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Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Rotary bicycle ride

To the Editor:

Two years ago, Brad Walton of Willits, along with Steve Kesling and Steve Chun, rode their bicycles across the country to raise money for Rotary International's polio eradication fund, raising over \$9,600 for the cause.

This summer, Brad is at it again, but this time the ride's a bit shorter. Rotary District 5130 is staging a six-day bicycle ride starting August 14, from one end of the district to the other, called "Pedal 4 Polio."

A dedicated cadre of Rotarian cyclists will ride the 350 miles from Crescent City to Petaluma and solicit pledges for their rides. And the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation matches donations 2:1 to get us even closer to our goal.

Here are two ways Rotarians or friends of Rotarians can pledge funds toward their favorite rider: 1) You can go to <http://www.imathlete.com/donate/TheRotaryFoundationPolioPlusFund?z=1499036595922> and click on your favorite rider. This is the easiest method for donating, but be aware that the company running the website charges a 7 percent fee.

2) You can pay by check. A donor can make a check out to "The Rotary Foundation," in the memo section put "PolioPlus," and give to the rider they are supporting, to any Willits Rotarian, or drop it off at Brad's office at 40 West Mendocino Avenue in Willits.

On August 17 the group will roll through Willits, stopping for a potluck at Willits City Park and staying with host families in town. Come by to say hello!

Willits Rotary Club, Rotary District 5130

'Speakeasy IV'

To the Editor:

The monologue fairy visited Willits Community Theatre this past weekend and sprinkled her dust over two full-house performances of "Speakeasy IV," in which seven women and six men performed original tales of love, longing, loss and levity.

A shout out to the community for its support. Audience enthusiasm was palpable. There were tears, hoots, laughter and that delicious anticipatory silence as monologuers built their tales toward conclusion.

The monologue is a unique dramatic format, not to be confused with a soliloquy within a play ("To be or not to be") in which an actor speaks at length to heaven, to himself or to no one at all, but never to the audience which, in theory, is hidden behind the "fourth wall." In contrast, monologuers, alone on stage, direct their performances right at the audience – up close and personal. In your face stuff. Daring, intimate, scary.

The closest cousin to the monologue is stand-up comedy.

As organizers of the event, we, the undersigned, were thrilled with how it went this year. There's nothing quite like a full house hooting and hollering its approval, and that's what we had. Just ask anyone who was there.

Don and Annie Samson, Willits

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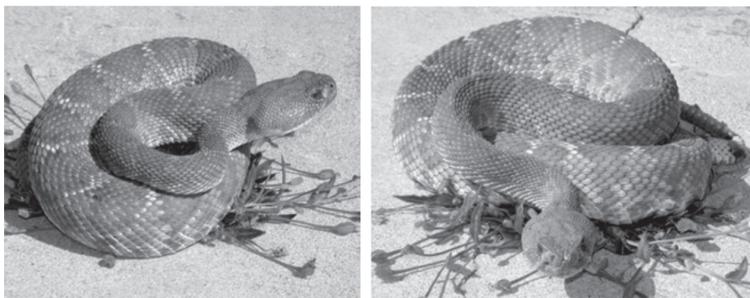
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Above, left: This rattler is basking in the midmorning sun in order to raise his body temperature. When on the hunt for rodents, he finds them with the use of special pits on his head that detect body heat in his prey. Above, right: Rattlesnakes can be identified by their triangle-shaped head and their characteristic "rattle" found at the tip of their tail.

Rattlesnake Safety

Tips from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

With the warmer weather conditions, snakes of many species are through hunkering down, making human encounters with these elusive creatures more likely. Although most native snakes are harmless, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife recommends steering clear of the venomous rattlesnake – and knowing what to do in the event of a strike.

Rattlesnakes are widespread in California and are found in a variety of habitats throughout the state, from coastal to desert. They may also turn up around homes and yards in brushy areas and under woodpiles.

Generally not aggressive, rattlesnakes will likely retreat if given room or not deliberately provoked or threatened. Most bites occur when a rattlesnake is handled or accidentally touched by someone walking or climbing.

On rare occasions, rattlesnake bites have caused severe injury – even death. However, the potential of encountering a rattlesnake should not deter anyone from venturing outdoors. The California Poison Control System notes that the chances of being bitten are small compared to the risk of other environmental injuries.

Most bites occur between the months of April and October, when snakes and humans are most active outdoors, but there are precautions that can and should be taken to lessen the chances of being bitten.

The dos and don'ts in snake country

Rattlesnakes are not confined to rural areas. They have been found in urban areas, on riverbanks and lakeside parks and at golf courses. The following safety precautions can be taken to reduce the likelihood of an encounter with a rattlesnake.

- Be alert. Like all reptiles, rattlesnakes are sensitive to the ambient temperature and will adjust their behavior accordingly. After a cold or cool night, they will attempt to raise their body temperature by basking in the sun midmorning. To prevent overheating during hot days of spring and summer, they will become more active at dawn, dusk or night.

- Wear sturdy boots and loose-fitting long pants. Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through brushy, wild areas. Startled rattlesnakes may not rattle before striking defensively.

- Children should not wear flip-flops while playing outdoors in snake country.

- When hiking, stick to well-used trails. Avoid tall grass, weeds and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day.

- Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see. Step on logs and rocks, never over them, and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood. Check out stumps or logs before sitting down, and shake out sleeping bags before use.

- Never grab "sticks" or "branches" while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.

- Be careful when stepping over doorsteps as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side.

- Never hike alone. Always have someone with you who can assist in an emergency.

- Do not handle a freshly killed snake, as it can still inject venom.

- Teach children early to respect snakes and to leave them alone.

- Leash your dog when hiking in snake country. Dogs are at increased risk of being bitten due to holding their nose to the ground while investigating the outdoors. Speak to your veterinarian about canine rattlesnake vaccines and what to do if your pet is bitten.

Rattlesnakes belong to a unique group of venomous snakes known as pit vipers, and the rattlesnake is the only pit viper found in California. The term "pit" refers to special heat sensors located midway between the snake's eye and nostril. These special thermoreceptors detect differences in temperature which help the snake pinpoint prey while hunting.

Pit vipers are venomous and rely on the use of venom to kill prey to eat. The rattlesnake's prey of choice is chiefly rodents and other small mammals, and this is an important factor in terms of keeping rodent populations in an ecosystem in check.

Keeping snakes out of the yard

The best protection against rattlesnakes in the yard is a "rattlesnake proof" fence. The fence should either be solid or with mesh no larger than one-quarter inch. It should be at least 3 feet high with the bottom buried a few inches in the ground. Slanting your snake fence outward about a 30-degree angle will help.

Keep vegetation away from the fence and remove piles of boards or rocks around the home. Use caution when removing those piles – there may already be a snake there. Encourage and protect natural competitors like gopher snakes, kingsnakes and racers. Kingsnakes actually kill and eat rattlesnakes.

What to do if bitten

Though uncommon, rattlesnake bites do occur, so have a plan in place for responding to any situation. Carry a cell phone, hike with a companion who can assist in an emergency, and make sure that family or friends know where you are going and when you will be checking in. In the event of a bite:

- Stay calm but act quickly.
- Remove watches, rings, etc., which may constrict swelling.
- Transport the victim to the nearest medical facility.

For more first aid information, please call the California Poison Control System at 800-222-1222.

What not to do

- Don't apply a tourniquet.
- Don't pack the bite area in ice.
- Don't cut the wound with a knife or razor.
- Don't use your mouth to suck out the venom.
- Don't let the victim drink alcohol.

More information about rattlesnakes can be found at www.wildlife.ca.gov and www.ipm.ucanr.edu.

– submitted by California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Sacramento



From far left: 15 year awardees: Ed Butler, Jeanette Wilson and Bob Norcross. 10 year awardees: Jennifer Ramming, Jennifer Blancett, Amy Buckingham and Ginny Holmen. 5 year awardees: Christine Bourke and Michelle Owen.

Below: Martha Graves and Loretta Johnstone, honored for their 30 years of service, stand with two of their gifts from HMH: a potted butterfly bush and a potted hydrangea.

Photos by Maureen Moore

Honoring Service

Howard Memorial Hospital's annual awards ceremony held at Commonwealth Garden

Under a tent at the gazebo at the Commonwealth Garden Tuesday afternoon, decades, years and hours of service by volunteers and employees at Howard Memorial Hospital were honored.

The ceremony, now in its eighth year, had "A Day at the Races" theme, to spotlight the hospital's Seabiscuit legacy, complete with strawberries and ice cream, festive racing flags, swags of red roses, and shiny silver cups.

The event was emceed by HMH CEO Jason Wells, Infection Prevention and Employee Health Manager Daria Fletcher, and Patient Experience Manager Becky Hope. Both employees and volunteers who have reached particular milestones in connection with Howard Memorial Hospital were honored.

This year, the time from the 39 employees being recognized totaled 515 years of service. Volunteer hours from the auxiliary crew totaled 43,300 hours – the equivalent of 5,412.5 eight-hour workdays.

Three special awards were also presented: the Physician of the Year Award, the Spirit of Planetree Award and the Jann Lamprich Award, the last of which was voted on by employees and given to an outstanding volunteer. The Jann Lamprich Award was given to volunteer Rene Rodriguez; the Physician of the Year Award went to Andrea McCullough, MD; and the Spirit of Planetree Award went to Leslie Smith.

Auxiliary volunteer service awards went to Marie Ulvila with 100 hours, Tom Buske with 200 hours, Diane Collins with 200 hours, Lois Fluke with 200 hours, Diana Franceschini with 200 hours, Beverly Roach with 200 hours, David Sims with 200 hours, Susana Wilson with 200 hours, Nancy Boone with 300 hours, Gwen Markson with 300 hours, Rita Priestly with 300 hours, Annie Samson with 300 hours, Maria House with 400 hours, Pat Vance with 400 hours, Laura Azevedo with 500 hours, Joan Hamilton with 500 hours, Eileen Cary with 600 hours, Jan Pedrotti with 600 hours, Beverly O'Ferrall with 700 hours, Rene Rodriguez with 800 hours, Helen Tepas with 800 hours, Sharon Gaynor with 900 hours, Laurel Morris with 1,000 hours, Linda Palmer with 1,100 hours, Kevin Blundell with 1,300 hours, Lois Edwards with 3,500 hours, Nellie Larsen with 2,300 hours, Dianne

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Above, left: Employees who have achieved service milestones receive an HMH pin like this one, indicating 30 years of service.

Above, right: Volunteer members of the HMH Auxiliary were honored at the service awards event held by Howard Memorial Hospital on Tuesday afternoon.

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Above, left: Karen Scott, 40 year honoree Cindy Bodensteiner, and Cindy's husband, Gary Bodensteiner. Volunteer Nellie Larsen congratulates Rene Rodriguez, recipient of the Jann Lamprich Award.

Below, left: Hayden and Heather Wells, Cici Winiger and Denice Brown pose together in their "Derby Day" finest. Below, right: Jennifer Blancett and Linda Palmer hold their strawberries and cream, a sweet treat provided to attendees of the service awards event.



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Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku



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How To Sudoku:

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

FRUIT-FILLED WORD SEARCH

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CLUES ACROSS

- Pile up
- Midway between south and southeast
- Canadian law enforcers
- Bollywood director Prawaal
- Body part
- Ancient Greek City
- Steep cliff
- Korean ruler
- As might be expected
- Takes kids to learn
- Absorption unit
- Parts of the feet
- Political action committee
- Cerium
- Former CIA
- Of she
- Japanese city
- Expression of sorrow
- Artificial body in orbit
- Expressed violent anger
- A way to surface
- Northern gannet
- Outer part of something
- Nothing
- Fathers
- Siesta
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

- Of I
- Cash machine
- Discounts
- ___ Dickinson, poet
- Watches over
- Hindu queen
- Steep banks
- Fertility god
- Port on Danube
- Liquids
- Greek war dance
- In addition
- Data acquisition system
- Crash an aircraft

CLUES DOWN

- Curved shapes
- 'Beastmaster' actor Singer
- A female domestic
- Starches
- Without name
- An air cavity within a bone
- Relaxing places
- Midway between east and southeast
- Editing
- Baseball team
- Intended to be sung
- Video game Max ___
- Makes free
- French young women
- Express delight
- Takes to the sea
- Monetary unit
- Paddle
- Hit with an open hand
- Gurus
- Sings to
- Book of maps
- Publish in installments
- Ink (slang)
- American inventor
- Unclean
- Snag
- Mars Excursion Module
- Abnormal rattling sounds
- For each
- Country music legend Haggard
- Electronic communication
- Drenches
- Type of sword
- Lodgings
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Figure skater Lipinski
- Acquire by one's efforts
- Stony waste matter
- Offer
- Without issue

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

July 17 to July 23

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 240 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

July 17

3:04 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of East Hill Road and Hilltop Drive.

