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## City getting close to updating cannabis ordinance

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City staff could be accepting cannabis business applications by October 30, City Planner Dusty Duley told the city council last week in a memorandum and report laying out a projected timeline for adopting and implementing Willits' updated cannabis ordinance.

The council must approve the ordinance before it is implemented, and Duley said staff anticipates bringing the measure to the council for introduction on September 13, and for adoption on September 27.

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## Supes attempt to clarify ADA requirements for cannabis

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Interim Planning Official Mike Oliphant attempted to clarify the county's position on Americans with Disabilities Act requirements for buildings used in cannabis operations during the board of supervisors' July 18 meeting.

Oliphant referred to both the California Building Code and the Americans with Disabilities Act, both of which specify that commercial facilities need to be handicapped-accessible. Generally, "handicapped accessible" means there needs to be an accessible access

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## Croskey named to Mendocino Fire Safe Council

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Third District Supervisor Georganne Croskey was appointed to represent the board on the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council at its July 18 meeting.

Croskey had requested the appointment after attending her first Fire Safe Council meeting two months ago. After that meeting, Croskey said she "went home and worked on an evacuation plan" with her family. Whether "our

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Above, from left: Home Arts building attendants Loraine Patton, back left, Suzen Ingle, back right, and Kaylynn VanSuan, front right, smile with judge Shirley Demple, front left, during the judging Wednesday afternoon. Willits FFA's Morgan Riley won Advanced Goat Showmanship and poses with judge Todd Maddox. Fort Bragg FFA's Isaac Arnold poses with his Supreme Grand Champion market turkey and newly crafted perpetual trophy, which will bear his name for both 2016 and 2017.



Above: The best way to beat the 100-plus degree heat at the Redwood Empire Fair? Take a post-mist pig nap in the cool straw, of course! At left, from top: Willits 4-H's Terra Neu-Gavette poses with her rabbit meat pen. Kara Garman and Taylor Yadon have a quick smile for the camera in the breezeway. Mason Kelly of Laytonville entered this decorated cake in the Junior's division which - with its Pac-Man motif - goes right along with the fair's theme, "Fun and Games."

## Hot, Hot, Hot!

Redwood Empire Fair going on now through Sunday at Ukiah Fairgrounds

The competitive spirit and the temperature were both rising at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds as exhibitors starting showing their animals and vying for the coveted supreme grand champion market animals. Exhibitors and animals did their best to keep cool in the 100+ degree weather on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Haul-in and pen set-up started Tuesday for the kids, families and teachers, then the show ring started hopping Wednesday morning with the rabbit, cavy and poultry shows, followed by the goat show, the dairy cattle show, and then the dog show in the evening.

Thursday features the hog and sheep shows in the morning and the beef show in the afternoon. Friday events will include the hog showmanship contest in the morning, the ultrasound carcass contest for the market animals, the pygmy goat show, and finally the Round Robin showmanship contests for large and small animal divisions in the afternoon.

Saturday's main event is the Junior Livestock Auction, starting at 10 am, a new time this year, and Sunday will wrap up the week's events with the exhibitor awards program in the morning.

In addition to the animals and livestock shows, the buildings are filled with exhibits and the carnival and fairgrounds will be filled with additional activities each and every day. For a complete schedule of events, see the Redwood Empire Fair ad on page 7, log onto www.RedwoodEmpireFair.com, or call 462-FAIR for more info.

- Maureen Moore



Above, from left: Long Valley 4-H's Connor Basler, left, sits with both Willits 4-H's Christian Erickson, center, and Tanner Drew, right, in the pig barns, keeping an eye on their animals and misting them off to stay cool. Willits' Ralph Smith won first place for his chutney entry in the Home Arts building and also received a second-place Ball Fresh Preserving award for his pickles entry. Below, from left: Willits 4-H's first-year exhibitor Nora Martin holds her meat pen, with birds named Blanca 1 and Blanca 2. Her pen received the top award in the 4-H category and reserve overall. She also placed first in Novice Showmanship and moved into the advanced round. Willits' Caleb Lovell won second place in the Junior Building for his raspberry currant jam. Willits FFA's Amy Andrade poses with her market hog.



## Supervisor Croskey announces she will not run in 2018

Supervisor Georganne Croskey announced Wednesday she will not run for the Third District supervisor's seat in 2018.

Croskey was appointed to represent the Third District by Gov. Jerry Brown on May 9 after former Supervisor Tom Woodhouse resigned.

According to an August 2 press release from the Mendocino County Executive Office, signed by Croskey, she will not be running for the seat due to family commitments.

Her husband, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Detective Matt Croskey, has accepted an out-of-county position, and the family "will be leaving Mendocino County," the press release states.

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## Caltrans updates city on projects

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Caltrans Resident Engineer Geoff Wright on July 26 gave the Willits City Council an update regarding various projects both ongoing and planned for the city, including the relinquishment project planned for next summer.

Regarding current projects, Wright said the work on sidewalks near Willits High School is expected to be completed by August 21, and the Ryan Creek fish passage mitigation project should be done by October 15.

Next summer, he said, relinquishment project construction will occur block by block from the Highway

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## Kathryn Smith appointed to retirement board

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Former Mendocino College President Kathryn Smith was named to the Mendocino County Employees Retirement Association board by supervisors this week. She takes the seat left vacant by the May resignation of Ted Stephens.

Smith has been a certified public accountant since 1978. She was also a college-level teacher, teaching accounting, finance and business

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

## Goodbye to Tuff

To the Editor:

To all of Tuff's little companions at the dog park and their owners: A hero has fallen on May 25, 2017 between 7 and 8 am. His given name was Tuff Hedeman, after the famous bull rider of 8 seconds. He was just Tuff to me.

I rescued Tuff at 4 months old. Tuff became my licensed to assist service dog real soon. Tuff learned over 16 different sign languages to assist in my own recovery of a traumatic brain injury. Tuff was my strength to help me walk because both of my leg muscles were severed to the bone. Tuff and I could speak without saying a word. Tuff will be greatly missed.

Tuff's mother is a black Rottweiler with a red heart on her butt. Tuff's father is a black lab. Both were purebred and papered dogs. Tuff was solid black and had a big red heart on his butt. Tuff loved all of his stuffed toys, but his favorite was his pink pig that squeaked. He'd throw his pig up in the air so it would hit his back. Then he'd do it again and again.



Tuff the dog.

Tuff was my champion of strength. He never let me down. We'd play hide and seek so if I were ever to fall he'd come to me when I'd call him. Tuff would watch over me constantly, being close so I'd never fall. Tuff would always be a fingertip away when I'd wiggle my fingers. Tuff was a very special friend. I miss you daily Bubby.

Tuff made many friends at the dog park, too. Tuff loved all you doggies at the dog park. I saw Tuff's love for his doggie friends. His eyes shined for your friendship and his little tail would wiggle so fast. I'm gonna miss sharing Tuff with all of you. My memories of Tuff with all his doggie friends will be cherished forever in my heart.

Tuff will forever watch over his land on Franklin Avenue. That's our home. There is a gofundme account set up to help build Tuff's fence. A broken heart....

Barbara Plaza, Willits

## Run, don't walk, to 'Wicked Witch'

To the Editor:

She comes with many names: The Wicked Witch; The Old Hag; The Old Crone. In the fairy tales of our childhood, we know what she's up to: no good!

But it may be possible the Old Woman was framed by characters blinded by an obsession with charm, good looks and style. She may have been wronged.

This is the focus of the current Willits Community Theatre production of "The Trial of the Wicked Witch." Directed by Shawna Jeavons, and produced by Steve Marston, this play boasts a cast of 16 young actors of varying ages, playing familiar fairy tale figures in this courtroom drama.

The three little pigs are the court bailiffs, arguing incessantly about whose turn it is to bring in the next witness (how they even managed to build a house of straw or brick is hard

to imagine). But they get their act together to bring in the various witnesses ready to testify for or against the Old Hag on trial:

- Sleeping Beauty, who keeps falling asleep during her testimony.
- Rapunzel, who now sports a very stylish hair do.
- Cinderella, Snow White and the Gingerbread Girl give their testimonies.
- A very hip hop Hansel and Gretel give their take on their gingerbread house misadventure.
- An extremely charming Prince Charming, who charms every female in the courtroom (except the Witch and the Wicked Stepmother).

