Sanders, for KLLG Hometown Radio

Free school meals for all

To the Editor:

The Willits Charter and Willits Elementary Charter Schools last week announced an amendment to its policy for serving meals to students under the National School Lunch/School Breakfast Programs for the 2018-2019 school year.

All students will be served lunch and breakfast at no charge at their sites. This means that all students going to the charter schools will be eligible for free school breakfast and lunch under the "community eligibility provision." The CEP is a universal free meal service plan for all students.

Both school directors (Jennifer Lockwood at WCS and Kara McClellan at WECS), the business manager (Jason Erick), and the food services director (Charlie Widner) all felt that this was a necessary program to help feed as many students as they can, every school day.

Food for both schools is prepared onsite at Willits Charter School by Charlie Widner and the Culinary Arts students, and is delivered to the Willits Elementary Charter School students. Both schools are well-known for providing delicious and healthy food to all students.

Although families will have to state their income, this change will significantly reduce the amount of paperwork for both programs.

In addition, by going with universal meals, both schools are expecting a higher participation in the program. With all students at the charter schools getting free lunch, this reduces the stigma of obtaining a free lunch at the school. To increase the amount of high school students that eat lunch, they can get their meals packaged "to go" for students that want to go off-campus. If you have any questions about the food program, please email Jennifer Lockwood at jlockwood@willitscharter.net.

Jennifer Lockwood, director, Willits Charter School

At right, from left: Brian Olson, a Johnston employee for 10 years, operates the "Gravitron." Johnston Amusements is participating in "Willits Rocks" this year. Patrick Robinson runs the goldfish attraction.

A thrilling time

Johnston Amusements – bringing fun to Willits for almost 40 years

"I like to go to the different communities and meet different people and watch kids have fun," explained Denise Johnston, one of the owners of Johnston Amusements, who have been bringing their carnival to Willits for Frontier Days for almost 40 years.

Johnston Amusements are an Americana institution and have been in the business of making kids and families smile for over 60 years. Ken Johnston inherited the business from his father who started the carnival in the 1940s. Currently, Johnston's son and grandkids are being prepared to take over and continue the tradition.

"The business can be kinda rough sometimes," Johnston said. "There are a lot of regulations, a lot of expenses, running all of the equipment over the road, maintaining it, getting help to put it up and tear it down and operate. It's always a challenge. We've been doing this for a very long time, so we've gotten pretty good at it.

"The business is pretty recession-proof," Johnston continued. "When times are bad, people want to forget their problems and go out and have some family fun. It relieves tensions in tough times. In WWII, the government used to give double rations and gas stamps to circuses and carnivals to make sure they could get around and give people a good time."

New to the cadre of amusements this year is the "Mardi Gras," a house of obstacle courses, crazy mirror mazes, slides and other fun things to encounter. After a hiatus of a couple years, the "Gravitron" is back to press the riders against the wall with centrifugal force, to the delight of the young.

New this year, as well, is participation in "Willits Rocks," with several painted rocks strategically placed around the grounds for the kids to find. Finders can then keep the rocks, photograph them, place them elsewhere and register their find on the "Willits Rocks!" Facebook page.

No carnival would function without the colorful carneys that travel with the group or are found at each stop. Patrick Robinson, who runs the goldfish attraction and has been with Johnstons for several years, says he travels approximately 10,000 miles every year, setting up and tearing down and meeting kids at every stop.

Young Andrew Johnston says this is his first job, and he loves it. Andrew works the balloon pop attraction where one can win movie posters. He has to blow up all the balloons without machinery. Dominic Yanez is a Willits resident who is working with the carnival for the summer. He works the "Shoot the Star" booth, where participants try to shoot the star out of a paper target.

Brian Olson runs the "Gravitron" and at times rides inside to watch for riders who might be getting overly dizzy. He's been with the carnival for 10 years and is engaged to the Johnstons' granddaughter.

The one thing all the carneys have in common is that they love their work and they love meeting people from all the towns the carnival visits.

If you can't wait until next July, don't worry, the Johnston Amusements carnival will be setting up at the Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show in Boonville in September.

At top: No carnival would be complete without a Ferris wheel.

Above: The Ferris wheel offers a bird's-eye view of the carnival.

At left: The Smith Family enjoys their corn dogs: Chad, Marek, Bridgette, Charlotte, Shaun and Payton, in front.

Below, left: The goldfish arcade game, winner of "Best Appearing Attraction," is popular with the kids.

Below, right: Ember and K'Alana are thrilled to ride.

Photos by Mathew Caine

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CLUES ACROSS

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9. Lacking the power to hear
13. Epic
14. Aboriginal Japanese
15. Jar used for cooking
16. British nobleman
17. Smart
18. Israeli stateswoman
19. Outer space matter that reaches the ground
21. Instrument
22. Infections
23. Holiday (informal)
24. Spanish be
25. Not even
28. Chewie's friend Solo
29. Garments
31. Geological times
33. Music City
36. Cubes
38. Important Chinese principle
39. Closes tightly
41. Forms a boundary
44. Knife
45. Plants of the lily family
46. A turn around the track
48. Midway between northeast and east

CLUES DOWN

1. Carpe ____
2. Wings
3. Loose soil
4. Earnhardt and Jarrett are two
5. 3 feet
6. Fasts
7. Erstwhile
8. Diving seabird
9. Housye
10. Ancient Greek City
11. Type of skirt
12. Greek village
14. Estranges

BACKYARD WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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BIRD FEEDER	GATE	PLAYING	SHED
CHILDREN	HAMMOCK	POND	SHRUBBERY
CONCRETE	INSECTS	POOL	SPA
DECK	LANAI	PORCH	STAYCATION
DOG RUN	NEIGHBOR	PRIVACY	SWINGSET
ENJOYMENT	PARTIES	PROPERTY	TRAMPOLINE
ENTERTAIN	PATIO	RELAXATION	TREEHOUSE

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

July 2 to July 8

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 201 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

July 2

4:42 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Monroe Street.

9:17 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1500 block of Baechtel Road.