5:32 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

8:31 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

9:34 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of Franklin Avenue.

10:07 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 800 block of Coast Street.

11:21 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 29800 block of North Highway 101.

11:49 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of Coast Street.

2:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

3:02 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of Coast Street.

3:18 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

3:58 pm: FILLION, Hazel Rochelle (36) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on felony charges of violation of parole.

5:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:03 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Pine Street.

7:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Mendocino Avenue.

11:30 pm: Officers responded to a report on an unwanted subject in the 300 block of South Main Street.

11:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

July 18

12:02 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1300 block of Tuck Road.

12:08 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation near the intersection of McKinley Street and West Valley Street.

6:31 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

6:56 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

8:44 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

9:38 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:04 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

2:39 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Hazel Street.

3:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of East Mendocino Avenue and Madden Lane.

4:20 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:35 pm: Officers

responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

July 19

2:41 am: LEE, Debra Deneen (47) of Olivehurst, California was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 10851 VC (Felony Vehicle Theft), 496 (D) PC (Receiving Stolen Property), 11378 H&S (Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance for Sale), and 11364 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia).

6:48 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

8:03 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 900 block of South Main Street.

9:38 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious objects in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

10:08 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious object in the 200 block of South Main Street.

10:16 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of North Street.

12:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

2:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

4:53 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

9:22 pm: Officers initiated a robbery investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

10:22 pm: WEBBER, Michael David (45) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street following a reported disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on charges of disorderly conduct.

July 20

9:44 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 600 block of East Commercial Street.

11:43 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of South Main Street.

12:50 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

July 21

2:24 am: Officers responded to a report of a fight near the intersection of Walnut Street and Magnolia Avenue.

3:46 am: Officers initiated a robbery investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:16 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

11:35 am: HORN, Shawn Michael (32) of Willits was contacted in the 700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

2:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 200 block of North Main Street.

6:55 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:18 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

July 22

1:03 am: Officers responded to a report

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Debra Deneen Lee of Olivehurst, California.

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home



Mellow Foxy

Adorable and sweet little Foxy is a senior dog and eligible for our senior dog discount. She is a 12-year-old Pomeranian mix who weighs 9 pounds. Foxy is timid, but she loves being in someone's lap.

Because of her age and shyness, we think she would feel most comfortable if her new home was adults only. It breaks our hearts when a dog is discarded after a lifetime of loyalty, but Foxy has years left (her breed often live far into the teen years) to be the loved and loving companion she wants to be. If you're looking for a low-maintenance, mellow companion who thinks you're the bee's knees, then come in and meet this little nugget today.

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



Sweet Jax

Jax, pictured, and his littermate, Lucky, are two 11-week-old male Chihuahua/Yorkie-mix puppies. They both would love to be lap dogs with constant love and attention showered on them. They will soon be ready for adoption - come meet them before it's too late because they are seriously cute!

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



OBITUARY |

Peggy Ramirez

Peggy Lee Ramirez of Willits passed away in her home surrounded by family and friends on July 21 at the age of 54.

Peggy was born in Ukiah and was a life-long resident of Willits. She was an active community member of both Ukiah and Willits, and committed parishioner of St. Anthony's Catholic Church for many years. Peggy also volunteered her time as an official for USA Swimming. She was an active parent and supporter of the Willits Otters and the Ukiah Dolphins swim clubs.

There will be a rosary vigil for her at St. Anthony's on Thursday, July 27, at 7 pm. Her funeral Mass will be held at 11:30 am on Friday, July 28, followed by burial and a reception at the parish hall.

Donations may be made in Peggy's name to St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

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Betty Topp

Betty Ann Topp of Willits passed away July 15, 2017 at the age of 80. She was born in Olean, New York, on November 5, 1936 to George and Virginia "Glair" Westendorf. She married Warren C. Topp on October 16, 1987 in Thousand Oaks, California. She was an electronics assembler for 27 years, and a member of the Torrence, California Moose Lodge. Betty loved dancing and country music, but her most favorite delight was enjoying time with her large, multi-generational family.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, a sister and a brother. She is survived by her loving husband, Warren; her sons, Charles, Mark, Matthew and Douglas Swartz, and her daughter, Gail Vaughan; children by marriage, Jane Ralby, Susan Martin, and Bill Topp; 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-granddaughter.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Calvary Chapel in Ukiah, Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 2 pm.

Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

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Ann Myers

Myself and many others in our Willits community loved Ann "Annie" Bernice Myers, 88 years young when she left us on July 19, 2017. What a delight she was when I gave her rides into Willits or Ukiah to go shopping for food and visit thrift shops looking for craft items. She loved growing her tomatoes and gardening, and would help me with my animals whenever I had to take them to their veterinarian appointments.

Annie was an avid knitter and, if you're reading this and were nice to her, you most likely have something she made just for you. She loved to make people laugh, and helping others to be healthy. She believed what you ate changed your health (like carrots for your eyes and onions, good for your blood), and often offered helpful information about natural cures for ailments.

She had an uncle who owned a roller skating rink where

Annie became an accomplished roller skater, but had no kneecaps left as a result of her athletic passion as a roller derby queen. She also owned a tugboat in San Francisco and told me people would call her "Tugboat Annie." She had some tough times, including losing a boyfriend during one of their circus rehearsals when he fell to the ground from a platform high in the air, and later a son in a car accident.

Annie was very proud of her Italian heritage and was a devout Catholic. If there is a priest or minister who will offer a final blessing for her, she would greatly have appreciated that, and so will I. Annie was a dear friend who I loved, and I know many others loved her, so if you are a friend of Annie Myers and want to get together for a celebration of her big heart and loving energy for Willits, I'm thinking September would be a good time for it. Maybe some of you would like to help me arrange this honoring of her life. If so, please call Cheryl at 984-8994.

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Employees who received 5 year service awards included Amber Compa, Ann Robinson, Carrie Winter, Christine Bourke, Desarie Parker, Heidi Michalek, Holly Bennett, Irene Forrest, Jamie Brown, Jennifer Shivel, Michelle Owen, Rachel Wagoner, Shauna de Marquez, Sonia Azcarate and Vickie Kvasnicka.

10 year service awards went to Amy Buckingham, Claudia Wissler, Jennifer Blancett, Jennifer Ramming, Mark Albert, Raymond Radell, Ginny Holmen and Yvonne Lacy-White.

15 year service awards went to Greg Niderost, Jeannette Wilson, Judy Lemke, Judy Luria, Margaret Bracewell, Bo Stephens, Richard Christopher, Bob Norcross and Ed Butler.

A 25 year service award went to Sue Atherton. 30 year service awards went to Cindy Peter, Judith Ferleman, Loretta Johnstone, Martha Graves and Mary Krauth. A 35 year service award went to Diane Moratti, and Cindy Bodensteiner received a 40 year service award.



At left: HMH CEO Jason Wells presents Diana Franceschini with an award for her 200 hours of service.

Below: Dennis Long, chaplain for HMH, gives a blessing at the opening of Tuesday's service awards event.

Photos by Maureen Moore



"I'm proud to be able to work with these dedicated individuals," said Jason Wells, HMH president and CEO. "This is one of the main reasons why we've built a reputation for great care at Howard. These team members have chosen to stay here and practically have given half a lifetime of service to take care of our community. Howard Hospital is incredibly blessed to have them on our team."

Toxic algae warning issued for North Coast rivers and lakes

State and local public health and environmental health officials are warning recreational users of all bodies of fresh water in Humboldt, Mendocino and Lake counties to avoid contact with cyanobacteria harmful algal blooms, or "HABS."

The blue-green algae usually starts to appear in inland areas in late July or early August, coinciding with warmer weather and slower flowing water.

Director of Mendocino County Environmental Health Trey Strickland told Willits Weekly that no outbreaks of toxic blue-green algae had been confirmed so far this year in Mendocino County. Strickland met with staffers from North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board on Monday, along with public and environmental health staffers from Lake and Humboldt counties. Strickland said six weeks ago a sample was taken from Lake Mendocino and tested by the North Coast water board – "they're the ones who do all the testing," he said – but no toxins were found. If toxic algae are found at any spot in Mendocino County, he said, county environmental health would post warning signs. "The problem is," Strickland said, cyanobacteria "can occur anywhere, but only very few places are actually sampled. The real message," he said, "is that people just have to be vigilant – keep your dogs and kids away from any algae blooms."

Most algal blooms in California contain harmless green algae. Most cyanobacteria algae does not affect animals or people. Nevertheless, it is important to stay safe and avoid contact. A small number of cyanobacteria algae species are capable of producing toxins in "harmful algal blooms" that can be harmful to animals and humans. Dogs and children are most likely to be affected because of their smaller body size and tendency to stay in the water longer.

Cyanobacteria can be present in any fresh water body.

It looks like dark green, blue-green, black, orange or brown scum, foam or mats on the riverbed or floating on the water. Warm water and abundant nutrients can cause cyanobacteria algae to grow more rapidly than usual causing "blooms."

The presence of cyanobacteria toxins has been confirmed in previous years in some water bodies within Humboldt, Mendocino, and Lake counties including the South Fork Eel River, Van Duzen River, Trinity River, Clear Lake and Lake Pillsbury. It is, however, difficult to test and monitor the many lakes and miles of our local rivers. For this reason, it is important for everyone who thinks they see cyanobacteria to report it using the information provided below.

Health officials also recommend the following guidelines for recreational users of freshwater areas:

- Keep children, pets and livestock from swimming in or drinking water containing algal scums or mats.
- Adults should also avoid wading and swimming in water containing algal blooms. Try not to swallow or inhale water spray in an algal bloom area.
- If no algal scums or mats are visible, you should still carefully watch young children and warn them not to swallow any water.
- Fish should be consumed only after removing the guts

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of a suspicious person near the intersection of Highway 20 and Blosser Lane.

1:11 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of South Main Street.

5:58 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

6:11 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 300 block Creekside Drive.

11:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of kidnapping in the 800 block of South Main Street.

11:14 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1500 block of Hearst Willits Road.

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12:41 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of West Van Lane and School Street.

7:23 am: **WHITE, Carlos Angelo** (30) of Ukiah was contacted in the 100 block of South Main Street after a report of suspicious activity. He was arrested pursuant to 1203.2 (A) PC (Violation of Probation), 12020 (A)(4) PC (Felony Concealed Carry of a Dirk/Dagger), 11550 H&S (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance), and on felony charges of threats to an officer and possession of fictitious bills.

7:35 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of East Commercial Street.

9:06 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1400 block of

Baechtel Road.

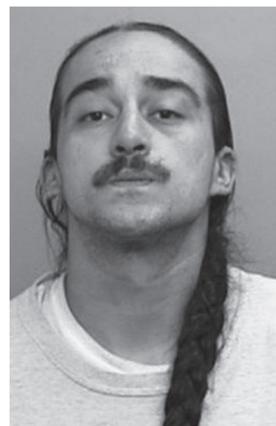
11:09 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1600 block of Elm Lane.

12:34 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

1:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of a fight in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

8:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1600 block of Elm Lane.

9:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue.



Carlos Angelo White of Ukiah.



Far left: A familiar sight in downtown – the storefront of The Book Juggler. At left: Greta Kanne, Chris Harper and Zeus of The Book Juggler.

Below, from left: Rows and rows of shelves are lined with titles ranging from science fiction to romance to history throughout the interior of The Book Juggler's downtown store.