- Jack the Giant Killer steps in as bailiff when the pigs are overwhelmed.

- The Ugly Stepsisters make an appearance after Cinderella. They're much more hip and attractive after all these years.

- And a whacked-out, zany Rumpelstiltskin creates chaos in the courtroom.

- By the time the Big Bad Wolf appears, it's pandemonium on stage.

It's all that the judge can do to keep order. The judge in this trial is the Fairy Godmother. Little Red Riding Hood is the prosecutor in the case against the Witch, while the Old Woman is defended by the Wicked Stepmother.

And in the end it's the audience that is the jury, voting to absolve or condemn the Old Woman and her supposed evil deeds.

This play is fun to watch. The costuming is very well done. The sets are excellent, with wonderfully painted pictures of fairy tale scenes as backdrop, while the floor is a painted meadow.

Reviewer's advice to parents, children and lovers of stage presentations: Run, don't walk, to buy your tickets at Mazahar on Main Street. There are two more productions: Saturday, August 5 from 7 to 8 pm; and Sunday, August 6 from 2 to 3 pm. Two thumbs up.

Louis Rohlicek, Willits

## WCT seeks art

To the Editor:

Einstein and Picasso walk into a bar -- followed somewhat later by a visitor in blue suede shoes....



## McGuire hosts Mendocino County Town Hall in Fort Bragg on August 10

Sacramento -- Sen. Mike McGuire is excited to host his annual Mendocino County Town Hall next week, and this year he's bringing together community leaders on the Mendocino Coast.

"We couldn't be more excited to host our annual Town Hall on the Mendocino Coast. We'll be talking about good jobs, stronger public schools, keeping our communities safe, investing in our roads and streets and how we can work together to stop offshore oil drilling -- please join us!" Sen. McGuire said.

The Town Hall is free and open to the public. There will be an all-star lineup of local and state leaders providing issue updates and all will be ready to have a conversation about the issues important to Mendocino County families and neighbors.

The Mendocino Coast Town Hall is set for Thursday, August 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Dana Gray Elementary School, 1197 East Chestnut Street in Fort Bragg. RSVP: [www.SenatorMikeMcGuire.com/august10](http://www.SenatorMikeMcGuire.com/august10)

Sen. McGuire will be joined by: Fort Bragg Mayor Lindy Peters, Board of Supervisors Chair John McCowen, Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman, Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster, Fort Bragg Unified School District Superintendent Rebecca Walker, and Caltrans Deputy District Director Brad Mettam

Senator McGuire will also provide an update about the biggest issues impacting California and the North Coast.

— submitted by the office of state Sen. Mike McGuire, Sacramento

It's Paris, it's 1904, and an actual bar called the Lapin Agile is a hotspot attracting avant-garde artists, musicians, radical thinkers -- and, in this play, one colorful time-traveler. Willits Community Theatre will present "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," written by comedian Steve Martin and directed by Jim Mastin, from September 8 to 24. The play is a hilarious but profound celebration of the major themes of the 20th century.

WCT is seeking paintings or sculptures that look like something a brilliant but undiscovered artist might have bartered to pay a bar tab. These pieces would ideally be from our own local artists (discovered or otherwise) and compatible with the art of the period.

The artwork will become part of the theater set or lobby display during the run of the play, and will be sold after the play closes, as a fundraiser for Willits Community Theatre. The pieces will be considered outright donations to the WCT fundraiser, but unsold pieces can be returned to the artist after the play closes, or half the sales price can be provided to the artist for pieces that are sold.

This will give artists the opportunity to display a piece of their work to be seen and available for purchase by hundreds of audience members. Artists will be acknowledged in publicity for the play (if submission is in time), will be listed in the play program, and may receive a tax deduction as well. Artwork must be submitted by Saturday, August 19.

For more information contact Mary Buckley, 707-621-0339 or [marybuckley\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:marybuckley_@hotmail.com) by Saturday, August 12.

Mary Buckley, for Willits Community Theatre

The walls of the original Lapin Agile bar in Paris were covered with artwork -- most likely used to pay the bar bills of its bohemian patrons.

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Far left: The Howard Hospital team at their colorful booth. Left: Kara, Brian, Tristan, Ryan and Sage serve as color guards.

Below, left: Cancer survivors take the first lap at the 2017 Relay for Life.

Below: Jaime Nabors and her mom, Diane Pulliam, clown for the kids.



Photos by Mathew Caine



# Relay For Life

Mendocino County residents walk laps at the Rec Grove to benefit the American Cancer Society

It was 24 hours of joy, laughter and some sorrow. The Recreation Grove Park was filled with music, motion, booths, food, information -- and flamingos -- and later on, luminarias to honor loved ones who have succumbed to this disease.

The American Cancer Society Mendocino Relay For Life, at about the halfway point had raised over \$40,000 for cancer research with an estimated final amount of \$60,000. Participants received pledges for each mile they walked on the closed course, in the day- and night-long event. There were also raffles and funds donated by participants and by local companies for this community-wide event. The combined Willits and Ukiah communities turned out to turn this tragedy of nature into a celebration of life, hope and love.

After the building of the booths, delineation of the route, a year of planning and logistics, and erecting of the tent camps, the event began its festivities with words of hope and the presentation of this year's medals to the cancer survivors.

The first talk was from Amanda Inman, first-year marketing and communications lead, who explained the

symbolism of the Relay: "To find cures and to fight back, but it is also about a community uniting to fight cancer."

Relay started with the vision of one single volunteer, Doctor Gordie Clapp, Inman told the crowd. "He was a colorectal surgeon who ran on a track by himself for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The following year, he recruited his friends, and the relay movement was born. For those of you who may not be familiar with our 24-hour event format, I will share this meaning behind it."

She went on to explain how each phase of the 24 hours of walking is like what the cancer patient might experience emotionally and physically as time wears on, ending with: "The morning sun brings on a new day full of life and excitement, new beginnings for the cancer patient. Participants feel the brightness of the morning and know that the end of Relay is close at hand," she continued.

"When participants leave the relay event, we can think of cancer patients leaving their last treatment. Just as participants are exhausted and weak, so is that person after treatment. This might sound intimidating to some, but as many here can vouch, these next 24 hours are going to

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At left: The Gutierrez family shows their support for Relay for Life. Above: The Willits Wild Bunch presents a check for \$250 to Relay organizer Amanda Inman to get the ball rolling.



At top: Sheriff Tom Allman goes down in the dunk tank. Above: Amana Hohelin is the first contestant to dunk Sheriff Allman. Below: Susan Schmiri and Larry Olson with their flamingos. At bottom: Many Relay participants set up tents for the night at the Rec Grove.



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# Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku



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Level: Advanced

## How To Sudoku:

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

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## CLUES ACROSS

- Defunct phone company
- Rural area in Guinea
- Hairstyles
- Makes a good meal
- Nats' CFer Adam
- El \_\_, painter
- Midway between south and southeast
- Baseball's 'The Big Hurt'
- A serialized set of programs
- A woody climbing plant
- Japanese metropolis
- Whirlpool
- Toddler
- Integrated circuit
- WWII British fighter Blackburn \_\_
- Ancient Briton tribe
- Injurious weeds (Bib.)
- Nonredundant
- Turf
- Canned fish
- TeamOs best pitcher
- Touchdown
- Woody perennial plants
- Rattling breaths
- Smaller quantity
- Of I

- When you'll get there
- Adventures
- Type of chip
- Having wings
- Mutilated
- Considered
- Wrath
- A citizen of Iran
- American state
- Explosive
- One who challenges
- \_\_ senilis
- Affirmative

## CLUES DOWN

- Move rapidly in music
- Brief are one type
- Repeated
- Quitter
- Paddles
- Broadway actress Hagen
- Politician Paul
- Joint
- Ottoman military men
- Covers for illegal operations
- Comment
- Office of Consumer Affairs
- Distress signal
- \_\_ death do us part

- S. Korean boy band
- Bishop's hat
- Learning environment
- Measurement
- Equines
- Hard plant fiber
- Protocols
- Stands up
- Linear unit
- Songs
- One of the six noble gases
- Cheerful readiness
- Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- Having only magnitude
- Containing salt
- Chadic language
- Fed
- Beef or chicken intestine
- Hill in Australia and London
- 'Waiting for Lefty' playwright
- A list of available dishes
- Have already done
- Geological time
- Swiss river
- Twitch

# WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

July 24 to July 30

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 199 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

## Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

### July 24

- 8:53 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
- 11:32 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Creekside Court.
- 11:50 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.
- 12:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of sexual assault in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

1:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

4:05 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

10:15 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

### July 25

7:37 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Fort Bragg Road.