1:26 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

4:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

7:32 pm: POLLACK, Alexander Lynn (25) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Barbara Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 594 (B)(2) PC (Vandalism) and 148 (A) PC (Resisting Arrest).

9:43 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of South Main Street.

10:45 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

July 3

12:25 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

2:21 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

7:20 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road.

10:34 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Madrone Street and issued a warning.

10:52 pm: OUTLAW, Jason Marcus (38) of Rohnert Park was contacted in the 100 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 415 PC (Disturbing the Peace) and on felony charges of carrying a concealed dirk/dagger.

11:54 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 200 block of School Street.

July 4

12:21 am: DAVIS, KEANE ALAN (27) of Willits was contacted in the 600 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 148 PC (Resisting Arrest), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

1:32 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of Coast Street.

5:07 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:59 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Oak Street.

1:08 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

3:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

7:17 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Locust Street and Holly Street.

7:29 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main Street.

8:35 pm: SPERLING, Charles Max (43) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Creekside Court. He was arrested pursuant to 273.5 PC (felony Corporal Injury to Spouse/Cohabitant), 591 PC (Damaging Phone, Electrical, or Utility Lines), 415 PC (Domestic Disturbance), and misdemeanor charges of violation of probation.

9:14 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

9:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal fireworks near the intersection of Bonnie Lane and Sandy Lane.

9:47 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal fireworks near the intersection of Creekside Drive and Creekside Court.

10:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of Mill Street and Pine Street.

July 5

2:15 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of South Main Street.

12:32 pm: RINGLER, Cody Allen (26) of Laytonville was contacted in the 1300 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disobeying a court order and violation of probation.

1:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

8:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 24000 bock of North Highway 101.

10:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious persons in the 100 block of South Main Street.

10:07 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.

11:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

July 6

7:29 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of North Lenore Avenue.

10:02 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

1:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

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

10:28 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 200 block of North Lenore Avenue.

July 7

5:50 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Della Avenue.

9:42 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Central Avenue.

1:03 pm: JACKSON, William (69) of Potter Valley was contacted near mile marker 32 on Highway 20. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 (A) VC (Driving Under the Influence) and 23152 (B) VC (Driving with a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.08 Percent or Higher).

8:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Margie Drive.

8:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal fireworks in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

10:07 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.

10:11 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:33 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

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

July 8

2:49 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

10:59 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of South Main Street.

1:20 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

3:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Hazel Street.

4:24 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 27000 block of Poppy Drive.

5:34 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of East Barbara Lane.

10:54 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.



Enhancing the Valley

Tour of the Willits bypass mitigation lands provides a public view of wetlands restoration efforts

By Marisela de Santa Anna, MCRCD project interpreter

On June 9, Willits Economic Localization, in collaboration with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District and Caltrans, conducted a tour of the Willits bypass mitigation lands, led by MCRCD project interpreter Marisela de Santa Anna.

The tour was an opportunity for the public to see some of the work that is being done to mitigate for the construction of the Highway 101 bypass around the town of Willits. This work includes restoration and enhancing of wetlands, riparian corridors, and grasslands by planting native plants and removing invasive non-native species.

The tour participants also could see how livestock grazing, which is one of the management tools being used on mitigation lands, is helping to maintain and improve certain habitats. The tour group was limited to 25 people to protect sensitive areas.

The roster was easily filled beforehand with a waiting list created for future tours. It was a lively and positive group, with a few MCRCD staff members present, including Tom Schott, a consulting forester, and Megan McClure, the new executive director of the MCRCD.

The tour was followed by a delicious potluck lunch at The Hub, followed by a panel discussion with guest speakers Javier Silva, a member of the Sherwood Band of Pomo, Victoria Patterson, an ethnohistorian, and Kate Marianchild, the author of "Secrets of the Oak Woodlands," as well as a naturalist and advocate for oak woodlands.

Silva spoke on his experience with the mitigation process and expressed disappointment about the way local tribes were treated throughout the bypass project. Silva talked about plans for an interpretive sign that will be installed at the project to inform and educate visitors about local native people and their cultures and traditions. The hope is for the tribes to play a greater role on mitigation lands moving forward.

Patterson spoke about the history of the Indians in the Little Lake Valley, or "Mithom Kai," the Pomo name for the valley. "Thom" means splashing, and "mi" means with the toes. She told the group about the thousands of years of habitation in the Mithom

Kai before much history was even recorded, and how it is hard to piece together the life of the Mithom Poma.

Next, Marianchild spoke on the value of oak woodlands and how important it is to preserve, protect and restore these valuable resources. David Drell then spoke on the process of securing mitigation for the bypass, his and Ellen Drell's hard-won place at the table with the agencies, and the shaping of the mitigation and monitoring proposal.

Their involvement was important: the Drells were the only residents of Willits allowed to participate and be a voice for the environmental community, though they were supported and helped by many others.

The event was informative and well-attended, with a positive result. Willits residents can feel good at this point that a difficult and divisive situation has been turned into a positive collaboration of agencies trying to restore, create and enhance a significant portion of the Willits valley.

There are botanists, water resource biologists, wildlife biologists, agriculture experts, water quality experts, and more out in the valley each day paying attention to and working with the systems that are out there.

To keep up to date on the bypass project and future tours, visit www.mcrd.org to read the MCRCD's weekly blog (scroll down) and see photos of wildlife and habitats on the mitigation lands. The next tours are planned for July 20, August 25 and September 29.

The July 20 tour will be held from 10 am to 12 pm. Participants will meet in the Safeway parking lot. A discussion and picnic lunch will be held after the tour at the Rec Grove on Commercial Street at 12:30 pm. Guest speaker Maureen Doyle, an associate mitigation specialist / botanist for Caltrans, will present an overview of the mitigation process for the creation of wetlands for the Willits bypass project, and the long-term goals for creation areas.

Space is limited. RSVP required to Marisela de Santa Anna at mdsa1955@gmail.com, or text your email address to 707-841-7172.



