

# Supes OK medical pot tax for November ballot

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County supervisors on Tuesday unanimously approved an ordinance establishing a system of taxation for business licenses for medical marijuana growers. The ordinance will be on the ballot to be approved or rejected by voters this November.

The pot tax is based on a cash revenue metric rather than on the amount of ground under cultivation, as suggested by Supervisor John McCowen last week. Growers will be taxed at 2.5 percent of gross

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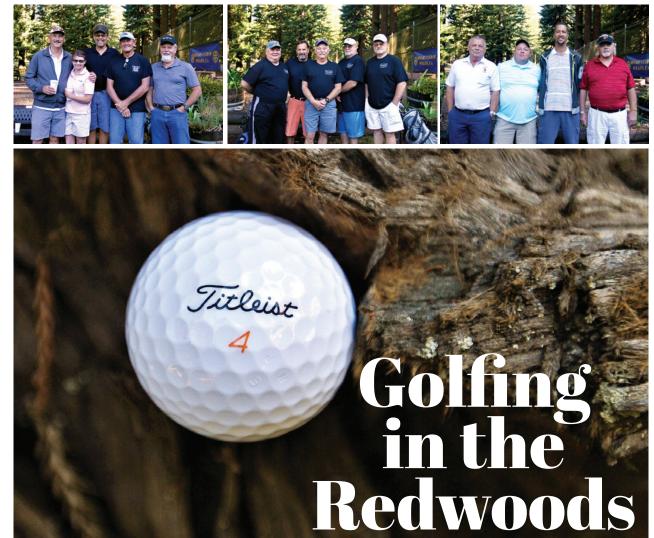
# 11 arrests in Laytonville pot raids

Eleven people have been arrested and more than 18,400 plants seized in marijuana eradication raids Monday and Tuesday across northern Mendocino County.

The raids were carried out by sheriff's deputies, California Department of



Above, from left: Jesse gets ready to tee off. Event officials talk to the gathered crowd before the event. Dr. Charles Hott lines up his club and ball. Below, from left: Members of the first-place team: Mike Smith (with Alana Smith), John Fliessbach, Chuck Lundee and Randy Weston. Members of the Body Works team: Mike Tobin, Don Riggs, Eddie Scott, Mike Driscoll and Terry Driscoll. Members of the Brooktrails Golf team, who won third place: Jimmy Pond, Jared Gandee, Lee Bell and Rusty Swearengin.



There was a great turnout this year for the 18th annual Willits Rotary/Phoenix Hospice Golf Tournament, held Sunday, July 17 at the Brooktrails Golf Course. Monies raised go to support

Maureen Moore

"The donations made by our local businesses make a vital difference for the individuals and families on our service in the last weeks and months of their lives," Long said. "This kind of community support currently fills the gaps in an imperfect health care system."

# City looks at \$460,000-plus budget deficit

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A deficit of \$462,318 in the City of Willits general fund is projected for the 2016-17 fiscal year, according to Finance Director Susie Holmes' draft budget report presented during last week's council meeting.

According to the draft budget, projected operating revenue for 2016-17 stands \$4,184,934, at while operating expenses are expected to be \$4,620,687.

Mayor Bruce Burton called the \$462,318 projected general fund deficit "staggering."

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Allman calls CEO's estimate to operate mental health facility inflated

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A report prepared by county Executive the Office has estimated the facility proposed in the Mental Health Facilities Development initiative on the November ballot may cost the county as much as \$4.85 million a year to operate. Sheriff Tom Allman criticized the report, alleging the county administration intentionally assumed the initiative would provide the most robust mental health program possible in order to inflate the cost and "torpedo the project."

Fish and Wildlife wardens, members of the California National Guard Counter Team, Bureau Drug Land Management of rangers, CalFire prevention officers, and agents of the Mendocino County Major Crimes Task Force.

Laytonville Three residents, a Mendocino Coast man, and a Pueblo, Colorado resident were arrested Monday morning in the 8700 Block of Branscomb Road, in Laytonville.

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## Young RV woman dies after accident on Highway 101

A young Redwood Valley woman died just before noon Wednesday after her vehicle was struck by debris dislodged from a northbound big rig on Highway 101 south of Walker Road.

The identity of the 23-year-old victim has not yet been released by the California Highway Patrol.

accident took The place in the east lane of northbound Highway 101 at about 11:55 am, state traffic officers said. The woman, in her 2014 Subaru Impressa, was following the tractor-trailer when, for

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the tamilies and patients of Hospice. Tammy Long, marketing manager at Phoenix

Hospice and a member of Willits Rotary, estimated that over \$15,000 has already been raised from this year's event, and there were still deposits left to tally.

There were 12 teams who came out to participate, including many from the medical community, and local businesses, too.

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Above from left: The Hospice Golf team: Jesse, Steve, Anne Cedarholm and Dr. Charles Hott. Members of the second-place Ukiah Oncology team: Angle Slater, Dr. Ronnie Slaughter, Dr. Hengbing Wang, and his son Leo Wang. Members of the VeriHealth team: Niko Steffen, Chuck Sitnik, John Lebear and Robert Nowlin. Below, from left: Becky King holds up the list of raffle prizes. Golfers head off to the course. The check-in table also offered raffle tickets. More photos: http://photographress.zenfolio.com/golftourney2016



## Rural connection woes spark outrage during Ukiah CPUC hearing

It was "a watershed event," Supervisor John McCowen told California Public Utilities Commissioner Catherine Sandoval and Administrative Law Judge Katherine

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MacDonald following a nearly four-hour public participation hearing focusing on ongoing telephone and internet services

problems in rural Northern California.

Held June 15 in Ukiah, the meeting drew state lawmakers, county law enforcement and fire officials, as well as Mendocino and Sonoma County residents, who had little good to say about the telephone and internet service they receive from AT&T and Frontier Communications Corporation, the fourth largest provider of digital subscriber lines in the United States, which succeeded Verizon as the service provider in far northern Mendocino County and parts of "very rural" Sonoma County.

State Senator Mike McGuire and Assemblyman Jim Wood, Democrats from Healdsburg, opened testimony at the hearing, noting "five serious [service] outages" have plagued Northern California "from the Golden Gate to the Oregon border" in the recent past. The outages include: one in August 2014 when a big rig took down some overhead lines, fiber optic line vandalism between Hopland and Comptche in September 2015, a Lake County outage that same month, an outage in the Fortuna-Eureka-Arcata area in Humboldt County that December, and outages caused by winter storms last January.

In all cases the telecommunications failed to communicate the outages to either the involved counties or the Office of Emergency Services, nor did they offer estimations of how long service would be interrupted.

"This is unacceptable," McGuire said, especially since during the worst outage not only was business and residential service interrupted, but the region's 911 emergency system was brought down, too.

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"In my opinion the purpose of this discussion

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# Nuisance ordinance up for final vote on July 27

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The City of Willits is another step closer to changing its nuisance code enforcement practices after the city council unanimously approved the introduction of the proposed amendment at last week's meeting. The changes will be on the agenda for official adoption at the July 27 council meeting.

The code enforcement authored amendment, by City Attorney Jim Lance, calls for "a new

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## Localization of the arts

### To the Editor:

For such a small town, Willits has a wealth of

and several wonderful venues. With all of this one would think that the local art scene would be thriving. Yet, it seems everywhere I look artists are struggling even to present themselves, never mind make a living at it. Why would this be the case, one wonders.

The problem is also baffling since our local community prides itself on being a vanguard of the "localization" movement. Our chamber of commerce is a local chapter of BALLE (Business Alliance for Local Living Economies). And with the rallying cry of "support your local businesses," we have raised awareness of the issue with Hometown Celebrations and other events. Is it not time to think about supporting our struggling local artists?

People tend to prefer spending their money on electronic media, which give them access to world-class entertainment. But is that not the equivalent of forsaking local business by shopping at the big box stores? I know it is hard to understand why someone would want to trudge down to the pub and listen to Johnny Wannabe, when they can slide a DVD of a Metropolitan Opera performance into their home entertainment center. But what message does that give our local artists? To be specific, I'd like to talk about one

Theatre. Here's the bottom line. WCT puts on five plays each year. If all shows sold out, the theater could easily pay for itself. It doesn't, of course, because of lack of attendance. Thus they are forced like all other theaters to rely on sponsors to keep 2659. She might appreciate a break from the doors open.

The tickets are \$15 (Fri/Sat) or \$10 (Thurs/ Sun). That means that for only \$50 to \$75 a year, you can go to all of the shows. Is that not a value? If only 700 people out the population of 13,000+ people in the surrounding area were to commit themselves to season tickets or if 3,500 (just over a quarter of the population) attended just one show a year, the theater would sell all their tickets and thrive. Is that asking too much? That would only be \$10 to \$15 a year, folks! You probably lose more than that in change down the back of your sofa.

While obviously the shows at WCT are not Broadway quality, the effort put in by the local actors and production crews is sincere and heartfelt. Usually a mixture of first-time as well as experienced actors and crew come together for months to create 10 performances for our community! Some have never run a stage crew, set up lights, **Don't let** or run the tech booth, etc. They work hard to bring you the best shows possible with limited budgets, putting in hundreds of volunteer hours. This is grassroots theater! And most of the plays are, indeed, worth an evening's entertainment. And there ARE even occasionally some real gems!

What do YOU think?

## Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

to be a damn good one. This isn't asking was much too much risk and very little to for a donation. You would be getting gain — for the county and certainly for entertainment for your money. All right, neighbors.

maybe it's not Daniel Day-Lewis or Meryl Supervisor Woodhouse, last year, over Streep. But the alternative could be to our pleas, you urged your colleagues lose a valuable local asset. Wouldn't it on the board to fast-track the plant. You be nice if the people who dedicate hours then assured neighbors that if anything of their volunteer time on the board didn't went wrong, the agencies that oversee have to spend so much time and energy air and water quality would protect us. fundraising, but more on theater itself? But after months of struggle, of begging If enough of us pitch in and simply go to you, of calling Grist Creek Aggregates, of the theater, I would be willing to bet the complaining to Mendocino Air Quality and quality would improve dramatically (no pun its oversight commissioners, of imploring intended). They're trying. Hope to see you state Air Quality to stop the spewing of

toxic air into our neighborhood, the plant Please note that I am neither on the staff nor remained open. the board of WCT. The opinions expressed

Grist Creek and Mercer-Fraser violated here are solely my own. their permits, used outdated equipment that filled the air with bitter smoke, and put

David Partch, Willits residents near the plant. Countdown begins To the Editor: Isn't it amazing how time has a way of getting away from us? Next week, it will be 30 days and counting 'til August 27 when Caltrans contract. the party begins. If you haven't already done so, think

about purchasing advance tickets for the wonderful Garden Party being planned Supervisors, as county leaders ultimately responsible for the decisions of the Air by Willits Educational Foundation and Quality District, restore our trust and don't Willits Rotary Club. Just \$20, tickets are

available at Cat's Meow, Willits Furniture allow Grist Creek to reopen. The county and Mazahar, or from any WEF or Rotary may need asphalt, but not at the price of a neighborhood and a creek. We deserve Club member. If you need information, feel free to give Kathy Shuster a call at 459better.