9:43 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

11:23 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

11:25 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Bush Street.

11:33 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

11:34 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

1:20 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats near the intersection of Holly Street and South Main Street.

8:54 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

9:04 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

### July 26

1:06 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Mill Street.

4:23 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

9:31 am: SMITH, Ashley Rosel (32) of Laytonville was contacted in the 400 block of East Valley street following a disturbance. She was arrested pursuant to 243 (E)(1) PC misdemeanor (Domestic Battery).

11:11 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 600 block of East Commercial Street.

11:39 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

12:41 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Mill Street.

1:21 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Mill Street.

6:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of North Main Street.

10:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Kawi Place.

### July 27

12:34 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Holly Street.

7:19 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

10:41 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

5:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of South Humboldt Street.

11:05 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of East Commercial Street.

### July 28

5:26 am: BELLEGANTE, Jason Scott (41) of Arcata was contacted in the 100 block of Marcela Drive following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 243 (E)(1) PC misdemeanor (Domestic Battery).

5:52 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:07 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

6:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:47 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 400 block of Coast Street.

9:55 pm: BRUHN, Shawna Marie (34) of Redwood Valley was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 (A) VC misdemeanor (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol), 23152 (B) VC misdemeanor (Driving with a Blood Alcohol Content Over .08), 23154 (A) VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol While on Probation for Prior DUI), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

10:10 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of East Valley Street and Railroad Avenue.

11:27 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of Railroad Avenue.

July 29

3:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

6:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

11:11 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 600 block of East Commercial Street.

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# LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE CALLS

July 19 to July 29

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

### 07-19-2017 (Valley Road)

Hazardous condition, tree into power lines. Little Lake Fire secured the area until PG&E arrived. 6 firefighters responded for service.

### 07-23-17 (Moss Cove Rest Area)

Vehicle fire reported north of Willits, upon arrival fire had been contained. 13 firefighters responded for service.

### 07-27-17 (Sherwood and Main)

Two-vehicle traffic collision. Little Lake Fire provided traffic control. Three occupants involved in the accident were cleared by medical staff at scene. 10 firefighters responded for service.

### 07-27-17 (North Highway 101 MM 57)

Two-vehicle traffic collision, one vehicle was 50 feet over the bank. Both drivers of the vehicles self-extricated and were cleared by medical staff at scene. Little Lake Fire assisted medical staff and provided one-lane traffic control. 10 firefighters responded for service.

### 07-29-17 (northbound on ramp of Highway 101, north of Willits)

Fully involved vehicle fire, all occupants were out of the vehicle upon arrival. Little Lake Fire extinguished the vehicle fire with no spread to the wildland environment. 9 firefighters responded for service.



Gracie Silva, Danielle Barry and Samantha Arms pose together after the horse show. Photo courtesy Marcy Barry

## Redwood Empire Fair

### Horse show starts 2017 competition for youth exhibitors

It was the first official "wearing of the whites" for youth exhibitors last Sunday during the Redwood Empire Fair's horse show, held at the Willits Frontier Days rodeo grounds. 4-H and FFA members alike broke out their official club uniforms for the 2017 fair season and started the careful process of keeping white pants clean and dirt- and hair-free, while showcasing their animals in the ring.

For several years, the horse show has been held before the official start of the fair, which will open this year, on Thursday, August 3 at the Ukiah fairgrounds.

Scores from the show will be added to the rider's totals, and the showmanship winners will compete in the horse category in the large animal showmanship contest, Round Robin, at the fair.

Round Robin tests the skills of each showman who wins in their species against other showmen in either the large or small animal contest. Each showman will show each of the other species, and the best overall showman will win the first-place prize, including an embroidered jacket. The overall winner will be announced at Sunday's awards ceremony.

This year, the winner of the 4-H Novice Showmanship contest was Catherine Spackman

of Willits 4-H, and Advanced Showmanship went to Keely Ahders of Willits 4-H. The winner of the FFA Novice Showmanship contest was Callie Brown of Willits FFA, and the winner of the FFA Advanced Showmanship contest was Caitlyn Forrester of Willits FFA.

Since many of the species shown at the Redwood Empire Fair are also able to compete in breeding classes, two outstanding examples of breed standards, confirmation and typiness were chosen to represent the champions in the equine breed. The horse belonging to Gracie Silva of Laytonville 4-H won Champion Gelding, and the horse belonging to Willits FFA's Claire Case-Brackett won Champion Mare.

The show was also judged as an open horse show in partnership with the Willits Junior Horsemen, allowing riders who are trying for the Junior Horsemen cumulative awards to also earn points.

Those awards were broken into two age groups, 9 to 13 and 14 and over. The highest and second-highest scoring riders earned high point and reserve high point titles.

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## Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

### Affectionate Katra

Katra has been raised indoors since she was found as a kitten in 2015. She is still young and wants all the love in the world. Though she is sweet, loud noises startle her, and she may go into hiding. Katra needs a home where she can adjust at her own speed and maybe have a cat companion to help bring her out of her shell.



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



## Shy Lion

Our little Lion is shy and looking for a guardian who will be patient and help him build confidence. He was fine when he met our big meet-and-greet tester dog, Oliver. Lion is a 2-year-old male terrier mix who currently weighs 12 pounds. We think Lion will feel best in a home with adults only.

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

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ladder actually hooks onto our windows, or the kids know how to use the fire extinguisher," however, Croskey says she still doesn't know.

"It's easy to let this stuff go," she said. "We're all busy."

She's right. We are all busy. It takes some work to be fire safe, and the Fire Safe Council cannot do that work for us.

But it can provide the next best thing: a one-stop shop for information, grants, networking, training, and you-name-it when it comes to fire safety. "It's all about trying to educate and be prepared for when, not if, a fire hits," Croskey said.

The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council provides education about the dangers of wildfires and how to save lives and property when one occurs. It encourages mapping, evacuation route planning, road sign installation, water supply development, and other projects to prepare for wildfire situations.

It also provides grant funding to help carry out fire safe preparation projects, and encourages and helps road associations, homeowner groups, subdivisions, and towns to create their own fire safe councils.

Croskey visibly and audibly lights up when describing the "great group of people" that make up the county's Fire Safe Council. They include representatives from CalFire, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Land Management, Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services, Mendocino Redwood Company, Mendocino National Forest, Mendocino County Resource Conservation District and, at the meeting she attended,

representatives from Pine Mountain and Rancho Navarro groups.

Croskey provided examples of local Fire Safe Council projects. "There's a grant that currently funds classes in Covelo and Laytonville elementary schools to teach children what to do before, during, and after a fire," she said, adding she would like to see the program expanded.

Neighbors working together have accomplished such things as "chipping day on Pine Mountain, Black Bart Trail community road clearing, and Caspar community gorse removal." Possibilities for participation can be tailor-made for any group of people who are willing to show up, learn how to prepare, and do the work.

Preparation pays off. "Flames came to close an individual's house during the recent Grade fire. He had 100 feet of defensible space around his house, and his house was spared," said Croskey. "We're [Fire Safe Council members] going to visit it next week."

CalFire Mendocino Unit Chief George Gonzalez confirmed the "gentleman had amazing defensible space that matched or exceeded CalFire guidelines. Everyone on the ridge did," he said, "which allowed CalFire to save structures."

Gonzalez offered some other safety tips that might not be so obvious, like "don't do the right thing at the wrong time" when creating defensible space. "Don't mow or weed-eat at 3 pm on windy days. Do it early in the morning or on cooler days." And don't be lulled into a "false sense

of security because of wet weather. So far this year, more acres have burned than last year at this time. There is double the grass crop over previous years."

And this is an easy one: "Emergency help cannot contact or find you if they don't know you're there." Sign up your cell phone for "emergency alert notification" with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office (land lines are automatically signed up). A red prompt on their home page at [www.mendocinosheriff.com](http://www.mendocinosheriff.com) will take you to the signup page.

And make sure your house number is posted with a reflectorized sign where it can be seen from both directions with at least 4-inch-high letters of half-inch thickness.