Clockwise from top left: The June 9 tour group walks the lands of the Willits bypass mitigation project. The group attending the first mitigation lands tour poses for a photo. A view of one of the valley creeks. Valley grasslands, part green, part dry. Oak leaves look lovely in a grasslands vase. Tour leader Marisela de Santa Anna compares leaves of the local flora.

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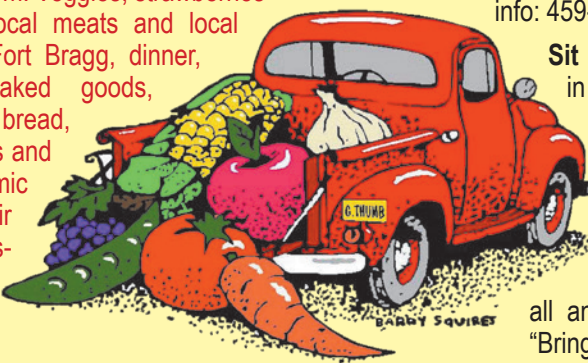
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Thursday, July 12

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

Willits Farmers Market: At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music and Video, Thursday, July 12, 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, strawberries from Redwood Valley, local meats and local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread, gift items, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted iced coffee, crafts, knitted goods, and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.



Friday, July 13

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

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



The Self Fulfilling Prophecies

Saturday, July 14

Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians: The 25th Annual Big Time Celebration, Saturday, July 14, 10:30 am to dusk, at the Sherwood Valley Casino, 100 Kawi Place. Commod Cook Off, 10:30 am to 12 pm. Salmon BBQ at 1:30 pm. Native dancers at 12 pm. Crafts and food vendors all day. Alcohol-free and drug-free event. Vendors contact Melody Williams 707-601-6604. Other info: 459-9690.

Sit n Sew: Monthly drop-in sewing group meets at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, on second Saturdays. This month: Saturday, July 14, 1 to 5 pm. Free to all and open to the public. "Bringing a project to work on, sewing machine, and tools." Questions? Call Rachel at 354-0605.

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

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



Pick & Pull

Sunday, July 15

20th Annual Hospice Benefit Golf Tournament: Willits Rotary is hosting the 20th Annual Hospice Benefit Golf Tournament on Sunday, July 15 at the Brooktrails Golf Course. Check in is at 8 am; shotgun start at 9 am. Everyone is

What's Happening Around Town

Thursday, July 19

Willits Farmers Market: At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music and Video, Thursday, July 19, 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, strawberries from Redwood Valley, local meats and local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread, gift items, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted iced coffee, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

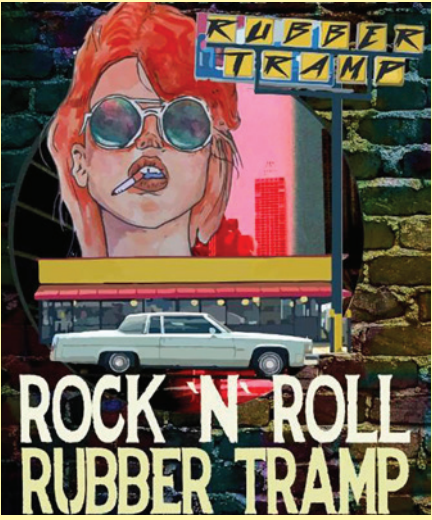
A Classical Afternoon at the WCA: Willits Center for the Arts will present "A Classical Afternoon" on Sunday, July 15 at 2 pm. This will be a fundraiser for WCA and features Wei Liu singing selections from her favorite operas, and Scott Pratt playing pieces from composers as diverse as Gershwin and Poulenc.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

"Reinventing Power": Now and Then Film Series presents this new documentary produced by Transit Pictures for the Sierra Club. "Its focus is not to preach about the morality of renewable energy, how it will save the Earth, polar bears, and piping plovers, but how renewables are helping people find new economic opportunities that benefit themselves and their communities. It is a film designed to extinguish the fears about renewables fostered by fossil fuel companies and replace it with an acceptance of the benefits that will flow from a transition to renewable energy." A discussion will follow the film. Suggested donation \$5 to \$20. Serving heirloom organic popcorn with real organic butter. Thursday, July 19, 7 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Wednesday, July 18

Intentional Community Meeting: The Willits Hub, 630 South Main Street, hosts a meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 7 pm to discuss the formation of a multigenerational, senior-friendly intentional community. "This is our third meeting, and we are requesting that folks read (or at least acquire and read the first 5 chapters of) the book 'Creating a Life Together: Practical Tools to Grow Ecovillages and Intentional Communities' by Diana Leafe Christian before the next meeting." Info: janae@hearful-living.net.

Shanachie Pub: The Giardinelli Hot Club, featuring Allen Giardinelli, influenced by Gypsy jazz and Mississippi Delta Blues, tinged with rock and Americana influences. Visit www.giardinellihotclub.com. Thursday, July 19, at 8 pm. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant.



Friday, July 20

Willits Bypass Mitigation Lands Tours: The second in a series of tours led by project interpreter Marisela de Santa Anna on July 20, 10 am to 12 pm. Meet at the Safeway parking lot. Discussion with guest speaker, Maureen Doyle, Caltrans associate mitigation specialist/botanist, on the mitigation process for the creation of wetlands for the Willits bypass project, and the long-term goals for creation areas. Picnic lunch will be held at the Rec Grove Park, Commercial and Lenore Streets, after the tour at 12:30 pm. Bring your own lunch. Group size will be limited to 25 persons. Sign up by email, mdsa1955@gmail.com or text to 707-841-7172.

Shanachie Pub: Rubber Tramp, upbeat garage rock gospel punk from the Bay Area: "Desperate nostalgia meets reckless abandon." Friday, July 20, at 9 pm. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant.

Saturday, July 21

"Art in the Plaza": Debuting July 21 and 22, 9 am to 4 pm, and continuing every weekend through September. Come see local artists and artisans – free – in the congenial plaza behind Café 77. Info: www.artintheplaza.com. Umbrellas are permanent on site to provide shade and backdrop. Spaces are available for artists to sell their handmade goods (up to 10 artists each weekend). The spaces will be 4 x 8 and 7 x 8. Info: contact Morgan Rex at 841-0913 or see the application online.