Jane Futcher, Longvale Proceeds from this event benefit the art, music and library programs in our schools. Why men live sicker As a ticketholder you will be entitled to sample some of the wonderful barbecue,

and die sooner as well as all the tasty small plate treats offered along the buffet line, including To the Editor: some fairly decadent desserts.

I've recently grieved the loss of another So come join the party. Bring a friend. male friend who left behind a wife and You're promised an evening of music from many friends. It's gotten me thinking about The Bassics, delicious food and drink, some men's health and what we can do help friendly or sometimes fierce competitive men live healthier lives. I recently started bidding during the live and silent auctions, the Willits Healthy Action Club for men and as well as periodic raffle ticket drawings for women who want to improve their health some pretty amazing prizes. All of that in and get support from club members to

fully engage the health practices that have been shown to be effective in improving our health and well-being. The club is free to join and meets again, Saturday, August 6, Gail Richards, Willits

at 10 am at the Willits library meeting room. All are invited.

> For more than 40 years I have been working to improve health for myself, my family, friends and community. Being a guy,

vegetables than women. We also sleep less, and less well, and we stay in bed to recover from illness for less time than women

### We misperceive our susceptibility to risk.

Men are consistently less likely than women to perceive themselves as being at risk for illness, injury, and a variety of health problems. Despite being at greater risk from drug and alcohol use, for example, males of all ages perceive significantly less risk than females associated with the use of cigarettes, alcohol and other drugs. With rare exceptions, people who think they are invulnerable take fewer precautions with their health — and thus have greater health risks — than people who recognize their vulnerability.

 We have traditional views of masculinity that are often in conflict with health

There is a high level of agreement among people in the United States regarding typical feminine and masculine characteristics. Men and boys, in particular, experience a at risk the health and safety of hundreds of great deal of social pressure to conform to these stereotypic characteristics. These Grist Creek finally stopped production dominant norms of masculinity dictate, for in late fall, not, apparently, because of example, that men should be self-reliant, \$270,000 in fines imposed on it by the strong, robust and tough; that men should state — fines Grist Creek has never paid welcome danger; and that men should and apparently doesn't intend to pay - but never reveal vulnerability, back down, or because the company had completed its do anything "feminine." If a job needs to be done, we do it, even if it harms us. These idealized norms of masculinity create a Our trust was violated. No other way to put conflict with actions that we could do to take care of ourselves or to be taken care of by those who love us.

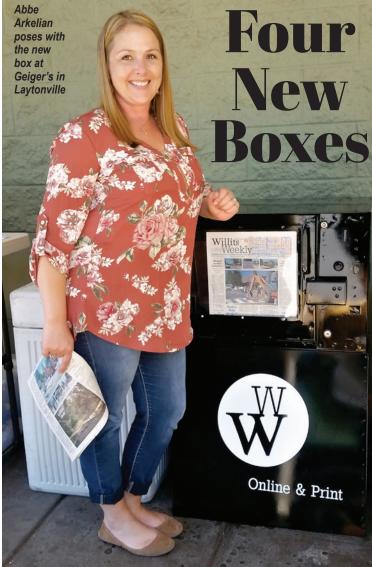
> We don't express our emotions or acknowledge distress.

> In general, women are more emotionally expressive than men - except when it comes to expressing anger. Men also report less fear or emotional distress than women do, and they are less likely than women to cry. Men's inexpressiveness can have both direct and indirect effects on our health and well-being. Self-disclosure, for example, is associated with improvements in immune functioning and physical health.

· We are less likely to change unhealthy

Men believe less strongly than women that they have control over their future health or that personal actions contribute to good health. Further, women are more likely than men to contemplate changing unhealthy habits or to maintain healthy habits. Men, however, are more likely than women not to consider changing unhealthy behaviors and to deny that these behaviors are problematic.

than women do. Men and boys also have fewer, less-intimate friendships, and we are less likely to have a close confidant. particularly someone other than a spouse. I have a particular interest in men's health. Men's restricted social networks limit our We know that men have a higher death levels of social support. In times of stress, rate than women for nine of the 10 leading for example, men mobilize less varied causes of death (except Alzheimer's) social supports than women. Men with the including: heart disease, cancer, injuries, lowest levels of social support are two to cerebrovascular disease, chronic lower three times more likely to die than men with respiratory disease, diabetes, pneumonia/ the highest levels of social support. Men's social isolation significantly decreases our chance of survival of heart disease. cancer and stroke





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and Talmage

In our continuing effort to get Willits Weekly out to readers, four new boxes are here to help! The new boxes are at Geiger's Long Valley Market in Laytonville, next to the Post Office in Talmage, and at Scoops Frozen Yogurt & Deli and at Grocery Outlet in Willits! We have a few more boxes also ready for homes; where do you think they should go? Let us know! Email us: willitsweekly@gmail.com.

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# OBITUARY **Dick Graham**

Richard Warren Graham was born February 23, 1933 in North Hollywood, California to a family in the film industry. He died of a terminal lung disease July 5, 2016 at home in Willits. He and his wife of 55 years, Maggie, moved to Mendocino County in 1980 and built an off-the-grid home on 2nd Gate Road. They moved into downtown Willits in October of 2011.

Many will remember Dick as the proprietor of the Harvest Bounty Natural Food Store, where he cooked in the lunch counter. He later ran down-sized versions of Harvest Bounty in the Willits Country Mall. Dick was an avid folk dancer, and his chief focus in life was music, from Pete Seeger to Willie Nelson, and ethnic folk music to classical. He spent his last years learning the ukulele

Dick took a bachelor's degree in motion picture production from UCLA and was in movies as a child. He had been in the Army and became a photographer, taking head shots for the Willits Community Theatre as well as acting, directing and being on the artistic direction committee. He served on the boards of Friends of the Willits Library, Ecology Action and, later, briefly on the boards of the Senior Center and the Grange. Dick also delivered Meals on Wheels and scraped dishes in the Senior Center dining room.

Others also know Dick in his other manifestation as Sufi teacher and zikr leader. His deep spiritual practice kept him firmly on the path of love and service.

The Grahams have one son, Michael, who was with his mother and father when Dick slipped quietly into death after a family dinner. Michael lives in Ohio with his wife, Susan, and their two daughters, Ava and Charlotte.

A "Remembering Dick" event will be held at the Grange 291 School Street, on Sunday, July 31, from 3 to 5 pm. Please bring your memories of Dick to share and, if you care to, you may bring finger foods to share as well.





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We have fewer social supports.

Men have much smaller social networks

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Right now WCT is struggling once again. Please consider coming out for the shows, maybe plan to get next year's season tickets. I also happen to know that the upcoming show ("The Nerd") promises

The Rules: LETTERS

To the Editor: I read this letter to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, July 19. To the board of supervisors: Don't let Grist Creek resume rubberized asphalt

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Coho salmon runs in

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production on Outlet Creek flu, HIV infection, suicide and homicide. We all die of something, but if you're a guy, you As you know, Brian Hurt of Grist Creek are more likely to get a serious disease and Aggregates is currently negotiating with the die from it than are women. Mendocino Air Quality Management District

I want to be around for many years to come, In 1920, the life expectancy gender gap and I want to age with as much grace and was only one year. Now, men are dying joy as I can create in my life. Forming the nearly six years younger than women. Not Nillits Healthy Action Club is my way of only do we die sooner, but we live sicker getting and giving the support I know we and spend more of our years with chronic all need to make our lives most fun and illnesses than do women. Here are the healthful. main reasons I've learned that men don't

I hope you consider joining us. I want to make Willits the healthiest little town in America. I'm committed to my own health Men and boys, in general, have less and to yours. If you'd like to check it out, healthy lifestyles than woman and girls, and our next gathering is Saturday, August 6, at we engage in far fewer health-promoting the Willits Public Library meeting room, at behaviors. For example, men are more 10 am. If you have any questions, feel free often overweight than women, and we have to contact me at 459-5505.

Jed Diamond, Willits

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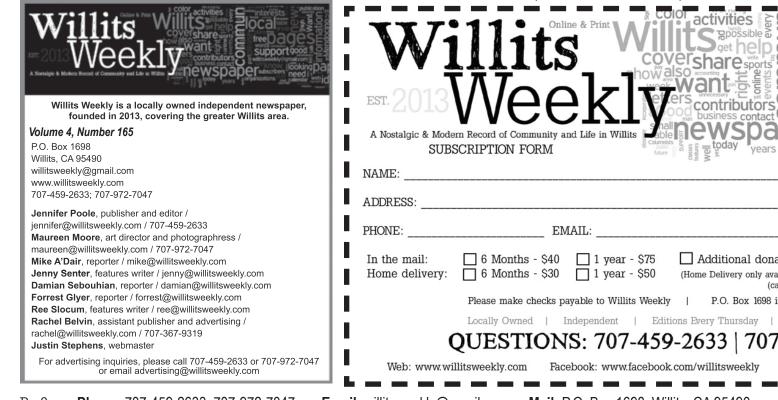
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# Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku

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'The medical community came out in force to Medical Center, VeriHealth, Mendo-Lake Respiratory, the Ukiah Oncology Department and more!" Once the scores were tallied, the top three teams were announced. The first-place team was Mike Smith, John Fliessbach, Chuck Lundee and Randy Weston. The second-place team, the Ukiah Oncology On May 17, team, included Angle Slater, Dr. Ronnie Slaughter, Dunham Dr. Hengbing Wang and his son Leo Wang. The the third-place team, the Brooktrails Golf team, included that she had 138 Jimmy Pond, Jared Gandee, Lee Bell and Rusty vacant

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6. Nonviolent advocate	52. Newhart, Marley, Dylan
7. Suburb in Copenhagen	53. Wings
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9. Self-addressed envelope	57. Slugger Ruth
10. A way to make wet	58. Musician Clapton
11. Genus of trees	59. Gamble
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Mendocino County Human Resources Director Heidi Dunham upport Hospice this year," said Long. "We had told supervisors at Tuesday's meeting that the first-ever county golfers from Howard Memorial Hospital, Ukiah Valley Job Fair on July 15 was a smashing success, with more than 300 job-seekers attending the fair.