Photos by Mathew Caine

The Book Juggler

Willits' used – and new – bookstore celebrates 30th anniversary

"I think it's pretty remarkable that our town has supported a bookstore of this size for 30 years," says Greta Kanne of The Book Juggler, about the shop's 30th anniversary this month. "When Steve and Suzie first started, it was in a pretty small spot on Commercial Street. They moved the bookstore here in around 1990. It's almost 3,000 square feet chocked to the gunnels with thousands of books. We estimate that we have close to about 80,000 books to choose from. Kanne, with her husband, Chris Harper, have owned this venerable Willits Main Street landmark for about 12 years.

Kanne and Harper have maintained the integrity of the used book concept while making several changes to the inventory. The Book Juggler still has the cavernous maze of rooms and bookshelves, full to the ceiling with pre-read books, but they have also added shelves of new books,

musical instruments (mostly portables like ukuleles and harmonicas), many more DVDs, more LPs, bookmarks, book lights, cards and journals, music books, board games, and a new paint job on the exterior.

"The lion's share of our used books come from people in the community," Kanne said. "Most of our regulars trade with us. They bring stuff in, and we take what we can use and put it out on the shelves. They get credit for it. They can use that credit as a discount in the store. We also work with a couple of book scouts. It's their job to sell used books to bookstores.

"We had a guy in here last Friday," continued Kanne, "who we see every few months, and he brought about 80 boxes of books. We spent the entire day Friday going through them. I felt bad for the customers who came in, because we literally had mountains of books and boxes piled everywhere. We ended up buying about 700 or 800 books from him, which we are now processing and getting up on the shelves. It's a good shot in the arm of fresh new stuff."

Kanne's love of books and reading is strongly evident. "I think books are superior to looking at an illuminated screen," she said. "They're more restful on the eyes, and there's something tangible about them. You put them on the shelf, and you can see them. There's evidence that they existed and that you lived in them for a while. Once you've read something on a screen, it's just out there in the ether.

"Books are organic and tactile," Kanne said. "I love to be surrounded by books. The physical objects are just as thrilling as the actual reading itself. I like the way they look and smell and pile up. To me, it's great to rest your eyes on a shelf of books. Get lost in a maize full of them."

Kanne and Harper have added the new book section in order to offer a wider selection to their cadre of

regular customers. "We took up new books about six or seven years ago when Leaves of Grass closed," explained Kanne.

"The new books really are driven by community interest. We have a lot of things that are about living skills, organic gardening, cannabis cultivation, things like that, as well as best sellers, non fiction, select categories. We do special orders on new books. We offer free gift wrapping."

Kanne expressed optimism for businesses in our community. "We have sustainable older businesses, a number of businesses that have been here for more than three decades like Main Street Music and Video," she said. "How many small communities have a video store? That place has been here for 40 years. I think it says a lot about the possibilities in the community for the business owners who are willing to stick it out and pay attention to what the community is looking for and offer the services and things that people are looking for, really listening to what people want, actually responding to what your customers want.

"There are so many opportunities here," she continued. "People are hungry for that. Customers are hungry for businesses that treat them with respect and care and who can give them personal service and know their names.

"That's one of the wonderful things about living in a small town. We can get anything we want on the internet, but it's different to go into a place and have someone know what you like to order; to go into El Mex and have Emilio know what you like to order; or to go into Cat's Meow and have Linda order towels because she knew that it was the brand that you like; or to have someone come into The Book Juggler and have someone say 'You liked 'Caliban's Wake'? Let's get you into Peter Hamilton's new sci-fi series.'

"It's wonderful to be known in your community," Kanne concluded, "and to feel like the businesses that are here are part and parcel of that. Not just extracting, but adding wealth back into the community. And not just monetary wealth, but goodwill."

The Book Juggler, 182 South Main Street, is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 am to 6 pm; 459-4075.



The Book Juggler also sells musical instruments, DVDs and LPs.

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Thursday, July 27

“The Cannabis Hour”: With host Jane Futch on KZYX 91.5 FM, Thursday, July 27 program: “Medical Uses of High-CBD Cannabis.” Guest Martin Lee, author of “Smoke Signals: A Social History of Cannabis,” and founder of Project CBD. Lee will discuss current research on endocannabinoid signaling in autism, cannabis in pediatrics, and endocannabinoids and female infertility. Lee will answer callers’ questions at 9:40 am. 895-2448.

Willits Reads: Every Thursday, the Willits Library invites special guests to find out what they are reading. The guest(s) will also kick off Story Hour by reading the first book. This week’s guests are the Drop-in Knitters from the Saturday Drop-in Knitting Circle. Thursday, July 27. 10:30 to 11 am. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

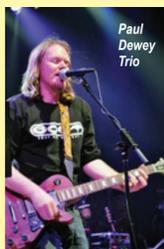
Willits Center for the Arts July Show: Last chance this weekend to see the works of artists Crystal Kamoroff “Mud Pie and the Obsessive Curiosity,” and Evan Hobart “Changed by Fire.” The show will end Sunday, July 30. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. Info: visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

Friday, July 28

Harry Potter Night at the Library: Choose your Hogwarts House, make wands, make potions, costume contest, pose for “Have You Seen This Wizard” mugshots, make and wear your Hogwarts pin, and more. Friday, July 28. 6 to 9 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

Family Movie Night: Grace Community Church presents hot dogs, popcorn, and a big screen outdoor family movie show, all at an affordable price. Bring low-back chairs and blankets. Movie starts at 8:30 pm on Friday, July 28. Grace Community Church, 25 Hazel Street. Info: 459-3106.

Shanachie Pub: Paul Dewey Trio, with an evening of Americana music. Friday, July 28. 9 pm. \$5 cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



Paul Dewey Trio

Saturday, July 29

Free Sports Physicals: Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital is offering “Free Sports Physicals” for all student athletes in Mendocino County. Saturday, July 29. 8 am to noon. And also Sunday, August 6. Redwood Health Clinic, 3 Marcela Drive. Appointments encouraged, but walk-ins welcome. For appointments and info: 456-3185.

Relay for Life: This annual 24-hour fundraising event to raise funds for the American Cancer Society starts at 10 am on Saturday, July 29 at the Rec Grove Park and ends at 10 am on Sunday, July 30. Support your local Relay for Life teams who will

be doing laps around the park to raise money for cancer prevention and research. Ukiah Relayers are coming up to Willits this year for a joint “Mendocino County” Relay event. Learn how different types of cancers can be prevented, and honor cancer survivors – Relay starts with the “Survivors Lap,” and includes a Survivors Brunch on Sunday morning. Enjoy carnival activities such as pie eating contests, a dunk tank, carnival games, food, prizes, a live DJ, lap contests, a photo booth, and much more. The Luminaria Ceremony on Saturday evening as it’s getting dark features decorated paper bags around the lap, honoring those who have cancer and remembering those who have passed. Info: Amanda 972-4038, or amandainman89@gmail.com.

WCA Artist-in-Person: Crystal Kamoroff will be on hand to speak to gallery patrons the final weekend of the current show at Willits Center for the Arts. Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30. 2:30 to 6 pm. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

Spiritual Experiences Fair: Presented by Eckankar. Workshops include: guidance from dreams; exploring past lives to understand and resolve current life situations; help from Spiritual Masters, and more. Saturday, July 29. 2 to 5 pm. Free. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 456-9934.

“The Trial of the Wicked Witch”: Poor Hansel. Poor Gretel. Did the infamous “Wicked Witch” really do all those dastardly things? Witness the legal proceedings as performed by boys and girls ages 9-14, on Saturday, July 29. 7 pm. Directed by Shawna Jeavons. Tickets \$15, 14 and under \$5. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. Advance tickets available at Mazahar; online at brownpapertickets.com; or phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets at the door until sold out.

Shanachie Pub: Blue Lotus Band play “original songs that take you from rock and roll to spaced-out intergalactic madness.” Saturday, July 29. 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, July 30

“The Trial of the Wicked Witch”: Sunday, July 30, 2 pm. Willits Community Theatre; see Saturday,

July 29 listing for more details.

WCA Artist-in-Person: Crystal Kamoroff will be on hand to speak to gallery patrons the final day of the current show at Willits Center for the Arts. Sunday, July 30. 2:30 to 6 pm. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

Sitar Master at WCT: Classical sitar master Pandit Deobrat Mishra plays at Willits Community Theatre, Sunday, July 30 at 7 pm. “Considered one of the most innovative sitar artists of India, Mishra features selective melodic and rhythmic complexities and represents the 11th generation of the Benares Gharana music tradition. He began his sitar study at the age of six. Pandit Deobrat Mishra has performed and recorded with the Western Symphony Orchestra of Italy, and served as visiting professor at the Vienna Conservatory, Milano Conservatory, the University of Sussex, and at the University of Chichester.” Mishra will be joined by his nephew Prashant Mishra on tabla. Tickets are \$20, available in advance at Mazahar; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006, or at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane.



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Wednesday, August 2

Women in Business: Willits Chamber of Commerce’s Women in Business August guest speaker is educator Sandy Peters who has taught business and computer skills for 40 years. This is the first in a series of “Tech Talks” on using computers in business. Subsequent talks will take place on the first Wednesday of every month. “Bring a friend and a business card.” Wednesday, August 2, 8:15 to 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome. Willits Chamber members: free; first meeting for non-Chamber members: free; subsequent meetings: \$5. Willits Center for the Arts-Upstairs Gallery (elevator available), 71 East Commercial Street. Info/RSVP: 459-7910; jsenter@celticheritagetagestinations.com.

Free Day at the Museum: The first Wednesday of every month is free admission to Mendocino County Museum. See the exhibit: “Main Street: Then and Now.” Wednesday, August 2. 10 am to 4:30 pm. Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-2736.

Thursday, August 3

Willits Reads: Every Thursday, the Willits Library invites special guests to find out what they are reading. The guest(s) will also kick off Story Hour by reading the first book. This week’s guests: To be announced. Thursday, August 3. 10:30 to 11 am. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

Blood Drive-Day One: Willits hosts a blood drive Thursday, August 3 and Friday, August 4 to support a City of Willits employee, a longtime Willits resident.

Dining with Twining Time: John Wagenet and Anita Blu perform Folk/Country/Americana music, offering two-part harmony, acoustic guitar and keyboard. Tuesday, August 1. 12:30 to 3 pm. No cover. Brickhouse Coffeehouse, 3 South Main Street, featuring organic coffee, gluten-free baked goods, sandwiches, and more. Info: 459-1598.

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All

2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week’s Tightwad movie: “Valerian and the City of 1000 Planets.” For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Shanachie Pub: Traveling Trio, “dreamy noise folk, emo acoustic and melancholy ukulele punk,” and Whistlin’ Dyl & The Cowboys “hillbilly soul.” Tuesday, August 1. 6 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



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Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All

appointments are advised. Thursday, August 3, 11 am to 6 pm. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Info and appointments: Karen Stevenson 459-7176, or email kstevenson@willitscity.org, or Red Cross 1-800-733-2767.

Caring Kitchen Project-Day One: The project, aimed at empowering and training youth in the preparation of nourishing meals for cancer patients, is now recruiting adult volunteers. “Come to the orientation and get involved.” Thursday, August 3. 5:15 to 6:45 pm. Willits Integrated Service Center, 472 East Valley Street. More info, or RSVP: April Cunningham 467-3212, or acunningham@ncoinc.org.

Friday, August 4

Blood Drive-Day Two: The second, final day of a City of Willits blood drive for a city employee and longtime city resident. Appointments are advised. Friday, August 4. 9 am to 4 pm. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Info and appointments: Karen Stevenson 459-7176, or email kstevenson@willitscity.org, or Red Cross 1-800-733-2767.

Caring Kitchen Project-Day Two: Friday, August 4. 1 to 2:30 pm. Willits Integrated Service Center, 472 East Valley Street. See Thursday, August 3 listing for more details.

“In the Realm of Spirit”: August show at the Willits Center for the Arts, features iconic images of saints and angels by artists Marco Donner and Sue Ellen Parkinson. Opening reception Friday, August 4. Members’ hour: 6 to 7 pm, featuring conversation with the artists; public reception from 7 to 9 pm. 71 East Commercial Street. Artist Marco Donner has been painting for over 35 years in America and Europe. His work is filled with imagery both whimsical and profane. Marco’s painting touches a spirituality that has almost evaporated from the current art world. Marco has made his home in England, Paris, Palo Alto and now Willits. Sue Ellen Parkinson’s paintings and retablos explore the Sacred Feminine often portraying classical saints with a personal twist. Viewers may recognize Willits area locals when gazing upon Sue Ellen’s painting of St. Francis, St. Anthony or St. Bridgid. She pulls inspiration and models from everyday life and elevates them to a sacred realm. Info: willitscenterforthearts.org or 459-1726.