Free Sports Physicals: Sports physicals will be held Saturday, July 21 and again on Saturday, July 28, both from



8 am to noon, at Adventist Health Howard Memorial Medical Office (formerly Redwood Medical Clinic). Call 456-3185 to make an appointment. No charge. A health hazard.

"Back to School Fair" on July 21, with additional free vision screening, diabetes and BMI screening, dental education by Little Lake Health Center, free haircuts for all students by Judy and her team from Mirror Mirror on the Wall, and free backpacks for all. Please note, the Back to School Fair is only offered on July 21. Sports physicals are required for any student wanting to participate in sports and are aimed at detecting problems that might pose a health hazard.

Shanachie Pub: Wyatt Act, SlamRock from San Francisco: "Street-corner style poetry meets transgressive rock." Visit <http://thewyattact.com>. Saturday, July 21, at 9 pm. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant.

Sunday, July 22

"Art in the Plaza": 9 am to 4 pm, in the plaza behind Café 77. See Saturday, July 21 listing for details.

The Quitters: the Americana acoustic/electric guitar duo of Stevie Coyle and Glenn Houston performs at the Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, July 22 at 2 pm. "Now they have joined forces, to the delight of California audiences, to become a right-handed, right-side-up finger-picking and left-handed upside-down flat-picking twosome. Their guitar sound is mostly acoustic, with some electric and what they like to term, "Much serendipity." Advance tickets are \$20 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street.; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets also available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 W. Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).



20th Annual Willits Rotary Hospice Golf Tournament		
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AT THE MOVIES



'Ant-Man and The Wasp'

The Story: A Marvel Universe, rollicking, sci-fi, fantasy, action-comedy, thriller. Scott aka Ant-Man (Paul Rudd) is under house arrest. Hank Pym (Michael Douglas) and his daughter Hope aka The Wasp (Evangeline Lilly) are trying to rescue Hope's mother (Michele Pfeiffer), who is lost in the disorienting Quantum Realm. Time is running out for Janet; she could be lost forever. Meanwhile, numerous bad guys and good guys of various sorts and mysterious powers stand in their way. Big things happen, small things happen, hilarity ensues at breakneck speed. Whew...!

My Thoughts: The flick is funny. The flick is stupid, but not too stupid. The action is constant. The twists are unexpected. The effects are impeccable. The good guys win. Decency prevails. A giant ant plays a trap set. I laughed. I predict that the positive word of mouth appreciation for "Ant-Man and the Wasp" will lure Marvel Comics fandikans and maybe even members of the general movie-going public to come see this movie several times because it's a good time, and it's loaded. (See imaginary "clapping hands" emoticon.)

Parents: Not for infants or toddlers. Lotsa action, and most kids will lap it up like hungry kittens at a milk bowl. All's fine, but don't stay for the after-credits teasers. That will only confuse kids unnecessarily.

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



Ongoing Events

The Sound of Art: An exhibition of Mendocino County instrument makers and musical sculptures at the Willits Center for the Arts. "This uniquely Mendocino show features the fantastical musical sculptures of Spencer Brewer and highly skilled professional instrument makers from around Mendocino County." On exhibit through Sunday, July 29. 71 East Commercial Street. 459-1726.

"Destination Willits, CA": Art show at Brickhouse Coffee, featuring 11 local artists in an exhibition of painting and photography. Steve Eberhard, John Glyer, Zohar Zaid, Lindsay Peak Zaid, Margaret Pirouette, Marjo Wilson, Teresa Robertson, June Ruckman, Jerry Albright, Maria Alonso and Sandy Strong show their work through August 30. 3 South Main Street.

Willits Summer Meals: Healthy summer meals will be served to any child 18 and under. Blosser Lane Elementary School, 1275 Blosser Lane. Through August 10 (excluding July 4). Breakfast 8 to 9 am, Lunch 11 am to 12 pm.

Ridgewood Ranch Tours: The Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation Saturday tours include: vintage Seabiscuit film footage, stud barn, mare barn, carriage house and Howard House (built in 1905). Reservations suggested but not required; children under 11 free, \$20 for non-Mendocino residents, \$10 with proof of Mendocino County residency. Reservations or info: seabiscuit@instawave.net or 707-391-3872.

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

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

Kids On The Run: Every Wednesday at 3:30 pm. Experience life outdoors, stay in shape and prepare for several local races. Open to those from 3 years to Senior High Schoolers. A program of the Sheriff's Activity League. \$10 per year includes entrance fees to races.

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

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

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

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

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



At top, from left: Bush beans will yield only half as much if they are competing with weeds. Give them a chance by weeding and mulching to prevent weed regrowth. Straw between the rows keeps soil off the beans and prevents disease.

In Italy, zucchini are harvested very young, like this, and served with the blossom attached. Zucchini and summer squashes have the best texture and flavor when picked at 6 inches or under. The larger sizes are more economical commercially, but not as good eating.

Okra is a very fast and easy summer crop. There is still time to plant it now and have okra by the end of August. Related to hibiscus, it has beautiful flowers. Okra likes a light soil and grows well in containers.

At right, top: Some lettuces, like Cougar, Anueue, and this Grandpa Admire's, are adapted to sprout and grow in summer heat. For best germination, put the seed in the fridge (not the freezer) for a week before planting.

At right: Edible flowers are an easy summer luxury that can be planted now. Plant a few seeds of calendulas, bachelor's buttons, borage, runner beans, Johnny-jump-ups, or nasturtiums among other plants.

Far right, from left: Clovers and vetch make good understorey crops for corn, because they enrich the soil while crowding out weeds. This time of year, they appreciate the shade of tall crops.

Chard is a good summer green, still yielding juicy green leaves when spinach is long gone in the heat. Now is a great time to plant if you haven't already.