Croskey also recommended getting the new CalFire app called "Ready for Wildfire." It informs you how to take care of your home, yourself, and your family, sends alerts when fires are nearby, and keeps you updated on current fires.

Get it at [www.readyforwildfire.org/Ready-for-Wildfire-App/](http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Ready-for-Wildfire-App/)

If your neighborhood, subdivision, town, or road association (you don't need any formal or legal structure) are ready to get educated and get prepared, the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council is available to conduct educational events, provide educational materials, help network with other groups for assistance with whatever you need, help with grant funding for vegetation reduction or signage projects, or assist with administrative functions.

Contact them at [firesafe@pacific.net](mailto:firesafe@pacific.net).

20 turnout to the northernmost point of town, with Caltrans remaining sidewalks and repaving roads as part of the new Main Street Corridor Enhancement Plan.

Wright said the plan was for work to occur in concurrence with a reworking of the Sherwood Road turnout on the north end of town. He noted traffic would be slowed by the two projects, but wouldn't be halted altogether.

Councilmember Madge Strong expressed concern about the impact the construction would have on local businesses, and suggested undertaking the projects at different times to mitigate their effects on the city's economy.

"We want you to go the extra mile to really minimize the impact on all those businesses and the public that wants to be able to shop there," she said. "Why overlay [the projects] on top of each other? We're going to have so much inconvenience already."

"I would agree," said Councilwoman Saprina Rodriguez, "considering how many locals live in the Brooktrails community.

"I can just imagine the pressure we're going to be feeling," she continued. "We were already settling in for that first year [after the bypass], and economically we're going to get hit pretty hard.... Tourism is going to struggle when you have a downtown that's being renovated. The council's got to be proactive in figuring out what it can do to reduce the impact. We're going to be looking to [Caltrans] and city management to see that that happens."

"That's our desire as well - to minimize impact," responded Wright. He said Caltrans would water construction grounds as necessary to prevent dust, and would provide "temporary bridges" to businesses whose

sidewalks were removed.

He advised the council to write a letter to Caltrans project managers if the city wanted to sway them to schedule projects at different times, since it was not something he had power over.

Trees were another concern among councilmembers and staff, particularly in light of the four cork trees removed during the high school sidewalk project to the dismay of city staff and many locals.

Wright said Caltrans planned to help replant trees where they had been cut down, and he and City Manager Adrienne Moore would do a walk-through before the removal of any more trees, to clarify which would need to come out and why. Moore said local nurseryman and city advisor Dave Watts would accompany them on the walk-through.

When asked how many more trees would need to come down during the relinquishment project, Wright estimated 20 to 24, explaining removals were due to American Disabilities Act compliance issues related to sidewalk reconstruction.

#### Water rates

The council decided to delay a vote to increase water rates to residents - which included a scheduled public hearing on the proposed rate changes - after former Mayor Bruce Burton brought up technical issues regarding how the city added up protest votes during the 45-day public review period.

Burton said Proposition 218, which mandates the review, requires taking into account the "assessed valuation" of property owners who use city water when tallying votes,

not just counting one vote per water hookup as city staff had done.

There was also some confusion as to who was supposed to receive the review notices. Moore said in her post-meeting report it appeared notices should have been sent to "all property owners of record, not just ratepayers [i.e., sometimes renters]."

She told Willits Weekly after the meeting there was a chance the city would have to begin the 45-day review process over.

The increases would have allowed the council to increase water rates by as much as 4 percent per year for the next five years, and to hike wastewater rates each year from 4.5 to 7 percent. The increased revenue would help fund water system infrastructure and maintenance projects.

A "yes" vote also would have changed the number of volume-based rate tiers from four to two, essentially eliminating the lowest and highest tiers.

The council seemed on the verge of passing the rate increases after City Clerk Cathy Moorhead said only six letters of opposition had been submitted out of about 2,200 water-users who had received notices.

However, Burton informed the council he had submitted an opposition letter that day, and then explained his understanding of the assessed value policy of Proposition 218.

After a brief recess to try to clear things up, the council decided to postpone the vote to research the matter, and continue the public hearing regarding water rates to their August 9 meeting.

"I am a mother, a wife, and a public servant," Croskey said in the release. "I love my family, and I love serving the Third District. However, my husband and children need me to be a wife and mother first. It is with great regret that I will be leaving this position and Mendocino County."

The press release continues: "Supervisor Croskey will complete her term as Third District supervisor on December 31, 2018. Then the family will be reunited."

"I am in the process of selling my veterinary practice [Mendocino Equine and Livestock]," Croskey states in the press release, "and will continue to perform veterinary work on a part-time basis. With the pending sale of my practice and no campaign for the 2018 election, I will dedicate my time to serving the constituents and addressing the issues facing the district and the county as a whole.

"I believe this will allow me to concentrate on the needs of the district, rather than dividing my time between my veterinary practice, supervisor work and managing a campaign. I commit to do the best work I can for my constituents in the Third District."

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

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#### July 30

1:30 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

2:17 am: GRISHAM, Lacy Marie (37) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 (A) VC misdemeanor (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol), 23152 (B) VC misdemeanor (Driving with a Blood Alcohol Content Over .08), and 20002 VC misdemeanor (Hit and Run).

9:05 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:07 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

6:42 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

6:50 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

7:31 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

7:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 800 block of South Main Street.

8:25 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

9:36 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Railroad Avenue.

9:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

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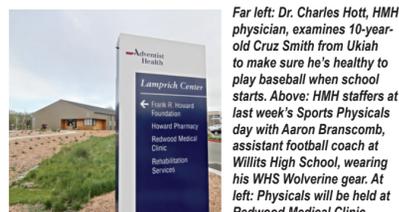
In the 9 to 13 age group, high point went to Danielle Barry and reserve high point went to Samantha Arms. In the 14 and over age group, high point went to Gracie Silva and reserve high point went to Keely Ahders.

There was also an open division added to the show, where riders of all ages could compete against each other for an additional high point award. The open high point award went to Gracie Silva and the open reserve high point award went to Danielle Barry.

Results provided by Mattie Pinon.

- Maureen Moore

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Far left: Dr. Charles Hott, HMH physician, examines 10-year-old Cruz Smith from Ukiah to make sure he's healthy to play baseball when school starts. Above: HMH staffers at last week's Sports Physicals day with Aaron Branscomb, assistant football coach at Willits High School, wearing his WHS Wolverine gear. At left: Physicals will be held at Redwood Medical Clinic.

## HMH makes sure kids are ready to play with free sports physicals

By Cici Winiger, for HMH

The end of summer is almost here, and parents are busy going through their to-do list to prepare for the start of school. But if your child is planning on participating in sports this upcoming school year, a sports physical should be on your list as well.

Fortunately, as part of its mission to improve the health of the community and encourage physical activity among children and youth, Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital offers free sports physicals to all student athletes in Mendocino County.

The hospital held its first event this weekend, July 29, at the Redwood Medical Clinic on Marcela Drive. Community members from Willits, Ukiah and some from Fort Bragg came to take advantage of the free service. After four hours, HMH physicians had performed almost 120 sports physicals. Those who were cleared were given a clean bill of health to play, while those who were found with underlying issues were referred for further screening with their primary care physician.

HMH has been offering free sports physicals for five years now. Jason Wells, president and CEO, recognizes the importance of keeping children active and healthy and giving them the opportunity to excel in sports. "I know the costs associated with participating in sports can add up," he explains. "We certainly don't want the cost of a sports physical to be a barrier to anyone who wants to participate in athletics.

"We're here not just take care of our community when they are sick," he adds. "We also want to keep them healthy. And we support every effort to encourage physical activity - starting with our children makes perfect sense."

Mike Colvig, Willits High School's new principal, who came in with his son, says the free sports physical days are a huge benefit for parents and students. "As a previous coach

Michael Medvin, MD, one of many HMH physicians who conducts the exams every year agrees. "We started offering free sports physicals five years ago because we know how important physical activity is for our kids," he said. "By providing free sports physicals we are helping reduce the barriers to kids staying active and healthy in our community."

In California, sports physicals are required for all students participating in sports. Dr. Medvin underscores the importance of getting a sports physical not just to participate in sports, but also for overall health. "It's important to get a physical done prior to involvement in sports because we are doing a physical exam to make sure children don't have any existing conditions that would create problems while they are playing. We also ask a lot of screening questions to help us identify potential health issues that may preclude kids from playing sports or make them more prone to accidents or injuries. And sometimes we discover conditions that would have never been diagnosed otherwise," he explains.