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Shanachie Pub: Forrest, Sarah Rose & Malakai, a new group without a name, with “a night of feel-good, downhome Roots Americana.” August 4. 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



Malakai, Sarah Rose and Forrest

Saturday, August 5

Monthly Garden Class: Ron Woolsey’s class at the Phoenix Rising Garden. “All classes will be based on what the garden and the seasons dictate.” Saturday, August 5. Class is free, donations gratefully accepted. Phoenix Rising Garden is on North Street between Redwood and Pine. Info/registration: 489-5408 (leave name and number, convenient time for a call back.)

Live Music at the Methodist Church: Just Enough, a trio of Willitsians featuring Kate Black, Helen Falandes, and Clancy Rush. Old favorites and originals. Refreshments available, and social time. Saturday, August 5. 7 pm. Admission \$10. Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street. Info: Helen Falandes 367-1211, or Clancy 367-0889.

Shanachie Pub: Pick & Pull is back with “boot stompin’, heel clickin’, toe tappin’ music!” August 5. 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194. Saturday August 5. 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Rite Aid Wellness Fair: Celebrate being able to

improve your quality of life at this fun, free event, with local service agencies and practitioners. Learn about the many local wellness services – some of them low-cost or no cost – available for your family. Saturday, August 5, 11 am to 2 pm, in the Rite Aid parking lot, Evergreen Shopping Center. Info: Rite Aid at 459-0554.

Sunday, August 6

Free Sports Physicals: Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital is offering “Free Sports Physicals” for all student athletes in Mendocino County. Sunday, August 6. 8 am to noon. Redwood Health Clinic, 3 Marcela Drive. Appointments encouraged, but walk-ins welcome. For appointments and info: 456-3185.



‘Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets’

The Story: A big budget, A-list, science fiction action flick. Valerian (he) and Laureline (she) are both pretty. They are intergalactic troubleshooters in the intergalactic military. They “love banter” at each other while they solve what’s ailing the Universe. Way out there in space, there is an actual, “ain’t it amazing” City of a Thousand Planets, that’s its name. The city is stunningly beautiful, a polymorous casbah of exotic sights ... truly wow! That noted, apparently in the guts of the wondrous city, some sort of mysterious radioactive tumor is growing. Thus: boy-model handsome, devil-may-care Valerian and fiercely beautiful girl-model Laureline are sent to save the day.



My Thoughts: This is a Luc Besson movie. He directed “Big Blue,” “Leon: the Professional,” “Lucy,” “La Femme Nikita,” “The Fifth Element,” “Taken,” and a ton of other movies and TV. I am quite certain that any person reading this review has seen a Luc Besson movie. If not ... just understand he likes things “over the top!” so this flick is visually amazing. The fantastic imagery of aliens and alien environments is a non-stop circus show of “too much-too much” and wonders. Enough wonders for a dozen movies, so don’t look away and remember to breathe. On the downside, lead actors Dane DeHaan and Cara Delavigne have no chemistry together, or maybe even apart. Oh well ... they are pretty.

Parents: Luc Besson does not make movies for children; his high-speed violent action will pollute their dreams. On the other hand, he does make movies for teenagers. And up.

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

Save the Date:

Pulled-Pork Drive-Thru Dinner, August 18, Senior Center

Willits Educational Foundation Garden Party, August 26, Phil and Kathy Shuster’s home

Long Valley Outdoor Quilt Show, August 26-27, Laytonville

“Claws for a Cause,” September 2, Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center

Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival, September 9-10, East Commercial Street

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Relay for Life

Saturday, July 29

Please join us at this 24-hour fundraising event to fight against cancer, and support your local Relay for Life teams who are raising money for cancer awareness, prevention and research. The Relay for Life of Mendocino County starts on Saturday, July 29 at 10 am at Recreation Grove in Willits. This year’s theme is “Carnival of Colors.” Learn about all the colors which represent distinct types of cancers, and how those cancers can be prevented. Stay all day and all night to enjoy carnival activities such as pie eating contests, a dunk tank, carnival games, food, prizes, a live DJ, lap contests, a photo booth, and much more! You also won’t want to miss our luminaria ceremony, which will feature a slideshow to honor those who have cancer and remember those who have passed. Info: Amanda 972-4038, or amandainman89@gmail.com.

‘Little Lake Blues & Brews’

Saturday, August 19 & Sunday, August 20

Little Lake Blues & Brews, a new two-day Willits music festival, is set for Saturday, August 19 & Sunday, August 20, 10 am to 9 pm in the Recreation Grove on Commercial Street. Profits from Blues & Brews will help fund the Willits Food Bank. The festival features musicians: Roy Rogers & the Delta Rhythm Kings, Papa Mali & Friends, Tommy Castro & the Pain Killers, Wendy Dewitt Trio, Schindels, Il Big, Ronnie Lee & Friends, and Jim Dooley. Sound by Ancestor Radio & Sound Productions. Cosmic Pickle Productions. There will be food vendors and craft vendors. Tickets available at J.D. Redhouse and Main Street Music and Video. For more festival information: 841-0328.

Spiritual Experiences Fair

Saturday, July 29

On Saturday, July 29 from 2 to 5 pm at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, the community is invited to the Spiritual Experiences Fair to discover and share in an innovative way to explore past lives, gain a closer connection with Divine Spirit and learn key spiritual exercises for a happier, healthier life. Note: an interactive workshop on the “Spiritual World of Dreams” is featured from 3 to 4 pm. This entire event is free. “People are invited to come and share their own experiences,” said April Tweddell, a member of the Eck clergy. “Everyone is free to visit any table topic in any order, engage in the activities and share in open discussions ... and can come and go any time during the three hours of the fair.” Info: www.ECK-ca.org, or call 456-9934.

Reggae on the River

August 3 to 6

Musician Junior Kelly is one of the many featured artists and musicians at the annual Reggae on the River presented by the Mateel Community Center on the banks of the beautiful Eel River. The festival runs from Thursday, August 3 through Sunday, August 6. Tickets are available at Main Street Music and Video, 65 South Main Street in Willits, and at Mendo Trim and Tools, 44800 Highway 101 in Laytonville.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Willits Boosters 5th Annual Golf Tournament@Brooktrails Golf Course

Date: Saturday August 19, 2017

Time: 8:00 am registration/tournament begins at 9:00 am

Four Person Scramble/Shotgun Start

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For information email whboosters123@yahoo.com or phone 972-2144

Ecology Action Summer Program starts Saturday, August 12

John Jeavons’ Ecology Action Summer Programs features: “Garden planning, Simplified Basic Techniques to Maximize Sustainable Backyard Food Production.” 9 am to 3 pm, each Saturday from August 12 through October 7. Location rotates between Ecology Action’s three educational gardens in Mendocino County. Participants will learn simple planning methods and develop a garden plan incorporating propagation, transplanting, cover crops, compost crops, grains, legumes, vegetables, companion planting and crop rotations which maximize garden fertility and the nutrients in the produce, while conserving water and resources. For information: growbiointensive.org, or Ecology Action office 459-0150.

‘Fun and Games’ at the 2017 Redwood Empire Fair

August 3 to 6

A jam-packed weekend filled with food, fun and entertainment at the Redwood Empire Fair. The fairgrounds, 1055 North State Street, open at 3 pm Thursday and Friday and at noon on Saturday and Sunday.

General admission: adults \$9; children (6-12 years) \$7; children (5 years and under) admitted free; seniors (65 & older) \$7. Parking \$7. On Thursday from 3 to 6 pm, free admission for children and seniors, plus Thursday is “Dollar Day” – with a special price of \$1 for all carnival rides for everyone! On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, carnival ride enthusiasts can save by purchasing unlimited-ride wristbands: \$23 in advance, or \$28 at fair entrance. (Available in Willits at J.D. Redhouse, and in Laytonville at Geiger’s Long Valley Market.)

Free Activities: All entertainment at the Fair is free of charge, with music, activities and entertainment designed to be fun for the whole family, including: Brad’s World Reptiles, martial arts demonstrations, racing pigs and racing dogs, fire juggling, balloon artists and more. Also, every night at 8:30 pm, CircusMecca, Mendocino County’s non-profit circus school’s renowned aerialists and acrobatics. Also: Thursday watermelon-eating contest, Friday pie-eating contest, Saturday corn-dog-eating contest, Sunday hot-dog-eating contest – all at 5 pm. The Diaper Dash is on Saturday at 2:30 pm; Candy Land Cookie decorating is on Saturday from noon to 3:30 pm, and Chutes and Ladders Cupcake making is on Sunday from noon to 3 pm.

The livestock show rings will be busy with Market Sheep, Swine Showing and Market Beef Showmanship and Breeding scheduled for Thursday. Swine Showmanship, the Goat Primary Exhibit, Pygmy Goat Show and Large Animal Round Robin Showmanship take place on Friday. On Saturday, the Livestock Buyer’s Breakfast is set for 8 am – a schedule change from previous years – followed by the Junior Livestock Auction at 10. The Livestock Awards Ceremony takes place on Sunday at 10 am.

Live music, 6 and 9 pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Thursday: Indiana Slim and the Rebel Rousers play classic country; Friday: Il Big, plus special guest Blue Luke Andrews play “Brand New Classic Rock.” Saturday: Mike Furlong’s “Tribute to Tom Petty. Sunday, starting at 5 pm: El Nuevo Plan, Banda Pacifica, and Los Nuevos Aventureros. All music performances included with Fair admission ticket.

Motorized events at the Raceway: Four nights of hair-raising, down-and-dirty motorized fun! Thursday (6:30 pm): motorcycles, side-by-sides and ATVs. Friday (6:30 pm): Mud Bogg off-road racing. Saturday (6 pm): Truck and Tractor Pulls. Sunday (6 pm): Dirt Nationals, jalopies and boat races.

For information: 462-3884, or www.redwoodempirefair.com/august-fair.

August 2017

Osho Zen Tarot: Guilt, The Burden

Medicine Cards: Deer Squirrel

Mayan Oracle: IX, Adventurer's Quest, Universal Movement
Ancient Egyptian Tarot: Prince of Disks, Six of Wands, Ace of Cups, Nine of Disks

Aleister Crowley Deck: Change, Princess of Disks, Abundance

Healing Earth Tarot: Six of Wands, Wise Old Woman

Words of Truth: Senses, Hopelessness, Generational Pattern

Suzanne Wagner
Columnist

Here we are at the month of Eclipses and a Mercury Retrograde in the middle of it all. To say that there is about to be monumental change would be an understatement. Leo does not do anything small. And when you shine that bright of a light on anything, you are bound to discover that what is glitters is not always gold.

Just a reminder that all of you out there, that you signed up for this adventure and what an adventure it is about to become. To pretend that you are not a bit nervous (if not outright frightened) would be a lie. You are challenging yourself to sail off the edge of your known world. And you will discover that there is something beyond that edge, but you must be willing to confront that limitation in your perception before the new reality can be revealed.

It is no different than when the white man came to the New World and the Native indigenous people had never seen a sailing ship so at first, they did not see it at all. It was invisible to them. Only the shaman could see it because their perception was expanded because of their training and learning to stretch their mind beyond the known into the unknown. You cannot see what is ahead because it is not there that you have ever encountered in this life. That is not necessarily bad, but it can be very stressful.

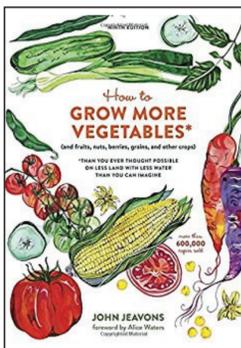
August is going to break a lot of eggs. And those eggs are those thoughts and beliefs that you have so carefully protected and held tight to your chest. But now those eggs are going to be broken, and it would be wise to let them fall rather than you breaking with them. Let go. Let something bigger overtake that ego mind and show you the doorway back to your true self.