Photos by Jamie Chevalier



COLUMN | Garden Tip of the Month

July: Keeping the weeds down

Now that the weather has finally gotten hot, plants with access to water are making fast growth. That means that summer crops are taking off, cool-season crops are

setting seed, and the weeds are getting ahead of many of us.

Working in the garden during the heat can be brutal, so it is very easy to let things get out of hand. I have found that people get the most satisfaction from their gardens – and the most vegetables too – when they figure out how to make the garden work with their schedule, priorities and limitations. And this time of year, that means finding a weed-control system that works.

Most gardening systems are based around maximizing one or another element. For example, most intensive systems are based on the highest yield per square foot, and use labor and nutrients to achieve that. Dry-farm systems use very wide spacings, so plants get all the water from a large area.

No-till systems avoid turning the soil (which can upset the balance of soil organisms) by using layers of compost and mulch to kill weeds and improve texture. Each of them is successful at meeting their goal. And each has costs in time, exertion, space, water, material and money.

Your particular garden, on the other hand, may have different constraints. For many people today, the limiting factor is time, trying to fit gardening in among many other commitments. For an increasing number of gardeners, a limiting factor is physical strength and range of motion. The trick is to find a system, and a schedule, that uses what you do have and minimizes what you don't.

Case in point: Last year I converted from beds with staggered, space-saving planting patterns to regular rows for some crops, notably bush beans, which yield poorly if they aren't kept well-weeded. I found that the limiting factor for me was not space, but time and joint pain.

The result was that I got a better yield of bush beans from the rows: I was able to hoe standing up, and to lay down mulch easily between rows. The cost of straw for mulching, and the extra bit of space, were more affordable to me than the time and effort to hand-weed was.

Mulch is a lifesaver this time of year. It conserves moisture, prevents compaction from watering, kills weeds, and adds nutrients. How? Well, partly the increased moisture at the surface means more biological activity, which means more nitrogen. You also get both the nutrients contained in the mulch, and the earthworm castings from the worms that multiply wherever the soil is covered with organic material. You get more oxygen from worm tunnels, too.

Partly, though, soil scientists admit it's a mystery. But that doesn't stop us from using it and reaping the rewards! I mulch between plants and on paths with straw. (It's a great use for dead grasses you've cleared for fire safety.)

If something isn't producing or an area has gotten so weedy that it's hopeless – bring on the cardboard! Just water well, cover completely with cardboard, and weight it down. In a month, it will be composted, worm-tilled, and ready to plant with fall carrots and kale.

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



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the day to enjoy the Willits City Pool, located on the north end of the Willits High School campus.

"Laytonville Healthy Start is celebrating serving the community of Laytonville for 20 years, and one of the programs they run is the annual children's Summer Program for kids in Laytonville ages 4 to 11," said program coordinator, Jayma Shields Spence. "Healthy Start hired 16 teens from the high school as staff for the program. The program runs three days a week and gives Laytonville kids a fun, safe and healthy place to play during the start of the summer, and allows teens to build skills in working with kids in a variety of ways."

Along with open public swim, several other options are available to offer the Willits community a chance to splash and splash during the pool's 14-hour day:

Lap swim is available Monday through Friday from 6 to 8 am; swim lessons are held Monday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm; water aerobics are held Monday through Friday from noon to 1 pm; public swim is held Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 pm; a second session of swim lessons is held again from 4 to 6 pm Monday through Thursday; a second session of water aerobics is held again from 5 to 6 pm Monday through Thursday; and Willits Otters swim team practice is held from 6 to 8 pm.

On Saturdays, lap swim is available from 10 am to noon, and then public open swim happens from noon to 3 pm.

Admission to the pool is \$5 per person for public swim or lap swim, or \$80 for a 20-entry swim pass. Water aerobics is \$7 per class or \$6 with a senior discount, or \$125 for a 20-entry swim pass.

Swim lessons are \$50 with sibling discounts offered and run in two-week sessions. Session IV will run from July 23 through August 2, and the final round, Session V, will be from August 6 to August 16. Registration is required one week prior to the designated start date, and openings are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information about the pool, pricing and scheduling, contact 459-5778, and for more information about Healthy Start and its programs, contact Jayma Shields Spence, coordinator, at 707-984-8089 or jayma@laytonville.org or visit www.laytonville.org/healthystart.

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"If you don't spend the funds, you lose them," McGourty said.

"At the same time, there's no database for innovative plans that have been completed, so that we could assess and compare them, to see if our innovative proposals would be feasible."

McGourty criticized the state Oversight and Accountability Commission itself. "There's no oversight and accountability on them," she said. "They have no by-laws. They don't have term limits. They're heavily weighted on urban areas, so 75 percent of the commissioners come from large counties or Los Angeles. No commissioners come from small counties, like ours, so they don't have a clue about what we're up against."

Allman reports on Measure B committee

Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman reported to the board of supervisors about the recent proceedings of the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee, also known as the Measure B committee. Allman touched on the committee's consideration of a \$40,000 contract with the Kemper Consulting Group and the status of its work on a needs assessment of the county's mental health system.

He also spoke about the recently passed resolution of the Willits City Council, wherein the city asked for a "seat at the table."

He said Willits will send two councilmembers to the Measure B committee meetings and the Measure B committee will send copies of meeting agendas and minutes to every city councilperson in the county's four cities.

Jed Diamond, the Third District's representative to the committee, has been appointed to interact with Kemper on behalf of the committee and has volunteered to attend Willits City Council meetings to tell the council about recent actions and considerations of the committee.

At issue is the possibility the committee will at some point consider, and possibly approve, using the old Howard Hospital building on Main Street as the site for a locked psychiatric facility. The proposal has created a storm of controversy among some Willits residents.

Allman urged supervisors to do their homework in advance, and to be ready to make the decision on where to site the facility when, and if, it comes.

"I'm asking that when the commission comes to you with questions about where it's going to be, and what it's going to look like, and so forth, what we don't have is a continuous conversation to meet next month and next month and next month. Now is the time."