# **Claws for** a Cause Willits, Ukiah Rotary clubs

Willits and South Ukiah Rotary clubs are combining efforts to plan a fundraiser benefiting the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center. The Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center is a countywide program serving individuals with special needs.

plan fundraiser

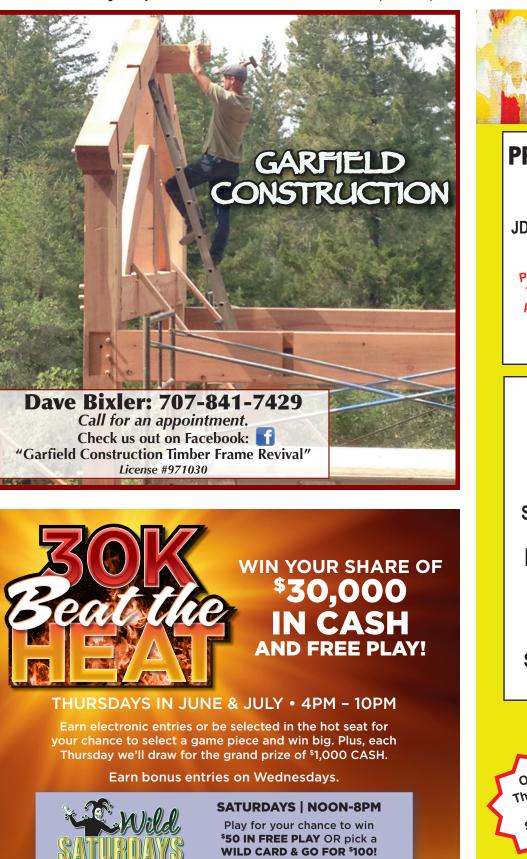
The Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, formerly known as TRAIL, is a therapeutic riding program dedicated to providing therapeutic riding lessons to improve the lives of those who are challenged physically, developmentally, socially and emotionally.

A live Maine lobster and filet mignon dinner, dubbed "Claws for a Cause," is planned for the evening of Saturday, September 3, 2016 at Ridgewood Ranch, home of Seabiscuit near Willits.

This event, a combined effort of the Willits Rotary Club and South Ukiah Rotary Club, will be an evening to remember. The evening will feature dinner, live music by The Bassics, appetizers, local wines, beer, live and dollar auctions, site tours and a heartwarming video.

The setting is at the charming Charles Howard House patio and lawn with tables surrounding the life-size bronze statue of the legendary racehorse, Seabiscuit. The

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funds raised during this event will benefit the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, or STRC, and is the program's primary source of income for the year.

The Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center was started by a group of 4-H'ers in 1993 and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. With family support and the financial assistance of the Willits Rotary Club, the program took off. The STRC program is located on the beautiful 5,000acre historic Ridgewood Ranch about five miles south of Willits. STRC serves between 25 to 30 Mendocino County residents with special needs year-round. The program and one of the original 4-H'er founders.

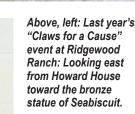
"The exceptional equine instructors and volunteers that

work tirelessly here are what really make this program work," said Holzhauer. "Without them, our job would be impossible. Also, we must not forget the horses. They provide the magic that brings out the best in STRC's clients.

Tickets for this exceptional event are \$80 per person and are limited. Tickets are available at Willits Furniture Center, 775 Central Avenue in Willits, 459-4224, and at the Mendocino Book Company, 102 South School Street in Ukiah, 468-5940. If you would like to be an event sponsor or if you would like to make a donation, please contact director, Erin Holzhauer, is a PATH, Inc. certified instructor Willits Rotarian Mike Smith, 707-972-2471, or South Ukiah Rotarian, Beth Schwarz, 707-391-7049.

- Mike Smith, for Willits Rotary





Above, right: Erin Holzhauer, program director and head instructor of the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, listens to

a presentation by Azure, an STRC student At left: Willits Rotarians Mike Tobin, left, and Mike Smith carry fresh-

cooked live lobster from

cooking pots to kitchen





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Swearengin. to fill in the county The "Closest to the Pin" award was given to Dr. organization. Hengbing Wang, and his son, 7-year-old Leo won the other special award, the "Green Prize" that is given to

release from the golfers who hit the green on hole 9. The "green prize" Mendocino County was a \$50 gift certificate to Willits Furniture, donated CEO's office said by Mike Smith. the fair exceeded

Non-golfers also had a chance to win goodies in the raffle with a few big ticket items, including a rocking metal peacock won by Tim King and a gift certificate to the Little River Inn and Golf Course won by golfer Angle Slater, who was excited to get the chance to play on the Little River Inn course.

Bodyworks Gym.

Another service group, the Willits Lions Club, was also on hand to provide golfers and supporters with a barbecued chicken and tri-tip lunch. The smell of barbecued chicken wafting through the trees with job search related needs. announced to everyone when lunch was ready!

If you are interested in learning more about Hospice and how you can help support their organization, contact 459-1818 or stop by Phoenix Hospice Services, located at 100 Sanhedrin Circle in Willits.

Dunham said 110 people filled out applications for county jobs at the fair, and "another 71 applications have been received as of Tuesday morning," a total of 181 applications.



expectations. "We had both local and out of the area attendees," Dunham said, "with individuals looking for positions as social workers, road workers, probation officers, and customer service representatives."

One couple she spoke to are planning to relocate to Mendocino The raffle prize list was long, but just some of the County and traveled to Ukiah from Berkeley to speak with other items included gift certificates from the Howard representatives of the Sheriff's Department about their job Foundation for the Commonwealth Garden, a one- openings. Carmel Angelo, Mendocino CEO, said: "The interest night stay and round of golf from the Benbow Inn, in our county jobs was very diverse. It was very exciting to see and a three-month membership and sweatshirt from the amount of talent and experience walking through our doors in people who want to come to work for our county.'

> Community partners, North Coast Opportunities, MPIC, Mendocino College, and Marymount University were on-site to provide information about their programs and assist attendees

> > "This event was a big success. We will definitely be doing it again," Dunham said.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Executive Office.





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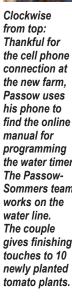
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**PS Farms** 

A dream coming true for organic farming couple

Husband-and-wife team Jonathan Passow have a lot of experience in. and Anna Sommers are thrilled to be getting their dream farm in the Willits area, PS Farms, up and running. Using their decades of combined experience and studies of sustainable, organic farming and living, they plan to make the farm into a bastion of selfsufficiency and sustainability. They're looking for some help through a GoFundMe campaign to help finance their initial infrastructure at www.gofundme.

Forrest Glyer com/psfarms. The couple

recently closed escrow on their 10-acre piece of land located just south of Willits near Williams Ranch Road, and have big ideas for it. They plan on using solar for power, natural fertilizers and pesticides from the farm, water from a yearround spring and catchments, and alternative building techniques like straw bale and cob. Starting next year, they'd like to be selling and providing much of their food production to the local area, whether it's through farmers markets, local stores or other avenues.

The couple also plans on eventually having PS Farms become an education center.

at various breweries "We're also looking forward to finding what for several years. really works for the area and experimenting," Passow started said Passow. "We want to do a lot of unique his first organic stuff that you don't see out here." garden while living

in Los Angeles in The couple are both originally from the 2003, focusing on Cleveland area where they met in 2011. There they had a small plot on Kentucky peppers. beneficial Farms, the oldest community organic garden with in Cleveland. They grew peppers, jams and

greens, and published an organic farming primer which is now required reading for new gardeners at Kentucky Farms. They've both worked and studied their

craft at different spots around the country, but shortly after meeting they realized they wanted to return to the West Coast, "to find a piece of land and bring our dream farm to life," Sommers said. Both had farming experiences on the West Coast previously, but they weren't sure where they wanted to go, so they embarked on an adventure to seek out the right spot.

"About two years before we moved out here we did a road trip all over the West Coast," said Sommers, "all the way from Portland to Arizona.... We just drove around At left: Farmers .lonathan Passow and Anna Sommers, on their PS Farm land overlooking the Big River watershed. Williams Peak is in the background

Below: Sommers cages a tomato plant in the deer-proof enclosure. The tomatoes are sure to reach beyond the wire with the fertile soil mix Passow prepared.



companion plants. He eventually managed over 200 peppers and 27 different strains, including one he developed, the Passow Pigrano (a Serrano/Piguin cross). He also created his own brand of pepper-powder blend, "Passow's Spicy Blend." Peppers will definitely be one of the crops at PS Farms, and the team plans on selling Passow's proprietary seeds as well. Sommers' agricultural experience includes managing a large commercial organic herb

farm in Peninsula, Ohio; studying sustainable living skills at the Aprovecho Sustainability Education Center in Cottage Grove, Oregon; and attaining a BS in Environmental Science with a focus on sustainable agriculture.

The couple said their new off-the-grid life has been challenging at times, but challenges





Above, from left: Hand-crocheted skull scarves, turquoise jewelry, felt and wood-peg gnomes, and an eclectic mix of dishes. Below, from left: Larry and Donna Streeter hold up a painting done on a mirror. Summer Tres holds a colorful chandelier. Nancy Butler, owner of Beads and Stuff in Ukiah, holds a beaded Harley Davidson necklace.



# Flea Market at the Lodge

Vendors offer unique finds at monthly family event in Brooktrails

There was a cluster of vendors offering everything from antiques to gnomes to succulents last Saturday at the parking lot of the Brooktrails Lodge during their flea Dreama gleefully accepted. market event.

The Prosperity Club and the Brooktrails Lodge hosted the flea market, which also was paired with an all-you-caneat pancake breakfast. The event ran from 9 am to 2 pm. Gabriel Arevalo was offering a mix of indoor and outdoor plants, ready to take home to attendees' gardens. Hydrangea, grasses, mini peppers and succulents were among the options, and Arevalo noted there was lots of interest in low-water plants this time of year.

Andria Ford was offering fun for the imagination: gnomes, rose maidens, wizards, fairies and mermaids, all made of wooden pegs, felt and embellishments. A past employee of the Waldorf School in Calpella, Ford joked about the school's curriculum: "You certainly learn how to make gnomes!" Assortments of decorated light switch covers were also available at Ford's booth, many featuring vintage patterns and advertisements.

Kelly Stokes had cases of jewelry displayed at her booth: rings, necklaces, bracelets and more, some vintage, some new. Stokes' booth was next to the Jumperz Bounce House, which was set up for youngsters to enjoy while parents shopped, including 7-year-old Dreama, who



recently had a birthday. Upon hearing the news, Stokes gave Dreama a sweet little ring as a late birthday gift

Nancy Butler, owner of Beads and Stuff in Ukiah, also had a booth at the market. While some loose beads and complete bead work were available for display, she also showcased some antiques she had available, and her 3-D crocheted skull scarves. She also works with Mayacama Industries here in Willits, and makes low-sugar jams.

Coins and collectables were available at the booth of Larry and Donna Streeter, including baseball cards, coin sets and more. An assortment of household items was also on display. Next door, Summer Tres had a selection of antiques, some found, and some from her family. She noted she grew up attending flea markets with her grandparents and still enjoys finding and selling treasures. Keep up to date with events happening at the Brooktrails Lodge by finding them on Facebook at https://www. facebook.com/brooktrailslodge. The flea market is usually scheduled around the middle of the month; watch Willits Weekly's Calendar to catch the next one or call 707-367-9737. Vendor spaces are \$20; those interested can call 707-489-4726 to reserve a spot or for more information.