Learning is difficult especially when you refuse to take in new information. Resistance is not worth it at the moment, because the reality is a very strong mirror showing you your most shadowed and disowned self. Wisdom comes from being open to have the experiences necessary for you to grow. Those lessons do not work out the way the mind often predicts or wishes. That is because the mind lies. It lies to you all the time, but now you are going to begin to see beyond the veil of those lies and into truth, if you are willing and ready.

This month it is important to be trusting and gentle like a deer. It is your innocent and open self that has the secret code to get you past those demons you have created to protect you from your truth. The squirrel reminds you that gathering up what you are going to need in the future is important because having reserves is always a good idea especially in unpredictable times.

It is time to unburden yourself of the guilt you have been carrying for way too long. You just need to confess the truth to yourself to set you free. Because without the truth you will fall into places that can feel hopeless. You have this moment

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'How to Grow More Vegetables'

9th edition of John Jeavons' gardening classic published this week

The 9th edition of John Jeavons' gardening classic "How to Grow More Vegetables..." was published by Ten Speed Press this week, and is now available for purchase. Since 1974, this publication has been inspiring and educating new generations of backyard gardeners and small-scale farmers on how to successfully grow food in a unique, Earth-honoring way by saving space, time, water and other resources to work toward greater sustainability. More than 600,000 copies have been sold.

It's been five years since the last edition of "How to Grow More Vegetables..." was published. "We are excited to offer this completely revised and updated version to the world," says the crew at Jeavons' Ecology Action, in the press release announcing the ninth edition, "in the hope it will inspire more people to grow a greater amount of healthier food, while consuming less of the resources this beautiful planet has to offer!"

"How to Grow More Vegetables..." has been a longtime staple for home gardeners, "demonstrating sustainable growing methods for spectacular organic produce on a small but intensive scale." It's also become a go-to reference for small-scale commercial producers interested



At top: John Jeavons, author of "How to Grow More Vegetables..." Above: A spring workshop at Ecology Action's Willits mini-farm.



in optimizing soil fertility and increasing plant productivity.

The New York Times calls the book: "Possibly the most detailed explanation of the intensive gardening method available." Master horticulturist Alan Chadwick called it: "A masterpiece." Alice Waters, founder of Berkeley's Chez Panisse, whose forward graces the book, says: "John's methods are nothing short of miraculous."

"How to Grow More Vegetables..." is especially popular among Willits residents because of the fact that Jeavons lives in Willits: One of Ecology Action's research gardens is located here on Ridgewood Road.

A political science graduate of Yale University, Jeavons worked for the United States Agency for International Development and Stanford University before launching his career in small-scale agriculture education. Jeavons now serves as executive director of Ecology Action, the environmental research and education organization that has been working to revolutionize small-scale food production through bio-intensive growing around the world since 1972.

Ecology Action has developed and is currently overseeing four mini-farms in Northern California that provide ongoing garden research in a variety of soil, geographic and climatic situations. Although "Grow Biointensive," the growing system honed over four decades of Ecology Action's research, is based on eight principles, it is not a static system. "The principles are constantly being revisited and amplified as we receive new data and information," the Ecology Action press release explains, "not only from our four mini-farms but also from the experience of people around the world, in all soils and climates, who are using the method."

For example, the Grow Biointensive Agriculture Center of Kenya, one of Ecology Action's international partners, recently completed their fifth year of research on a project testing crop yields and soil improvement. When needed fertilizers are added in the first year only, afterwards the Grow Biointensive method and compost from grown materials are solely used.

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the log will help remind Willits residents of what a great asset a volunteer fire department is to any community. And it's not just valuable when it comes to fighting and preventing fires: Little Lake responds to medical aid calls and to traffic collisions, too.

The strong response Little Lake puts out to calls "isn't just a tribute to the volunteers' time and effort," Wilkes said. "It's also a tribute to the businesses that allow their employees to respond."

Little Lake Fire Protection District Weekly Calls

July 10 to July 19, 2017

07-10-17 (Highway 20)

Vegetation fire for a total of 2 acres; 13 firefighters responded for service.

07-10-17 (North Highway 101)

Two-vehicle head-on collision; two patients were transported to hospital by ground ambulance; nine firefighters responded for service.

07-12-17 (Highway 20)

Three-vehicle traffic collision, involving an armored truck courier service. Two patients were extricated using the Jaws of Life from one of the vehicles; two patients were transported by ground ambulance; 16 firefighters responded for service.

07-14-17 (Sawyers Lane)

RV fully involved fire, with minor spread to the wildland. Firefighters extinguished the RV fire and mitigated the wildland threat; 14 firefighters responded for service.

07-15-17 (North Highway 101)

Two-vehicle head-on collision; three patients; one patient fled the scene; one patient transported by ground ambulance; 11 firefighters responded for service.

07-16-17 (North Highway 101)

Passenger and RV vehicle fire; large spread into the wildland. Firefighters extinguished the vehicle fires. Once the vehicle fires had been extinguished, Engine 5468 and Engine 5469 assisted CalFire with a 900-acre wildland fire later known as the "Grade fire." Little Lake Fire was on scene for approximately 3.5 days assisting CalFire with the Grade fire. 26 firefighters responded for service.

07-17-17 (Howard Forest)

Little Lake Fire, Engine 5469 provided station coverage at Howard Forest with a crew of two firefighters, one fire captain and one engineer.

07-18-17 (North Highway 101)

Vehicle roll-over with two patients; Little Lake Fire assisted with patient care; both patients were transported by ground ambulance; nine firefighters responded for service.

07-19-17 (Orr Springs Road)

Little Lake Fire sent Water Tender 5493 to assist CalFire with the Ridge fire in Ukiah; one firefighter and one engineer responded in the water tender.

Little Lake Fire Protection District call log provided by Training Chief Eric Alvarez.

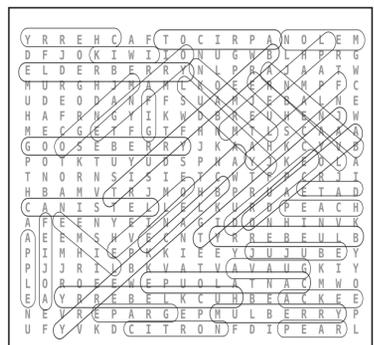
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press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. The Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians developed the Eastside Road parcel, formerly the Bettansid Ranch, as housing for its tribal members.

Neighbors on Eastside Road told Willits Weekly a blue-and-white helicopter was hovering over the 22000 block all morning, hauling up and out loads of marijuana.

In addition to the 2,421 marijuana plants eradicated and the six arrests, deputies seized 611 pounds of processed hanging marijuana, 95 pounds of processed marijuana, less than a half of gram of cocaine, and eight firearms. "More information will be made available by press release at a later date," the press release concluded.

Sherwood Valley Tribal Chairman Michael Knight declined to comment on the raids.




Current Job Openings:

- Animal Facility Attendant
- Bridge Crew Worker (Ukiah)
- Deputy Probation Officer II
- Deputy Sheriff-Coroner in Training (Extra-Help)
- Deputy Sheriff I-II
- Eligibility Worker I-II
- Employment & Training Worker III
- Equipment Operator
- Facilities Project Specialist I/II
- Heavy Equipment Operator (Ukiah)
- Mapping Coordinator
- Nurse Case Assistant
- Registered Nurse
- Road Crew Supervisor
- Senior Equipment Operator (Fort Bragg)
- Social Worker I-V (Includes Immediate Openings for Temporary Extra-Help Work)

For a complete list of current job openings and to apply:
www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hr EOE.

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and liver and rinsing filets in tap water.

- Never drink, cook with or wash dishes with water from rivers, streams or lakes.
- Get medical attention immediately if you think that you, your pet or livestock might have been poisoned by cyanobacteria algae toxins. Be sure to tell the doctor or veterinarian about possible contact with cyanobacteria algae.
- Join or support one of the many watershed and river organizations.

Cyanobacteria feeds on nutrients and organic matter, which were made more abundant this year by runoff from unusually heavy rains.

Human activities can have a big effect on nutrient and water flows in rivers, streams and lakes. Nutrients found in fertilizers, animal waste and human waste can stimulate blooms. Excessive water diversions can also increase water temperatures and reduce flows.

To help prevent algal blooms in our waters, there are several steps people can take:

- Be conservative with the use of water, fertilizers and pesticides on your lawn, garden or agricultural operation.
- Avoid nutrient runoff by recycling any "spent" soil that has been used for intensive growing by tilling it back into gardens, or protect it from rainfall.
- Create shade and filter out nutrients by planting or maintaining native plants around river banks.
- Inspect and pump out septic systems every three to four years.
- Prevent surface water runoff from agricultural and livestock areas.
- Prevent erosion around construction and logging operations.

To learn more about cyanobacteria algae and harmful algal blooms, including how to identify cyanobacteria algae, please visit the State of California's "My Water Quality: Are harmful algal blooms affecting our waters?" webpage at: www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/index.html

To learn more about the occurrence and appearance of cyanobacteria algae on the South Fork Eel River, visit the Eel River Recovery Project website at: www.eelriverrecovery.org/algae.html. The Eel River Recovery Project has been working with the University of California Berkeley to monitor toxic cyanobacteria.

To report a bloom, e-mail CyanoHAB.Reports@waterboards.ca.gov or call 1-844-729-6466 (toll free). Blooms can also be reported via the "BloomWatch" app which is available for free download on iTunes or Google Play.

This report was based on a press release from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.



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Below, left: The Dance Brigade's Krissy Keefer, center, thanks Stella Adelman, program director at Dance Mission, for all of her work on the Laytonville workshops and producing this year's Summer Feast Dos Rios. Below, right: A politically humorous improvisational study is performed by Nina Wise to rounds of laughter.



Summer Feast

Dance Brigade's performances at Dos Rios captivate audience

Over 100 people wove their way up the Dos Rios Road on July 2, through the summer heat, relentless dust, and steep gravelly hills, and then down to a beautifully wooded homestead just above the Middle Fork of the Eel River. This was the site for the 4th annual Summer Feast Dos Rios performance. It was visually captivating and emotionally stirring, with social, political and environmental messages sometimes delivered with delightful humor.

This year's Summer Feast Dos Rios was a collection of talents including Krissy Keefer's Dance Brigade, the Sarah Bush Dance Project, Ramon Ramos Alayo, La Mezcla, and improvisational soloist Nina Wise. The artistic directors of these groups choreographed dances which blended high-energy movement with world-class and cutting-edge artistic and athletic precision in a fusion of dance styles.

Delicious Cuban food and cold drinks were served to arriving guests. Groups of people and children gathered to eat and socialize under the blessed shade of the oaks. From that spot, the feast began and took the audience on its journey.

There were six different locations on the land with a variety of dancers, actors and other artists performing on the earth or on stages. Some performers led the way to the next area, while the surrounding vistas swept people up in the magic of its embrace.

Ronald Lincoln, Native American spiritual leader at the Round Valley Indian Reservation, set the tone

for the event. "I've been givin' the message to the humans 'cause with the world spinning so fast now, it's shaking out the negativity and you can see it. Man, you turn to any channel [on TV], you see the negativity. But that's what it is, that's what the Creator - the Great Mystery - does. It puts it in front of you so you have to deal with it. If you don't know how to deal with it, then folks like me help you out."

Lincoln encouraged everyone to connect with the Earth and its spirits and suggested lying with ears to the ground and listening to its aliveness. "It can help bring humans back into balance," he added. He then sang prayer songs to honor his ancestors who lived and roamed the lands in the area, and blessed the food and the preparer's hands, and the performers, too.

The walking tour was really a fantasy exploration into social and environmental issues. After Lincoln's blessing

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Above: The Dance Brigade performing "She Had Some Horses" by Krissy Keefer.
Far left: Sarah Bush takes a moment to dance among the stately valley oaks. At left: powerful performance by Adonis Damian, in front, and Edisnel Rodriguez, in back.
Below, left: "The Laytonville Workshop Dancers" perform a dance with a nylon parachute. Below, right: Dance Brigade performers escort the crowd to the next performance among the trees.
At bottom: A Latina tap dance and percussion piece, "Pachuquismo," performed by La Mezcla.

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songs, a group of dancers performed a fast-moving and athletic performance called, "Crazy Horse." Under the same trees, women with shawls danced to the music "She Had Some Horses."

