Supes declare fire, public health emergencies

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supervisors. County during a special meeting on Tuesday, unanimously approved declaring state of emergency and a public health emergency due to what the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has dubbed the "Mendocino Complex" fires. Supervisors Georgeanne Croskey and Chairman Dan Hamburg absent by pre-arrangement.

The emergencies were declared in response to the Ranch fire, which started July 27 at 12:03 pm eight

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Laytonville cannabis overlay meeting

low-key

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Fewer than 20 people attended July community outreach Mendocino meeting on County's proposed cannabis overlay zones held in Laytonville.

No major points of either dissension or endorsement arose during the meeting led by Paul Junker and Mark Corcoran of Michael Baker International. Junker and Corcoran reviewed the basic guidelines for how an opt-in zone would work and unveiled their proposal for the boundaries of the opt-

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Three arrested for home invasion robbery

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out-of-area Three men were arrested early Wednesday morning after they allegedly broke into a home in the 600 block of Crest Drive in southwest Willits around 3 am, brandishing firearms and demanding "property."

Following the robbery, the men fled in a vehicle, according to sheriff's Lt. Kirk Mason, commander of the Sheriff's Office Northern Operations division.

Alerted to the robbery, a sheriff's deputy and a Willits police officer "initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle inside the city limits," Mason said, but when ordered to exit their vehicle, they three

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Above, left and center: Landyn Lundgren and his grandma Kathy Lundgren both had their canned entries place well in the Junior and Home Arts buildings. Above, right: Displays were themed in "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams" throughout the barns, including this poster for the Willits 4-H Pygmy Goat group. Below: One little spotted goat welcomes all to the Redwood Empire Fair happening August 2 through 5 at the Ukiah fairgrounds.



Great! See you at the Redwood Empire Fair Thursday through Sunday at the Ukiah Fairgrounds

See the Calendar on page 9 and stories on page 14 for details and info on events and more!









Above, from left: Willits entrant Kasey Hollifield won a first-place award for this "girl blanket." The Best in Show wall in the Junior building hosts many exquisite entries, including a pair of leather chaps, front, made by Willits' Walker Klee. Jaden Doak and Lucas Branscomb hang out with two young friends in the beef barn. The two new stewards of the Junior building, Lizette Robinson, left, and Nancy Paxton, are indeed having a lot of fun in their new roles.





Above, from left: Willits FFA's Kyleena Amador poses with her market pig, which will go to auction on Saturday, August 4. Auction starts at 10 am, and all are welcome to come and bid. Siblings Enzo and Sofia show off their Junior building entries. Below, from left: Hard at work creating the Fine Arts building's "blue jean carpet." Produce characters made by Michelle Briggs of Willits are always a delight in the Horticulture building. Abel Rose's tomato and brother Alastair Rose's zucchini await judging in the Junior building. At bottom, left: This wooden owl sculpture made by Robert Sizemore of Willits earned first place in the Fine Arts building. At bottom, right: Wayne Ingle's onions on display in the Horticulture building.











Small fires quickly extinguished around Willits

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter

Willits is experiencing California's "new normal" of massive, raging wildfires - as Gov. Jerry Brown, Cal Fire, and PG&E have all described it - from somewhat of a distance so

Many Willits residents can see the giant plumes of smoke rising from the River and Ranch fires - aka the "Mendocino Complex" fires - from their homes. There's been drift smoke in the Little Lake Valley for a while now, starting with the horrific Carr fire in Redding

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Willits to be starting point for

'Great Redwood Trail'

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Willits City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra announced to the city council last week that Willits is set to be the official starting point for the northern section of "The Great Redwood Trail," a massive project proposed by state Senator Mike McGuire, which envisions eventually creating trails all the way from San Francisco to Arcata.

Senate Bill 1029 calls for the northern portion of the trail to begin in Willits, travel

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Former cannabis manager says county's approach is wrong

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Kelly Overton says he left his job as Mendocino County cannabis manager in late June because he believes the county's entire approach to cannabis regulation is wrong.

Since Overton's sudden 20 June departure, speculation as to why he resigned has been rife. And because Overton's departure is a personnel matter, the county cannot publicly discuss any details.

Many have speculated Overton got on county CEO Carmel Angelo's bad side, or quit because neither

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Mental health consultants won't recommend specific site

Mike A'Dair

At a July 25 meeting of the county's Measure B committee. Jed Diamond, the committee

member who was appointed to act as liaison with Lee Kemper Consulting, told his colleagues that Kemper will not make specific recommendations regarding which facility might be used to meet the county's mental health needs.

Diamond said Kemper had told him he thought making that decision should be the responsibility of "local entities." including the Measure B Committee and board of

Kemper, Diamond told the Measure B committee, will not address the question of whether the old Howard Hospital on Main Street should be used for a lockdown mental health facility or a psychiatric health facility.

Diamond said he had spoken to Kemper twice, and the firm had said its needs assessment would cover 12 items, including: What does the county have now, in mental health facilities and services? What does the county need? How much money does the county have now to pay for mental health services? How much money will the county have over the next five to 10 years? What new facilities and services might be needed?

Kemper also said its assessment would recommend the county strive to have services that place people in the least restrictive of settings and should consider both crisis care and crisis prevention.

The firm also said the county should be aware it will need to sustain whatever facilities it builds, and the staffing required to run those

The needs assessment report will review what other counties are doing in mental health treatment, but will not recommend the use of any specific facility.

It will, however, will recommend the steps the county will need to undertake to move ahead with decision-making and implementation of the goals authorized by Measure B, a halfcent sales tax increase passed by voters last November to fund mental health facilities and services in Mendocino County.

Diamond added that the county's mental health division had answered some of the questions he proposed asking Kemper to include in its needs assessment report.

Diamond wanted to know how many mental health clients were placed out of county. reporting that the answer, during 2016-17, was 36 to 46 per month. In 2017-18, that number had dropped to 31 to 38 clients a month.

Diamond also had wondered where those people were being sent. Most, the mental health division informed him, were going to St. Red Bluff.

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Fires

that has killed six people, including two firefighters As of Cal Fire's Wednesday evening report, 3,069 total personnel, including 373 fire engines, 51 water tenders, 15 helicopters, 48 hand crews, and 50 dozers, were fighting the Mendocino Complex fires. "We have a very large fire camp in Ukiah," said Sheriff Tom Allman in a video posted

to his Facebook page, "with more resources coming in."

Three new "named" fires have started in the last two days in Mendocino County: the Eel fire near Covelo. which has burned 1,000 acres so far; the Vichy fire near Vichy Springs in Ukiah which was guickly "knocked down"; and the Western fire off Highway 101 south of Hopland which started late Wednesday afternoon. Cal Fire announced Wednesday night that forward spread of the 45-acre Western fire has been stopped, and it's 50

But there have also been "multiple little fires all over the place," said Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes. "Right now the fuel moistures are way down, the temperatures are up, there's a wind - that's a recipe for fire."

Little Lake Fire responded to a fire call on Pine Mountain on Saturday, Wilkes said. "We had a full wildland dispatch through Howard Forest," but when firefighters arrived, it was clear they could cancel other resources, and it ended up being a "small, 15 by 30 spot" that burned.

A call on Sunday – right before the power went out – was to a possible structure fire way out Hearst-Willits Road, but again, it turned out to be not much of a threat. "The locals out there did a wonderful job of containing the fire." Wilkes said. The fire started in a compost pile and moved into a hoop house in the garden

Also on Sunday, Little Lake was dispatched to a transformer failure at Berry Hill Court, south of Haehl Creek. "That was pretty extravagant," Wilkes said. "The residents smelled smoke, went outside, and saw their PG&E transformer on the pole at the first residence, which was boiling and blowing out the oil in the transformer. It smoked out the whole highway. It was pretty scary."

Little Lake remained on scene waiting for PG&E. "All we can do is stand by – if it explodes we need to be available."

Sirens went off again on Wednesday afternoon as local resources headed up to a "fully involved" car fire on Highway 101 just south of Highway 162 at mile marker 58. That car fire, the scanner reported, was under some pretty heavy vegetation. "It got into the vegetation a little bit," Wilkes said, "but we were able to keep it contained."

Little Lake Fire Engine 5468 and crew, along with other local Mendocino County firefighters led by Strike Team Leader John Thomen, deputy fire chief for Little Lake Fire, went up to help fight the Carr fire on July 26 on a 14-day commitment. After a couple days in Redding, they got "emergency demobilized" to the River fire in Lakeport, where they are still working.

Brooktrails Fire Department sent its Engine 5285 up to do structure defense in the Eel fire, and then that engine was assigned to the fire in Hopland.

"We try to assist other agencies during a time of need while providing coverage in Brooktrails," Brooktrails Fire posted on their Facebook page. "This takes coordination from our staff, volunteers and their employers so they can, in most cases using their vacation time from their employer to staff equipment."

40 percent of our sworn staff, 20 percent at a time," WPD reported on their Facebook page Tuesday. "We are accepted up to the final day of the drawing. Santa Rosa, and Restpadd in Redding and in officers involved in mutual aid are working on what would have been their days off. Yesterday our officers were assisting with looting patrol in Lakeport until they were Over on Page 13 pulled off to assist in the evacuation of Kelseyville."

One piece of advice from Chief Wilkes and other emergency responders: Be wary of the rumors fostered so easily these days by social media, such as the false rumor all over town Monday that PG&E was planning to shut the power off for hours that day or the incorrect information posted by a Facebook news blog that there was a fire in Brooktrails on Saturday.

It's always best to check the official information: the Cal Fire incident page, www. fire.ca.gov/current_incidents, or the Cal Fire Mendocino Unit Facebook page or Twitter feed, or the "Mendocino Sheriff" page on Facebook, which will tell you the important information you need to know. And finally: sign up for emergency alerts via text, email or phone at the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office website, www.mendocinosheriff.com.

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Easy as pie

One of the most endearing aspects of living in the Willits area is that it's as easy as pie to explore new adventures that delight.

I dropped by the Willits Skunk Train office to leave a conductor's hat for Malakai Schindler to replace the one that was seriously stained with fire retardant during the July 14 Kamp fire off the Skunk Train tracks.

A big surprise was a sign on the way back to the car that advertised Kemmy's Pies down a walkway. The actual address is 299 East Commercial St. There's a big sign — so you can't get lost. You can learn more about them at www.kemmyspies.com.

It was a struggle to think of the appropriate adjective for the taste of Kemmy's Pies. The only completely accurate word: Divine! In addition to their full-sized pies, there are a number of smaller ones. The final box included several to have samples of the various fruit combinations for friends to help uncover the delights of this new discovery. That sound you hear is the continuing whimpering and drooling. There will guickly

Kemmy's Pies phone number is 707-367-5498. Amanda was the angel on duty. She was a delight, which anyone will discover when they visit to take their first bite of these culinary treasures.

Jay Gordon, Willits

WCT seeking raffle prize donors

It's that time of year again when the Willits Community Theatre does its most important fundraising event of the season. We want to thank all of you in the business and artistic communities who help make our success possible. Donating a raffle prize is a wonderful way to receive great PR for your donation and a truly appreciated way of helping us keep quality live theater in our community. We can't keep this wonderful venue without community support!

We are asking for a donation of a gift certificate or item that can be included as a prize in our "WCT Prize" raffle. Since WCT is a non-profit organization, your donation is tax-deductible! But that's not the only return on your generosity.... We do a lovely full-color brochure that is mailed to over 1,100 homes in the county listing your prize and business. We have articles in county newspapers and social media sites. We also spend considerable time promoting the prizes in many different venues, including at our live performances. Your name or business also remains on our list of "Donors in Kind" in all our "Playbill" programs for an entire

We want to let everyone know how much you care about their community theater, and in turn we encourage them to support your business in our community! In other words ... everybody wins!

Our yearly drawing is very important to our fundraising program. Please play a role in our continued success by participating in whatever way you can. To take full advantage of all our print PR, please send your gift certificate or call with your prize donation information by August 15. We are happy to pick up items at your location.