At top: Vintage furniture and antique treasures available at the sale. - Maureen Moore Above: Dreama, 7, enjoys jumping in the Jumperz Bounce House.



where interns and students of all ages can come learn about sustainable farming and living.

They've already been working hard on the land to set up a small garden for this year, and renovate and repair the small cabin there, while they lay out the groundwork for their future plans. They're documenting their journey of setting up the farm with pictures and descriptions on their "PS Farms" Facebook page.

"We've been working toward this goal our whole lives," says Passow, "and PS Farms is our final frontier. The farm is about sharing a larger vision with like-minded folks, and a GoFundMe campaign is a natural way to involve supporters in this movement from the very beginning."

They're starting out with "a basic kitchen eggplant and carrots; and soon will be producing eggs from the rare chicken breed, French Copper Marans. They then plan on expanding into other livestock, brambles, fruit and nut trees, and grain. They're going

and were kind of feeling what felt like home - are something they've grown used to as farmers, and they've learned to embrace Above: Passow and Sommers finish the energy that felt good, the people ... and Northern California fit that bill.'

After exploring various spots in Northern California, they decided to move to Willits a few years ago. They rented a place in town while they got to know the community and we both wanted to learn," added Sommers. looked for some land they could buy to make their dream farm a reality. Sommers said that "Everything that's kind of become a challenge has been a welcome challenge, because it Willits has now come to feel like home.

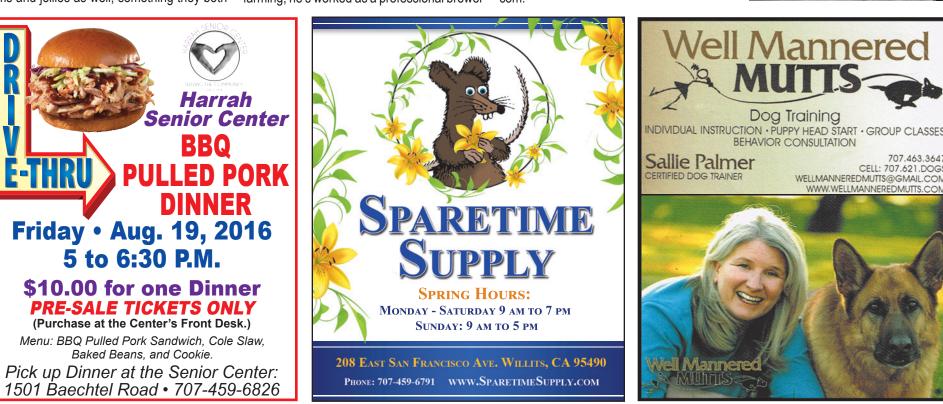
gives us the opportunity to learn how to do "We tried (Willits) out for a few years, and every day, every month we just fell more and things.'

more in love with the community and the people and everything. So we finally decided to put our roots down." "Everybody's involved in their community here," added Passow, "which is something

we really enjoy and look for. And plus it's just garden" with crops like tomatoes, peppers, gorgeous! How can you not like this place?" Both have been active in the community since moving to the area. Sommers is a massage therapist at a studio in town, teaches yoga at Hidden Agenda, and sings in the Emandal Choir, and Passow is the president to eventually be producing and selling unique of the Willits Home Brew Club. In addition to FB page, or via e-mail at psfarms@gmail. jams and jellies as well, something they both farming, he's worked as a professional brewer com.

laying the water line in the trench dug for the garden, fruit trees, farm animals and "It's just been a learning curve," said their future home. Passow. "It's like, 'Oh wow, I've got to learn Below: Passow gathers tools and how to do solar now, so let's dive into that." materials to work on the faucet near this "Which is great, because it's something year's first garden.

to be a part of this community," said Sommers. People can contact PS Farms through their



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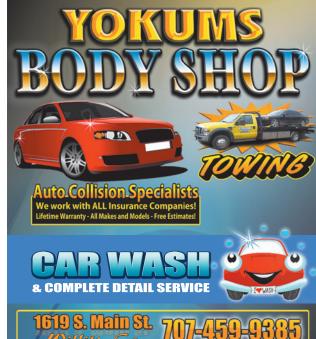


Willits Weekly in the morning sunshine at the flea market. Above, right: Gabriel Arevalo, the plant man.

At right: Colorful light switch covers made by Andria Ford.

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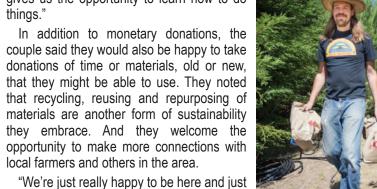
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## Thursday, July 21

Summer Reading Program: The Willits Library Summer Reading Program offers a summertime of fun, with reading, special events and prizes, every Thursday, from 11 am to 12 noon, through August 11. July 21: Wool Felting and Sheep Stories. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908. Next week: July 28: "Rockin' Reading Time" stories and songs.

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produce the least garbage." With "laugh out loud moments, stop motion animations, and unforgettable imagery.' Thursday, July 21 at 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. \$5 donation. Visit: www.cleanbinmovie.com/the-film. Trailers & short films start at 6:30 pm. Serving heirloom organic popcorn with real organic butter and Fair Trade chocolates.

Free Talk: Planning and Planting Your Fall and Winter Garden: Thursday, July 21, from 7 to 9 pm, at Bountiful Gardens Seeds, 1712 D South Main Street (next to the laundromat in the Evergreen Saturday, July 23 Shopping Center).

Bartholomew. Ellen head gardener at the Golden Rule Garden on Ridgewood Ranch, will give a free presentation on how and when to start your fall vegetables. The talk will go about an hour, with time for questions and browsing. Ellen summed the advantages: up "Winter gardens are easy and rewarding. They don't take much input of labor time, or materials. The harvest period goes for months and months. During most of the

Jenny Kerr 🐙 Pick & Pull Proverse assessed harvest period, there is no

# **Main Street Work Strategy Meeting**

### Thursday, July 28

Caltrans Main Street Work Strategy Meeting: Willits Chamber of Commerce invites all merchants, business and property owners on Main Street to a Thursday, July 28, meeting at 6 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street, to discuss the contract that Main

# What's Happening Around Town

irrigation needed, and few pests to worry about. It 'Speakeasy III: An Evening is so great to have fresh greens in the middle of of Original Monologues": winter.' Two shows this year, at

Willits Community Theatre on Shanachie Pub: Jacob Green, "acoustic, multi-Saturday, July 23 at 7 pm and string player, and one man band, performing on Sunday, July 24 at 2 pm. The guitar, dobro, banjo, ukulele & mandolin, while monologues are all original simultaneously playing harmonica, stomp box and delivered on stage by and foot tambourine." 8 pm. No cover. Visit www. local people who wrote them. jacobgreenmusic.com. 50 South Main Street. Info: Participants this year include: 459-9194. Emmy Good, Peter Smith,

### Series. "Is it possible Friday, July 22 to live completely

Ursula Schlichting, Damian Twining Time: Singer/Songwriters John Wagenet Sebouhian, Aileen Gaynor, waste-free? In this and Anita Blu of Twining Time vocal duet, guitar Earlene Gleisner, Margie multi-award-winning and keyboards, entertain with an easy listening mix Handley, Divora Stern, and ilm, partners Jen of originals and modern favorites in the spirit of Old Don Samson. Advance and Grant go head to Time Mountain Music, Folk and Vintage Country/ tickets recommended: \$10 nead in a competition Americana Roots. Friday, July 22 at Caminiti's to see who can swear

Restaurant at the Brooktrails Lodge, off consumerism and 24765 Birch Street, 459-1596. Info: www.brooktrailslodge.com and www.twiningtime.com or "Twining Time" on Facebook. Shanachie Pub: Peter Jon Chang, visiting the West Coast:

> "instrumental rock/jazz fusion, all original compositions and masterful guitar virtuosity." 9 pm. No cover. Visit http://peterjongchang.com. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

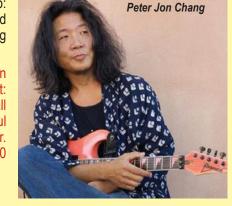
3rd annual KPHT Chili

Cookoff & Dance: Family fun 3rd AnnuaL KPHT-LP (a playground area for the kids) CHili great food, and a stellar lineup COOK-OFF of music to dance to, including NPHT Poor Man's Whiskey, April Moore & DANCE & Ranch Party, Jenny Kerr, and Saturday Pick & Pull, along with several July 23rd "tweener acts." Saturday, July Noon to dusk 23, 12 noon to 8 pm. A benefit for Harwood Park nonprofit Americana radio station Laytonville KPHT-LP, 99.9 FM in Laytonville; POOR MAN'S WHISKEY other community organizations will be there as well. Admission April Moore & the Ranch Party GOOR MAR'S WHISKE - Car r \$40 Kids 12 & under FREE two people. No dogs, please. Harwood Park in Laytonville. Chili Cooks WANTED See our web page for application More info: visit www.KPHT-LP. Vendors & Non Profits Wanted See our web page org and click on "Chili Cookoff."

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Main Street; online at brownpapertickets. com; or by phone 24/7 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Pub).

Becky Button, Tara Logan



"A singer-songwriter event, featuring many local talented musicians coming together for a night of original, improvised, and rare moments in music." 8:30 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, Info: 459-9194

## Sunday, July 24

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: every fourth Sunday, this month Sunday, July 24, from 8 to 11 am at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. "Join your friends at the Grange Breakfast! With live music. \$8 buys you is \$25 per person, or \$40 for a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around." Choose Sourdough Wholegrain or Gluten Free Pancakes or Hank's Famous



Participants in "Speakeasy III," from left: Damian Sebouhian, Margie Handley, Annie Samson, Emma Good, Earlene Gleisner and Don Samson.

available in person at July 24 from 11 am until noon, at the Willits Mazahar, 38 South Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. A panel of speakers will share their insights and personal experiences of how they are creating a spiritual life. The service also features a HU Song. "If you wish to learn new techniques to help you better understand and experience more of God's love and how these techniques can offer insights to higher consciousness, then join us at this worship service." See article elsewhere on Calendar page for

more details. Info: 456-9934

Monday, July 25

Speakeasy III: An Evening of Original

Saturday, July 23 listing for more details.

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Photo by Neil Richardson

"Creating

Bacon, organic local through sixth grade are welcome, and the entire week of festivities is free of charge. Plus a parent farm fresh eggs made to order with real butter, night on Sunday, July 31. Grace Community Church is located at 25 Hazel Street (next to the juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors; old hospital). For questions, and to preregister for \$5 children under 10. the VBS, please call the Sides of organic fruit in church office at 459-3106 season for \$2-\$3 extra and Amish maple syrup Tuesday.