Activist and singer Holly Near, who was present at the event, ended this part of Summer Feast with one of her popular and so-relevant songs, "Voices." In it is a phrase: "Listen to the voices of the young children." At the same time, the young children attending the event could be heard gently talking to each other - a serendipitous and poignant moment at the end of Near's song.

The main dance or performance was all-encompassing in each area, yet frequently on the sides would be performers in trees, on water tanks, and in the grasses, speaking a monologue loudly to people passing by, which made it more of a discovery in dream-like landscapes. One dancer became a white giant, weaving and swaying in the wind or with the tides, while attended by earthly bound women dancing in relationship to her.

There was a stage that housed several performances. The stage had the surreal surroundings of a roofed barn held up by wooden beams and supports that made angled-geometric patterns with a backdrop of trees. This is where two men struggled; Latina women tap danced; a woman in orange delivered a hilarious monologue about a rich man with long, dark eyelashes; and women in black, garbed with umbrellas, outnumbered women in yellow and seemed to grapple about their differences. A woman in white blew white dust, seeming to blow away the last struggle and lead the audience to another part of the tour. As with all dreamscapes, the events began to blur and run into each other, leaving a sense of profound exhilaration.

Women in black with black umbrellas were spread out on the hillside and turned their backs to the moving crowd, then walked alongside. The woman in white walked into a grove of oaks and danced with the tall trees while just beyond her, three women with yellow tops struggled to get outside a rusted tank. Up ahead was a clothesline with notes pinned on it, giving prayers and blessings written by participants escort the crowd to the next performance among the trees.

By then the sun was low in the sky and the lengthening shadows afforded relief to people as they walked through the grassy hillside and sat. In front of them was another raised stage, this time sparsely surrounded by trees and mysteriously covered with torn, black material. In the background were two tanks with a layer of water in each. Curiosity and wonder were alive in the air. A beautiful, brown body appeared and began moving through, with, around, and into the shreds of plastic, finally laying himself to rest, tired of one human's battle with the overwhelming. The final dance started in separate sections that eventually came together in the tanks with water. Everyone seemed trapped behind the glass, fighting to get out.

Krissy Keefer spoke to the crowd and thanked the artists and attendees. After rousing applause, the audience dispersed in almost silence as they began digesting their experiences and navigating their way back home.

To know more about the Dance Mission's events, productions and classes, and the next Summer Feast Dos Rios, go to www.dancemission.com. For more information about the Dance Brigade, visit www.dancebrigade.org.

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them to keep their weight down if they get too big. Sometimes they can gain 3 pounds a day if we let them eat as much as they want. We want them to only gain 1 pound a day."

"There's a weight limit at fair," Tanner said. "Your pig can only be 285 pounds. If he's heavier, you can't auction your pig off. We try to show them, as well as sell them. The prizes are based on showmanship and market. Market is about the animal. What the animal looks like and his muscle structure.... Then you have showmanship, which is about how you walk the pig."

"To sell the pig we send out buyer's letters," explained Taylor, "which basically tells what our animal looks like, the type of animal it is." And, Tanner added, "Information about the fair, information about us."

The art of raising and selling hogs is much more intricate, knowledgeable and work-intensive than most people not involved in the industry might think. The boys spend a lot of time and energy making sure their hogs develop correctly, meet the correct weight limits, show off their muscle structure, and look as appealing as possible.

Above all, this is a lesson in running a business. Taylor and Tanner spend about \$750

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"The results indicate that both yields and soil can improve using this procedure," the press release states, "saving the farmer time, money and energy. Our practical research over the course of recent years has also uncovered factors that can create compost with greater growing power." Information on both of these breakthroughs can be found in the new edition of "How to Grow More Vegetables...."

One of the obvious additions to the new edition is in the title, which now includes "with less water," making it even longer: "How to Grow More Vegetables* (and fruits, nuts, berries, grains and other crops) than you ever thought possible on less land with less water than you can imagine."

"We have included a special section on amplifying reduced water use to make your garden more water-efficient and to lower your water bill. As intense and extended droughts become more common worldwide due to climate change, the ability to reduce the amount of water required for food-growing takes on a greater urgency," the press release states.

"The Grow Biointensive farming method has always used much less water than most agricultural systems, and continues to do so. In this section, we share information learned over the years through our own evaluations and what we have gathered from farmers around the world. Though much more experimentation on the subject will be beneficial, this topic should help gardeners and farmers make the best possible use of their available water under the current circumstances."

In conclusion, the press release states: "A transformation in how we think and act is possible and needed. Each of us has the opportunity to help work toward better sustainability for the Earth by maximizing what we have to offer in our own part of the garden. The techniques found in 'How to Grow More Vegetables....' inform and support that transformation."

"How to Grow More Vegetables..." can be purchased through Bountiful Gardens online: www.bountifulgardens.org or at the Bountiful Gardens storefront at the Evergreen Shopping Center in Willits, 459-6410. To learn more about bio-intensive growing visit www.growbiointensive.org.

This story was based on a press release from Ecology Action, with additional reporting by Jackie Cobbs.

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to break out of generational patterns that have been looping and repeating over and over again if you can step beyond your DNA and into your true self.

I know that sounds like a big leap, but with the momentum of this astrology, you have a powerful wave of change happening to give you the extra energy and power you need to move beyond the present obstacle or limitation. All you need to do is choose to move with the energy rather than against it. This is the moment to be your own hero or heroine. Magic happens when you are willing to trust that you are bigger and more powerful than you believed or that others told you.

The only limitation is the one in your mind. You are a creative force, and when you combine and connect with others of like mind, that unified field could become unstoppable.

You can feel it. The change is like a sound coming from a distance, and your sensitive ears and intuitive feelers are already connecting to something that is beyond you. Let this be a magical moment. Let this change be so full and fulfilling that you cannot remember that older smaller self any longer. From that place, your life will become what you always wanted it to be, not the shallow representation of what it has been.

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for each hog to purchase and feed them. Last year, they brought in approximately \$11 per pound at auction, for a profit of about \$1,250 for each hog. Not bad for their young age for five months of a job that they love doing. "We kind of consider them pets as well as projects," Taylor said. "But I try not to get attached to mine," added Tanner. "My first year I was a little sad because I got a little attached to that pig. His name was Pig Pig. Every time I'd say his name, he'd snort." "Pigs are cute and definitely very smart," said Taylor.

Their mom, Jennifer Drew adds: "They call them like dogs, and they follow them. You can train them just like a dog. I did 4-H when I was a kid. I used to teach my pig to sit and lay down. You can teach a pig almost anything."

"You can even teach them how to heel," Taylor added.

The boys understand the pigs are sold for meat rather than breeding. "Whoever buys them will choose which butcher they go to, and then they'll be butchered," their mom explained. "There are five or six different butcher houses around. The people who buy them might be dealers or personal buyers - people who stock up on the meat for their family or employees or other uses."

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blueberries from Mariposa Market - and the temperature below 80 degrees - the time was ready for the first pies of the season.

One of the best crust recipes comes from the classic "Joy of Cooking" cookbook, adjusted slightly to include some Amaretto liqueur or peach schnapps into the water measurement of the crust. This extra infusion of flavor really adds something special to a sometimes-overlooked plain crust.

For the filling, 2 pounds of peaches were sliced, skins left on, and added to a saucepan on the stove. About 2 cups of frozen blackberries were added, as was the crate of blueberries. Next step is to add sugar to taste: These peaches were sweet on their own, but the blackberries were just a bit sour. A cup or so of sugar was added along with a slurry made of about 2 tablespoons of cornstarch, mixed with the same quantity of water. The fruit mix was cooked until bubbling and thickened.

Cool the mixture and pour into a prepared tart shell, top with slivered almonds and bake for the berry tart. Or, for a "berry cheesecake pie," alternate layers of berry mixture with sweetened cream cheese. To make the sweetened cream cheese, add about a cup of powdered sugar, a few tablespoons of milk and a splash of Amaretto or peach schnapps to a brick of softened cream cheese. Wisk or whip the ingredients until spreadable, and layer into the pie dish, alternative with layers of the berry mix. Use a sharp knife or the end of a spoon to swirl the two fillings lightly together.

Slide pies into a preheated 375 degree oven, and bake until crust is browned and filling is bubbly, about an hour. Allow filling to cool and set before slicing.

In addition to using seasonal fruit, bakers can also put their baking skills to good use by creating a tasty dessert to earn free entry into next weekend's Redwood Empire Fair, August 3 through 6 at the fairgrounds in Ukiah.

On both weekend days, a different baked good decorated in the theme of the fair - "Fun and Games" - can be brought to the front gate of the fairground and exchanged for free entry into the grounds. On Saturday, August 5, bakers can bring in a plate of cookies decorated with a "Candy Land" theme, and on Sunday, bakers can bring in a tray of six cupcakes decorated in a "Chutes and Ladders" theme. Entries need to be brought to the Home Arts building between noon and 3 pm to be eligible. Judging will begin at 4 pm. A recipe and list of special ingredients should accompany the entry.

Even if baking isn't your thing, everyone is encouraged to come and attend the fair and see the skills of county residents on display. Regular admission is \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors aged 65 and over and for children aged 6 to 12. Children aged 5 and under are admitted for free. Parking is \$7 also.

This year, the Redwood Empire Fair is offering another special free-entry option: on Thursday, August 3, free admission will be granted to seniors and children until 6 pm. Thursday will also be Dollar Day, when all rides at the carnival will be just \$1 each (no wristbands permitted on Thursday).

Presale carnival wristbands will be on sale until 2 pm on Thursday, August 3, for \$23 each. At-the-gate price is \$28. Wristbands offer one day's worth unlimited rides at the carnival on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. They are available for sale at Raley's, Taco Bell, Chavez Market, Creative Workshop and Grocery Outlet in Ukiah, at J.D. Redhouse in Willits, at Geiger's Long Valley Market in Laytonville, and at the fair office at the Ukiah Fairgrounds.

The boys are looking forward to their week at the fair. They have several duties in the morning, but they get to spend the remainder of their days seeing all the animals or enjoying the rides and cotton candy. "But we do have to wake up at 5:30 every morning," Tanner said. "Then you also have barn duties," added Taylor, "where you clean your aisle where the pigs are. You have a designated time to work. Mine's from 9 to 10 am. You have a partner, and basically what you do is clean the aisles, make sure all the pigs have water, and generally make sure they're OK."

Taylor and Tanner plan on continuing their business at least through high school. After that, the boys expressed a desire to go into the military - the U.S. Marine Corps - for a few years.

To meet the Drew boys' hogs, Bubba and Billy the Pig, make sure to visit the Redwood Empire Fair, occurring August 3 through 6 at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah.

The auction will be held on Saturday, August 5 at 10 am. Anyone is welcome to come and sign up as a buyer and attend the buyer's breakfast which starts at 8 am. For more info on how to sign up as a buyer, contact 462-FAIR.

The first day of the fair will be filled with things to see. The market and breeding sheep and swine shows will start at 8 am - all livestock shows are open to the public - and the fair will officially open at 3 pm for the carnival, display buildings and more. Brad's World of Reptiles will showcase creatures inside Carl Purdy Hall from 3 to 10 pm; Jeremy the Juggler and Steve's Fun Balloons will be roaming the fairground walkways throughout the afternoon; Racing Pigs will take to the racing circle at 4 pm (and again at 6 pm), and the pigs will be followed by the watermelon-eating contest and beef show at 5 pm. Racing dogs will be the track attraction at 5:30 pm and again at 7 pm. The Rebel Rousers will play on the Willow Tree Stage at 6 pm and again at 9 pm; motorcycles, side-by-sides and ATVs will take to the grandstand track at 6:30 pm; and CircusMecca will perform on the aerial silks at 6:30 and 8:30 pm Thursday night - and every night - before the buildings close for the night at 10 pm.