Willits Police Department, too, has been helping with Our drawing tickets go on sale September 1, and our early-bird drawing mutual aid during this fire emergency. "We have dedicated is on September 27 at the opening performance of "Visions from the Edge," with our main drawing taking place on October 21. Prizes will be

Helena Hospital in Vallejo, Aurora Hospital in maintaining full staffing of the police department. The On behalf of our board of directors, thank you in advance for your

Chrystina Patterson, managing director, Willits Community Theatre

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Above, from left: The deli case is packed with salads, samosas,

Caprese or Turkey Pesto. The sign for Karkar's Deli advertises to

Brooktrails residents that they are now open for business. At right:

Karkar's

Deli

New eatery by owners

of the former Sherwood Market

opens in Brooktrails

It was a quiet opening on July 20, but people have been

finding Karkar's Deli, after waiting for months since the

closing of Sherwood Market. Hani Karkar, after an extended

vacation to his home country of Jordan, returned to open

The deli is at the site of the defunct Elevenzies, next door

to where his store, the Sherwood Market, used to serve

Santa Rosa.

Mathew Caine

his poor English language skills.

calzones, sweets and more. The menu offers a wide variety

of paninis - design your own - or choose from options like

Hani and Amal Karkar stand in front of the deli case.











He worked at various restaurants and food-delivery services. Through hard work, he became a supervisor at a 7-Eleven store where, with his knowledge of bookkeeping (which he studied in Jordan) and his ability to learn and save money, he finally realized his goal of owning his own store, much to the disappointment of his boss, who told him he could always return to his old job if the store failed.

the people of Brooktrails. Karkar's Deli is a place to buy delicious, reasonably priced

sandwiches, a large variety of beers and locally sourced wines, as well as other traditional

The business has been, and continues to be, a family affair. Karkar is joined by his wife,

Next year she will be going to Hawaii to study for a career as a physical therapist.

Nicholas is still at Willits High School in 10th grade. Karkar's other son, Odeh, after

visiting relatives in Jordan, decided to stay and learn the language better as well as pursue

a culinary career in either Europe or Florida. Nicole, the other daughter, will also go into

physical therapy. But wherever they travel, they will remain a close family and there will be

a place for them in Brooktrails, Karkar's adopted and beloved home for the last 10 years.

required two years in the Jordanian army. Living and working in America had been his

dream as a young man in his home country. He was finally awarded a visa after several

Karkar has lived in the United States since 1988, coming to this country after doing his

Amal, his daughter, Dana, and any of his progeny who happen to be

in town and available. Dana is currently on hiatus from her studies

and is between schools, having finished her undergraduate work in

Karkar found Willits by accident and happenstance. His brother-in-law heard about the store in Brooktrails and told Karkar, who made an appointment to take a look at the place. When he arrived in Brooktrails, it was snowing and there were wild turkeys running everywhere. He fell in love with the area immediately and rented the store, where he and his family ran it for 10 years, gathering the love and support of the community.

He met his wife, Amal, another Jordanian, who he met by chance when she came to the Bay Area to visit some family members. Karkar was acquainted with members of her family and they were immediately attracted to each other. They began to talk and were married a year later. Together, they were able to purchase a house in Brooktrails, a place he wishes to never leave, having fallen in love with the people and the beauty of the area.

After 10 years, and several raises in rent, Karkar decided he could no longer sustain the store at its current location and closed the doors a few months ago, much to the disappointment of a great many residents of Brooktrails. He looked for Read the rest of

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other places to open a business, even

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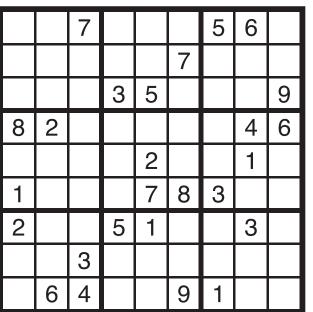
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CLUES ACROSS

1. The winners 7. A place to relax

10. Monies to pay debts 12. Horse mackerel

13. Type of steroid 14. Make dry 15. The Godfather's

adopted son 16. Ivanovic and Gastever Horror movie franchise

18. Grab 19. Iranian city

21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.) 22. One's illicit lover 27. Fake smarts (abbr.)

28. Where Jersey natives depart from 33. Doctor

34. Front feet 36. Insurance option 37. Some is 'wicked' 38. Type of weaving 39. Religious woman 40. One point east of

southeast 41. Prestigious literary prize

44. Tiny humans 45. Relish over 48. Computer manufacturer 49. Envelops

50. One type is dippin' 51. Bequeaths

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2. Greek goddess of youth 3. Piers Anthony protagonist 35. Sun worshippers love one 4. One-thousandth of an inch 36. Ammonia-producing 5. JFK Library architect

6. A type of corrosion (abbr.) 7. Beat up

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20. Indigenous people of Brazil 23. Mothers

24. Mongolian desert 25. Great Britain, Scotland and Northern Ireland

prosecutor

26. British air aces 29. A lover to Zeus

32. Gives a permanent post

38. 4th month of the

40. New England river

41. Stores grain

44. Not good

45. Witness

42. Confess openly

46. Author Coulter

47. Type of screen

43. Quarterbacks do it

Jewish calendar

30. Frequently

31. Get together again

investigation in the 100 block of Williams

of rape in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

2:03 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

5:07 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of East Commercial Street

of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of East Commercial Street

Main Street. 8:23 pm: Officers responded to a

Commercial Street and issued a warning.

11:55 pm: SILVA, Buck James (30) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of assault with a deadly weapon and battery with serious injury inflicted.

July 26

1:04 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Alder Court.

3:59 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of North Main Street and Sherwood Road.

10:43 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1500 block of

10:47 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 200 block of East

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT **POLICE LOG**

July 23 to July 29 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 249 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

July 23

6:09 am: LAFORCE, George Rolan (47) of Ukiah was contacted in the 200 block of School Street. He was arrested on felony charges of failure to register as a sex offender and violation of probation and on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

3:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping in the 200 block of Shell

6:04 pm: HEILIG, Jeremiah Daniel (37) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 11550 H&S (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance) and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

8:56 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

July 24

12:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of South Humboldt Street.

1:10 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Penn Street

1:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of East Commercial Street and issued a

5:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of South Main Street

6:11 pm: Officers initiated a robbery investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

July 25

12:49 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

10:32 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of East Commercial Street and issued a

12:22 pm: Officers responded to a report

4:35 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of South Main

5:33 pm: Officers responded to a report

7:30 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South

disturbance in the 100 block of West

South Main Street.

San Francisco Avenue.

3:27 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 400 block of East

Valley Street.

3:42 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

6:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

7:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of South Main Street.

8:18 pm: Officers responded to a report of unwanted subjects in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

July 27

1:10 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Shell Lane and Baechtel Road.

1:27 am: Officers responded to a report of a structure fire in the 1800 block of Perch

7:40 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.

10:35 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

10:54 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main

12:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of South Main

pm: CHAVEZCHAPMAN, Kassandra Achantelle (27) of Santa Maria, California was contacted in the 100 block of Baechtel Road. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear and violation of probation.

3:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Haehl Creek Drive

4:14 pm: DIRKSEN. Kevin Lord (35) of Ukiah was contacted in the 100 block of Baechtel Road. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

10:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:01 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1200 block of Locust

9:56 am: CASAGRANDE, Jessica Ann (28) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road following a disturbance. She was arrested on felony charges pursuant to 273.5 PC (Corporal Injury to a Spouse/Cohabitant) and 245 (A) (1) PC (Assault with a Deadly Weapon).

2:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South

6:20 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:58 pm: Officers responded to a report

of harassment in the 800 block of South 8:57 pm: Officers initiated a theft

investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

11:46 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

July 29

9:58 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

8:23 pm: CHARLESWORTH, Kelly Denise (45) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of Elm Lane. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance and failure to

9:41 pm: MAXWELL, David Paul (52) of Oceanside, California was contacted in the 400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of brandishing a weapon in a threatening



REF Horse Show

First Redwood Empire Fair contest held July 22 at Willits Frontier Days grounds

The Redwood Empire Fair's horse show, the first of the qualifying events for youth looking to win the coveted title of Round Robin, was held on Sunday, July 22 at the Willits Frontier Days grounds, Along with showing the riders' showmanship skills, the horse show included regular undersaddle rail classes and a few fun ones, too, like a costume class.

Maureen Moore Graphics & Photographress

It's showmanship though, that sets this show

The species are divided up into two groups: Large Animal, which includes horses, sheep, goats, swine, beef and dairy cattle, and Small Animal, which includes poultry, rabbits, Pygmy goats, cavies, dogs and turkeys. The best showman of each species of animal gets to battle it out against the other showmen, each taking a turn showing all the other species in their group for an overall title of Round Robin winner, which includes a ribbon, award and embroidered

Members of 4-H and FFA each have their own advanced winner in each species. This year, the 4-H advanced horse showman award goes to Danielle Barry of the Willits 4-H, and the FFA advanced horse showman award goes to Samantha Arms of the Willits FFA. Shows for the rest of the species will be held throughout the week at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds. Both Barry and Arms will join the other advanced showmen this Friday for the contests; come cheer on the Large Animal showmen starting at 4 pm in the Racine Pavilion and the Small Animal showmen starting at 7 pm in the Junior Show Ring at the Ukiah fairgrounds.

This show was also held simultaneously as a part of the Willits Frontier Days Juniors show series, allowing riders to earn points for the placings during this show towards their overall series totals for those end-of-theyear awards, too.

High point and reserve high point awards were given in the show's age groups, 9 to 13 and 14 and over, and a separate award for the winner of the most overall points, regardless of age, was given in the open division. Danielle Barry won the overall open high point award as well as the 9 to

13 high point award. Reserve high point in 9 to 13 went to Canyon Darger. In 14 and over: high point went to Katie Roach and reserve high point went

The full results from the show are as follows:

4-H/FFA geldings, 10 and under: first place went to Katie Roach of Fort Bragg FFA. 11 and over: first place went to Canyon Darger of the Ukiah 4-H; second place went to Katie Brown of Potter Valley FFA; third place went to Aubrey Fansler of the Potter Valley 4-H; fourth place went to Gracie Silva of the Long Valley 4-H; and fifth place went to Danielle Barry

4-H/ FFA Mares, 11 and over: first place went to Samantha Arms of the Willits FFA and second place went to Mattea Butler of the Willits 4-H.

Showmanship:

4-H novice: first place went to Jonathan Hunt of the Ukiah 4-H; second place went to Cami Donahoo of the Potter Valley 4-H; third place to Katie

Brown; fourth place to Aubrey Fansler: and fifth place to Anais Monlux of the Potter Valley 4-H. 4-H Intermediate: first place went to Danielle Barry; second place to Havden Haves of the Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H: and third place to Catie Spackman of the Willits 4-H. 4-H Advanced: First place went to Danielle Barry; second to Gracie Silva; third to Jonathan Hunt of the Ukiah 4-H, and fourth place to Paige Whitcomb of the Long Valley 4-H. FFA Advanced: First place went to Samantha Arms: second place went to Katie Roach: and

At top: 4-H and FFA participants in the Redwood Empire Fair horse show line up n the arena at the Willits Frontier Days Above, left: Danielle Barry in the costume class. Above, right: Advanced showmanship winners, Samantha Arms,

left, and Danielle Barry, right.

Photos by Marcy Barry

third place went to Claire Case Brackett of the Willits FFA. Open: First place went to Danielle Barry; second place to Samantha Arms; third place to Cami Donahoo; fourth place to Aubrey Fansler; and fifth place to Anais

Leadline: Participants included the youngest riders, Eva Pinon and

FFA/4-H English pleasure:

Walk/trot: first place went to Katie Roach; second place to Canyon Darger of the Ukiah 4-H; third place to Danielle Barry; fourth place to Cami Donahoo; and fifth place to Aubrey Fansler. 9 to 13: First place went to Canvon Darger: second place to Cami Donahoo: third place went to Aubrey Fansler; fourth place went to Paige Whitcomb; and fifth place went to Danielle Barry. 14 and over: first place went to Gracie Silva; second place went to Katie Roach; and third place went to Samantha Arms. Open: First place went to Danielle Barry; second place went to Samantha Arms; third place went to Aubrey Fansler; fourth place went to Cami Donahoo; and fifth place went to Anais Monlux.

FFA/4-H English equitation:

9 to 13: First place went to Danielle Barry; second place went to Paige Whitcomb; third place went to Aubrey Fansler; fourth place went to Canyon Darger; and fifth place went to Cami Donahoo. 14 and Over: First place went to Katie Roach; second place went to Samantha Arms; and third place went to Gracie Silva. Open: First place went to Danielle Barry: second place went to Cami Donahoo; third place went to Samantha Arms; fourth place went to Aubrey Fansler; and fifth place went to Anais Monlux.