> uly 26 I HAVE RESTING THE SECRET ages, all showings. This

week's Tightwad movie: "The Secret Life of Pets" and "Ghostbusters." For

showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

## Thursday, July 28

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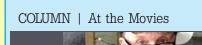
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Theatre is seeking seven men and six women, aged 20 to 60, to act in four locally written one-act plays Parkinson's Information & to be performed over two weekends in October. Support Group: 2nd and 4th Auditions will be held on Thursday July 28 at 6 Mondays at Harrah Senior pm at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, Center, Monday, July 25, 37 West Van Lane, just behind Shanachie Pub 11:15 am to 12 pm. 150 in Willits. The production, called "To Couple or Baechtel Road. With Linda Not to Couple," will consist of four one-act plays Posner as facilitator. Info: on the theme of couples; two are written by Don Samson, and two by Damian Sebouhian. New Grace Vacation Bible actors welcome! Advance scripts will be available School: Grace Community electronically. For scripts, or for more information 9014 or David Partch at 459-7054

# Friday, July 29

Shanachie Pub: Humanistan, "Humanistan have been traveling internationally for the last 12 years performing and studying with artists across Europe, Asia and Mexico – Electro-Folkloric." 9 pm. Visit www.jacobgreenmusic.com. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



# 'Ghostbusters'

The Story: Four guirky and very funny women (the "VFW") in a remake of the original muchloved comedy. A madman Daniel Essman threatens to shatter the Columnist wall which separates we the living from the (very

angry) green-slime-spewing dead. The VFW the Ghostbusters – must unleash the power of slapstick to stop this madman from initiating Armageddon.

My Thoughts: The plot is pretty much "whatever, who cares." And peculiarly, the dead aren't limited to angry, vengeance-seeking ghosts. It seems that there are dead dragons, also thrill-hungry balls of mucous with grinning mouths, and then there are the dead men on stilts – a surprisingly random assortment of see-through ectoplasmic creatures with no particular reason for being in terms of plot other than the filmmakers' vision of what would be cool to see "just because .... " So don't bother with the plot. Go to this movie for the VFW: Kristen Wiig, Melissa McCarthy, Kate McKinnon and Leslie Jones — they're great. But you probably already know that.

Parents: Sure. Why not. The movie is silly. I do know some children who would be scared, and I wouldn't let them see this flick. But you guys know your kids better than I.

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





Willits Summer Farmers Market: the Willits Farmers Market is now in Bud Snyder City Park, from 3 to 6:30 pm every Thursday afternoon. Veggies, strawberries, cherries, flowers, local meats and local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

"Americana, Sweet Land of Liberty" - July exhibit at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. This show, curated by Mary Kelly, features a wide variety of art mediums, including sculptures by Lorraine Toth, quilts by Nancy Simpson, paintings by Marjo Wilson, willow furniture by Tom Boek, handmade saddles by Jeff Daniels, and works by other craftspeople. Runs through July 31. New regular gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm, to allow greater access for the public. More info: 459-1726 or www.willitscenterforthearts.

KLLG Radio Action Group: meets Mondays at 5:30 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 10. Learn about and participate in building Willits Hometown Radio. Volunteers needed. More information is available at KLLG.org or by calling Lanny Cotler at 367-1812.

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation: every Tuesday, 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 30-A San Francisco Avenue. More info: 456-9425.

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.

'Come and Play': Grace Community Church at 25 Hazel Street is sponsoring a free play date every Thursday this summer from 11 am until noon, for kids through sixth grade. Children must be accompanied by a parent. An enclosed play yard for the little ones and various activities for older children. Call 459-3106 for additional information.

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: Due to popular demand, the Willits Library is holding the drop-in knitting circle every Saturday of the month, from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your projects to share and show off! We will have expert knitters on board who can solve any problems and teach everyone to knit! Bring your own projects - we'll supply the coffee! Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in."

Willits Library Public Events: "Stories for Crawlers and Walkers," Thursdays at 11 am. Technology group for help with hand-held devices, Fridays at 1 pm. Youth Game Night, ages 10-14, Fridays from 5 to 7:30 pm. 390 East Commercial Street. More info: 459-5908.

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.



one of seven children, or as daring as a soldier being stationed overseas in a war zone, or as simple as someone with a car broken down in Willits and then liking it so much they decided to stav here

"All of the performances are real people talking "Speakeasy III - An Evening of Original about real situations," Samson says. "With the Monologues" will be presented in two shows at daring of these people to reveal themselves, Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, July 23 at the audience can't help but be drawn in. These 7 pm and Sunday, July 24 at 2 pm. Coordinator are local people, friends and neighbors, coming Annie Samson says that two shows are being together in a group and getting the validation



Church holds a Vacation about the production, call Don Samson at 459-Bible School from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29. There OOG DAYS OF SILIMIMER Celebrating Dogs in Art

Your Tightwad Tuesdays Spiritual Life": a worship at the Noyo Theatre: service presented by All 2D movies that are ECKANKAR of Mendo/ in their second week Lake: Ancient Wisdom are \$5 on Tuesdays at for Today. Sunday, the Noyo Theatre for all

will be a free nutritious meal to begin, and then

school activities will start at 6 pm. Kindergartners

Summer Reading Program: The



Street property owners are being asked to sign by Caltrans. "We will discuss the implications of the contract and build a strategy to deal with the work – to minimize the impact to businesses as much as possible."

## Senior Center Lunch Week of July 25 through July 29

Monday: Lemon Tilapia Tuesday: Pulled Pork

Wednesday: Mandarin Chicken Salad

Thursday: Sloppy Joes

Friday: Ham w/Pineapple, Yams Birthday Lunch

pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 5:30 pm each day. "Fun and vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

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offered this year because of the complete sell-outs and encouragement to share what they have at monologue events the past two years. experienced.

**'Speakeasy III**'

Popular evening of original monologues

returns to WCT

The monologues are all original and delivered on stage by local people who wrote them. Participants this year include: Emmy Good, Peter Smith, Becky Button, Tara Logan, Ursula Schlichting, Damian Sebouhian, Aileen Gaynor, Earlene Gleisner, Margie Handley, Devora Stern, and Don Samson.

"Prepare yourself for a blast of original entertainment," says Samson. "Anything can happen. This is risk-taking stuff where people put themselves out there for all the world to see." The stories are as ordinary as someone growing up Seventh-day

It's fascinating." Due to the overwhelming popular ticket demand at shows the past two years, advance tickets are recommended. Tickets for each show are \$10 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 will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

- Steve Hellman, for WCT

### 399 Creating Your Spiritual Life,' Sunday, July 24 Mendocino Avenue, offers

a Vacation Bible School for "Creating Your Spiritual Life" is the theme of a worship service presented by ECKANKAR of Mendo/ Harrah Senior Center serves lunch children ages 4 to 12, August Lake: Ancient Wisdom for Today. The service will be Sunday, July 24 from 11 am until noon, at the five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 1 through August 5, from 3 to Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

A panel of speakers will share their insights and personal experiences of how they are creating 55: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entrée, great Bible lessons about a spiritual life. "We live the spiritual life beginning where we are today. We look to see the hand of Jesus, lover of all children." Divine Spirit guiding us toward the greater consciousness which leads us to becoming a more direct Info: Connie, 972-7207. vehicle for Spirit," explains Harold Klemp, spiritual leader

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of ECKANKAR. "Each of us is Soul, a divine spark of God that lives through eternity. We are sent to this world to gain spiritual experience.

The service also features a HU Song. Throughout the ages, followers of many spiritual traditions have used prayer, the singing of holy words, and meditation to bring themselves closer to God. In the same way, those who have discovered HU, an ancient name for God, sing it for their spiritual upliftment. Singing HU draws us closer in our state of consciousness to the Divine Being. This is its purpose. It is for those who desire spiritual love, freedom, wisdom and truth. Regardless of your beliefs or religion, you can sing HU to become happier and more secure in God's love.

ECKANKAR teaches that the spiritual essence, which is the Light and Sound, connects everyone with the heart of God. This Light and Sound is the ECK, or the Holy Spirit. Direct experience with these twin aspects of God opens the deep spiritual potential within each of us. The 2016 Reggae on the River performers Light and Sound purify, uplift, heal and direct us on our including from top: Addis Pablo, The journey home to God.

If you wish to learn new techniques to help you better understand and experience more of God's love and how these techniques can offer insights to higher consciousness, then join us at this worship service. For more information feel free to call: 456-9934

- submitted by Lori White for ECKANKAR



## **32nd annual Reggae on the River** August 4 to 7

Those planning on making the pilgrimage to the 32nd annual Reggae on the River happening August 4 to 7 at French's Camp who don't want to miss the biggest Thursday kick-off ever should pick up a 4-day ticket or Ambassador pass, Reggae on the River promoters say.

Not only do you get first dibs on camping and parking, you are also treated to a royal Thursday line-up including Protoje & The Indiggnation Band, New Kingston, a Sugar Cane Records showcase with Jah Sun, Lion D, and Raphael, plus Dubtonic Kru, Newen Afrobeat, Democratoz, 7th Generation Rise, and more. Thursday's line-up alone draws from such global locales as Italy, Algeria, Chile, U.S., and Jamaica - and this only scratches the surface of an immense global showcase that fans are calling "the best ROTR line-up ever."

Friday will welcome 3-day, main event ticket holders and offers highly anticipated sets by Soul Syndicate featuring Mad Professor with Big Youth, U-Roy, Randy Valentine, Marty Dread and Earl Zero; Jah9 & The Dub Treatment; Gappy Ranks; Democratoz; Meleku; and The Dubba Dubs.

Saturday will bring the fire with Sizzla Kalonji & The Fire House Band, King Yellowman, Million

# Willits Healthy Action Club

## Saturday, August 6

"Making Willits the Healthiest Little Town in America ... One Step at a Time." Each meeting's program features three steps to promoting health: A short action-oriented talk on an important aspect of health to put into practice between meetings; a regular walk for health and connection; and an option to eat good food together following the walk at a local restaurant or shared picnic. 10 am at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. All interested are invited to call club founder Jed Diamond at 459-5505 or Jed@MenAlive.com.

Stylez, Ziggi Recado, Fatoumata Diawara, House Of Shem, No Maddz, Locos Por Juana, and Bayonics. And Sunday will close things out with Anthony B.

Mbongwana Star, Jesse Royal, Keznamdi, Sister Carol, Mr Williamz, Addis Pablo, and The I-Deals.

Also featured in the line-up throughout the weekend will be top DJs/ sound systems, and hot guest artists like Keida, Fyakin, Nature, Prince Levy and Rocker-T, plus more than 60 vending/ non-profit booths, a lively KidLandia, and the camping, community, and irie vibes that made Reggae On The River famous.

this non-profit event not only supports the Mateel Community Center, but is also an important fundraiser for many other non-profit groups in Humboldt and Mendocino Counties, and other

parts of the globe as well. Check out the full line-up info, including stage schedule, bios, tickets - including the Ambassador Pass – and a whole lot more at www. reggaeontheriver.com.