The second day of the fair starts off with the swine show and sheep ultrasound carcass contests at 8 am. The beef ultrasound contest will follow at 1 pm, and will be followed by the primary and pygmy goat shows, starting at 1:30 and 2 pm, respectively. The fair officially opens on Friday again at 3 pm, and the large animal round robin showmanship contest will start at 4 pm. Pie eaters can go for the win during the pie-eating contest at 5 pm. The Willow Tree Stage will host II Big at 6 pm and again at 9 pm. The fire juggler will be perform at 6, 7, 9 and 10 pm. The Mudd Bogg races will start at 6:30 at the racetrack and small animal round robin will begin at 7 pm. Finalists of the Ukiah Idol contest "Little Idol and Junior Idol" will perform back on the Willow Tree stage at 7:30 pm and the buildings will close again at 10 pm Friday night.

Saturday's big event, the Junior Livestock Auction, will be held early this year - starting at 10 am. The buyer's breakfast will also be held early this year, starting at 8 am. Anyone interested in bidding on an animal at the auction is welcome to come, sign up for a paddle, and enjoy the breakfast. The fair will officially open at noon on Saturday, and the Willow Tree Stage will open up for a dance floor and gymnastic space for kids. The Diaper Dash will begin at 2:30 pm, and the corn dog eating contest will begin at 5 pm. Two big events will start at 6 pm: the truck and tractor pulls at the raceway and Mike Furlong's tribute to Tom Petty on the Willow Tree Stage. The tribute will be held again at 9 pm for tractor pull fans. Buildings will close again at 10 pm.

Sunday, the final day of the fair, will start with the livestock awards ceremony at 10 am. The fair will officially open at noon, and the Grand Finals of the Ukiah Idol contest will be held at 2 pm. The hot dog eating contest will start at 5 pm, and the Willow Tree Stage will host El Nuevo Plan, Banda Pacifica and Los Nuevos Aventureros at 5 pm. At 6 pm, the Dirt Nationals, and jaloyp and boat races will take place at the racetrack, and final chances to see the fairway events will follow, including Jeremy the Juggler at 7:30 pm, Circus Mecca at 8:30 pm, and the racing pigs. Steve's Fun Balloons and fire juggling at 9 pm. The buildings will close at 10 pm.

Schedule subject to change. For more information, check out the Redwood Empire Fair on Facebook, visit www.RedwoodEmpireFair.com, or call 462-3884.

AUGUST CALENDAR

MONDAY
POINTS DAYS
4X POINTS

All Players Club members will earn 4X Points from 10A to 10P on the days of the promotion!

TUESDAY
POT OF GOLD PLINKO



Hot Seats
12 RANDOM HOT SEAT DRAWINGS

Approximate Times of Hot Seat Drawings
1P - 4P (twice per hour = 6 Drawings)
7P - 10P (twice per hour = 6 Drawings)

Winner will receive one Plinko Chip. The Winner will place the Plinko Chip in a slot of their choice on the top of the Plinko board. The plinko chip will slide down the board and will land in one of 8 prize slots. Prizes will be randomly placed at the bottom of the Plinko board.

The prizes are: "\$20 Free Play", "\$40 Free Play", "\$60 Free Play", "\$100 Free Play".

If a winning customer has less than 300 points earned (on the day of the promotion) when their name is drawn, they will win the "base" Free Play amount.

If the winning customer has earned more than 300 points on the day of the promotion, they will earn a 50% bonus on the Free Play they win.

The Players Club Representative will switch the prizes on the bottom of the Plinko Board every six games. All Free Play won must be played by 2A. Customers may win up to twice each Tuesday.

HOT WEDNESDAYS

EARLY SESSION
11A TO 3P (2 WINNERS/HOUR).
EACH WINNER WILL WIN \$30 FREE PLAY

-EVENING SESSION
-7P TO 9P (2 WINNERS/HOUR)
EACH WINNER WILL WIN \$60 FREE PLAY

-9P TO 10P (3 WINNERS/HOUR)
EACH WINNER WILL WIN \$120 FREE PLAY CUSTOMERS MAY WIN UP TO TWO TIMES EACH WEDNESDAY.

SUPER SENIOR DAY

50% DISCOUNT FOOD COUPONS ISSUED (to be used for that day only) when the customer has earned minimally 50 points from 10am to 7pm.

BINGO! THURSDAY

12PM \$100 FREE PLAY
1PM \$125 FREE PLAY
2PM \$150 CASH
8PM \$150 IN FREE PLAY
9PM \$175 IN FREE PLAY
10PM \$300 CASH

Players Club members must have earned minimally 50 points (throughout the day) to receive a bingo card for the 8P 9P & 10P bingo games.
-Bingo at 12P for \$100 Free Play, 1P for \$125 Free Play & 2P for \$150 cash for each game winner.

Players Club members must have earned minimally 80 points (throughout the day) to receive a bingo card for the 8P 9P & 10P bingo games.
-Bingo at 8P for \$150 in Free Play, 9P for \$175 Free Play and the 10P game & \$300 in cash for the 10P game.
ANY SENIOR (65+) THAT WINS A BINGO GAME (Not a second chance), WILL WIN A \$50 FREE PLAY BONUS.

Bingo Cards can start being issued at 11A for the 12P game, and 7P for the 8P game. The 1P 2P 9P & 10P cards will be issued after the earlier game has ended.

If two customer's claim the win together, the prize amount is "split" between the two winners.

For the 2P and 10P there will be a "Second Chance Win". After a confirmed bingo for these three games (and the winning customer has been processed), the game will continue until a second "Bingo" is won, and the "Second Chance Win" customer will win \$50 Cash for the 2P game and \$100 Cash for the 10P game. The "Second Chance Win" opportunity will be announced before each of the specific games.

FRIDAY NIGHT

WIN CASH FROM 8-11!

10:00PM \$100
10:30PM \$200
11:00PM \$300

August 25th BIG WINNINGS!
8pm -\$100 9pm-\$150
10pm -\$200 10:30pm-\$300
11pm-\$500



SATURDAY NIGHT FUN - AUGUST 5 & 12 HOT SEAT DRAWINGS!

Round #1:
11 AM to 12 PM - 2 random winners per hour (6 winners total)
Each winner will win \$50 in Free Play. Customers will have to play a minimum of \$20 to be eligible for Round #1.

Round #3:
9 PM to 10 PM - 3 random winners per hour. Each winner will win \$100 in Free Play. Customers will have to play a minimum of \$40 to be eligible for Round #3.

All winner(s) must use their promotional "Free Play" by 2AM the night they won, or the Free Play will be removed from their account. Customers may win up to two (2) times each Saturday of this promotion.

Round #2:
6 PM to 8PM - 3 random winners per hour (6 total winners)
Each winner will win \$75 in Free Play. Customers will have to play a minimum of \$30 to be eligible for Round #2.

Round #4:
10 PM to 11 PM - 3 random winners per hour. Each winner will win \$150 in Free Play. Customers will have to play a minimum of \$50 to be eligible for Round #4.

California Indian Day!
September 22, 2017

Players Club members will receive \$5 Free Play. If a Players Club member shows their Tribal ID, they will receive \$10 of additional Free Play.

Hot Seat Drawings:
12P to 2P (2 winners per hour to win \$50 free play each)
2P to 5P (2 winners per hour to win \$75 free play each)

SATURDAY NIGHT CASH BINGO AUG. 19!

6PM "Buy-In" for the 7P & 8P games: 75 Points
7PM Game - \$100 Cash • 8PM Game - \$200 Cash

9:00PM "Buy-In for the 10:00P and 11:00A games: 100 Points
10:00PM Game \$250 Cash
11:00PM Game \$300 Cash

Scratch Card Sunday!
10am-8pm!

Players Club members that earn minimally 40 points on each specific Sunday, will receive one (only one) Scratch Card (via the Players Club). Each Scratch Card will have a prize (cash or free play), which will be:

\$10 Free Play \$20 Free Play \$50 Free Play
\$75 Free Play \$100 Free Play
\$20 Cash \$50 Cash \$100 Cash

Customers may receive only one Scratch Card each Sunday for this promotion. All Free play that is won via the Hot Seat drawings must be used by 2am on the same gaming day, or the winnings (Free Play) will be removed from the customer's account.

SHERWOOD VALLEY'S FALL CAR & CASH GIVEAWAY!

A Subaru Crosstrek and \$5,500 in cash will be given away to seven winners. There will be a top prize of a Subaru Crosstrek. There will also be a \$2,000 cash winner, a \$1,000 cash winner, two (2) \$750 cash winners and two (2) \$500 cash winners.

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Colvig, Frederick Branson and Paula Nunez.

The new appointee will serve as an "interim" school board member through December 2020.

Robert Colvig is a former high school counselor who retired from Willits High School in 2010. Colvig currently provides college application advising services and workshops through Colvig Consulting.

Willits Weekly was unable to reach Colvig or a second applicant, Frederick Branson, for comment on their interest in sitting on the school board. The names of the candidates for the seat were released Wednesday in the August 2 meeting agenda.

Paula Nunez is a recently retired teacher with the Willits district, teaching three years at Blosser Lane Elementary School and 36 years at Brookside School. Nunez also served as lead negotiator for the Willits Teachers Association, and was twice president of the WTA.

"What I'd like us to do," she said, "is to swing the direction of the district back toward the benefit of our kids, push for education. Years ago, under [then-superintendent] Rod Gabrielson, we had the best special education district in most of Northern California. I'd like to make the Willits Unified School District great again."

Current school board members are Christopher J. Neary (president), Alex Bowlds (clerk), Laurie Harris and Cynthia Carni.

Interviews of the candidates are on the agenda as "Item L" at the meeting which starts at 5:30 pm at the Willits High School Media Center.

School board meetings are streamed online and can be viewed by going to www.youtube.com, and searching for "Willits Unified School District."

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Legislature needed to approve each bill by a two-thirds margin. And to get that supermajority, Brown and key movers and shakers in the state Senate and Assembly had to broker some deals.

One of the existing programs that went down the tubes was the fire prevention fee, which had provided some \$400 million to CalFire over five years.

Areas within the state not in cities or on federal land are regarded as being in a state responsibility area, or SRA - some 31 million acres of California's 104 million acres.

Since 2011, and until the enactment of Assembly bills 398 and 617, landowners living in an SRA were required to pay a fee to the state for each habitable structure on their property. The fees were adjusted over the six years since the inception of the fee. In July 2016, the fee was \$152 (per residential structure) for landowners whose property was not served by a local fire prevention agency and \$117 (per residential structure) for landowners whose property was served by local fire prevention agency in addition to CalFire. According to CalFire, 98 percent of Californians who live in an SRA pay the lower fee.

According to CalFire's "Informational Report on the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fee" for fiscal year 2015-2016, although the fee raised more than \$400 million from 2011 to 2016, only \$344.3 million had been spent on fire prevention and related activities since 2011. In Mendocino County, through June 30, 2016, the state received \$9.9 million from people who paid the fee, but only disbursed \$8.8 million on activities in support of CalFire's mandate.

In 2012, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association filed a lawsuit in Sacramento County Superior Court, challenging the constitutionality of the fee, arguing the fee is a tax and therefore should have been subject to the constitutionally mandated two-thirds supermajority approval required in both houses of the Legislature. As a result, the Jarvis Association is seeking declaratory relief from the court, which is tantamount to a ruling that the law is unconstitutional, as well as seeking refunds for fire prevention fee payers.

In 2015, the court granted class certification for all fire

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"It is not as if these businesses are breaking down doors to open chains here," the report adds.

The report provides additional support for the view that economic growth is all that matters in the Mendocino County of today. "At the March 20, 2017, board of supervisors' meeting, county Human Resources reported there is high employee turnover," the report states.

"Beyond discussion of low comparative wages for the region, it was asserted that a major reason for not being able to hire and retain employees is the lack of housing," the report argues. "This has also been reported by the county agriculture department as contributing to its inability to fill positions needed for the county cannabis ordinance.

"Similarly, a local business owner complained of lack of housing for employees and has applied for approval to build a housing development," the report declares.

"The formula businesses discussed in this report are examples of how business is promoted and challenged in the county," it says.

"A county Planning and Building official stated to the grand jury: 'Every community wants some filter on economic development.' Indeed, but is prohibition and restriction that could lead to permit denial consistent to our economic needs? The grand jury believes the best practice is to encourage business development generally and to maintain standards by reviewing all business applications for community continuity equally."

The report focuses on three high-profile businesses that either applied for a building permit, or were granted a building permit, in either the unincorporated portion of the county, or in the City of Ukiah, over the past three years.