FFA/4-H Hunter Hack: First place went to Danielle Barry and second place went to Samantha Arms. Bareback Equitation, open: First place went to Cami Donahoo; second

place went to Danielle Barry; and third place went to Samantha Arms.

FFA/4-H Trail:

9 to 13: Participants included Taylynn Arteaga of the Redwood Valley 4-H, Danielle Barry, Canyon Darger, Cami Donahoo, and Aubrey Fansler. 14 and over: First place went to Gracie Silva; second place went to Samantha Arms; third

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place went to Katie Roach; fourth place went to Skylar Kendl of the Fort Bragg FFA; fifth place went to Hayden Hayes; and fifth place went to Jonathan Hunt. Open: Participants included Danielle Barry, Samantha Arms, Anais Monlux, Cami Donahoo, and Aubrey Fansler.

4-H/FFA, Western pleasure:

Walk/Jog: First place went to Katie Roach; second place to Katie Brown; third place to Danielle Barry; fourth place to Gracie Silva; and fifth place went to Jonathan Hunt. 9 to 13: First place went to Danielle Barry; second place to Paige Whitcomb; third place to Aubrey Fansler; fourth place went to Canyon Darger; and fifth place went to Cami Donahoo. 14 and over: First place went to Gracie Silva: second place went to Katie Roach: third place went to Katie Brown; fourth place went to Samantha Arms; and fifth place went to Jonathan Hunt. Open: First place went to Danielle Barry; second place went to Samantha Arms; third place went to Cami Donahoo; fourth place went to Aubrey Fansler; and fifth place went to Anais Monlux.

4-H/FFA, Western Equitation:

9 to 13: First place went to Danielle Barry; second place went to Paige Whitcomb; third place went to Aubrey Fansler; fourth place went to Canyon Darger; and fifth place went to Taylynn Arteaga. 14 and over: First place went to Katie Roach; second place went to Samantha Arms: third place went to Gracie Silva: fourth place went to Jonathan Hunt; and fifth place went to Katie Brown. Open: First place went to Danielle Barry; second place went to Cami Donahoo; third place went to Samantha Arms; fourth place went to Aubrey Fansler; and fifth place went to Anais Monlux.

4-H/FFA Horsemanship: First place went to Katie Roach; second place went to Danielle Barry; third place went to Cami Donahoo; fourth place went to Katie Brown; and fifth place went to Samantha Arms.

Costume Class: First place went to Mattea Butler; second place went to Danielle Barry; third place went to Samantha Arms; fourth place went to Jonathan Hunt; and fifth place went to Hayden Hayes.

4-H/FFA Cloverleaf Barrels: First place went to Katie Roach; second place went to Canyon Darger; third place went to Danielle Barry; fourth place went to Taylynn Arteaga; and fifth place went to Skylar Kendl.

4-H/FFA Pole Bending: First place went to Skylar Kendl; second place went to Danielle Barry; third place went to Taylynn Arteaga; fourth place went to Canyon Darger; and fifth place went to Katie Roach.

FFA/4-H Single Stake Race: First place went to Katie Roach; second place went to Danielle Barry; third place goes to Canyon Darger; fourth place went to Taylynn Arteaga; and fifth place went to Skylar Kendl.

Results provided by Mattie Owen and the Redwood Empire Fair.

The rest of Deli

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considering re-opening the Paradise Coffee Shop in town, but he likes to make food, not coffee.

Finally, the location on Sherwood Road became available. The papers were signed and Karkar opened Karkar's Deli, without much fanfare or a grand opening. However, the people found him and have been supporting his new venture.

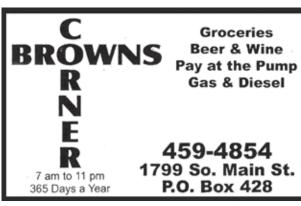
As a responsible deli owner, Karkar sources his vegetables locally and as organically as possible, preferring to show his support for the people of the area. His wines are as local as possible. He also offers a wide variety of beers which cater to the local tastes of his

All day, one can find fresh, lovingly made sandwiches of pastrami, pulled pork, tuna, veggie and various other varieties, including a build-your-own option with a good variety of ingredients from which to choose. From 8 to 11 am, there are various egg sandwich choices at a very reasonable price as well as an avocado toast.

"To the people of Willits and Brooktrails," commented Karkar, "thank you very much for supporting us. I heard a lot on the Facebook page that you were supporting me when we closed the store. I appreciate your comments."

He would like, eventually, to buy the building where he had his store for 10 years and re-open it if that option becomes available, but for now, "I would like to stay here for the rest of my life," he said with a satisfied smile.

Karkar's Deli is located at 25287 Sherwood Road in Brooktrails; 707-501-9221. It is open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 7 pm and Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm, and closed on Sundays.





OBITUARY I

Emma Lemos

Emma Lou Lemos was born to Melvin and Lorine Maddox in Arkansas on August 19, 1933 and passed away on July 14, 2018 surrounded

The Maddox family moved to California and settled in the Livingston/Atwater area. Emma attended Livingston schools and was a 1951 graduate of Livingston High. It was there she met her husband, Bob. They were married that year in December and began their life together in Turlock. They later moved to Willits after Bob accepted a job offer there.

Emma enjoyed their life in Willits raising their family, enjoying back yard BBQs with friends, and spending time with her grandchildren. Emma loved antiques. She would spend many weekends browsing the local shops for her next purchase. Her collection contained many rare and unique

Emma also loved to quilt, knit, paint, and crochet and she was a wonderful seamstress. Her family is very fortunate to enjoy her creations and consider them treasures from Nana. She was a great cook as well; her famous macaroni salad



was requested at every family

Her husband, Bob, of 65 years who passed away on June 25, 2018, preceded Emma in death. They are forever together. She is survived by her daughter, Roxanne Lemos-Neese (Rick) and by her son, Doug Lemos (Tina). She is also survived by her grandchildren: Shawn Scott (Cari), Christopher Scott, Travis Scott (Mark) and Clay Neese (Jillian), Matthew Lemos, and Ashley Lemos-Fessenden (Kyle), and her great-grandchildren: Savannah.

Emma, Isabel, and Sakora Scott and Lexi and Braden Neese, and by her sister, Betty Ballard.

Joint services were held on July 18. The family would like to thank Riggs Ambulance, Merced City Police Department, and Merced County Sheriff's Department. for their kindness and compassion, and to the staffs at The Hampshire and Wilson's Family Funeral Home, our heartfelt thanks for

Memorial contributions can be made to: Ridgewood T.R.A.I.L Riders Association, 16200 North Highway 101, Willits, CA 95490, attn: Erin Livingston.

OBITUARY

Reynaldo Amador

Reynaldo Aguilar Amador of Willits, California passed away July 14, 2018 at the age of 43. He was born January 30, 1975 to Adolfo and Maria Amador in Redwood Valley, California. He married his sweetheart, Juanita "Arms" Amador on June 18, 1994 in Willits.

He worked for Family Tree, which he absolutely loved. Reynaldo adored his wife and kids. He loved to fish, ride his motorcycle with his father-in-law, Gary Arms, and most importantly, loved being around his family, delighting in every moment shared.

He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Juanita; his kids: son, Justin Amador and fiancé Stacey Szupello, daughter, Kyleena Amador and boyfriend Mike Camp; and many, many loving family and friends who will deeply miss him. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

COLUMN | Dr. Pace on the Case

What is Public Health?

issues. We are excited to have this platform to investigate current topics and concerns.

Wikipedia defines "Public Health" as: "the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting human health through... organizations, both public and Gary Pace, MD, MPH private, communities and individuals."

like poverty and homelessness.

Our goal is to protect the health of the people and the environment in the communities where we live, learn. work and play. While a doctor treats individuals who are sick, public health workers look at the larger community's needs, such as prevention and wellness, stopping outbreaks, keeping the environment safe and clean, and trying to address some of the non-medical issues that impact health

From conducting data analysis to educating about health, those in this field strive to assure that people can live in healthy conditions where they can thrive. Public health works to track disease outbreaks, prevent injuries and shed light on why some of us are more likely to suffer from poor

Core functions

Mendocino County HHSA Public Health is one of over 3.000 county health departments across the nation. These three core functions below are what those 3,000 county health departments have in common:

Assessment: Regular, systematic collection of information on the health of the community. We have an epidemiologist on staff who tracks relevant health data. New software is currently being installed by the local hospitals which will allow real-time monitoring of outbreaks and other trends based on ER visits. Some information can be found on our website: www.mendocinocounty.org/government/health-and-humanservices-agency/public-health.

Assurance: Ensure that people can get the health services that they need, including those people who tend to fall through the cracks. Due to funding shifts, we provide very few direct services nowadays. Most health services come through private practices, Community Health Centers, other non-profits, or hospitals. Public Health will often focus on developing resources and relationships within the community, educating the public, preventing the spread of infectious or environmental problems, and trying to make sure that all community members have access to care.

Policy Development: Workforrules, laws, and/orpolicies that serve the health interests of the whole community.

The editor of this newspaper has graciously agreed to The California Department of Public Health is very involved allow the Mendocino County Health and Human Services in working on health-related legislation in Sacramento, and Agency, Public Health to host a monthly column on health they have a good website that tracks the bills: www.cdph. ca.gov/Programs/OLGA/Pages/Legislative

> AndGovernmentalAffairs.aspx. Some examples of these "core functions"

 Monitoring rates of syphilis in the county and tracking down the source.

 Contacting local medical providers to inform when an outbreak is detected.

· Using vaccination and other techniques to stop infectious outbreaks, such as the hepatitis A event in San Diego a few

• Educating people about the risks of alcohol and tobacco.

• Inspecting restaurants for safe food handling.

 Assuring septic systems are not near waterways. Lobbying for certain provisions in the new regulations for

Public Health is certainly multi-faceted, with a lot of the

work occurring behind the scenes. As the new Public Health officer of Mendocino County, I am particularly interested in having discussions about the issues that our community faces. I have been working as a family physician in the Community Health Centers in Sonoma and Mendocino counties for over 20 years. Since the world

is changing so quickly these days, we can all benefit from

keeping up to date on problems in our community.

Some plans for future columns include: the county's leading causes of death, insights from the new emergency department data, safety in regards to cannabis use while breastfeeding, our Lock-It-Up campaign for medication and gun safety, local efforts to reduce opioid use, and increasing options for safe needle disposal. With fire season here again, we especially want to continue educating the public on emergency preparedness.

Have a public health topic you are interested in? Email Barbara Howe, Public Health director, at howeb@ mendocinocounty.org, or Gary Pace, MD, at paceg@ mendocinocounty.org.

Public Health connects us all.

Dr. Gary Pace, MD, MPH is the Public Health officer for Mendocino County, as well as a family physician in practice for over 20 years. Email him with questions or comments at paceg@mendocinocounty.org.

Young Luna

This beauty is Luna. She is a 1-year-old, spayed female mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 37 pounds. She greets new people and likes to explore new places. Luna seems to enjoy sniffing around, and especially some place she's not been before. Luna is learning basic obedience commands like "Sit" and "Down." She's gotten over an initial nervousness about people, and in fact, she was very friendly and well behaved. The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453. Help get every dog at the Ukiah shelter out for some exercise at the "Empty the Shelter" pack walk every second Saturday of the month, coming up on August 11.







Above, from left: Howard Hospital's Kyle Evans and Brady Heiken helped bake and serve a strawberry shortcake for the crowd at the awards ceremony. Denice Brown, Cici Winiger and Holly Sears were festive in their "Day at the Races" attire. Some of the HMH 10-year awardees, including Paige Tariq, Wendy Kyncy, Stella Bonnet and Shannon Morris. Below, from left: Daria Fletcher, Henrietta Simonsson, Jason Wells and Cici Winiger celebrate Simonsson's award. Jason Wells poses with Kathy "Boomer" Grupp, who was honored for serving the hospital and the community for a whopping 45 years. Med Surge RN Ron Ellsworth enjoys some shortcake.







Below: Jennifer Bender, who is part of he surgery department, was recognized for 25 years of service.

At left: Service pins were given out to the

Howard Memorial honors employees, volunteers for their years of dedication

By Cici Winiger, for Adventist Health Howard Memorial

Last week, at Adventist Health Howard Memorial's annual Service Awards, the hospital celebrated and recognized employees and volunteers for their years of this community.