Sports physicals don't necessarily make your kids better athletes, but they will definitely ensure

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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 3rd**  
KID'S & SENIORS DAY - Free Admission until 6:00 p.m.  
HDS & SENIORS DAY - Free Admission until 6:00pm  
Market and Breeding Sheep Show JS 8:00  
Market and Breeding Swine Show RP 8:00  
Welcomer Fair & Carnival Opens 3:00  
Brads World Reptiles PH 3:00-10:00  
SAL - Martial Arts Demonstration WTS 3:00  
Jeremy the Juggler FG 3:30  
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 4:00  
Market Beef, Showmanship, Breeding RP 5:00  
Racing Pigs CR 4:00  
Watermelon Eating Contest CR 5:00  
Racing Dogs CR 5:00  
Jeremy the Juggler FG 5:30  
Rebel Rousers WTS 6:00  
Racing Pigs CR 6:00  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 6:00  
Motorcycles, Side-by-Sides, ATVs GS 6:30  
TSD 6:30  
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 7:00  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler CR 7:00  
Jeremy the Juggler FG 8:00  
CircusMecca TSD 8:30  
Rebel Rousers WTS 9:00  
Racing Pigs CR 9:00  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 9:00  
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 10:00  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 10:00  
Building Close 10:00

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 4th**  
Swine Showmanship RP 8:00  
Sheep Ultrasound Carcass Contest RP 8:00  
Beef Ultrasound Carcass Contest RP 1:00  
Primary Exhibits - Goat JS 1:30  
Pigmy Goat Show JS 2:00  
Welcomer Fair & Carnival Opens 3:00  
Brads World Reptiles PH 3:00-10:00  
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 3:00  
Round Robin Showmanship - Large Animals RP 4:00  
Racing Pigs CR 4:00  
Jeremy the Juggler FG 4:00  
Pie Eating Contest CR 5:00  
Racing Dogs CR 5:00  
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 5:00  
Jeremy the Juggler FG 5:30  
WTS 6:00  
Racing Pigs CR 6:00  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 6:00  
CircusMecca FG 6:30  
CircusMecca TSD 6:30  
Mead Bragg Races GS 6:30  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 7:00  
Round Robin Showmanship - Small Animals JS 7:00  
Racing Dogs CR 7:00  
Ukiah Idols Finals "Little Idol & Junior Idol" WTS 7:30  
Jeremy the Juggler FG 8:00  
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 8:30  
CircusMecca TSD 8:30  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler CR 9:00  
Racing Pigs CR 9:00  
WTS 9:00  
FG 10:00  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 10:00  
Building Close 10:00

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th**  
Livestock Buyer's Breakfast GP 8:00  
Junior Livestock Auction RP 10:00  
Welcomer Fair & Carnival Opens PH 12:00-10:00  
Brads World Reptiles HA 12:00-9:00  
"Candy Land Cookies" Steve's Fun Balloons FG 2:00  
Dance & Floor Gymnastics for Kids WTS 1:30  
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 2:00  
Diaper Dash CR 2:30  
Jeremy the Juggler FG 3:00  
Racing Pigs CR 4:00  
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 5:00  
Hot Dog Eating Contest CR 5:00  
Racing Dogs CR 5:00  
El Nuevo Plan, Banda Pacifica, Los Nuevos Aventureros WTS 5:00  
Jeremy the Juggler FG 5:00  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 6:00  
Mika Furberg's Tribute to Tom Petty WTS 6:00  
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 6:00  
CircusMecca TSD 6:30  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 7:00  
Racing Dogs CR 7:00  
Jeremy the Juggler FG 7:30  
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 8:00  
CircusMecca TSD 8:30  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 9:00  
Racing Pigs CR 9:00  
Mika Furberg's Tribute to Tom Petty WTS 9:00  
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 10:00  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 10:00  
Building Close 10:00

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th**  
Livestock Awards Ceremony WTS 10:00  
Welcomer Fair & Carnival Opens PH 12:00  
Brads World Reptiles PH 12:00-9:00  
"Chutes & Ladders Cupcakes" HA 12:00-3:00  
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 2:00  
Ukiah Idols Finals "Grand Finale" WTS 2:00  
Jeremy the Juggler FG 3:00  
Racing Pigs CR 4:00  
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 5:00  
Hot Dog Eating Contest CR 5:00  
Racing Dogs CR 5:00  
El Nuevo Plan, Banda Pacifica, Los Nuevos Aventureros WTS 5:00  
Jeremy the Juggler FG 5:00  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 6:00  
D&N Nationals, Jodelopes, and Boat Races GS 6:00  
CircusMecca TSD 6:30  
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 7:00  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 7:00  
Racing Dogs CR 7:00  
Jeremy the Juggler FG 7:30  
CircusMecca TSD 8:30  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 9:00  
Steve's Fun Balloons FG 9:00  
Racing Pigs CR 9:00  
Building Close 9:00  
The Throw Zone - Fire Juggler FG 10:00

Note: all schedules subject to change.

WTS - Willow Tree Stage  
JS - Junior Show Ring  
CR - Circle  
GS - Grandstands Arena  
FG - Strolling on Fairgrounds  
RP - Racine Pavilion  
HA - Home Arts Building  
GP - Grange Park  
TSD - To Be Decided

Thursday, August 3

**Blood Drive-Day One:** Willits hosts a blood drive Thursday, August 3 and Friday, August 4 to support a City of Willits employee, a longtime Willits resident. Appointments are advised. Thursday, August 3, 11 am to 6 pm. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Info and appointments: Karen Stevenson 459-7176, or email kstevenson@willitscity.org, or Red Cross 1-800-733-2767.

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

Friday, August 4

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

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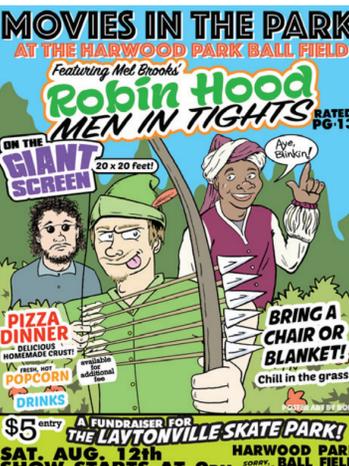
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clothing • furniture • antiques  
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North Street Collective Open House

North Street Collective invites the public on August 5 to see the unified creations of the artists-in-residence this summer, ceramicist Karina Faulstich and poet Seth Garcia. Their creation is called "Water Cups." It is a multi-media project examining the causes and effects of climate change on water systems and peoples in the Mendocino area. During their residency, Karina has created a series of cups using local clay the two have harvested from the Ridgewood Ranch. Using lithography and stamps, Karina incorporates text from poems that Seth has been writing and from other images inspired by their researches onto her ceramics. Saturday, August 5 at 5:30 pm at 350 North Street. Poetry reading at 7:30 pm. Seth's "Water Poems" have been gathered into a booklet which will be given out alongside the cups. "Engaging fragments of history and poetic response, Karina and Seth wish to offer a visual and interactive experience that fosters contemplation of our changing experience with water."

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retableos explore the Sacred Feminine, often portraying classical saints with a personal twist. Viewers may recognize Willits area locals when gazing upon Sue Ellen's painting of St. Francis, St. Anthony or St. Brigid. She pulls inspiration and models from everyday life and elevates them to a sacred realm. Info: 459-1726, or willitscenterforthearts.org.

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convenient time for a call back.) "We also have free tomatoes in 3 inch containers."

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

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A Garden Party Fundraiser

Willits Rotary Club and the Willits Educational Foundation invite the public to "A Garden Party" on Saturday, August 26 from 4 to 8 pm, the annual benefit for art, music and libraries in the Willits Unified School District. The Garden Party will take place at Phil & Kathy Shuster's garden, 1600 Center Valley Road. Participants will enjoy music by The Bassics, hearty appetizers, wine from Handley Cellars, beer and other beverages at a cash bar, silent auction, and prize drawings. Tickets are \$20, advance sale only. Tickets are available at Willits Furniture, Cat's Meow, and Mazahar. Also, Willits Weekly readers may call for information and tickets: Jenn Drew: 354-1670; Kathy Shuster 459-2659; John Cross 485-2274; Warren Lewis 459-4429.