Dollar General

The first was Dollar General, a chain store which in 2015 applied for and was granted a building permit to construct a 90,000-square-foot building on commercial property in "downtown" Redwood Valley. As readers will remember, the application prompted a storm of protest, with more than 1,500 RV residents signing a petition opposing construction of the building and the opening of the business.

Threatened with a lawsuit by the parent company of Dollar General, the county board of supervisors denied an appeal to overturn the permit, but in response to the perceived need to do something to allow communities to retain their own unique "community character," approved in September 2015 a moratorium of future formula business construction. That moratorium would be renewed in November 2015 and again in April 2016.

During this time, county staff was drafting a "community character combining district ordinance" which would insist that formula businesses seeking to locate in unincorporated parts of the county would have to apply for a use permit and undergo a public comment process.

To date, the community character combining

district ordinance has not been approved. Citizens opposed to construction of the Dollar General store in Redwood Valley have an unfavorable judgment on a lawsuit currently under appeal.

According to the grand jury report, construction of the Dollar General store is on hold until after a verdict on the appeal is handed down.

In-N-Out Burger

The second business the grand jury focused on was In-N-Out Burger, which opened at the site of the old Fjords' building on North State Street in the unincorporated part of the county, just north of the City of Ukiah boundary.

The In-N-Out hamburger chain applied for a building permit in April 2016 and opened for business on January 25, 2016. According to the grand jury report, the county screwed up twice in issuing the permit. First, because it waved In-N-Out through quickly, while forcing Dollar General to go through a lengthy permitting process; and secondly, because it offered an exception to In-N-Out Burgers, saying it could receive a building permit - although it clearly is a chain store or a formula business - because it is in a part of the county in which the restrictions envisioned in the formula business moratorium do not apply, i.e., the North State Street commercial-industrial corridor.

According to the report: "Under county jurisdiction, In-N-Out Burger opened without any required modifications under an exempted commercial area of the Ukiah Valley Area Plan. Only Dollar General has been rebuked as unwanted development, even though the property [i.e., the proposed site of Dollar General in Redwood Valley] is in a county zone that allows commercial development by right."

Not only did the county fail when it considered intervening in the Dollar General permitting controversy, the report declares, it also erred because it didn't intervene during the permitting process of In-N-Out Burger.

"By adhering to current county zoning code that required the issuance of the building permit by right, the county missed an opportunity to have the developer listen to public concerns. In-N-Out may have provided, at their expense, improvements to mitigate such impacts as additional traffic congestion, noise, and odor in the surrounding unincorporated area and Ukiah. Such discussions have occurred in other Northern California counties during the permitting process," the report states.

Chipotle Mexican Grill

The third example of planning inconsistency focuses on the Chipotle Mexican Grill, located at 596 East Perkins Street in Ukiah. This time, however, the erring bodies are the City of Ukiah's planning commission and its city council.

These bodies erred, the report claims, because even though Chipotle Mexican Grill "meets the criteria of being a formula restaurant, it was deemed to be not a formula fast-food restaurant by the Ukiah City Council on August

20, 2014."

Ten months later, the planning commission exempted Chipotle Grill from three other requirements to which it otherwise would have been forced to adhere. The building was approved to be built only one story high, instead of the required two; the building's frontage exceeded the length prescribed by the city's building code, and Chipotle was allowed to have 20 parking spaces instead of the prescribed eight.

Chipotle's is located next to a veritable sea of parking spaces located on the eastern edge of the Orchard Square Shopping Plaza.

In its "Formula Business Restrictions: NIMBY Overreaction?" report, the grand jury found:

1. Formula businesses are restricted and prohibited, except when they are not.
2. The proposed community character combining district ordinance adds additional expense and time, discouraging business permit application in the county.
3. The City of Ukiah has applied its zoning ordinance inconsistently.
4. The downtown Ukiah formula business restriction and the [county's] community character combining district ordinance reflect an anti-business attitude that stymies economic growth.
5. Community character may be achievable through design modification.
6. In-N-Out Burger could have mitigated neighborhood concerns and Dollar General could have been required to provide design modification if the code had not been written to allow "by-right" commercial development.
7. Community character combining district ordinance regulations go too far, by adding time and expense to the application with the risk of capricious denial.
8. The "wisdom of the marketplace" should be allowed to determine the success or failure of business.

The grand jury report made three recommendations. First, the county's zoning ordinance should include design review for all business development. Second, both Mendocino County and the City of Ukiah should eliminate both "by-right" business permits and formula business restrictions and should instead consistently review all business development under discretionary use permits for community character. And finally, the City of Ukiah should modify the Ukiah city code to eliminate the prohibition of formula business in the city's downtown zone and to treat all business development equally.

The grand jury requires the county board of supervisors and the Ukiah City Council to respond to its report within 90 days, and the Ukiah city manager to respond within 60 days.

In addition, the grand jury requests county Department of Planning and Building Services Interim Director Nash Gonzalez to respond to the report within 60 days.

However, even with the Global Warming Solutions Act in place and working, California has had a hard time meeting its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels

In 1990, the state emitted 428 million metric tons of greenhouse gases. In 2004, the state was producing 493 million metric tons of greenhouse gases. In 2010 - even while rocked by the recession of 2008-09 - the state was emitting 450 million tons of greenhouse gases.

According to the Air Resources Board of the California Environmental Protection Agency, in 2015 California emitted 440 million metric tons of greenhouse gases. With passage of AB 398 and AB 617, the statewide goal for 2030 is 256.8 million tons.

According to Natural Resources Defense Council's California Climate Project Legal Director Alex Jackson: "The legislation represents a big step forward to continue California's global climate leadership.... On balance, the package ensures our emissions limits are enforceable against polluters and secures critical gains to improve air quality for millions of Californians. The world is watching for California to chart a path through the climate denial and obstruction coming from the White House - and California is yet again poised to deliver."

AB 398 and AB 617 were signed Tuesday, July 25, at a ceremony held on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. Gov. Brown was there to sign the two bills and Schwarzenegger was on hand to express his support for the legislation.

"I want to especially thank Assembly Republican Leader Chad Mayes and his Republican colleagues for following in the footsteps of great Republicans like Teddy Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan, who both recognized the importance of fighting for clean air and water and natural spaces," Schwarzenegger said. "I hope politicians around the county can learn from the example set in Sacramento last week [July 17, when the bills were passed]. Republicans and Democrats were able to come together to pass legislation that helps clean up our environment for our children while at the same time supporting a booming economy."



At left: The cast of "The Trial of the Wicked Witch" poses in costume. From left, front row, August Atticus Clark Kaster, Hunter Young, Reed Greystar, and Charley Lamprich; back row, Courtney Potter, Brody Lamprich, Alexis Zynda, Sophia Leinwetter, Rhyan Holder, Sakora Scott, Isabel Young, Jade Arbayo, Sylvia Louise Wartell, Kendahl Potter, Helena Rooney and Cecily Potter.

Below: Director Shawna Jeavons.

Photo by Ron Greystar

'The Trial of the Wicked Witch': A children's theater special at WCT

A special children's theater production of "The Trial of the Wicked Witch" will open at the Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, July 29. Directed by Shawna Jeavons, this modern fairy-tale farce features 20 actors between the ages of 9 and 14.

The production is a sassy send-up of a classic courtroom drama in which the Wicked Witch has finally been captured and hauled before the court of Once Upon A Time to stand trial for her alleged crimes. The show offers a fresh take on the old folk tales, turning these classics on their heads.

Director Jeavons is a recent graduate of the University of California at Berkeley. She has multi-dimensional experience with theater, going all the way back to when she was an 11-year-old, acting in the Willits Community Theatre's first melodrama, "The Curse of the Aching Heart."

Appearing in the play are August Atticus Clark Kaster, Hunter Young, Reed Greystar, Charley Lamprich, Courtney Potter, Brody Lamprich, Alexis Zynda, Sophia Leinwetter, Rhyan Holder, Sakora Scott, Isabel Young, Jade Arbayo, Sylvia Louise Wartell, Kendahl Potter, Helena Rooney and Cecily Potter.

In the play's central action, the Wicked Witch stands accused of casting a spell on Sleeping Beauty, attempting to poison Snow White, kidnapping Rapunzel, and trying to eat Hansel. Red Riding Hood heads up the prosecution, with the Evil Stepmother of Cinderella serving as the defense attorney. The Three Little Pigs act as bailiffs, while Jack the Giant Killer is the guard. The judge is none other than the Fairy Godmother.

"The Trial of the Wicked Witch" is suitable for all ages. A huge part of the fun action is that the audience serves as the jury and gets to decide the outcome of the trial at the end.

Performances will be on Saturday, July 29 at 7 pm, Sunday, July 30 at 2 pm, Saturday, August 5 at 7 pm, and Sunday, August 6 at 2 pm. Advance tickets are \$15 for the Saturday shows, \$10 for the Sunday matinees, and a special \$5 price for children ages 14 and under. Tickets can be obtained in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door until sold out.

- Steve Hellman, for WCT



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 3rd	FRIDAY, AUGUST 4th	SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th	SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th
KID'S & SENIOR'S DAY - Free Admission until 6:00 p.m.	Swine Showmanship RP 8:00	Livestock Buyer's Breakfast GP 8:00	Livestock Awards Ceremony WTS 10:00
KID'S & SENIOR'S DAY - Free Admission until 6:00pm JS 8:00	Sheep Ultrasound Carcass Contest RP 8:00	Junior Livestock Auction RP 10:00	Welcome! Fair & Carnival Opens 12:00
Market and Breeding Sheep Show JS 8:00	Beef Ultrasound Carcass Contest RP 1:00	Welcome! Fair & Carnival Opens 12:00	Brad's World Reptiles PH 12:00-9:00
Market and Breeding Swine Show RP 8:00	Primary Exhibit - Goat JS 1:30	"Candy Land Cookies" HA 12:00-3:00	"Chutes & Ladders Cupcakes" HA 12:00-3:00
Welcome! Fair & Carnival Opens 3:00	Pygmy Goat Show JS 2:00	Dance & Floor Gymnastics For Kids WTS 1:30	Steve's Fun Balloons FG 2:00
Brad's World Reptiles PH 3:00-10:00	Welcomel Fair & Carnival Opens 3:00	Steve's Fun Balloons WTS 2:00	Ukiah Idols Finals "Grand Finals" WTS 2:00
SAL - Martial Arts Demonstration WTS 3:00	Brad's World Reptiles PH 3:00-10:00	Diaper Dash CIR 2:30	Jeremy the Juggler FG 3:00
Jeremy the Juggler FG 3:30	Steve's Fun Balloons FG 3:00	Racing Pigs FG 3:00	Racing Pigs CIR 4:00
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 4:00	Round Robin Showmanship - Large Animals RP 4:00	Jeremy the Juggler CIR 4:00	Steve's Fun Balloons FG 5:00
Market Beef, Showmanship, Breeding RP 5:00	Racing Pigs CIR 4:00	Jeremy the Juggler FG 5:00	Hot Dog Eating Contest CIR 5:00
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Rebel Rousers WTS 6:00	Jeremy the Juggler FG 5:30	Mike Furlongs Tribute to Tom Petty WTS 6:00	DIRT Nationals, Jalopies, and Boat Races GS 6:00
Racing Pigs CIR 6:00	II Big WTS 6:00	Truck & Tractor Pulls Competition GS 6:00	CircusMecca TBD 6:30
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 6:00	Racing Pigs CIR 6:00	CircusMecca TBD 6:30	Steve's Fun Balloons FG 7:00
Motorcycles, Side-by-Sides, ATVs GS 6:30	The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 6:00	CircusMecca TBD 6:30	The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 7:00
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Racing Dogs CIR 7:00	The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 7:00	Racing Pigs CIR 7:00	The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 9:00
Jeremy the Juggler FG 8:00	Round Robin Showmanship - Small Animals JS 7:00	Jeremy the Juggler FG 7:30	Steve's Fun Balloons FG 9:00
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Please note - all schedules subject to change.

Location Codes: WTS - Willow Tree Stage, JS - Junior Show Ring, CIR - Circle, GS - Grandstands Arena, FG - Strolling on Fairgrounds, RP - Racine Pavilion, HA - Home Arts Building, GP - Grange Park, TBD - To Be Decided