"You know, Measure B met four times before a single dollar was collected in this county," Allman continued. "I'm hoping we can come forward with recommendations, and by that time, each of the five of you have had a chance to talk to your constituents and others around the county who are involved in mental health and get their feelings about this."

"The last thing we want is to delay the process in which the facts should be known to all of us," Allman said.

McCowan said he felt the Measure B Committee should do the lion's share of the work. "What I would ask of you, and the members of the Measure B committee – and there are several members here – is to make our job easy," McCowan said.

"The closer the committee can come to unanimity in its recommendations, the easier our job is," McCowan said. "I certainly hope we don't see a 6-5 recommendation, or even a 7-4. Ideally, the committee will thoroughly discuss the issues, try to address the concerns associated with every issue associated with whatever recommendation a majority of committee members may be heading to, and hopefully gain the support of all, or nearly all, the committee members."

"I know you are a consensus-builder, and hopefully, when the issue comes to us, it's a very simple process, because all the issues will be thoroughly vetted," McCowan said.

"If I am known as a consensus-builder, I think my talent is going to be tested with this initiative," Allman quipped.

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jeopardizing the passage of Measure A in the future," Croskey said.

Supervisors unanimously voted to not accept Komer's statement, given under the agenda title of the annual report from the Library Advisory Board.

The root of the dissent is the Cultural Services Agency, the new county agency that would combine the administrative functions of the library, the county museum, and the county's seven parks.

Supervisors approved the CSA when it approved the budget on June 6, in spite of opposition to it from the LAB, from every representative from various local chapters of Friends of the Libraries who spoke to supervisors, and from at least two members of the Museum Advisory Board.

Under the CSA, Library Director Karen Horner will assume the position of Cultural Services Agency director. She will work 80 percent of her work time for the library, 10 percent for the museum, and 10 percent for the parks.

Horner will continue to administer and direct the library system and will also oversee the work of the museum's creative team (Museum Curator Karen Mattson and the museum's program administrator and archivist, two positions that Mattson requested be filled).

Human Resources Director Heidi Dunham confirmed on Wednesday that the recruitment process for the museum's program administrator is complete. Dunham did not mention any plans to hire a museum archivist in the near term.

A report from county administrative staff, presented to supervisors on June 5, states that creating a CSA will allow the county to save nearly \$250,000 annually, including \$189,110 from the county's general fund and \$58,280 from the library's budget.

Komer's blasted supervisors for their support for the CSA and for failing to listen to the advice of the LAB.

"We take our volunteer work seriously," Komer said. "But you don't.... With certainty I conclude you do not want, or need, a Library Advisory Board."

He accused supervisors of failing to hold a joint meeting with the library and museum advisory boards to discuss the proposal.

He also castigated the county for not undertaking an in-depth study of the proposal and reminded supervisors they had requested one.

County Deputy CEO Jenelle Rau and Librarian Karen Horner did report to the board regarding the CSA on June 5, during budget discussions. A PowerPoint presentation of the report included 15 easy-to-read pages and took 35 minutes to present.

Komer said of that report: "No serious report was presented."

Komer also accused supervisors of having had wavering support for the libraries in the past, and of wanting to close the Willits branch in 2009.

He repeated his argument that, in approving the CSA, the board had jeopardized passage of a ballot measure to re-authorize Measure A scheduled for 2028.

"A dozen people have asked me if I think that [using library money for non-library purposes] was your intention in creating the CSA," Komer said. "I have said no, that it is not likely. The money is dedicated to the library by law. But the firewall that separates general fund money from the library's money has been breached, and the public's widespread presumption is that you will find a way to co-mingle funds."

"I don't have to remind you how difficult it is to pass a tax measure," Komer continued. "It took three ballots to pass a dedicated tax for the library. Now you have created a very significant risk and the thriving library system we know and praise may revert to its degraded state in 10 years. That is tragic short-sighted planning."

"Your actions also call into question the purpose of the LAB. Knowing we are not taken seriously causes us to question our purpose," he said. "Why be part of a bogus advisory board whose advice is ignored?"

"Who then will organize a campaign for a permanent tax measure dedicated to support the library including a capital improvement fund as suggested in our strategic plan?" Komer asked.

McCowan rebutted several of Komer's points, including his claim supervisors considered closing the Willits branch library in 2009.

"You say the board considered closing the Willits library and the Bookmobile in 2009," McCowan said. "As a matter of fact, the library director at that time recommended closing the library and the Bookmobile. The board refused to close any of the branches, including the Bookmobile, and Supervisor Brown secured funding for a new Bookmobile."

"What you allege and what the facts support are quite divergent.... I believe the board had directed, prior to taking further action on the CSA, for the staff to go out to the stakeholder groups," McCowan said. "That would be the Friends [of the Libraries], the LAB [and others]. That didn't occur."

"I believe the reason that didn't occur is because of the poisonous atmosphere I believe you, Mr. Komer, are primarily responsible for – where there was no willingness whatsoever to consider whether and how a CSA might work."

"You all came out before the board even had the concept of a CSA in front of it," McCowan said. "You came out, condemned it, raised all these spurious objections. So, there was no atmosphere for a serious discussion of how a CSA could work."

"Hopefully, after today, we've all gotten something out of our system, and we can shift from the past and the fingerprinting, and we can focus on the question of how the CSA can be of benefit to the library," he said.

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At right: Willits' John Ford Ranch at right, Sue Clark (in white sweater), John Ford (in cowboy hat) and Charlene Ford (with black scarf) was paired with the chefs from Ukiah Brewing Company at the 2017 Midsummer Night's Feast.

Far right: Hunter Flynn and Isabel Quiroz of Tequila Community Farm south of Willits speak to the crowd.

At right, below: Chef Julia Conway of Assaggiare Mendocino was paired with farmers Melanie and Kyle Burns of Nye Ranch at the 2017 event.

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At bottom: Farmers and chefs at the 2017 Midsummer Night's Feast, from left: Daniel Spiro, School of Adaptive Agriculture; Caroline Rehberger, New Agrarian Collective; Jason Pluck, Black Dog Farm & Catering; Lyndsey Burns, Willits Center for the Arts; Ruthie King, School of Adaptive Agriculture and New Agrarian Collective; and Caroline Radice, Black Dog Farm & Catering and New Agrarian Collective.