Senior Center Lunch

Week of August 7 through August 11

Monday: Baked Ziti  
Tuesday: Chicken Casserole  
Wednesday: Tuna Salad Sandwich  
Thursday: Chicken Parmigiana  
Friday: Philly Cheesesteak

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

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**COOLING CENTERS NOW OPEN**  
in Willits and Round Valley  
Temperatures are expected to reach 100 to 110 degrees, and hot weather could persist through next week which brings increased risks of dehydration and heat-related illnesses. Be mindful of folks with limited mobility or who are susceptible to the heat, especially children and older adults. Such individuals should reduce exertion, stay in a cool place, and drink plenty of water. Community members may go to Willits City Hall Community Center Cooling Station, 111 East Commercial Street, Monday-Friday, 9 am to 5:30 pm, or the Willits Public Library, 390 East Commercial Street, Tuesday-Thursday 10 am to 7 pm. Friday 10 am to 6 pm. Saturday 10 am to 5 pm.

Cooling/hydration stations in Covelo: Round Valley Volunteer Fire Protection District 75900 CA-162; Round Valley Senior Center, 77826 Covelo Road; Round Valley Library, 23925 Howard Street; Tuesday-Saturday 10 am to 5 pm; Round Valley Indian Health Center, 100 Biggar Lane, Monday-Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. Information: Kelsey Rivera 463-7777.

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

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Parents: Sex scene, off-hand nudity, blood spatter-fisticuffs-jujitsu-karate-Krav Maga. Not for children, not even little psychopaths (especially little psychopaths). The flick earns its R rating.

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

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

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

**Soroptimists International of Willits:** (On summer break until September 12). Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Plaza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

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**Volleyball Open Gym:** at new location for the summer: Willits High School, Sundays 7 to 9 pm, and Tuesdays at 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

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

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

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

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Pulled-Pork Drive-Thru Dinner, August 18, Senior Center  
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# 'Harry Potter' Night

Butterbeer, exploding potions and magic wands at the Willits Library

The Willits Library went above and beyond to bring the fantasy world of Harry Potter to life for the Willits community Friday night.

Leah Paeyeneers  
Features Writer

Walking into the library, patrons were met with whimsical decorations that any Harry Potter fan could appreciate — candles floated above, "Wanted" posters featuring favorite characters were plastered on the doors, and the library volunteers were in full costume. The typical library hush was broken by all the activity filling the library. It was an evening of magic and excitement for both children and adults.

Even as a reporter, I was quickly sorted into my Hogwarts house, and from there I learned how to make magical go that regrows broken bones. I ate candies with strange names, and I painted my own magical wand. During a potion-making class I sat next to a young man dressed

as Hedwig — Harry Potter's faithful owl — and together we learned how to safely create dangerous exploding potions.

The costume contest was greeted with much excitement by those who came dressed up. Every costume was exceptional — but sadly, only three could win the prized giant rainbow lollipops.

Even better than the excitement of the contest or the thrill of candy and magical projects, the truly anticipated moment of the evening came with the announcement of "butterbeer." This classic Harry Potter drink, a fizzy butterscotch beverage, was handed around to the delight of every child in attendance.

The library staff and volunteers created a place where fans could come together and celebrate these beloved stories. The library was packed with the smiling faces of the many generations of Harry Potter fans who gathered to enjoy this magical evening.



At top, left: The many excited contestants in the costume contest. At top, right: Half-blood wizard "Aberforth Dumbledore" serves magical candy treats. Above: "Wanted" posters featuring characters from the "Harry Potter" series. Below, left: The wand-making station was a very busy place Friday night at the Willits Library. Below: Harry Potter costume contest winners "Hermione Granger," "Harry Potter," and "Dobby," the house elf.

Photos by Leah Paeyeneers



# Rep. Huffman announces district landscape photo competition

Congressman Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) announced today that his annual district-wide landscape photography competition opens Thursday, August 3. Constituents who live in California's second congressional district should email their original landscape photograph to [rephuffmanphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:rephuffmanphotocontest@gmail.com) and include their name, hometown, and the location of the photo in the body of the email with "photo submission" as the subject of the email.

Due to a high volume of photographs, participants are limited to one photo submission for the duration of the competition. Submissions will be accepted until Thursday, August 24.

"The people of California's second congressional district live in the most beautiful district in the country," said Rep. Huffman. "This photography competition will give residents of Northern California a chance to showcase that beauty, from the iconic Golden Gate Bridge to the spectacular Lost Coast to the ancient Redwood forests."

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Constituents may direct all questions regarding photo submissions to Steven Mion at 202-225-5161.

— Submitted by the office of Congressman Jared Huffman, Washington, D.C.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement  
2017-F0583

The following person or persons are doing business as: Water Surveys, 1025 Hearst Willits Road, Willits, CA 95490. Water Surveys is conducted by an individual, Donald G. McEdwards, 1025 Hearst Willits Road, Willits CA 95490.

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Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on July 31, 2017.  
s/Donald G. McEdwards  
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WW120  
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- To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: John Arthur Gilfillan.
- A Petition for Probate has been filed by Sherrie L. Gilfillan in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.
- The Petition for Probate requests that Sherrie L. Gilfillan be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
- A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: August 25, 2017 Time: 9 a.m. Dept.: E Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.
- If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
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# Little Lake Blues & Brews

Rec Grove weekend August 19 and 20 boasts national blues acts, local favorites

The Little Lake Blues and Brews Festival, a benefit for the Willits Community Services and Food Bank, will be held in Willits on Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20 at the Rec Grove Park. Gates open at 10 am each day, and the music goes from 11 am to 9 pm.

National blues favorites Roy Rogers & The Delta Rhythm Kings, Papa Mali and Friends, Tommy Castro & The Painkillers, and the Wendy DeWitt Trio headline the festival, and popular local acts include Il Big, Jim Dooley and Friends, Ronnie Lee and Friends, The Real Sarahs and The Schindels, Greg and Malakai Schindel, who will perform as "artists-at-large" during the weekend.

Some of the highlights blues fans can expect at this eclectic festival include a Sunday-morning gospel collaboration with Papa Mali, Wendy DeWitt and The Real Sarahs; Jim Pugh from the Robert Cray Band appearing with Roy Rogers & The Delta Rhythm Kings, and the well-known classical guitarist, Alex de Grassi who will be playing blues with the Wendy DeWitt Trio.

Recreation Grove, at the corner of East

Commercial and Lenore Streets, boasts lawn seating and shade from gigantic oak trees. Low back chairs and picnic blankets are welcome.

## Current lineup

### Saturday:

**11 am to 12 pm:** Jim Dooley and Friends

**12:20 to 1:20 pm:** Ronnie Lee and Friends

**1:45 to 2:45 pm:** Il Big

**3:30 to 6 pm:** Papa Mali and Friends

**6:45 to 8:45 pm:** Roy Rogers & The Delta Rhythm Kings

### Sunday:

**11 am to 12:30 pm:** Gospel Gumbo with Papa Mali and Friends, Wendy Dewitt and The Real Sarahs

**1 to 1:45 pm:** Il Big

**2 to 3:30 pm:** Papa Mali and Friends

**4 to 5:30 pm:** Roy Rogers & The Delta Rhythm Kings

**6 to 7 pm:** The Wendy DeWitt Trio

**7:30 to 9 pm:** Tommy Castro & The Painkillers

Attendees can expect a variety of arts and crafts from local vendors plus a farm stand with local fresh vegetables for sale. Farm-to-table local food vendors include Zocalo Collective, Adam's Restaurant and Caribbean Vybz. A sizzling barbeque with locally raised meats will be part of the food offerings as will vegetarian plates from Howard Hospital's organic restaurant, Roots. Lagunitas Brewing Company, one of the leading microbreweries in the country, always in support of music and musicians, will be on site with a variety of their microbrew ales and beers for sale.

Kids under 12 get in free to this family-friendly event. Tickets for adults are \$50 for single-day tickets and \$75 for the weekend. In Willits, tickets can be purchased at J.D. Redhouse and Main Street Music or at the

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At top, left: Tommy Castro & The Painkillers are the Sunday headliners at the Little Lake Blues & Brews festival at the Rec Grove.

At top, right: Slide guitarist Roy Rogers brings his Delta Rhythm Kings to Little Lake Blues & Brews.