A combined 705 years of service to the hospital was recognized, with one employee being recognized for 45 years!

Each employee received a pin in recognition of their milestones, and those with 20+ years of service also received a special pottery piece created by local artist Jan Hoyman with the hospital's Read the rest of legacy logo.

Jason Wells, president, emphasized that the great care that Howard provides is due to the dedication of its employees. "This is a testament to the kind of culture we have, service and dedication to the hospital and when people stay in their jobs for this long, it shows that they are happy and love what they do and the organization they are part of. And I think it translates really well to the care we provide and our patients can feel

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Thursday, August 2

Redwood Empire Fair: Thursday, August 2 is the opening day of the Redwood Empire Fair located at the Ukiah Fairgrounds. Thursday's events include market and breeding swine and sheep shows in the livestock barns starting at 8 am. The carnival and fair officially open at 3 pm and kids and seniors receive free admission until 6 pm. The beef show starts at 5 pm, the Back Porch Project will play on the Willow Tree Stage at 6 pm and again at 9 pm and the motorcycles and ATVs will take to the Ukiah Speedway track at 6:30 pm. General admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for children and seniors and \$7 for parking. For more information: 462-FAIR or www. RedwoodEmpireFair.com

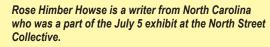
Willits Farmers Market: At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music, Thursday, August 2, 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, strawberries from Redwood Valley, local meats and local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread, gift items, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted iced coffee, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Shanachie Pub: Aaron Ford followed by Grampa's Chili: Thursday, August 2. Aaron Ford, local singer, songwriter and guitarist, will open the evening at 6 pm. Visit cdbaby.com/Artist/AaronFord. Grampa's Chili, a popular Bay Area jam band (grampschili. net) plays at 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

North Street Collective Open House: "Enjoy an evening of new work from our July residents Erin Elder, a curate from Albuquerque, New Mexico, will give an update on her work. Kristina, a poet will read from 'The Avian Kingdom.'" Thursday, August 2, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Free. 350 North Street. Visit www.northstreetcollective.org or the "North Street Collective" Facebook page for more info.

Friday, August 3

Redwood Empire Fair: Friday, August 3 starts early at the Ukiah fairgrounds with the swine showmanship and sheep carcass contests starting 8 am. The pygmy goat show starts at 2 pm, and the fair and Collective.



carnival officially open at 3 pm. A pie eating contest will start at 5 pm, II Big will perform on the Willow Tree Stage at 6 pm and again at 9 pm. The Mudd Bogg races start at 6:30

pm and Ukiah Idol Finals take place at 7:30 pm. Large animal Round Robin will start at 4 pm and small animal Round Robin will start at 7 pm. General admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for children and seniors and \$7 for parking. For more information: 462-FAIR or www.RedwoodEmpireFair.com

Fratello Marionettes: "The Fratello Marionettes have produced timeless shows since 1989. Puppeteer Kevin Menegus brings classic stories and vignettes to life through hand-crafted marionettes. Afterwards we will celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program, make Sno-Cones and announce the winners of the raffle. All ages." Friday, August 3, 11 am to 1 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Shanachie Pub: Jawknee Lawhorn Outhouse Gang: Friday, August 3, 9 pm. Country rock Huntsville, Alabama. Visit soundcloud.com/ awkneelawhornandtheouthousegang. South Main Street.

Saturday, August 4

Redwood Empire Fair: Saturday, august 4 is auction day at the Jkiah Fairgrounds with the big event taking over the Racine Pavilion at 10 am. A buyer's breakfast starts at 8 am and everyone is welcome to come sign up to be a bidder at that time The fair and carnival officially opens at noon. Come enjoy the Diaper Dash at 2:30 pm, a corn dog eating contest at 5 pm, and truck and tractor pulls at 6 pm. The

Photo by

Danya Davis

Funky Dozen will take over the Willow Tree Stage at 7 pm and again at 9 pm. General dmission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for children and seniors and \$7 for parking. For more nformation: 462-FAIR or www.RedwoodEmpireFair.

"Art in the Plaza": Saturday August 4, 9 am to 4 pm, and continuing every weekend through September. Come see local artists and artisans – free – in the congenial plaza behind Cafe 77. Info: www.artintheplaza.com. Umbrellas are permanent

on site to provide shade and backdrop. 4x8 and 7x8 spaces are available for artists to sell their

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"In Our Image": August exhibit featuring seven women artists at the Willits Center for the Arts opens Saturday, August 4, with a champagne reception at 6 pm for members only, and at 7 pm for the public. With Carolyn Carpenter, Charlotte Tefft, Devi

Chase, Dorea Hankin, Alissa Mittl, Kat Emerson and Margaret Pirrouette. "We invite you to join us as we explore and celebrate the artwork of these seven extraordinary artists: Meet the artists and hear them talk about their work." Shows at

WCA, 71 East Commercial Street, through August Gallery hours: 26. through Wednesday Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm. Info: 459-1726 or willitscenterforthearts. 'Musical Chairs': Local

musicians are mixing it up for the Willits Community Services and Food Bank at "Musical Chairs," a benefit concert on

Ausical Chairs

Saturday, August 4, 7 pm at the Willits Methodist Church on School Street. Acoustic trio Just Enough Clancy Rash, Kate Black and Helen Falandes) and Twining Time (Anita Blu and John Wagenet) will

take turns sharing the stage with some visiting back and forth between the players, including the debut blend of Anita Blu and Kate Black. Guitar ukulele harmony are on a variety of folk blues, Americana and country-western songs Suggested donation refreshments available. Info: Clancy at

Sunday, August 5

Redwood Empire Fair: Sunday, August 5 is the final day for the fair. The livestock awards ceremony will be held at 10 am, and the fair officially opens at noon. Come see the Ukiah Idol grand finals at 2 pm, the 1880's variety show and the hot dog eating contest at 5 pm, and listen to the Creatives de Tierra Caliente, Grupo La Elegancia and Banda Pacifica at the Willow Tree Stage at 5 pm also. The boat races, junior mudd boggs and jalopy races will start at 6 pm and all buildings will be closed by 9

pm. General admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for children and seniors and \$7 for parking. For more information: 462-FAIR or www.RedwoodEmpireFair.

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

Sunday Bingo: at the Senior Center. Harrah Sunday, August 5. Lunch special: hamburgers, hotdogs, nachos, chili, chips and desserts. Doors open 10 am, snack bar 11 am, games begin 11:30

Road, Info: 459-6826. Vacation Bible School: at the Willits Seventhday Adventist Church, 399 Mendocino Avenue, Starts Sunday, August 5, register at 5:30 pm at the church, and runs through August 10, 6 pm each night, "Volcanos! Dinosaurs! Outer Space! Bring your kids ages 6-12 to learn about the amazing

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the cosmos and more! Fun activities, fascinating lessons, and snacks each day!" Info: www.willitssda.

Tuesday, August 7

Free Fitcamp: Mendo Life Nutrition Presents a free fourweek fitcamp at Willits City Park, beginning Tuesday, August 7, 9 to 11 am and continuing each Tuesday and Thursday for four weeks until August 30. All fitness levels invited (children welcome).

No required purchases to participate. "Simply trying to create a supportive community becoming healthier and happier together." Info: Jessica 707-

Twining Time: Join Twining Time John Wagenet and Anita Blu – on the first Tuesday of every month, this month August 7, at Brickhouse Coffee 3 South Main Street. "Folk/Country/ Americana Roots, plus new and old

favorites as well as original music. Polished 2 and 3 part vocal harmonies, acoustic guitar keyboard.: Info: 459-1598. Visit https://twiningtime. weebly.com, "Twining Time" on Facebook, or www.reverbnation.com/ johnwagenet.

> **STEM Night at the Library:** Pom Pom Launchers. Create a miniature launcher out of random household objects. Ages 4 and up.

August 7, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

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 movies, "Mission Impossible" and "Teen Titans." For showtimes: www.novotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street.

Thursday, August 9

Willits Farmers Market: At the City Parking Lot, iust north of Main Street Music, Thursday, August 9, 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, strawberries from Redwood Valley, local meats and

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Saturday, August 4th

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local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread, gift items, jams and jellies and savory balsamic preserves, vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, Willitsroasted iced coffee, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and



Friday, August 10

"A River's Last Chance" - a details. story of salmon, logging, weed

and wine along the mighty Eel River will be shown by Friends of the Long Valley Public Library at the old high school, 200 Branscomb Road. Friday, August 10, 2 pm followed by discussion. Free admission, free popcorn. "This film was

selected by the Wild and Scenic Film Festival 2018, and shown at the Mendocino Film Festival. Pat Higgins, fisheries biologist and director of the Eel River Recovery Project will be on hand to discuss the state and fate

Art Talk: Willits Center for the Arts' Curator Gary Martin speaks on French Impressionism at this month's Art Talk, Friday, August 10, 6:30 pm at the center. The talks are every second Friday of the month and are free to the public. 71 East Commercial Street. 459-1726.

"The Phantom Toll Booth": Willits Community Theater's Summer Arts Youth Camp presents this classic fantasy-adventure, with a cast of kids and young adults, the culmination of the annual fiveweek summer course in theater arts guided by Mana Youngbear. "This cherished story by Norton Juster and Susan Nanus is about a boy traveling

Princesses Rhyme and Reason. Milo, 7,pm, Saturday, August 18 at 7,pm and Sunday, August 19 at 2 pm. \$10; tickets Street; online at brownpapertickets.com

800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Saturday, August 11

"The Phantom Toll Booth": Saturday, August 11, at 7 pm at the Willits Community Theatre. See August 10 listing for details.

"Art in the Plaza": 9 am to 4 pm, in the plaza behind Cafe 77. See Saturday, August 4 listing for

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Shanachie Pub: The Screendoor Slammers: Saturday, August 4, 5 pm. Marilyn and Howdy Darrell, a husband and wife duo dishing out originals and covers. Visit screendoorslammers. com. 50B South Main Street.

Shanachie Pub: Jon Gonzales: Saturday, August 4. 8 pm. Ukulele-strumming artist from San Francisco Bay Area. Visit jongonzales.com/index. html. 50B South Main Street.



Teen Titans Go! To the Movies'

Batman and Robin crime fighting duo, but he

Dan Essman

The Story: An animated comic satire about the allure and hollowness of fame. Robin, it seems is no longer a partner in the famous

> commands a small gang of cocky weirdos with super powers. They're apparently teenagers. They fight large bad guys. They want the same respect that's accorded to the major DC comics heroes such as Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman et al. It seems that Robin, more than his cohort, is desperate for fame and hungers to have his own movie franchise. Hollywood powers that be consider him a smalltimer, and somewhat

contemptuously call him just a sidekick. Oh the ego bruise! Oh the horror!.

My Thoughts: I found this flick to be a minor distraction in an air-conditioned theater from the fires burning in Mendocino and Lake counties. That's OK. There are some laughs. There are a ton of multilevel, self-mockery jokes about the genre of superhero movies. Some of them are clever. Is "Teen Titans Go" a kids movie? I didn't think it was particularly useful, or even particularly funny for children, much less for me. Still, questioning the substance and value of fame is worthwhile

Parents: Too much violence for the little ones. People get punched. Nothing happens. That's tiresome.

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

Free Technical Workshop for Farmers; How to Work Smarter Not Harder

August 13

August 13, 8 to 11 am. The New Agrarian Collective, Ridgewood Ranch, 16200 N. Hwy. 101. "In this installment of the Lean Farm Series we will look at work flow from harvest to washing to storage, and the group will collaborate to find ways to increase efficiency. Of particular interest is the New Agrarian Collective's recent investment in significant infrastructure upgrades for post-harvest handling of their vegetable production." Space is limited. Please RSVP to office@adaptiveagriculture.org by August 6 for the Ridgewood Ranch session.

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nrough magical lands to rescue

the boy, is accompanied by his faithful dog Tock and Humbug the skeptical bug." Opens tonight, Friday, August 10 at 7 pm, and continues Saturday August 11 at 7 pm, Friday, August 17 a available at Mazahar, 38 South Mair or by phone 24/3

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Hazmobile in Willits: August 24-25,

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Ramana Vieira, Portuguese folk

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Ridgewood Ranch. Benefit for Seabiscuit

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Saturday, August 18

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Therapeutic Riding Center

Claws for a Cause

A benefit for the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, 5 to 9 pm, at Ridgewood Ranch, home of Seabiscuit. Complete dinner prepared by Adam's Restaurant: wine, lobster, filet mignon, Live and silent auctions.