Ukiah Farmers Market, Mendocino Book Company, Ukiah Natural Foods Co-op and Westside Renaissance Market.

About the Good Farm Fund

The Good Farm Fund is a community organization dedicated to providing direct support to small farmers in Mendocino and Lake Counties, as well as increasing local food security for all members of our community. The Good Farm Fund is a fiscally sponsored program of North Coast Opportunities, a Community Action Agency serving Lake and Mendocino Counties. To learn more about Good Farm Fund, visit www.goodfarmfund.org and follow us on social media @goodfarmfund.

About the MendoLake Food Hub

The Food Hub is a local produce

Midsummer Feast

4th annual farmer fundraising event offers premier Mendocino County food and wine

Submitted by the Good Farm Fund

The Good Farm Fund and the MendoLake Food Hub are proud to bring the 4th Annual Midsummer Night's Feast, one of Mendocino's premier local food and wine events, to Yokayo Ranch on Tuesday, July 24 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Guests will enjoy more than 20 of the area's local food-forward chefs, paired with Mendocino and Lake county farms and ranches to collaborate on pairings that deliver the best of what is in season.

Enjoy the amazing array of flavors of inspired dishes designed to excite the palate while showcasing exceptional, locally grown produce. Local beer, wine, and specialty farm-to-glass cocktails will add a special touch to the evening.

Yokayo Ranch is a 40-acre hillside ranch built in the 1920s, and guests will be delighted by the natural beauty of this spectacular country setting. The evening's program will include live music, a farm tour of Yokayo Roots Farm, farmer success stories, and a silent auction. An overnight room or onsite camping are also available.

Farmers, chefs and restaurant owners are already busy preparing menu combinations for this year's guests. Julia Kendrick Conway, chef and proprietor of Assaggiare Mendocino, adds: "Last year's event was delightful, truly one-of-a-kind. It's rewarding to be involved in an event that celebrates delicious, fresh, locally grown food. We're excited to team up with another farm this year to create a new, seasonally inspired dish."

This unparalleled event is designed to bring the entire local food experience together in one spot – from the field to fork.

The night's revelry benefits the hard work of the Good Farm Fund, which awards capacity-building infrastructure grants to small farms around Mendocino and Lake counties, and helps fund

food-stamp matching at local farmers markets.

Due to the enormous impact of the Northern California fires in 2017, the Good Farm Fund also established an emergency relief fund for farmers affected by disasters.

The Good Farm Fund was created in 2015 as a collective way to support local farmers. Caroline Radice, Good Farm Fund co-founder and steering committee member says: "We found that there was a need to connect our community and the broader farm-to-table movement to agricultural producers in an impactful way that goes above and beyond regular purchasing. Many farmers make an annual income that falls well below the poverty line, which leaves nothing left to invest in the growth and success of the business. The Good Farm Fund works to support viable, thriving farms and equitable food access for our all people in our community."

In its first year (2015), the Good Farm Fund awarded a total of \$7,000 to nine local farms in its first set of farm grants and raised more than \$11,000 in food-stamp matching funds for local farmers markets. By 2017, the Good Farm Fund awarded \$30,000 in economic development grants to 17 local farms.

The 2018 grants will go toward funding much-needed farming equipment and farm improvements such as tractors, cold storage, greenhouses and season extension infrastructure, a new livestock trailer, new irrigation systems, and more.

Tickets for the 4th Annual Summer Midsummer Night's Feast are on sale now online via www.goodfarmfund.org, or at the following Ukiah establishments:

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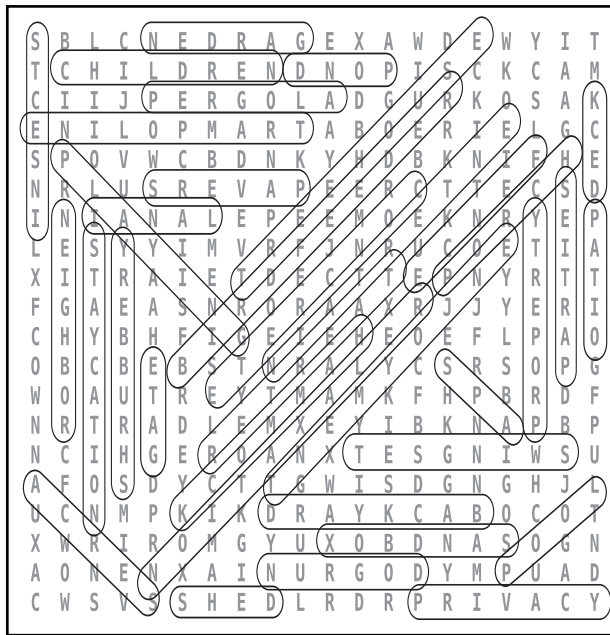
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The following persons are doing business as Luscious Beauty Boutique and Day Spa, 91 South Main Street, Willits CA 95490: Dawna Hetherington, 27981 Fox Road, Willits, CA 95490 and Laselle Spence, 1576 Padua Drive, Willits CA 95490.
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The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: June 29, 2018.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on June 29, 2018.
s/ Dawna Hetherington
Pub dates: 7/5, 7/12, 7/19 and 7/26/2018

WW166
CITY OF WILLITS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Willits Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on July 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., to be held in Council Chambers, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, will conduct a public hearing on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard:
CASE: Conditional Use Permit #U-18-04
APPLICANT: Nor Crawl - Chris Lamprich
PROPERTY OWNER: Ross Mayfield
REQUEST: Use Permit to allow for a "Major Auto Repair" mechanic shop, including general automotive maintenance and metal fabrication, within an existing 3,200 square foot building as well as potential future construction of a new 5,000 square potential building to support business expansion.
LOCATION: In the City of Willits, lying on the west side of U.S. Highway 101, also known as Main Street, located at 1550 South Main Street; APN 007-130-01 and 007-110-04.
ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities.
Your comments regarding the proposed project are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the Willits Community Development Department, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24, 2018.
Additional information regarding the above noted item may be obtained by calling Willits City Hall at (707) 459-4601, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Oral comments may be presented to the Willits Planning Commission during the public hearing. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Willits Community Development Department or the Willits Planning Commission, at or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.
s/ Michelle Johnson, Assistant City Planner for the City of Willits
Publication Date: July 12, 2018