Above: Local trio The Real Sarahs are featured in Sunday morning's gospel collaboration with Wendy Dewitt and Papa Mali and Friends.

Below, left: Il Big, out of Ukiah, bring their "brand new classic rock" to the weekend festival.

Below, right: Papa Mali & Friends play Saturday and Sunday at Little Lake Blues & Brews.

# Final formula business ordinance approved

A final formula business ordinance was unanimously approved Tuesday by the board of supervisors.

Mike A'Dair

Reporter  
mike@willitsweekly.com

The "community character combining district ordinance" extends over all Commercial 1 (limited commercial) and Commercial 2 (general commercial) zoning districts in the unincorporated portion of Mendocino County, (with two exceptions), and states that within these districts, no building permit for the construction or significant remodeling of a building that will house a formula business can proceed without the business owner first obtaining a minor use permit from the county. The minor use permit requires a public hearing before a zoning administrator.

The areas exempted from the ordinance are the North State Street area north of Ukiah, as far north as Lake Mendocino Drive, and the Hopland area. The Hopland Municipal Advisory Committee asked Supervisor Dan Hamburg to exempt the Hopland area from ordinance requirements.

The revised ordinance defines a formula business as a business that has 10 or more identical businesses also in existence, including general retail sales, eating and drinking establishments, food and beverage retail sales, and food and beverage preparation, without consumption.

During the minor use permit process, the county will review plans for the new or remodeled building where the business will be located and will attempt to make sure the

proposed project more or less blends in with the character of the community in which it seeks to be located.

Section 20.147.010 of the ordinance explains the intent of the ordinance: to "enhance the visual attractiveness of commercial structures by restricting standardized features that would detract from the distinctive features of the community."

Another stated intent of the ordinance is to "preserve and enhance the established historic character of each of the communities, including the retention and restoration of historic building sites."

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## Response to Orenstein letter

To the Editor:

Dear Mr. Orenstein: Your June 1, 2017 article in the Willits Weekly gave some valid points. Thank you for your opinions and information in regard to the marijuana policies that are becoming the new norms for the industry.

I have lived in Willits for over 18 years and have seen a lot of changes in our community as a result of the marijuana growers. My children started kindergarten here and finished high school at Willits High. I have had to explain the dangers of alcohol and drugs, which includes marijuana, to my kids while at the same time allowing them to have friends whose parents are growers. Hopefully they learned both sides of the marijuana issues. I researched and tried to give accurate scientific data to back up why I didn't want them to use marijuana. But I also understand that some nice people have different values than I do about marijuana use. I have tried to live and respect this aspect of Willits.

It has been difficult throughout the years to respect the marijuana industry. I moved to this area for the beautiful nature and moderate climate. But I cannot hike on public land for fear of growers with guns and booby traps. I have seen the creek on my land dry up and the animal life downstream become nonexistent. It has been very hard to respect the marijuana-growing community when the trimmers come to town each year and take over the public parks, spreading trash and pooping where ever they please. Yuk! Many times in the past, I have had to leave the park with my kids because trimmers were being rude and disrespectful. I cannot open my windows at night in the summer for a cool breeze because of the overwhelming smell of marijuana in my neighborhood. \

These are just a few examples of the difficulties brought

on by the marijuana industry. But I have adapted and tried to hope for change. I believe that is why people voted for the new marijuana regulations. We need guidelines and regulations for the growers so that everyone can live here with mutual respect.

As a non-grower I would like to try to make a very important point, throughout the years I have tried to respect the views of the marijuana growers but I feel I have never had a voice for how their actions affect my life. The Willits News would only print pro-marijuana articles and the city police were too underfunded to enforce the laws against illegal-grows in residential areas. Non-growers had their property encroached on by growers. Landowners found the water tributaries on their land and neighboring lands being drafted for marijuana crops. If the water drafting and grows were reported to the authorities, then the property owners had to worry if their lives would be threatened, their ponds poisoned, their pets killed, and livestock poisoned or killed. This seems extreme but it is a fact that has happened many times to many people in our community.

So I understand why the people that have opposing views about the marijuana industry would only speak privately with city council members and city staff. In fact, the last time I heard non-growers trying to voice any concerns in a public forum, their comments were drowned out by growers in the room making loud hissing and other noises. Once again the respect of an opposing view was not talked through to arrive at an amicable solution. We have tried to do the right thing by voting for medical marijuana use but have had to live with the bullying of growers that want it all without concerns for the community or the environment we live in.

The new laws and ordinances you listed in your editorial are a good start, but already growers are upset about following the laws for having a business. From what I have

read, the growers feel they are being treated unfairly. Ask any business owner, they will tell you it is not easy to start a business. It takes the investment of time and money. But business rules and regulations are made so that everyone is regarded, not just a few that want to make quick money. Yes, there are many responsible growers in the Willits area. They don't use pesticides that harm the smokers, they don't dump diesel on the ground to contaminate the ground water, and they don't cut down forests to start a marijuana grow. But those are not the majority and the irresponsible ones have made it so that we need rules and regulations to avoid a devastated natural environment and an unhealthy community.

But no, I can't voice my opinion without fear so I will write you a letter and hope someday I can talk openly about my experiences in this community and how I would like to see the best Willits possible for the good people who live and work here. Today this means regulations and ordinances along with an increase of personnel to process the paperwork and enforce the legal aspects. At this time, we have neither, which causes delays and frustration for the entire Willits community. It is doubtful the city council can represent the entire Willits community to the lawmakers unless they listen to the private communications of our citizens. At this point, the city council is getting a biased view from the "public" meetings.

Please pass on this information. I will continue to try to learn from the city council meetings minutes and from the non-biased reporters of the news. But for now, I will not go to the city council meetings where I feel I will only be disrespected and threatened for my viewpoint and concerns. I will continue to hope for change in a positive direction and that someday all will be heard.

Thank you for your commitment to our city.

S. Stephens, Willits



The rest of **Relay** | From Page 3

be a blast. We are here to celebrate and bring the Mendocino community together."

Next up was Richard "Pops" Venturi, cancer survivor, current cancer patient and founding member of the Willits Wild Bunch. "39 years ago a young handsome blond-haired blue-eyed lad was told he had testicular cancer. I didn't even know my testicular could get cancer. I had one of them removed. Five weeks of radiation, 39 years later, here I am. So I am a cancer survivor, and I wear that title proudly. Today I have a new story to tell you, because I have to add a slash and a new title to cancer survivor. That's cancer survivor / cancer patient."

Venturi went on to tell of his current fight with stage 1 cancer, which he is confident he can treat and beat. "This is a great, great event," he said. "We're all here for one purpose, and that is to fight this crap we call cancer. And one of these days they're going to find a cure for it. You're going to get a vaccine, and no one is ever going to get cancer again. I hope they do it in my lifetime. I hope they do it in everybody who's standing here's lifetime. And we're going to do

gate. Special senior and veteran rates for weekend tickets are available at the Willits Senior Center. Online tickets are available at Eventbrite.

Sponsors of this first-time blues festival produced by Cozmic Pickle Productions are Lagunitas Brewing Company, Blues Festival Guide, Moon Lady, Margie Handley, Willits Economic Localization and more to be announced.

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Info: call 707-841-0328, visit [www.LittleLakeBluesandBrews.com](http://www.LittleLakeBluesandBrews.com) or check out the festival's Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages.

— submitted by **Little Lake Blues & Brews**



The Wild Bunch then presented Inman with a check for \$250 "to get the ball rolling."

After Venturi's emotional and hopeful speech came the presentation of medals to the cancer survivors. One by one they came up and received their recognition of survival, strength and courage.

Now it was time for the survivors' opening lap around the course, which would be, for many, their world for the next 24 hours. Led by Venturi, they took the circuit and opened the walk.

As they made their circuit, they could first see the stage where the DJ would spin tunes until the early morning. Next they passed the dunk tank which at 1 pm would see Sheriff Tom Allman brave the cold water and see the very accurate arms of those willing to pay for a chance to dunk the county lawmaker. On past the face painting and other circus-themed booths, to the kid's area, manned by McKenzie Cavender, with its balloon animals, crafts, games and bounce house.