September 1

Music by the Ed Reinhart Band. "Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center is a non-profit therapeutic riding program that serves the needs of youth throughout Mendocino County. The goal of the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center is to teach the skill of riding to children with special needs and use the added benefits of horse movement, coordination and personal awareness to help develop skills and strength in their daily lives." Programs for veterans as well. Hosted by Willits Rotary Club and Redwood Empire Lions Club. Tickets are \$80 and available at Willits Furniture Center and DFM Auto Repair in Ukiah. Beer and wine available for additional purchase.

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Community Theatre Blue Luke and Indiana Slim. Silent auction,

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CLAWS FOR A CAUSE September 1, 5-9pm at Ridgewood Ranch



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Round Valley Redwood Empire Fair August 2 to August 5

Prepare for non-stop entertainment food and fun August 2 to 5 at the 2018 Redwood Empire Fair at the Ukiah Fairgrounds. This year's theme. "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams," celebrates everything great about community – a thriving youth agricultural program, talented artists, musicians, bakers and gardeners, and a place for family and friends to enjoy thrilling rides on the midway. Delicious fair foods, an exhibit hall filled with all manner of great vendors and services, and a classic carnival experience offer fun and memories for young and old. Starting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, enjoy motorcycles, side-bysides and ATVs. Free admission for kids and seniors is available on Thursday until 6 pm. The fair opens at 3 pm on Thursday and Friday and at noon on Saturday and Sunday. Children under 5 are always admitted free. Info: 707-462-3884, visit "Redwood Empire Fair" on Facebook, or www.redwoodempirefair. com/august-fair.

Blackberry Festival

August 18 and 19 The 36th annual Round Valley Blackberry Festival

is set for Saturday, August 18 from 10 am to 6 pm, and

Sunday, August 19 from 10 am t 5 pm, at the festival grounds in downtown Covelo. "A funpacked weekend for the whole family!" Free admission. Arts and crafts booths, blackberry delicacies, Mendocino County wine-tasting, a climbing wall, and children's games. Live music throughout both days, car show, footrace, Saturday night square dance and a country breakfast Sunday morning. Info: www. roundvalleyblackberryfestival. com or "Round Valley Blackberry Festival" on Facebook.

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August 3 A special First Friday at the Grace Hudson Museum on August 3rd celebrates the installation of a commissioned Pomo Fish Basket sculpture in the Museum's Wild Gardens. Dry Creek Pomo/Bodega Miwok artist Bruce Smith will be on

Celebrating the

Pomo Fish Basket

hand to discuss the inspiration and process that went into making this six-foot long sculpture out of steel, intricately simulating traditional weaving techniques of Pomo basket makers. Brief remarks by museum curators and the artist at 6 pm. From 5:30 to 7:30, samples of a traditional Pomo salmon and seaweed dish will be available. Plus weaving activities for youth and families. The Mendocino those 55 and older; \$8 for those County Resource Conservation District will be on under 55. Includes soup, salad, hand with information about protecting watershed entrée, vegetable, dessert, and health and stream restoration. Free and open to drink. Salad Bar available all hightimes.com. Visit the public. 431 Main Street in Ukiah. Info: www. gracehudsonmuseum.org or 467-2836.

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Phantom Toll Booth, Sylvia Wartell, left, plays Humbug and Kate Austin, right, plays Tock the dog as they accompany the main adventurer, Milo, played by Damian Reiter, center, on many adventures through bizarre lands.

At left: In a scene from the "The Phantom Toll Booth," Zoeanna Gallups, center, is the magnificent Princess Rhyme. declaring peace between the kingdoms of Digitopolis and Dictionopolis, with her loyal pages, Adeline Jones, left, and Brodev Lamprich, right.

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'Phantom Toll Booth'

Willits summer theater kids act in this classic fantasy-adventure production

By Mana Youngbear, for Willits Community Theatre

Willits Community Theatre's Summer Arts Youth Camp will present a production of "The Phantom Toll Booth" from



At right: A bizarre occurrence captures the attention of Sylvia Wartell. left, Kate Austin and Damian Reiter. At far right: Brodey Lamprich, Sylvia Wartell and Kate Austin look on as the Queen of Digitopolis, played by Alexis Zynda, faces down the King of Dictionopolis, played by Fredrick Eason II. At right, below: In the all-student production of "The Phantom Toll Booth." Sylvia Wartell, left, Kate Austin, Damian Reiter and Sakora Scott champion different "excellent ways of knowing."

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> Milo, the main adventurer, is accompanied by his faithful dog, Tock, and Humbug the skeptical bug. Along the way they meet many wonderfully interesting creatures, such as The Ever Present Word Snatcher and The Terrible Trivium.

This unique children's and young adult showcase production is a culmination of a five-week summer course in theater arts guided by Mana Youngbear, along with the help of local master thespians Bill Barksdale, Emmy Good, Diane L. Smalley, Freddie Long, Chrystina Lynette, Mike A'Dair, Cyoakha Grace, Angela Greystar (Lau), Steve

Appearing in the production are Zoeanna Gallups,

Alexis Zynda, Isabel Young, Gabe Lockhart, Adeline Jones, Jayden Jones, Sam Bowles, Sakora Scott and Abhayjeet The production is full of color and great lighting effects from Joe Dowling. Sets are by Ileya Stewart and props by

> created by Maureen Moore and Leda Jones. "The Phantom Tollbooth" plays for two weekends, with performances on Friday, August 10 at 7 pm, Saturday August 11 at 7 pm, Friday August 17 at 7 pm, Saturday August 18 at 7 pm, and a Sunday matinee August 19 at

> Angela Grevstar (Lau) and Ileva Stewart. Costumes were

Damian Reiter, Fredrick Eason II (AKA Ahmad), Isabela

Lopez Mora, Kate Austin, Sylvia Louise Wartell, Miles

Mattson, Nicole Systra, Brodey Lamprich, Kendahl Potter,

Tickets for all shows are \$10 and available 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.

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CITY OF WILLITS

its regular meeting on August 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., to be held in Council Chambers, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, will conduct a public hearing on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard: PROJECT: City of Willits 2014-2019 General Plan Housing Element Update and related amendments to the City Zoning Ordinance. LOCATION: The 2014-2019 Willits Housing Element Update establishes housing policies and programs citywide.

processed through the City Environmental Review Process and it has been determined that a Negative Declaration can be recommended. Staff has completed an Initial Study for the project PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposed adoption of the City of Willits 2014-2019 Housing Element of the General Plan and related amendments to the City Zoning Ordinance. The Housing Element describes housing-related needs and resources in the community particularly the availability, affordability, and adequacy of housing and establishes a strategy to address housing needs for community members across the economic and social spectrum. All proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance are provided to either comply with State law or Programs and Objectives found in the previously adopted Housing Element Update (2009 - 2014).

Written comments should be submitted to the Willits Community Development Department, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 Additional information regarding the above noted item may be obtained by calling Willits City Hall at (707) 459-4601, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Oral comments may be presented to the Willits City Council during the public hearing. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Willits Community Development Department or the Willits City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in

/s/ Dusty Duley, City Planner for the City of Willits

every minute of it? Kathy Grupp, who was recognized for 45 years of service, says

pathologist Joseph Stetz, MD asked for help finding a new lab assistant to work with him for part of the day,

and was very interested in the medical field, so my teachers chose me." She worked for three hours as a volunteer, which turned into a full-time job a year later, making \$1.35 per hour. "It was the best decision of my life, and I never looked

Grupp notes much the hospital has "We had grown. employees in the lab back then, two technologists, one phlebotomist and a pathologist. Now we have

over 20 employees. Born and raised in Willits, Grupp feels a connection to the hospital in more ways than one. "I was born at Howard. My grandfather was a maintenance worker here in 1954, and he was on duty on the day I was born," she adds. Grupp also proudly holds the title

was also recognized as the "Spirit of Planetree." "chosen" to work for the both patients and staff. what the community hospital as a lab assistant Simonsson is credited for needed. Because of her spearheading the diabetes education program, after now classes for free to the seeing so many patients community, which she with diabetes end up in the herself teaches.

Now aside from her During regular duties as a nurse on volunteers the floor, she also spends time teaching our diabetes education classes to help patients manage their blood sugar and prevent complications. She even travels an hour to another town to teach diabetes

have a diabetes educator on site. four

Simonsson is also a problem-solver cares deeply about her community. Seeing how many children and youth were unable to get into their primary care providers to get sports physicals, not to mention the associated cost, she started the free sports physicals program at the hospital. Through the program, almost 300 student athletes are able

education classes, because

she found out they did not

Simonsson was also

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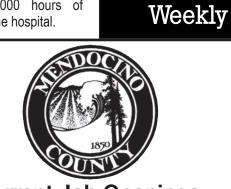
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of being the hospital's first instrumental with starting the hospital's free CPR classes for the community. She was asked about it so many times, she decided she would do everything it took to be able to provide persistence, the hospital offers CPR/AED

> the event, were recognized for donating almost 40,000 hours of service to the hospital.



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Huffman introduces 'Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act

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Submitted by the Office of Congressman Jared Huffman

Washington, D.C. – After incorporating community input and ideas from across Northwest California, Rep. Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) introduced improved legislation Friday to guard communities against wildfires, provide local jobs, restore lands impaired by illegal marijuana growing operations, and protect many of Northwest California's spectacular wild places and pristine streams.

Huffman's "Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act" would restore national forest land and fish habitat, stimulate local economies through forest stewardship programs, enhance recreational opportunities including through trails and visitor centers, and reduce fire danger. The legislation would not limit hunting or fishing, close any legally open roads or trails to vehicles, or affect access to or the use of private property.

"From the majestic Smith River to the ancient redwoods and old-growth forests, and the rugged mountains in between, our public lands are worth protecting and restoring for future generations to enjoy," said Rep. Huffman. "Today, some of these landscapes are not fully protected, and others are not managed to their full potential: we can do more to ensure fire resilience, support healthy wildlife, and spur outdoor recreation

"After hearing from countless constituents and stakeholders on my draft legislation to address these issues," Huffman continued, "I'm introducing the Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act, a carefully developed bill to protect the communities and lands we value the most. I'm grateful for all the constituents who took the time to share their thoughts and innovative ideas, which ultimately shaped the bill I introduced [on July

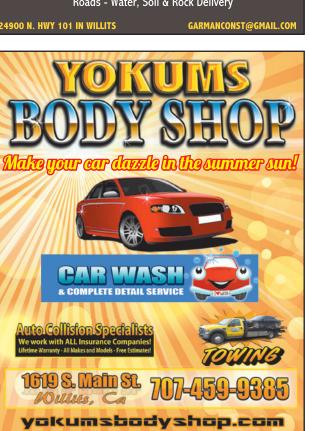
During this process, Rep. Huffman consulted with many stakeholders including: dozens of community leaders, tourism organizations, outdoor recreation groups, restoration specialists, tribes, county supervisors, conservation groups, timber industry, forestry experts, fisheries scientists, fire ecologists, and business owners.

Huffman's office has received over 200 letters of support and heard from constituents at four public meetings in Eureka, Crescent City, Weaverville, and Ukiah.

Interested individuals can explore a map of these proposals by visiting www.arcgis.com and searching for "Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act."

Specifically, the Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act would:







Above, left: Redwoods line one of northwestern California's mighty rivers. Above: The North Fork Eel River watershed would be part of a 730,000-acre restoration area, along with the South Fork Trinity River and the Mad River, under Rep. Huffman's new bill. Below: The rugged Black Butte River flows through the Grindstone and Covelo Ranger Districts of the Mendocino National Forest.



will be improved and the danger of unnaturally severe fires will be reduced through a careful program of individual tree-removal, especially within "shaded fuel-breaks." Within these fuel-breaks, the trees with the greatest potential to provide the most shade over the longest period of time will be retained including, but not limited to, hardwoods like oaks and madrones.