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CASE: Conditional Use Permit #U-18-02
APPLICANT: All In One Auto Repair and Towing
PROPERTY OWNER: Rich Padua
REQUEST: Use Permit to allow for the use of 1.62 acre property to support a vehicle impound storage yard. An existing 4,000 square foot shop would be used for indoor vehicle storage and the 980 square foot building would be used as an office. A 8-foot tall chain link fence is proposed to be built around the property perimeter. Requested hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: In the City of Willits, lying on the east side of U.S. Highway 101, also known as Main Street, at its intersection with Casteel Lane, located at 345 North Main Street; APN 005-030-08.
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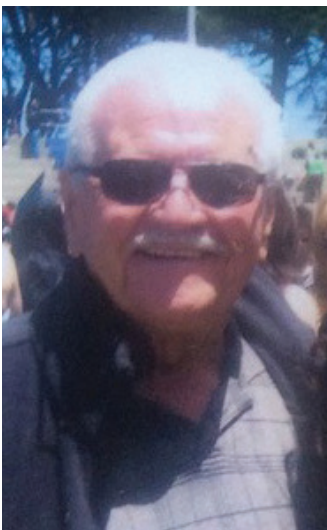
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OBITUARY |

Robert Lemos

Robert “Bob” Joseph Lemos was born in Livingston, California, on April 28, 1930, to Joseph and Mary Lemos and passed away on June 25, 2018 surrounded by his family. Bob grew up helping on his family dairy while attending Livingston area schools.

It was there he met his wife, Emma Maddox. In December of 1951 they were married and settled in Turlock, California. After being discharged from the Merchant Marine, he accepted a position with Remco Hydraulics at their plant in Willits.



Bob and Emma enjoyed their time in Willits, raising their children, making good friends, and spending time with their grandchildren. After retirement Bob and Emma moved back to the Central Valley settling in Atwater, where he filled his life by spending time with family, attending his grandchildren and great-grandchildren’s sporting events, watching the Giants and 49ers, and he always enjoyed a great day on the golf course.

Bob is survived by his wife, Emma, of 65 years, his daughter, Roxanne Lemos-Neese (Rick), and son, Doug Lemos (Tina). Grandchildren: Shawn Scott (Cari), Christopher Scott, Travis Scott (Mark), and Clay Neese (Jillian), Matthew Lemos, Ashley Lemos-Fessenden (Kyle). Great-grandchildren: Savannah, Emma, Isabel and Sakora Scott, Lexi and Braden Neese and sister, Bernadette Lemos-Michalec.

His family would like to send their profound thanks to the staff of Park Merced for their loving and compassionate care, especially in the final hours of his journey.

His presence and quiet strength will always be with us. We love you Papa.

A mass and celebration of life is planned for July 18. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to: The First Tee of Central Valley, 812 14th Street, Modesto, CA 95345.



Members of Willits Future Farmers of America and 4H gather for a group photo at an appreciation dinner for their Junior Livestock Auction supporters on Sunday.

Photo by Natalie Spackman

FFA and 4H host appreciation dinner for livestock buyers

On Sunday evening the Willits chapters of FFA and 4H hosted a first annual appreciation dinner for Willits businesses that supported them last year at the Redwood Empire Fair during the Junior Livestock Auction. The clubs got together with the help of some of their advisors and parents and grilled tri tip and served beans, salads, fruit and rolls along with cake.

This all took place at the ag farm at

Willits High School. Around 65 FFA and 4H members showed up to say thank you to the community that is so generous in supporting their youth programs.

Just last year alone, hometown buyers spent over \$218,000 on purchasing livestock from the Willits clubs. The members appreciate the support.

Over 50 invites to the dinner went out to various businesses and Junior

Livestock buyers. The turnout this year was relatively small, however, and both clubs are hoping to have more people come next year to enjoy an evening at the farm.

If you weren’t able to make it to the barbecue, a big huge Thank You! from Willits FFA and 4H for your support, and watch out for those invitations next year.

– Alexis England, for Willits FFA

Joyous Starlight

Meet Starlight. She is a 1-year-old spayed female mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 27 pounds. This little dog is joyous and happy. Starlight likes *everyone*, and is a fan of playing fetch. In fact, we think she might enjoy doggie training classes, like agility or obedience – she’s quick and very athletic. Starlight knows “Sit,” and would be a quick study learning lots more.

The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah.



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

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

Mama Maggie

Maggie is a 2-year-old black mouth cur with a loyal, loving temperament. Maggie made some beautiful babies, and then her whole life turned upside down when she was surrendered to the shelter with her kiddos. All five of her pups have been adopted now, but Maggie still waits alone. We are giving her our all at the Humane Society but nothing compares to having her own family to love. Come meet Maggie, she needs you!

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





Make sure they’re ready to get back in the game

Free Sports Physicals

& Back to School Fair

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR A DAY OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND LOTS OF FUN TO GET YOUR CHILDREN REALLY READY FOR SCHOOL!

Free Sports Physicals and other health screenings

Physicians and providers will be performing assessments to make sure your child is ready to play! Free and open to all children and youth in Mendocino County.

Dates: July 21 and July 28

Call: (707) 456-3185 to make an appointment.
Walk-ins also welcome.

Other health screenings & services

Vision Screening | Dental Education provided by Little Lake Health Center | Haircuts for students provided by Mirror Mirror on the Wall | Free backpacks

Saturday, July 21 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Adventist Health Howard Memorial Medical Office
(formerly Redwood Medical Clinic)
3 Marcela Drive in Willits

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Children must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian to receive services and screenings.