- Cathy Miller, for Reggae on the River

Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room: Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street. Info: 459-2444. Laytonville Summer Farmers Market: Mondays,

June through October, 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, garden bouquets, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.

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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 and Tuesdays at 7 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 HMH Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Kids on the Run!: club for kids kindergarten through 12th grade, sponsored by the Sheriff's Activity League. Saturdays at 10 am at the ball fields between the Dog Park and the Mendocino County Museum. Cost for 2016: \$10, includes a T-shirt and free race entries. Questions? Contact: Michelle Kluskiewicz at 267-608-6262 or Gina Henebury at 707-485-1794.

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: Kids aged 5 to 10 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/ MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. 8 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.

Unique as both a music and cultural festival,



# 'Working forests'

Conservation easements granted for 15,000 acres northeast of Willits

Board. The purchase of these "working

conservation easements

was

Sacramento – As part of Cal Fire's Forest and grazing plans that reduce flammable completed utilizing grant funding from the Legacy Program, 15,620 acres are now grasses while maintaining valuable protected from development under the grasslands.

22 different herds.

forest"

Eel River Peninsula Conservation Project. Three separate properties – Summer Camp Ranch, Garcia Creek Ranch, and Foster Mountain Ranch – collectively make up the conservation easement. Landowners are encouraged to continue to manage their natural resources for sustainable timber production and harvesting, hunting, fishing, grazing and recreation. All three ranches are located east and northeast of Willits.

> Conditions of the easement require sustained yield forestry which allows more time for trees to grow before harvesting, maintenance of the habitat for wildlife, especially the Tule elk and Pacific fisher,

U.S. Forest Service (\$7 million), the Wildlife Conservation Board (\$3.5 million), and a significant donation from the landowners.

These lands are home to the Tule elk. which are found only in California, and their Cal Fire has many years of experience survival is paramount. They are the most with managing working forest conservation easements under its Forest Legacy specialized elk in North America and inhabit oak woodlands and grasslands. From an Program, and with the latest acquisition has now protected more than 100,000 acres. estimated historic population of 500,000, there were less than 50 by 1875. Today Working forest conservation easements there are approximately 4,000 Tule elk in encourage active forest management, which can generate revenue needed to maintain intact forest tracts and prevent conversion Funding for this project was provided by to non-forest uses, increase growth, and in partnership with the Rocky Mountain resilience and health, and protect wildlife Elk Foundation, Cal Fire's Forest Legacy while promoting carbon sequestration and Program, and the Wildlife Conservation mitigating climate change.

– submitted by Cal Fire, Sacramento HQ







# Help the **Grateful Gleaners**

# fill these boxes!

The Grateful Gleaners' boxes are empty! The group is gearing up for another fruit season, so if you have extra fruit that needs to be picked, contact the group at their new voice mail number: 367-9759. The Gleaners will come to your property, harvest fruit (or vegetables), and donate the boxes to local non-profits that serve those in need of healthy food, including schoolchildren and the elderly. Remember to save this number for future reference.

At right: Grateful Gleaners, from left: Karen Gridley, Mike Adams, Thayer Craig, Carol Cox, Earline Dykes (seated), and Prana Petru, are ready to come pick your extra produce to donate to those in

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# **Get Ready for Real Estate**

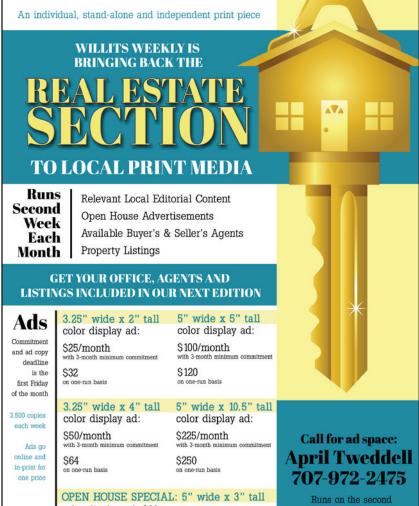
Willits Weekly starts stand-alone Real Estate Section on August 11

Remember the days of a full real estate section in the local paper? Well Willits Weekly is ready to bring that back, and will start with the inaugural edition on August 11.

Ads from local real estate offices, agents, industry-supporting businesses and more will be featured alongside relevant, custom content from local contributors and industry professionals.

The sections will come out once a month. They will be inserted into Willits Weekly, but will be designed as stand-alone pieces that can remain on counters and office tables for several weeks. If you are interested in being included, there are several choices, from business card ads to halfpage ads. Discounts are given for three-month commitments, and there's even a special open house ad rate for agents wanting to showcase listings. Encourage your agent to get your listing included!

The deadline for the first edition will be Friday, August 5, and anyone interested in being included s encouraged to call Willits Weekly's ad rep April Tweddell at 972-2475 or to email her at april@ villitsweeklv.com



Thursday of the month

OPEN HOUSE SPECIAL: 5" wide x 3" tall color display ad: \$60

# She's a star



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Pictures of Summer Camp Ranch and Foster Mountain Ranch and of some of the wildlife that lives on the ranches. Clockwise from top left: Multicolored bear cubs. Three Tule elk. Pacific fisher. A large bear. A view of the coast from Summer Camp Ranch. A bear walks through the snow.

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Studio moves to Printing Plus after 35 years

On the 4th of July weekend a crew of six people worked the weekend packing and loading trailers full of machines, tools, and materials from Firefly Framing Studio in the Grange on School Street to its new location at Printing Plus on School Street (across from the Safeway parking lot).

It's been 35 years that Firefly Framing Studio has been located in sunny and spacious Room Six at the Willits Grange Building. Created in 1981, Firefly Framing Studio

Ree Slocum

Features Writer ree@willitsweekly.com mother-and-daughter partnership. From 1988 to 1996. Laine Campbell owned the

business; she sold it to Wendy Wilmes and her mother, Mary Kanne in 1996 (another mother-and-daughter duo). In 2011 when Wilmes' mother decided to retire, Wilmes bought Kanne's share of the business, becoming the sole owner until July 5 of this year.

Having helped to build a thriving business with a reputation for

creative and detailed framing to suit each customer's needs, Wilmes was ready to sell the framing studio. Depending upon timing and word of mouth, she patiently waited until the right person and situation came along. And that it did when Tim Ramming, owner of Printing Plus walked through the door – he wanted to expand his services to include framing. After a few months of meetings and a final agreement, the two owners decided to begin moving during the 4th of July weekend when both businesses usually experience a slow period. Thus began a perfect match.

was owned by Elaine and Stacy Smith, a

"I wanted to sell the business and then decided not to retire because I love my work, my community and my customers," Wilmes explained. She's also enjoying the new situation: "I like the people working here, and it's a bright and cheerful space." She will be working fewer days, and former Firefly employee, Ree Slocum, will also continue framing at Printing Plus.

Ramming is happy to have Wilmes and Slocum added to the payroll. "I've worked to have Printing Plus be a place where there are quality people doing quality work." He also sees the additions of large-format printing and now framing as expansions of the services he can offer his customers.

"People can have their work photographed, color-corrected, printed, and framed in one place," he said. Also, from the large quantities of Firefly's mat board and lengths of wooden frame stock, Ramming is planning to add precut, ready-made mats and frames for customers who don't want to wait for custom framing or can find just the right combination of mat and frame in standard sizes.

Firefly Framing will continue having the same phone number: 459-2020, which will be redirected to Printing Plus. Printing Plus' phone number is: 459-9401. Printing Plus is open 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, making the framing business more accessible to customers for orders and pick-up.

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8:30 am - 5:30pm

Wendy Wilmes. the new framing team at Printing Plus. Below: Printmaster Miguel Jimenez inspects his latest job. At bottom, from left: Designer and printer Alisa Kvasnička. Ronald Hickman, printer, applies finishina touches to a banner. Staffers work at Printing Plus, from left: Kvasnička sorts orders; Hickman waits on customer Suzanne Picetti: and Wilmes sorts frame corner samples



The rest of The rest of From Page 1 From Page 1 Allman | Raids **CLASSIFIEDS** 882 marijuana plants is to generate negative public million, that would be \$3.7 More than 700 \$10 for 30 words for 2 weeks! and arresting 28-year-old focus towards an initiative that marijuana plants million. were James Butler O'Conner of could solve the mental health seized as well as three Toward the end of board Santa Rosa, on suspicion problems of this county," firearms in the 10:30 am discussion about the report, Affordable Tutoring raid, according to sheriff's of cultivation and Allman said. Supervisor John McCowen English, Math, Test Prep Lt. Shannon Barney. possession of marijuana Homework Support, Study asked Angelo if she could "We often talk about Skills. Maddie Armstrong for sale. Officers arrested see a way in which that mistakes we've made in the . 707 841-3106. Call to All 11 were booked into 49-year-old Julie Bailey, past on mental health. But \$4.85 million annual hit in arrange free consultation 42-year-old Eric Bailey, county jail. now some people on this estimated operating costs and grade availability. 20-year-old Cacidy Bailey, On Monday afternoon, board are saying, 'Maybe we could be reduced. Angelo all of Laytonville, 41-yearthe teams conducted two appeared to struggle with don't need this, so let's make Algebra, Geometry old Dru Bailey of Pueblo, "open field" marijuana this as expensive as possible her conflicting obligations of Tutoring, Test Prep and 40-year-old Steven eradications in the Cahto safeguarding county finances so the voters will say no.' Mac Smith 459-MATH Colombo of Fort Bragg, Peak area, seizing 5,943 and considering options the "I knew a friend who went on suspicion of cultivation plants from one garden county could use to deal with Community HU Song out and bought a high-priced and possession of and 944 plants from a local mental health issues. In our fast-paced world, car, with all the whistles and marijuana for sale. second. They also seized are you looking to find "No matter what we do.. bells, didn't talk to a soul. Then Eric and Dru Bailey 1,362 plants from a more inner peace? Join You know, there's the risk if he went home and told his us for a Community HU garden in the 52800 block also face charges of being of North Highway 101 in wife how much the payments we do nothing, and there's Song, Thursday, July 28, prohibited persons in at 6 pm at Willits City Hall. the risk to the county coffers were, and she said, 'No, we possession of firearms, Laytonville. 111 E. Commercial Street. [if it passes]. If you look at can't afford it.' That's not the Barney said. Early Tuesday HU (pronounced hue) is a the figures in this report way you do business. You sit The same morning, simple, uplifting prayer or afternoon, raiders seized and I echo everybody else down with reasonable people mantra that can help you 1.092 marijuana plants law enforcement officers who are smart, you say, 'This and I think staff has done experience divine love and in the 52300 block of 25-year-old arrested an inner calm. All faiths an excellent job putting this is how much money we have.' Dakota Poalito of Ukiah, North Highway 101 in are welcome. Sponsored together - we used, what and then you say, 'How do we 36-year-old Sean Hogen Laytonville. by Eckankar: Experience make this work?'" Allman said. do you call it? 'Best case of McKinleyville, 33-yearthe Light & Sound of Tuesdav afternoon scenario,' or 'worst case God. Information? Please old Jonathan Marker According to the CEO lawmen conducted five call 972-2475 or visit scenario'? We did. We looked of Loveland, Colorado, "open field" marijuana office's report, currently the miraclesinvourlife.org. at the chart, and we went full-34-year-old Johnny garden eradications at county's mental health budget blown on all these services we Bassett of San Diego, the Hunt Ranch near is \$26.6 million. With costs to Computer Help and 35-year-old Marina could have. Lavtonville and in the staff, maintain and operate Veed help with your Connel of Ashville. North Red Mountain area near the proposed mental heath "If you look at the services computer? I will come to Carolina. on suspicion Leagett. Some 5,910 facility included, the budget and you don't look at 16 beds your home or business. PC of cultivation and plants were seized. No for mental health services and Macintosh. Repairs and you don't look at AOD possessing marijuana for and configuration \$40/ arrests were made. residential. [but] vou look at will increase to \$36.2 million hr. Tutoring \$20/hr. 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Off-street parking, air Nuisance During Monday afternoon's number of psychiatric beds so conditioning, waiting area. board of supervisors Utilities included. \$300/ we would have something that administrative citation Lance brought a draft month. 707-354-2473. meeting, Assistant CEO would be manageable? procedure and improved proposal to the council Alan Flora acknowledged "I've looked to Tammy [Moss hearing procedures, and during the May 25 For Rent a lot of assumptions went meeting. Although Chandler, HHSA director, his allows the city manager Professional Office Space into the report. One of those concerning] additional funding proposal addressed the for rent; various sized to designate persons to assumptions was the size streams and what may be offices. \$1.00 per foot. serve as a hearing body." central weaknesses of of whatever facility would be Madrone Professional comina down over the next the current code with Lance was tasked by Group, 459-6874. built. 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Leg of lamb is a popular dish at family outings. Whether it's a holiday meal, anniversary dinner or a double date at home with friends, lamb can set the tone for a memorable night. Hosts who want to experiment with a less traditional take on lamb can try the following recipe for "Rack of Lamb with a Coffee and Avocado Honey Crust," courtesy of Laurey Masterton's "The Fresh Honey Cookbook" (Storey).