This will improve forest diversity, decrease fire danger along roads where most human-caused fires occur, and help young groves of trees develop into mature forest more quickly. Any proceeds generated from these projects will be returned to fund additional restoration in the Restoration Area, including steps to improve habitat for endangered

• Establish a partnership of federal, state, and local entities that can help to clean and restore federal public lands in northwestern California affected by illegal trespass marijuana grows. Illegal marijuana growing on public lands has catastrophic impacts on wildlife and water quality and it poses serious threats to public safety. Experience shows that when illegal growing sites are fully cleaned up and restored that they are far less likely to be used again for

 Authorize old-growth redwoods restoration in Redwood National and State Parks through partnerships between the Department of Interior and state and local stakeholders. Ancient old-growth redwood forests provide carbon storage, clean air and water, are the ancestral home of several tribes, and bring millions of visitors to California every year.

 Require federal agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service to cooperate and coordinate in managing fires in northwestern California's wilderness areas. Therefore, even when a landscape such as the Trinity Alps Wilderness is managed by multiple federal agencies, these agencies must have a coordinated approach to managing fire in the area.

Conserve ecologically significant areas:

• Protect roughly 260,000 acres of federal public lands as vilderness" by expanding nine existing wilderness areas and establishing eight new ones. Wilderness is the strongest protection available for certain areas of public land available under federal law.

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other recreational activities can continue in these areas, logging, mining, the construction of new roads and other development is prohibited. The appropriate management of fire, including fire-fighting with bulldozers and aircraft, can continue in these wilderness areas if it is deemed necessary

• Designate 379 miles of new "wild and scenic rivers" and mandates federal agencies to create management plans for 101 miles of existing wild and scenic rivers. Wild and scenic status will protect our purest and wildest remaining rivers from the construction of new dams or major new water diversions. As with wilderness, the protection of wild and scenic rivers will not impair existing private property rights. Protecting streams and watersheds safeguards habitat for endangered salmon and steelhead populations and conserves vital sources of clean water for drinking, fishing,

Expand Recreation Opportunities:

 Direct federal agencies to work collaboratively with each other, local communities, and other interested parties to assess trail improvement needs in national forests in Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, and Mendocino counties. This could offer a blueprint for increasing access to trails for hikers, equestrians, off-road enthusiasts and others throughout the region.

 Require federal agencies to study the possibility of establishing the "Bigfoot National Recreation Trail" that will run from southern Trinity County to Crescent City. The trail will highlight the immense ecological diversity of Northwest California's ancient conifer forests and other unique

 Direct a study, and if feasible, construction of mountain biking routes in Del Norte County; designate the Elk Camp Ridge Recreation Trail: study the possibility of establishing the Trinity Lake Trail: and designate the Horse Mountain Special Management Area, which would enhance the recreational and scenic values of the recreation area while conserving the plants, wildlife, and other natural resource values of the area.

 Authorize the construction of interagency visitor centers in Weaverville in Trinity County and Crescent City in Del Norte County.

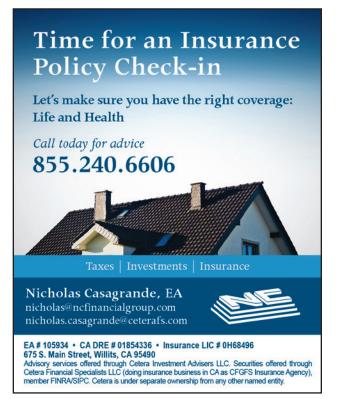
Huffman's legislation incorporated several changes following his public meetings and call for feedback, including:

• The addition of law enforcement from federal land management agencies, the National Guard Counter Drug Program, and scientific experts to be represented in the remediation partnership to address illegal trespass grows;

• In Trinity County, the removal of Bonanza King and eastern Trinity Alps additions in wilderness proposals;

 In Del Norte County, the removal of Ship Mountain and Blue Creek from wilderness proposals; and

 The removal of all wilderness boundaries 200 feet away from private timber parcels, in response to concerns regarding California Forest Practice Rules.



Approach

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But Overton tells Willits Weekly he left because top county leadership is seeing the cannabis issue incorrectly, and has failed to systematically plan to reorganize county government in a manner adequate

The "correct goal," according to Overton, should be transitioning the cannabis industry from an underground industry to a

"This is an immediate, critical thing that needs to happen - transitioning this

Angelo nor the board of supervisors were

going to budge on the transferability issue,

or because the county did not want to use

the cannabis working groups to their full

economy. Not, let's decide how this is going to be," Overton says. " think that this is where some of this lies - this lack of immediacy, this lack of urgency.

to achieve the correct goal.

have understand, you are not developing something, you're trying to save something," he says. "If your workforce is

44,000 people in the county, I would guess - although we have an amazing lack of data - that cannabis is, has been, and will be, the largest industry, as far as employing people, in this

county," he told Willits Weekly.

"My experience showed me a very kind of reactive way of managing the program from the board of supervisors – and from others. If you go back to my statement that this is probably the industry that employs the most people in the county, reaction is not how you make decisions on that. You have an economy that was underground, illegal – whatever you want to call it – but it was still foundational, if not the backbone, of the [Mendocino] economy.

"The board's potential approach, at times, I believe, was: how do we start this cannabis program? How do we ease into things? Whereas I believe the job of the county is to transition that economy, from one that was underground, or illegal, to

"So. I don't think it was a choice, in the sense of deciding: 'How much legal cannabis business do we want? And let's proceed cautiously.' I don't think it's a choice," he says. "I think it's a responsibility to transition the existing economy – which everyone in many ways depends on in this county – to a legal economy that needs to

Because decision-makers see cannabis as a social-political issue instead of an economic issue, the county failed to adequately plan to organize itself into a governmental agency capable of meeting the challenge of speedily transitioning cannabis from an underground economy to an above-ground economy, Overton

When asked if the seven-person cannabis unit staff was sufficient to regulate an industry that employs some 5,000 to 10,000 people. Overton expanded the question to ask: "Is the county adequately staffed? Because so many county departments touch things that have to do with cannabis. Cannabis is planning and building and it's taxation and it's human resources and it's the executive office and it's the cannabis program and it's the ag department," he says. The question is not: "Is the cannabis program staffed appropriately? It is: Has anyone ever decided, has anyone ever put together, what has to happen, what the tasks are, when cannabis became legal? What new tasks and work would have to be done? And were the right people hired to do that? For everything that [must] be done, is there someone specifically responsible for that?"

program, or the issue of cannabis in general, hasn't "been given the analysis. the thought, or the critical thinking it deserves - demands - from the powers

He enumerated some of the questions he thought need to be asked and which he believes have not been asked, or asked

"Are we appropriately staffed? Are we duplicating work? Are we scheduling appropriately? To start building the cannabis program, they needed someone who knew something about building programs," he says. "How do you build something that is going to go from zero one day to a hundred

people putting in their applications on the first day?

"They needed project manager. That didn't happen in the beginning. That's OK. When you are working in a county system, you can't just change overnight. It's understandable. And it's understandable that you would start by making it into a system that would work slower.

"But I think by Kelly Overton, former cannabis program putting it in ag at the manager for Mendocino County beginning, then you had someone that

> was able to understand what the ag part of this would need," he says, "And that was: We have to go out and do all these inspections. I want to say they added six or eight of these positions. And you had all these inspections. I think in the first year vou had almost 500 inspections done. But then, really, very little else. So, every inspection was 60 pieces of paper that needed to be scanned into this, and into that. And you ended up with this incredible backlog of other work.

> "If I did in a short period of time accomplish anything, it would be this real effort to bring all these different departments together into one system," Overton says. "And I think, if the county wants to remain economically healthy, this should be 'job one' for them. Is there the expertise, the skills, the work tools, and – going beyond staff – is there the appropriate software and office space and management expertise and human resource expertise needed to make this work right now? No." he said. "I don't believe there is."

> Overton reflected on how understanding the true situation that existed, and still exists, in county government regarding cannabis forced him to admit that for him to work as the county's cannabis manager wasn't a good fit.

"There are certain things you want from work," he explained. "There is a pace you need. You want a project that keeps going. I respond - and it doesn't make it right or wrong, it means I have to make right decisions for me and my employer – I respond somewhere where the thing is to

"We do things. We make decisions using critical thinking or data or analysis. That's what I want to work in. It's not so much that it's what I want to work in, it's that's where I am effective. So if I find myself in a position where I am unable to be productive, and this ability to move and go quickly and make decisions based on evidence or a goal or a plan – if I'm a situation where things move very slow, and we are reactive, or we respond and change what we're doing based on political concerns - that's ... not a system where I am going to be happy, and ... that's not a system I'm going to be

Editor's Note: This is part 1 of Mike A'Dair's interview with Kelly Overton; part 2 will be published in a future edition.

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Overton believes the county's cannabis in zone proposed for Laytonville. Most members of the public in attendance seemed to accept zone guidelines, but several people questioned why the zone boundaries were drawn where they

> As proposed by Junker and Corcoran, the opt-in zone includes a 435-acre swath of 236 Rural Residential 1-acre (RR1) parcels located about a half-mile east of downtown Laytonville. An unofficial Willits Weekly assessment indicates the area proposed for inclusion in the opt-in zone appears to comprise about 1/25 of the acreage immediately surrounding Laytonville, to a distance of three miles from Boomer's.

The proposed zone is surrounded by land in Range Land, Rural Residential 10, Ag 40, and Public Facilities zonings. On the east, there is a second swath of land, also RR1, of about the same size. This eastern swath of land is not being proposed for inclusion in the opt-in zone.

When asked why, Junker explained: "We didn't hear there was a lot of cultivation going on there, so we didn't feel there was a need.'

One woman in the audience disagreed, stating her property was in the area of RR1 land not included in the opt-in zone. Cannabis activist Casey O'Neill, who was present at the meeting, said he was surprised that grouping of RR1 parcels had not been included, and urged Junker and Corcoran to include it.

Junker said he and Corcoran would consider doing so.

They also discussed what being in the opt-in zone would and would not do. Inclusion would relax some of the regulations that are now found in Mendocino County's cannabis cultivation ordinance. It would reduce setbacks from 50 feet to 20 feet. It would allow setbacks to be reduced all the way down to zero feet, with an administrative permit. It would eliminate the sunset provision, which prohibits cultivation in rural residential zones smaller than 5 acres after 2020.

However, Junker was clear that inclusion in the overlay zone would not waive the current strict limits on transferability of land title, nor would it waive the county's prohibition against cultivation permits being issued for new cultivation sites in rural residential zones smaller than 5 acres.

Mendocino County Cannabis Unit Program Administrator Chevon Holmes, who attended the meeting, put that proviso in clear terms: "If I own property in an overlay zone and I am not cultivating, and the overlay zones goes in, can I then cultivate? The answer to that is, no."

O'Neill asked if the five overlay zones currently being proposed for Mendocino County Laytonville, Covelo and Mitchell Creek, which are all opt-in, and Deerwood and Woody Glen, which are both opt-out – will be approved without some demonstration of popular support.

"That is not clear," Junker replied.

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde was asked by Junker whether he thought some form of demonstrated public support for inclusion in the opt-in zone would be required. Gjerde said he wanted to see some form of demonstrated popular support for Mitchell Creek, which is in his district. "But I am only one vote," he reminded the

Junker said he and Corcoran were considering recommending that adequate popular support for inclusion in an opt-in zone be demonstrated by a petition signed by 60 percent of the property owners in a proposed zone.

However, he added, "There could be other ways of establishing that adequate support exists."

Junker asked those in attendance to submit comments directly to himself, or to Corcoran, after the meeting. He was asked how people who were not at the meeting were supposed to submit comments and said he would work with county executive office staff

to create an email address dedicated to receiving public comments on the overlay issue. He was told the board

supervisors had publicized that comments could be emailed to bos@ mendocinocounty.org. But Junker said he preferred a dedicated site and would create one with county staff

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Diamond said there were other hospitals available to county residents who needed out-of-county care, but those three facilities took

the majority of clients. Diamond had also asked for a breakdown on how many people had been arrested for being a danger to themselves, a danger to others, or for being gravely disabled.

In 2017-18, he told the Measure B committee, 344 holds had been placed on people for being a danger to themselves, while 153 holds had been placed on people whom law enforcement thought were gravely disabled and unable to care for themselves. Only 12 holds had been placed on people who were judged to be a danger to others.

In other Measure B committee business, County Auditor Lloyd Weer said the Measure B account had received its second payment from the state: \$591,270. Weer noted there was now \$1,108,329 in the Measure B account. Payments he added, were coming in higher than had previously been estimated.

Weer rejected claims that some \$150,000 the county had set aside in 2015 to defray expenses of the Stepping Up Initiative had been swept up by county government and were no longer available. The money, he explained, had been set aside in a special account on October 1, 2015, and "still should be there, so long as there have been no expenditures."

This came as news to county CEO Carmel Angelo, who had previously supposed the money was gone. Angelo thanked Weer for his work and said the existence of the funding meant the county could pay for the Stepping Up Initiative, and the cost would not fall to the Measure B fund. as had been thought.

The Stepping Up Initiative is a federal program designed to help local jails keep mentally ill people from being incarcerated. Part of the initiative is dedicated to improving treatment of mentally ill people when they are encountered by law enforcement and other firstresponders. To that end, Sheriff Tom Allman is planning to hold three firstresponder trainings later in the year. The \$150,000 will reimburse local jurisdictions while employees are

The committee did not consider any response to the mid-Mav resolution by the City of Willits questioning the wisdom of siting the supposed lockdown mental health facility at the old Howard Hospital, and requesting certain guarantees and due diligence from the Measure B Committee and the board of supervisors.

Committee Chairman Tom Allman said he felt it would be appropriate for the county board of supervisors to respond to the Willits resolution. "It should be governing body to governing body," he said.

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Start your engines: four days of motosports at the Redwood Empire Fair

Nothing says "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams" like a weekend at the Redwood Empire Fair, and nothing is more fun than four nights of motorized action!

This year's fair takes place from August 2 to August 5, and for those who haven't visited the raceway, buckle up for some loud, raucous racing entertainment

Begin your weekend on Thursday evening with motorcycles, side-by-sides and ATV's tearing up the raceway. Friday nights' Mudd Bogg racing brings one of the country's most popular styles of off-road racing to the Ukiah Speedway.

On Saturday night, prepare for mega-horsepower, high-revving excitement as the Truck and Tractor Pulls wow young and old alike. Sunday's final lineup includes Boat Races, Junior Mudd Boggs featuring youth 12 to 17 years of age and Jalopies. This is the first year Junior Mudders will be featured in the fair

Thursday and Friday's events begin at 6:30 pm, and Saturday and Sunday's events start at 6 pm. For more information, visit the Fair's Facebook Page, the Redwood Empire Fair website www.redwoodempirefair.com/august-fair/, or call 707-462-3884.



Photos by Chris Pugh California Carnival Company is sure to please even the most daring thrill-seekers with fast and fabulous rides.

Old-fashioned family fun at the Redwood Empire Fair in Ukiah this weekend

Submitted by Redwood Empire Fair

Dust off those Wranglers and prepare for a weekend of non-stop entertainment, food and fun at the 2018 Redwood Empire Fair.

This year's theme, "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams," celebrates everything great about community - a thriving youth agricultural program, talented artists, musicians, bakers and gardeners, and it's also a place for family and friends to enjoy thrilling rides on the midway.

Delicious fair foods, an exhibit hall filled with all manner of great vendors and services, and a classic carnival experience offer fun and memories for young and old.

The Fair runs from August 2 to August 5, and promises to be a jam-packed weekend filled with food, fun and entertainment.

This will be the second year that the midway is being operated by the California Carnival Company. According to Kevin Tate, who is the co-officer of the company along with his wife, Jane, the focus of California Carnival Company is their attention to

"Since its inception in 1981, it has been our goal to provide local communities with not just the excitement that naturally comes when the carnival arrives in town, but to provide a total entertainment venue focused on family and community," says Tate.

The carnival will feature a full complement of rides, rated from "kiddie" to "spectacular," and the midway will offer a wide range of games of skill.

Start your weekend by honoring community members who are displaying their wares and talents

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in the Junior Building, the Flower Building, and the Home Arts Buildings, where crafters, bakers, collectors, photographers, artists and gardeners show off their best offerings and creative efforts while competing for prizes.

The Redwood Empire Fair offers Future Farmers and 4-H members one of the most lucrative animal programs in the state. Bring the kids and take some the county and beyond to show and sell their animals and educate the public about local agriculture.

Market Sheep, Swine Showing, and Market Beef Showmanship and Breeding are scheduled for Thursday. Swine Showmanship, the Goat Primary Exhibit, Pygmy Goat Show, and the Large and Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship events take place on Friday.

For Auction buyers, the Saturday Livestock Buyer's Breakfast will take place at 8 am. The breakfast is followed by the Junior Livestock Auction at 10 am. On Sunday, the Livestock Awards Ceremony takes place at 10 am.

The Fair is known far and wide for the hairraising motorsports taking place every night at the Speedway. Starting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, enjoy motorcycles, side-by-sides and

If you've never seen Mudd Boggs, be sure to bring the kids for "down and dirty" fun on Friday night at 6:30 pm. Saturday's motosports begin at 6 pm, with Truck and Tractor Pulls.

> motorized events conclude at 6 pm on Sunday evening with the wildly entertaining Boat Races, Junior Mudd Boggs and Jalopies. This is the first year that youth ages 12 through 17 will be

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this year's Redwood Empire Fair

Submitted by Redwood Empire Fair

Four days of live music await visitors to the 2018 Redwood Empire Fair, and this year, be prepared to dance away the evening to some of the region's most celebrated local talent.

On Thursday, August 2, the Back Porch Project will perform two shows at 6 and 9 pm. Featuring a powerhouse of local talent – Rodney Grisanti on mandolin, Sid Bishop on guitar, Steve Hahm, guitar and vocals, vocalist Rosie Wetzel, bass player Jeff Taylor and percussionist Ken Ingels, the group has performed separately in different iterations for years.

Following a backyard jam session, they knew they had something special and since then, the Back Porch Project has been touring the area for about a year. Their "folkgrass" sound, consisting of blues, country, harmonies, and superlative instrumentation are a perfect matchup for the fair's "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams" theme.

On Friday, August 3, one of the area's most celebrated bands, II Big, will rock the Willow Tree Stage for two shows at 6 and 9 pm. Since 1994 the hard-playing, hard-working band has wowed audiences with their take on house rock, boogie and blues music.

Their robust catalog of songs on iTunes is a testament to their professionalism and dedication. II Big has opened for rock 'n' roll giants including Foghat, Blue Oyster Cult, Loverboy, Grand Funk Railroad, Joe Walsh, REO Speedwagon, Ted Nugent, Jeff Healy, Creedence Clearwater Revival, and Styx. The band will be playing old favorites and new songs from their recent CD, "Black Cat Bone." Join Aubrey Hansen, Ken Ingels, Indiana Slim and Derek Soderguist for an evening of "Brand New Classic Rock!"

Put on your dancing shoes for two Saturday night performances by The Funky Dozen. The twelve master musicians and vocalists combine classic rock guitar, keys and percussion with a horn section, creating a "dance 'til you drop" sound with influences spanning 50 years of Motown time to meet young people who come from all over and Uptown Funk: Stevie Wonder, Earth Wind and Fire. Aretha Franklin. KC and the Sunshine Band, Sly and the Family Stone, James Brown, The Isley Bros, Patty Labelle, Bruno Mars, and Meghan Trainor. The band will perform two sets at 7 and 9 pm.

> Led by Larry Thompson, the Funky Dozen has been performing regionally for about 10 years, with roots that go back to the early 1980s, when vocalist Eric Peterson and guitarist Thompson played in separate bands on the Mendocino Coast.

Save some energy for the fair's final musical offering. On Sunday evening, close out your weekend with three exemplary Latino bands - Enjoy Creativos de Tierra Caliente, Grupo La Elegancia and Banda Pacifica, beginning at 5 pm on the Willow Tree Stage. All performances are included with your fair admission ticket.

The fair opens at 3 pm on Thursday and Friday and at noon on Saturday and Sunday. Kids under 5 are always admitted free. For more information, visit the Fair's Facebook page, the Redwood Empire Fair's website at www.redwoodempirefair.com/august-fair/, or call 707-462-





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through the 50-mile Eel River Canyon adjoining unused railroad tracks, and follow the river north toward the ocean near Arcata, eventually passing by the Redwood National and State Parks in Humboldt

Garrabrant-Sierra said she had been in touch recently with McGuire's office, and they supported the idea of Willits as the starting point for the trail, and would likely amend the bill to make it official.

"They were delighted to change their bill for us," she said. "They're going to make sure the Great Redwood Trail starts on Commercial Street, and it's going to be by name in Willits."

SB 1029 recently passed unanimously, 36-0, in the state Senate, and is now headed to the state Assembly for consideration. It includes a stipulation that would abolish the financially troubled North Coast Railroad Authority and transfer management of the rail line's northern segment from Willits to Arcata to a new public entity – the Great Redwood Trail Agency – by July 2019.

The trail will take many years of planning and building to complete even after SB 1029 passes, but eventually could accommodate hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders.

In a press release, McGuire described his vision for the project as such:

"From the San Francisco Bay, through the incredible beauty of wine country, alongside the glistening banks of the Russian and Eel rivers, into the stunning old-growth redwood forests, and up to and around panoramic Humboldt Bay - this is truly an incredible piece of earth. SB 1029 sets the stage to turn this 300-mile long-suffering train track into a world-renowned trail system that will benefit locals and visitors alike and be a boon to our local

"The Great Redwood Trail will be a significant economic driver for the rural North Coast communities it would wind through. California outdoor recreation is one of the fastest-growing sectors of the Golden State's economy.

Garrabrant-Sierra said the parking lot across from the Skunk Train Station on Commercial Street would be where future hikers could start. She noted the trail could work in conjunction with the Skunk Train business, and could also potentially connect to the planned "Rails to Trails" hiking and biking path from Commercial to East Valley streets the city is planning to build if grant funding can be procured.

"Both Senator McGuire's office and [the city], we are all going to be really touting that as a connection because one will flow into the other." she said.

She added that McGuire's office was one of many entities that wrote a support letter for the city to include in its applications for two different state grants as Willits tries to obtain Rails to Trails funding.

"So we've got a real synergy going there that is very exciting to me," she said.

The second Rails to Trails grant application was submitted Tuesday, and Garrabrant-Sierra said staff put in an estimated 500 hours of time in working on the proposals in hope of obtaining the roughly \$6 million it would take to fully complete the trail as planned. She and staff felt good about the city's

"I want to thank [staff] for the wonderful job they have done, because they have done everything they

Summer concerts

Garrabrant-Sierra also announced the city will host a four-week-long Thursday night "Falling out of Summer" concert series at Recreation Grove starting September 20.

Music will take place from 6 to 8 pm on Thursdays, just after the downtown Farmers Market closes, and the first headliner is already lined up: Sam Williams, a country music singer out of Nashville, Tennessee, and grandson of Hank Williams Sr.

School resource officer

The city council unanimously approved an agreement with the Willits Unified School District and the Willits Police Department to help fund a new "school resource officer" to work for the district.

On July 11 the WUSD school board approved the agreement. The school district will fund 75 percent of the officer's salary, while the city will cover the other

Chief of Police Scott Warnock said the resource officer will be chosen from the ranks of experienced police officers currently on the WPD, and that officer will be replaced by a new department recruit.

The contract for the school officer will be for a minimum of three years.

Warnock spoke of his previous experience as a part-time school resource officer in advocating for the new position.

"It was so valuable for the students to experience being around a police officer that wasn't a negative contact," he said. "And a lot of the kids were kids that had problems at home, that were abused in various ways. They wouldn't normally come forward. I ended up getting a lot of kids coming forward, because they were comfortable talking to me, who reported these things. We got them to be safer at home."

In the agenda summary report, Warnock listed the "triad" of roles for the officer as stated by the National Association of School Resource Officers: "educator (i.e. guest lecturer), informal counselor/mentor, and law enforcement officer.'

Measure B update

The council also heard their monthly update from Jed Diamond, Third District representative on the Measure B Committee, about the current state of plans regarding the construction of a county mental health facility

Diamond said the extra half-cent sales tax put in place by Measure B had already raised \$1,108,329 in just two months of collecting funding for the facility.

The Lee Kemper consulting group, hired to undertake a needs assessment regarding mental health in the county, should be bringing their results to the August 22 Measure B Committee meeting. From there, the committee will begin analyzing those results to help determine their recommendation to the county board of supervisors regarding the kind of facility that should be built – and where.

Diamond praised the council and the Willits community for their involvement and input in the project thus far, noting Willits had a greater presence at the Measure B committee meetings than other cities in the county.

"I feel very positive about where we are, where we're going," he said. "I again want to thank you all for being engaged. I feel very proud of Willits, I must say. Every meeting that we go to I see a number of people from Willits.... It makes our job easier. I'm here to help all of us make good decisions, and you all by being involved help us."