# **Rack of Lamb**

with a Coffee and Avocado Honey Crust

Serves 4

- 1/4 cup toasted fresh bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup honey, preferably avocado honey
- 1/4 cup coarse-ground mustard

small rack of lamb (about 2 pounds) Sea salt

Coarsely ground black pepper Granulated garlic

cup strong brewed coffee or espresso

1/4 cup white wine

### 1. Preheat the oven to 375 F

2. Make a paste of the bread crumbs, honey and mustard in a small bowl, mixing until just combined.

3. Season the lamb rack with salt, pepper and granulated garlic. Spread the honey-mustard paste on the meat side of the rack. Place the lamb rack in a baking dish just large enough to hold it, preferably one that can also be placed directly on the stove top. Pour the coffee into the bottom of and \$200 for third. Wooden Tinkerbell the baking dish

4. Bake for 10 minutes, or until the crust is set, then baste with the pan drippings, trying not to dissolve the honey-mustard mixture. Continue to bake until a meat thermometer reads 130 F, 20 minutes or longer. Keep a careful watch. If your racks are small, this may take less time. Similarly, larger racks will take longer. When the proper temperature is reached, remove from the oven. Transfer the lamb rack to a warmed plate to rest while you prepare the sauce

5. Place the baking dish on the stove. Simmer the drippings over the medium-high heat and add the wine to deglaze the pan, stirring with a wooden spoon. Add any additional juices that might have collected on the plate from the resting lamb. Stir until the drippings and wine are well-mixed and slightly thick, about 5 minutes.

6. Cut the rack into rib portions and serve with the warmed sauce.

Note: To make fresh crumbs, simply cut a few slices of bread into tiny pieces or pulse a few slices in a food processor for a few seconds. You are looking for coarse crumbs, not grains of sand. To toast, toss in a dry saucepan over medium heat for a few minutes, until the bread dries and turns golden brown.





## Getting ready for the **Redwood Empire Fair** August 4 through 7 at Ukiah Fairgrounds

Cupcakes" contest. Entrants receive free The first weekend in August means time for the fair, and this year, the Redwood entrance into the fair. Empire Fair will be "Celebrating 80 Years of Reel Family Fun" from August 4 to 7. The movie theme will be seen throughout

the fair, with decorations and fun, and will be the inspiration for several special and more. contests for the general public.

Businesses are welcome to decorate their windows in the theme for a chance to win \$300 for first place. \$250 for second cutouts are available to be decorated at home and then returned to the fair for judging. Categories are available for preschool through senior citizen exhibitors. The first-place award in each age class is \$50, and an overall "Best in Show" awardwinner will receive \$100.

A baking contest on Saturday for "Movie Reel Cookies" will be held, and on Sunday, there will be a "80 Year Celebration



Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

**Sweet Sheeba** 

Sheeba is a beautiful 62-pound Husky mixed-breed dog looking for a walking companion and best forever friend. Despite her age of 11 years, Sheeba is an active and mischievous soul! This sweet senior has been known to find her way out of fenced yards, August 2. so security in her new home is essential. Sheeba can be shy at first, likely because she hasn't received the kind of love and attention that a dog needs to feel confident, but she

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receipts per fiscal year. between January 1, 2017 and January 1, 2020

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Farmers growing on less than 2,500 square feet will pay a minimum tax of not less than \$1,250 per growing cycle; those growing on a plot between 2,501 square feet and 5,000 square feet will pay a minimum tax of not less than \$2,500 per growing cycle; and those growing on more than 5,001 square feet will pay a tax of not less than \$5,000 per growing cycle.

If a farmer's revenue is such that 2.5 percent of their gross receipts is more than the minimum floor, then that person shall pay the higher amount

After July 1, 2020, the tax Once at the fair, attendees are welcome rate may be increased once to peruse the buildings featuring exhibits fiscal year (subject to from locals, to check out the carnival, to the approval of the board of meet the breeding and market animals, supervisors) in increments of 2.5 percent. The ordinance

Each night, motorsport action will states the tax shall not happen at the Ukiah Speedway inside the exceed 10 percent of gross fairgrounds, including motorcycles and receipts, per fiscal year.

ATVs on Thursday, Mudd Boggs on Friday, Taxes are also proposed Truck and Tractor Pulls on Saturday for other aspects of the and Jalopie and boat races on Sunday. cannabis industry. Those Daily live musical entertainment will also engaged in business as a be on the Willow Tree Stage, including cannabis distributor, delivery performances by Funkacillin, Waylon & service. manufacturer. The Wild Cats, II Big, and Banda Pacifica. nursery producer, testing The big livestock auction is the main laboratory or transporter in day-time event on Saturday and starts at the unincorporated portion

noon at the Racine Pavilion. Everyone is of the county will pay a tax of welcome to come and sign up as a buyer \$2,500 per fiscal year. That at the auction. amount is subject to increase Admission to the fair is as determined by the federal

Consumer Price Index; \$9 for adults and \$7 for however, no reduction in the kids 6 to 12 and for seniors. tax is possible. Kids 5 and under are free.

Parking is also \$7. Carnival The initiative proposed wristbands are \$22 each by supervisors bears some presale (ends August 4 at similarity to the taxation 2 pm), and \$27 at the fair. component included in Heritage Initiative. a See details for all the the ballot initiative proposed contests and more online at www.RedwoodEmpireFair. by County Mendocino marijuana cultivators. Voter com or call 462-FAIR. Registrar Sue Ranochak told Photos by Maureen Moore

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Willits Weekly the Heritage Initiative has qualified for the November ballot, based on her office's count of valid signatures. Ranochak will be bringing certification of that initiative to the next board of supervisors meeting on

The Heritage Initiative

proposes a flat tax rate of

2.5 percent of gross receipts

marijuana, and 5 percent

for growers of non-medical

provision that could increase

the tax rate over time.

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From Page 1 From Page 1 CPUC Deficit additional monies coming in this cannabis ordinances to collect next year are highly speculative," taxes on cultivation. Burton lamented, adding, "I'm courts were impacted. "You could charge a perprepared to go through this [144square-foot fee to allow growing page] budget page by page. of cannabis in industrial zoning. That's practically what the Madrigal said. council did. With feedback from The city could regulate city staff, Willits Chamber of cultivation to keep it out of Commerce Executive Director Madrigal neighborhoods, Lynn Kennelly and board Using explained. President Lisa Epstein, as well carriers.' 40,000-square-foot industrial as other members of the public, space as an example, Madrigal the meeting lasted until just past said: "If there was a \$5-squaremidnight. foot fee, we're looking at Holmes, in her report, identified \$200,000 per year [for just one nine major contributing factors to property]." the general fund deficit, including Burton, a staunch opponent of a \$186,500 sales tax decrease cannabis cultivation and a strong and additional costs in planning supporter of the current ban on police administration, dispatch all cannabis-related business field operations and community kept "in good working order." within the city, surprised those services, totaling \$227,000. in attendance with the way Discussion of how to handle he responded to Madrigal's the deficit included the idea of proposal: creating new revenue sources "I'm not excited about it, but for the city. I'm not opposed to having that phone service. "Some of the common ones conversation," he said. would be looking at the city's Perhaps the most rates and fees," City Manager controversial ideas discussed Adrienne Moore suggested. regarding balancing the budget "Historically we have not charged dowr involved changes in emergency what we should be charging. dispatching services. [The fees] do not cover the cost of providing the associated One proposal was to contract services. We recommend doing out dispatch services, which a new rate study, [as we] seem would save, at most, \$60,000 a to be significantly lower than our year, according to Moore. That neighbors." idea was roundly rejected by all Currently city staff is looking at in attendance. ways to restructure water rates. Another proposal, still on the table for discussion, involves Several people, including cutting the dispatch positions Moore, Kennelly, and Holmes suggested increasing the from five down to four full-time transient occupancy tax, or employees. TOT. The TOT is charged in According to Moore, "By most states, including California, streamlining [down to] four fullto travelers when renting time employee dispatchers and accommodations in a hotel or eliminating the administrative the service disruption. other such lodgings. supervisor, who would become According to Holmes, Willits the fourth dispatcher, the cost currently collects a 10 percent savings would be approximately TOT, with 9 percent going to \$141.000.' the city and 1 percent going Despite the attractiveness of to the chamber of commerce. saving that amount of money, According to Kennelly, that rate Moore ultimately recommended and distribution was established the council make no changes in in 1990 in a joint agreement dispatch services, as most of the between the city, motel owners employees are overworked as it and the chamber, "for tourism and economic development," said Kennelly. "That's how it started. When it comes to making funding cuts, Burton suggested That's where it has remained." taking it to the individual Both Ukiah and Fort Bragg departments. charge a 12 percent TOT. "Realistically, the people who "The council could consider a Statham agreed, but added there "are not run these departments are better ballot measure to increase our technicians" to maintain and repair the county's aging

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unknown reasons, debris flew from the big rig Businesses lost millions of dollars, McGuire testified, and regional law enforcement agencies, colleges, hospitals and and struck her vehicle The Subaru veered into the southbound lane of the Highway 101 and off the west At present, he noted, there is no policy which requires shoulder of the roadway. carriers to report when telecommunication systems are down, or advise officials when service will be restored. Service can The big rig continued north toward Willits be out for days before the companies are required to report according to the CHP press release. the problem to the Federal Communications Commission The young woman was rushed to Ukiah "We need a system to ensure reliability during outages. We Valley Medical Center, where she succumbed need to be able to communicate with [telecommunications] to her injuries. Ukiah CHP is seeking assistance in Wood echoed McGuire's argument, noting the necessity for identifying the red-cabbed tractor, its tarpbroad coverage in regional rural areas to promote economic covered trailer, and its driver development, education and public safety. "The truck tractor and trailer may have "We are [vulnerable] until we crack the broadband 'nut." damage to a wheel and brake drum," the CHP Supervisor Dan Hamburg added. said Commissioner Sandoval said the problems with the system Persons with information about the accident appear to arise from a "confluence" of both hardware and are asked to call the Ukiah Area CHP dispatch software issues, plus the fact that many existing lines are not center at 467-4000 Fort Bragg police Lt. Charles Gilchrist recalled the The rest of From Page 14 Pot precious minutes that slipped by as he tried to obtain medical assistance for a man found on Glass Beach with a skul Services, for the cultivation of medical fracture just before a fiber optic cable was severed by a 2015 marijuana vehicle accident that knocked out both landline and cellular County staff has maintained that requiring a use permit for cannabis cultivation operations While Gilchrist told the CPUC representatives he had a on individual parcels would enable the county functioning police radio, he could not communicate with the emergency dispatch center in Ukiah, whose phones were to meet the requirements of CEQA, the California Environmental Quality Act, at little cost to the county. "We were completely isolated," he said. On July 12, Planning and Building Services After several anxious minutes, Gilchrist was able to pull Lead Planner Andy Gustafson told supervisors over an ambulance patrolling the streets, and the injured "Without that type of oversight, we cannot man was rushed to Mendocino Coast District Hospital. He show the program will be administered in such survived, "but eventually," Gilchrist warned, "someone will a manner that it will not have impacts. But on the other hand, Planning and Building Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman testified his Services is notoriously slow. The department department survived communications crises in 2014 and is not at full staffing, and has had difficulty 2015 by using satellite phones, ham radio operators, and retaining capable planners in recent months. officers dispatched to look for problems. Firehouses and hospitals were staffed in case someone with an emergency McCowen has repeatedly described the sought help at those locations. situation in that department as proceeding The 2014 outage coincided with a forest fire near Laytonville, bravely, but slowly, under the strain of processing some 24 regular use permits he noted, preventing the Sheriff's Office from sending out a year, at a rate of six months per permit. automated phone messages to warn area residents. Not that they would have been able to receive them anyway, due to McCowen said requiring each applicant for a medical marijuana cultivation permit from the agriculture commissioner to also secure a use "We rely on our fiber optic line for everything," Allman said. permit from Planning and Building Services But to keep telecommunications up and running, the Sheriff's does not seem like a recipe for success Office needs "diverse redundancy" built into the system: fiber optic lines running from two different locations. "And we need "We're topped out," McCowen said. "We copper landlines" to back up the fiber optic lines. did 24 last year. Now, we're talking hundreds, perhaps thousands of permits. I want this That opinion was reinforced by Ukiah resident and AT&T program to succeed.' employee Steven Darling, a Communication Workers of America steward, who "advocates for copper to back up However, Commissioner of Agriculture fiber optics," and by Mendocino Communications Network Chuck Morse offered McCowen and the board manager Sage Statham, who noted that while the AT&T fiber a reason why, in his view, it would be helpful to optic line cut in 2015 contained a back-up cable, both were have Planning and Building staff help. severed by the axe-wielding vandals "I've been building my staff, in preparation "A diverse redundant system," including copper-wired for this," Morse said. "I've been staffing up landlines, is "a necessity for Mendocino County," said with biologists. It would be difficult for them to CalFire's Mendocino Unit Chief Chris Rowney. become conversant with the other aspects of

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warms up quickly. Sheeba is already house-trained and knows basic commands. She is well-socialized and likes people and dogs of any age. We know that it takes a very special soul to open their heart and home to a senior dog, and we hope that you're out The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours marijuana. The Heritage are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm and Wednesday Initiative does not include a from 10 am to 6:30 pm. Many wonderful dogs and cats, await their forever homes here. To view photos and bios of more of the wonderful adoptable animals, please visit www. mendoanimalshelter.com or visit our shelter. Please join us the 2nd Saturday of every



When asked what will happen if both the county cannabis tax and the Heritage Initiative are approved by voters, Mendocino County Counsel Katharine Elliott said the initiative which receives the most votes will

### **Cultivation ordinance** still under discussion

afternoon supervisors were unable to reach unanimity regarding the medical marijuana cultivation ordinance, which board members and county staff have been working on since mid-April. The sticking point continues to be disagreement on whether the county should require a use permit, to be administered through the Planning and Building

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gualified to take the money out of TOT by 2 percent," Moore said. it, than we are," Burton said. "I'd In a written memorandum rather give the departments the provided to the council, she also chance to find their share and proposed looking at the idea of

bring us back a balanced budget. raising the sales tax. That's passing the buck I guess, "The council could consider but that's what we hire them for; another 'special purpose' tax to do that job with the money we measure to address a focused have

community need, such as public Lisa Epstein, president of the safety," said Moore. Willits Chamber of Commerce, Moore cited the "Half-Cent made the bold proposal of

Sales Tax for Transportation investing with a deficit. Improvement" special tax "Think of a deficit as a leap

as an example; it currently of faith," said Epstein. "We can raises approximately \$900,000 come to an arrangement where annually. The fund currently that feels OK by looking at ways contains more than \$2.6 million, \$1.5 million of which has been set coming down the pike. aside for enhancements on Main Street after Caltrans finishes its relinguishment project. The current sales tax for Willits is the same as Ukiah

and Point Arena, at 8.125 percent. Fort Bragg's sales tax is 8.625 percent. The rest of unincorporated Mendocino County sits at 7.625 percent. Councilman Larry Stranske attention '

voiced strong opposition to raising taxes, arguing local businesses are already losing the battle with online competitors. "When you add more sales tax, you're driving people towards the ourselves." internet businesses," Stranske warned. "Look at it from the point

by the voters.

Epstein used the bypass as an opportunity, explaining how the chamber is working on a project to enhance the appeal of Willits "by developing the brand and logo and creating national recognition," including bringing

"print media to our town and capturing this bypass event and turning it into a story that garners

"The city is partnering with the chamber to make this happen,' Madrigal added. "A lot of thought and effort has been put into

designing the plan to promote No action was taken by the

of view of someone who's trying council. to earn a living in the community. The budget, including specific incorporated revisions, is Moore reminded the council expected to be adopted during that if any tax measures are to the next Willits City Council be proposed, they would have

meeting on Wednesday, July 27. to be prepared for the November ballot, to be approved or declined The City of Willits proposed

manpower. "We're doing the best we can," he said.

temporary fixes," an opinion echoed by Lake County AT&T lineman Shawn Heap. "We're understaffed in this area,' Heap said, noting there were only two linemen working in Lake County, three in Ukiah and two in Fort Bragg. "We have the technology" to maintain the lines, whether fiber optic or copper, despite the constant damage wrought by woodpeckers, rodents and insects, he said, but not the

That does not bode well for the area's economic future, since unreliable phone and internet services are hampering the county's ability to compete in the global marketplace and to attract good-paying jobs, said businesswomen Maryann Petrillo and Claire Lindelef They urged the CPUC to ensure rural residents have the to make money on things that are services they need to thrive, including those older, generally more reliable copper phone lines - which, they note, aren't dependent on electricity - while adding more modern systems operations. One of the rare exceptions cited to bring rural counties into the 21st century Trish Steel, chairwoman of the Mendocino Broadband Alliance, considered the hearing a positive step forward.

"Commissioner Sandoval really listened to what the speakers said and showed deep interest," she said. "She asked specific questions about addresses and stressed telephone companies have a legal obligation to provide reliable service.

The information gathered at Friday's hearing will be transcribed and delivered to the full commission to consider when mulling solutions to the problem of rural connectivity, officials said.

The hearing's "strong turnout provided a message that Mendocino County calls for reliable networks, both legacy phone networks for those residents who are not yet connected to the newer technologies and redundancy in the

fiber networks that so many public safety agencies rely on for critical services," said county Executive Officer Carmel Angelo in a press release following the hearing. As Angelo noted: "The hearing proceeding is still open, and

if residents were not able to attend or were not aware of the proceeding, written comments can still be submitted to the commission for consideration.

Comments should include the Reference Proceeding Number I.14-05-012 and be sent to:

budget can be viewed in its entirety Councilwoman Holly Madrigal at http://thecityofwillits.com/wp-Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, suggested taking advantage content/uploads/2016/07/07-13mendocinobroadband.org/topics/special-sessions of the new state and county 16-Agenda-Packet-Council.pdf

telecommunication infrastructure, resulting in "a lot of approaching the ordinance was for supervisors to understand that what the county was looking for at this point is a draft ordinance. a skeleton ordinance that will be fully fleshed out later. He asked supervisors to agree on a tentative ordinance that could be subjected to the CEQA analysis. That analysis would help determine whether it would be imperative to

Gustafson argued a key component in

the permitting process."

require use permits or not.

However, both McCowen and Supervisor Tom Woodhouse stated they would not support the ordinance if it required use permits from Planning and Building Services. McCowen was emphatic, stating that not only did he not want to require use permits from Planning and Building, except in rare instances, but he also did not want Planning and Building to issue administrative permits for marijuana by McCowen was in the case of small indoor grows, which McCowen agreed should require a use permit.

(An administrative permit is a permit that is less complicated and demanding than a use permit, but more complex than an ordinary building permit. It is a type of planning approval that helps ensure that projects conform to zoning codes.)

Woodhouse couched his reluctance to support the ordinance in slightly more flexible language. He said, "I am not going to vote in support of this ordinance today."

A few minutes after 5 pm, county CEO Carmel Angelo reminded the board the afternoon session was drawing to a close, and it was likely at least one board member would invoke the "5:30 rule," which requires the meeting be adjourned as soon as any supervisor requests it after that time. Angelo also reminded supervisors they had not yet approved the cannabis taxation ordinance, which contained an important new section authored by McCowen, and added it was important the taxation ordinance be approved Public Advisors Office, California Public Utilities that day, if possible.

CA 94102. A video of the hearing is available at: www. Supervisors tabled further discussion on the cultivation ordinance until August 2.

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