Van Hotel

The council was also unanimous in its decision to deny the request of Van Hotel owner Ted Papantoniadis to reduce the rates for his monthly "private fire" water meter charges, which he felt were raised too steeply during a general water rate hike for Willits customers in late 2016.

Papantoniadis sent a strongly worded letter to the council in which he stated he had been purposely not paying the charges in protest since last December, and would consider legal action if the city would not grant his request.

According to the meeting's agenda summary report Papantoniadis owed \$1,492.07, \$475.93 of which were late fees

"Please consider carefully the concerns of our protest as we intend to defend our legal right as advised by our attorney," he said.

The stand-by fire meter costs were raised in 2017 following an assessment and recommendation from the Bartle Wells consultant company. While generally rates only went up by around 4 percent for Willits residents following the increases, the 4-inch private fire meter fee, such as the Van Hotel was subject to, spiked from \$24 to \$117.50 per month.

The fees are associated with fire protection water system costs - primarily in commercial buildings such as automatic sprinklers and high-volume water access should a fire break out.

Representatives for Bartle Wells said, when recommending the rates in 2017, that those particular fees had not been raised in recent years as they should have been, and steep increases were necessary to keep up with recovery costs, adding the new rates were similar to those in other municipalities.

Papantoniadis said in his letter he should be allowed to discontinue the use of the meter and not pay any fee since it is only for a part of the hotel currently unoccupied.

However most of the council disagreed, saying the water system was still necessary given the danger a fire at the mostly vacant hotel could pose to surrounding properties.

Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes said, while the law did leave some room for interpretation, he generally agreed with that assessment, especially given that another area of the building was occupied.

In his letter, Papantoniadis also accused the city of owing him money from a previous endeavor, and said unfair rate hikes would be passed on to potential tenants and make it more difficult for him to find renters to fill the vacant commercial units, already an ongoing problem in Willits

During the hearing at the meeting, Alberto Papantoniadis, Ted's son and vice president of the family's holdings, offered a more peaceful tone than that of the letter, talking of his family's history in the town and saying he would like to work with the city to get more tenants into the building.

"I'd like for you guys to be aware that I'm going to be around a lot more," said Alberto. "You're going to see my face a lot more, and I'm more than happy to sit down and talk with everybody individually as to what we can work from a synergistic point of view to get things done."

Mayor Madge Strong felt the city could perhaps reduce the 10 percent per month late charge on the owed money for some relief, but no other council members agreed.

Councilman Larry Stranske said he thought it was fair that the Van Hotel owners pay their share for fire protection, and he was concerned about the shape of the building in general.

"I'm concerned about it, not only the fire suppression, but the upkeep in it," he said. "And I think that as an individual who owns this building, or as the property owner, that you need to take care of it so that it looks like somebody wants to rent it.

"And that's a problem. We have a blight problem in our community, and I would say out of the whole community the hotel stands above everybody else's."

Upcoming road closures

Contractors working in the East Valley Street vicinity will need to close South Lenore Street between San Francisco and Valley streets to through traffic on August 2, 3 and 6, and then Boscabelle Avenue from August 7 through 9. Resident and emergency vehicle access will be maintained at all times.

- submitted by the City of Willits

The rest of Emergency

in Lake County.

on Wednesday, the River fire has

A total of 14 residences and

24 "other" structures have been

destroyed by both fires, and

12.200 structures are threatened.

Fire personnel speaking at the

board of supervisors meeting

Tuesday morning said the

fire line west of Lakeport was

holding. Bob Farias, an incident

management team member

Mendocino County Sheriff Tom

Allman said he had ordered the

repopulation of areas in Potter

Valley and on the reservation

is 15 percent contained.

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miles northeast of Ukiah, and who were called - out of 1,205 the River fire, which started July county employees - did not 27 at 1:01 pm, six miles north answer their phones, did not of Hopland. Both fires have return a message, or did not otherwise respond to the call. been burning east, threatening Lakeport and other communities

Mendocino County CEC Carmel Angelo said she would As of Cal Fire's evening update write each employee who failed to answer the county's call in burned 33,298 acres and is 38 time of fire emergency and that percent contained. The Ranch the letter would be placed in the fire has burned 61,514 acres and employee's file. She said she was particularly concerned by some department heads who would not allow their employees

> Angelo said she would deal with those issues and also asked acting-board Chairwoman Carre Brown to ensure those employees who did help staff emergency centers would receive letters of commendation signed

by the board of supervisors. with CalFire, told the supes that the fire was encroaching into Angelo also praised county the southern reaches of the staff who responded quickly Mendocino National Forest. The to the emergency after the fire lines were holding at Upper fires broke out late Friday Lake and on Highway 20. An morning, including Mendocino County Emergency Operations issue of concern was that an arm of the River fire was reaching into Coordinator Rick Ehlert and Scotts Valley, northwest of Clear Human Resources Director Heidi Lake, and was moving northward Dunham, who was responsible toward the Ranch dire. However, for getting county employees to Farias advised that firefighters come in to staff the emergency were working hard to stop the evacuation center, the call center Scott Valley extension in its and the emergency operations

"The good news is, we're getting used to doing fire response," Angelo said. "The bad news is, we're getting used to of the Hopland Band of Pomo doing fire response."

The county's non-emergency Allman praised Mendocino Call Center can be reached County employees who had at 467-6428, for any nonstaffed emergency call centers emergency questions about and emergency evacuation the fires. If they don't know the centers over the weekend. answer to your question, they'll However, Allman said that 90 try to find the answer, and get percent of the 60-plus employees

Arrested

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men tore off and a vehicle chase ensued.

A short time later, the suspects' vehicle crashed on the south side of the Willits bypass, Mason said, and the three men fled on foot. Two were arrested almost immediately. A third man was arrested in a forested area near the bypass at around 8 am.

In addition to sheriff's deputies and WPD officers, state traffic officers and California Fish and Wildlife wardens responded to the

The case has been turned over to the Mendocino County Narcotics Task Force for "further investigation," he added. No additional information was available at press time.

The rest of From Page 14 Fair⊥

competing in Junior Mudd Bogg championships.

There is nothing like enjoying delicious, decadent fair food under the stars while listening to some of the finest music in the region. The Back Porch Project opens up the weekend entertainment on Thursday evening at 6 and 9 pm. Enjoy new songs and classic favorites from II Big on Friday night, with two shows at 6 and 9 pm.

Get down with the Funky Dozen on Saturday evening starting at 7 and 9 pm. Sunday's entertainment brings three amazing Latino groups to the Willow Tree Stage. Enjoy Creativos de Tierra Caliente, Grupo La Elegancia, and Banda Pacifica, beginning at 5 pm.

There will be plenty of brand-new free activities and entertainment throughout the weekend, with a focus on science, education and history. The Innovation Station brings hand-on exhibits and interactive activities using electricity, lighting and art. The Circus Imagination Tent gives kids an opportunity to become part of the circus, dressing up in costumes and creating an unforgettable, imaginative experience.

Another new attraction, the 1880's Variety Show and Pioneer Experience is a combination of "new and old-fashioned family fun" that offers kids opportunities to go back in time, with music and interactive activities including gardening in the "homestead," panning for gold, and participating in an old-fashioned variety show.

The fair always leaves the best for last. Support local artists on Sunday at 2 pm, when the winners of the Ukiah Idol's Grand Final competition will be announced. "Little and Junior" Idol contestants will compete on Friday at 7:30 pm.

This long-standing community tradition, which mirrors the successful television show has created a unique and supportive venue for children, adults, and amateur and aspiring professionals, who give their all for prizes and recognition.

Free admission for kids and seniors is available on Thursday until 6 pm. The Fair opens at 3 pm on Thursday and Friday and at noon on Saturday and Sunday. Children under 5 are always admitted free. For more information, call 707-462-3884, visit the Redwood Empire Fair's Facebook page, or www.redwoodempirefair.com/august-fair/.

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THE MEG



All Players Club members will earn 3X Points from 10A to 10P on the days of the promotion!



Hot seat drawings 2x per hour for \$25 free play and \$25 cash

WEDNESDAYS

Roosters and

6PM-10PM 8AM-12PM

EARN 50 POINTS ON PLAYER'S CLUB CARD **AND RECEIVE \$10 IN FREE PLAY** (ONCE PER SESSION)

HOT SEAT DRAWINGS 9AM-1PM (2X PER HOUR ENDING BEFORE 1PM) \$50 CASH

7PM-11PM (2X PER HOUR ENDING BEFORE 11PM) **\$75 CASH**

Card Sunday!

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;

\$20 Free Play \$50 Free Play \$10 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

SUPER SENIOR (55+)

TUESDAYS

Buy in starting at 10am for 40 points (each) to receive

up to three (3) bingo card(s) and 50% meal discount to the Creek Side Café on **Senior Day Special)**

11am **\$75 CASH 12pm** \$100 CASH 1pm \$125 CASH

2pm \$200 CASH! 2pm

\$50 Second Chance

12PM \$100 CASH 1PM \$125 CASH

2PM \$150 CASH

3PM
CASH (2ND CHANCE \$50 CASH) 7PM \$125 CASH

\$150 CASH 9PM \$175 CASH **10PM**

\$300 CASH (2ND CHANCE \$100 CASH)

Players Club members must have earned minimally 50 points -Bingo at 12P for \$100 Cash,1P for \$125 Cash and 2P \$150 Cash, 3P for \$175 Cash for each game winner. (up to 3 Cards per guest per game)

Players Club members must have earned minimally 100 points (throughout the day) to receive a bingo card for the 7P, 8P, 9P & 10P bingo games. Bingo at 7pm for \$125 Cash and 8P for \$150 in Cash the 9P game \$175 Cash and and \$300 in cash for the 10P game. (Second Chance \$100 Cash)

Bingo Cards can start being issued at 11A for the 12P game, and 6P for the 7P game. The 1P, 2P, 3P, 8P, 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 3P 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 3P game and \$100 cash for the 10P game. The "Second Chance Win" opportunity will be announced before each of the specific games

FRIDAY NIGHT \$150 \$100

11:00PM \$300 \$250 \$200

At each drawing (except the 10:30 & 11P drawing), an entry will be drawn from the Raffle Barrel. The winning customer will have approx. one minute to claim their prize. If the number is not claimed the money for the specific drawing will be forwarded to the next drawing for the night. For example; if the 8P drawing has no winner, the \$100 will be forwarded to the 9P drawing and will be worth \$250.

For the 11P drawing, if there is no claim on the drawing, there will be an additional drawing. This process will continue until a winner has claimed the cash prize. Customers may win up to 2 times each week of this promotion.



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HOT SEAT DRAWINGS 10A-4P (ENDING BEFORE 4PM) 75 POINTS TO QUALIFY FOR DRAWING.

RANDOMLY TWICE AN HOUR FOR \$25 IN FREE PLAY.

Random Hot Seat Drawings: Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25

11 AM-3 PM (2X/Hour). (Early Session) 11:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM, (ending at 3 PM) 7 PM-9 PM (2X/Hour)

(Evening session) 7:00 PM and 8:00 PM (ending at 9 PM) 9 PM - 10 PM (3X/Hour) 9:00 PM (ending at 10 PM)

All "Player's Club Member(s)" that earn 25 Point(s) on their Player's Club Card on the day of the promotion for all Hot Seat drawing(s) from 11 AM til 3 PM will be eligible to win \$30 in Free Play (8 winners).

All "Player's Club Member(s)" that earn 40 Point(s) on their Player's Club Card on the day of the promotion for all Hot Seat drawing(s) from 7 PM til 9 PM will be eligible to win \$60 in Free Play (4 total winners).

All "Player's Club Member(s)" that earn 60 Point(s) on their Player's Club Card on the day of the promotion for all Hot Seat drawing(s) from 9 PM til 10 PM will be eligible to win \$120 in Free Play (3 total winners).

All Free Play that is won for this promotional day must be used by 2 AM (gaming day), or the Free Play will be removed from their account.

Chevy

Tickets Aug.-Sept. Mondays-Thursdays **200 Points Per Entry**

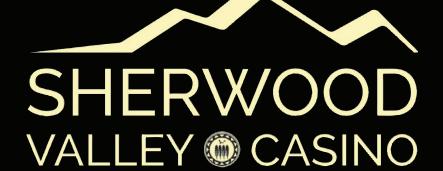
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