After turning east, Relayers could see, to their left, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office's shocking-pink Camaro, donated by Thurston Chevrolet and utilized as a recruiting attraction. They next turned left again and walked past the bead station, where participants could pick up a bead for every lap they managed to keep track of their progress. The booths began next along both sides of the quarter-mile route, sporting raffles, merchandise, clowns and henna by Jessica Clarke, who donated all proceeds to cancer research. The final turn took them along Commercial Street, past the registration booths and the field of pink flamingos with messages of hope. When the survivors' circuit was complete, it was time for the remainder of the Relayers to begin their journey.

Aside from the money raised for cancer research, the event also raised awareness and a sense of a community united in a common cause.

To view videos of the event, visit [www.facebook.com/RelayForLifeOfMendocinoCountyCa](http://www.facebook.com/RelayForLifeOfMendocinoCountyCa).



Far left: Chey Gordon paints her own face while preparing to face paint participants.

At left: Debra and Rueben Reyes, cancer survivor, hang out with Puppy and Topper.

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## August: In the garden and at the table

Even though the days are still hot, the longer nights this month will give plants a respite from the heat and help cut down on demand for water. This is ideal for starting those vegetables that give you fresh food all winter.

**Jamie Chevalier**  
*Columnist*

If you haven't done a lot of winter gardening in the past, consider the advantages of a winter garden: Weeds are not such a problem, you don't have to water once the rains kick in, and you can harvest food over a long, five-month season from just one or two sowings in late summer. Greens like kale and broccoli are winter favorites, but don't forget the mild-flavored roots as well: Carrots, beets, parsnips, turnips and rutabagas make great comfort food.

By now, plants have used most of the resources available in the soil, and are starting to look a bit tired. They respond dramatically to a nutritious mulch like compost or earthworm castings. Any organic source of nitrogen will perk up your zucchini, corn, okra or greens, as well as shrubs and other landscaping.

Tomatoes, peppers, melons or winter squash will benefit from a potassium source instead. A light sprinkling of potassium-rich fireplace ashes or kelp meal will give you a better harvest and make the plants more cold-hardy as well.

If weeds are a problem, your first resources are a sharp hoe and a good layer of mulch. Straw is cheap, effective,

and rots down quickly to enrich your soil. If things are so far out of control that hoeing is too difficult and the space is no longer productive, here are two drastic but effective organic ways to reclaim a garden bed:

1. Till the weeds under and plant buckwheat, which will smother weeds.

2. Stomp on the weeds to flatten them. Then water the bed well and lay cardboard or black plastic over the whole thing. If light can't penetrate, the weeds will die and turn into compost. Mid-September, take off the cardboard and rake in the seed for a cover crop like rye and vetch. Next spring, just cut the rye / vetch and plant.

### At the table

Now that homegrown tomatoes and peppers are coming in, try roasting them on the grill. Grilling is a great way to give tomatoes an intense, smoky-fresh flavor. It's also a perfect way to get the skins off for canning or salsa.

Getting the skins off by roasting is no more difficult than blanching them in water, and is actually faster, because you can fit so many more on the grill than in the pot. Best of all, this adds flavor instead of diluting it, and subtracts water instead of making them soggy.

Five minutes on the grill and the skins start to curl and pop off, and they're ready to eat as a side dish, a glorious pasta sauce, or to chop into salsa. To learn more about grilling tomatoes, peppers and other veggies, check out the "garden how-to" heading on the Bountiful Gardens website: [www.bountifulgardens.org/articles/13](http://www.bountifulgardens.org/articles/13).

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Counterclockwise from top right: The possibilities with root crops like carrots are wider and wilder than you might think. All the colors of carrot are easily grown from seed now. This spectacular plate is easy to grow. Chioggia beets have eye-catching red-and-white stripes, and can be planted now for fall eating. Zucchini like a mid-season boost from compost or earthworm castings. Radicchio is a beautiful and cold-hardy alternative to lettuce for winter salads. A fall crop of peas will appreciate some shade while temperatures are still hot. Asian greens can be directly sown now in the shade of larger plants like tomatoes or corn.



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point to the commercial facility, an accessible route to the commercial facility, and the commercial facility needs to have both an accessible toilet or water closet, and an accessible wash basin or sink.

Oliphant told supervisors that language stating these requirements could be found in Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act and in the 2016 version of the California Building Code, Chapter 11-B.

"In California, we enforce California state law," Oliphant said. "I'm merely coming from the standpoint of the California state law, from the California Building Code. This is what Sonoma County and Humboldt County are doing as well."

Supervisor John McCowen asked Oliphant if he was certain. "Is it accurate to say that, irrespective of California state law, the ADA itself would identify these structures as commercial buildings, and that, if they are commercial buildings, even though there are no public or employees present, they must meet accessibility standards for the parking, the walkways, and the bathrooms – that would be called out by the ADA?"

Oliphant said he had spoken with the [federal] Department of Justice on that point, and that is their interpretation. "We called the Department of Justice and got their interpretation, and we recorded the conversation, and we have that from the Department of Justice," Oliphant said.

Oliphant said that a clarification was in order. "I need to clarify. If you have a greenhouse and it's a sole proprietor, you would not need restroom facilities, merely a site arrival point and an accessible path. That's it."

Contacted later by Willits Weekly, Oliphant clarified that sole proprietor – as he used the term – meant a business owner who doesn't have any employees, not the common definition of "an unincorporated business owned by one person." Asked if family members working at the cannabis facility would mean it had to have an ADA bathroom, Oliphant said that depends on how the applicant fills out the building permit.

"It's on the owner," he said. "It depends on what he puts down on the building permit application.... If he's a sole proprietor and doesn't have employees, our interpretation is, he doesn't have to have a bathroom in there."

"These are access issues that are brought up by the State of California for any commercial structure," Oliphant continued. "The definition of commercial is a facility whose operation will affect commerce and is intended to non-residential use for a private entity. Commercial facilities must be accessible. It appears greenhouses and drying sheds are commercial, therefore they must be accessible."

Oliphant was asked if Mendocino County's Class K building code provisions could be applied to greenhouses and drying sheds used in the county's cannabis industry. He explained that Class K could not be used, because Class K only applies to residential uses, not to commercial uses. McCowen asked if the county's Class K provisions could be revised to include commercial. Oliphant replied it could not be done.

"You cannot revise Class K to reflect commercial use," Oliphant said. "That's from Title 25 in state law."

After Oliphant laid out the situation, Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey asked for a final clarification. "You are certain that all of the requirements – I just want to have it clear – they are all state requirements at this level, and there's not a lot of flexibility that we have in changing any of those. Is that a correct statement?"

Oliphant said Croskey's statement was correct.

First District Supervisor Carre Brown asked Oliphant: "I did hear that handicapped port-a-potties would be acceptable?" He replied: "I said that disabled access port-a-potties are available, but we'd need to consult with the environmental health department on if they would allow that, because there may be something in their regulations that requires septic systems for bathrooms."

"Well, for most of agriculture I'm aware of, port-a-potties are the norm," Brown commented. "But that's for open agriculture, not agriculture that supports structures," Oliphant replied.

"I was thinking packing houses, sorting houses, and I'm sure they all have [port-a-potties]," Brown responded, "because it's seasonal."

Oliphant did not respond to that last statement by Brown.

Newly appointed Department of Environmental Health Director Trey Strickland then came to the podium to comment on the port-a-potty issue. "I know it's a conversation we're having," he said, "and we want to be flexible. I believe there are some instances when an on-site system is required, but I think when it comes to the ADA port-a-potties, I think we do have some flexibility. [Former director] Dave Jensen had started writing guidelines for toilet facilities for commercial greenhouses, so that's certainly something that's still on the table. I just need to consult with staff and learn more about it myself to give you a final determination, but certainly it's not being ruled out."

Supervisors will continue to discuss ways the medical cannabis cultivation ordinance may be amended at the board's August 8 meeting.

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He said staff is "currently amending the ordinance per council direction as well as completing required CEQA [California Environmental Quality Act] environmental review."

He noted some alterations to the draft ordinance have been made based on suggestions from a lengthy discussion on the topic at a June 28 council meeting, but didn't specify what the changes were.

As presented at the previous meeting, the ordinance would allow five different types of cannabis business permits including indoor cultivation of up to 22,000 square feet and up to three dispensaries in town. It also contains numerous regulations and restrictions, including odor control, zoning allowances, and buffer zones between businesses and sensitive locations such as school and parks.

Duley estimated that processing of each cannabis application will take about two to three weeks.

"The applicant's ability to submit a complete application that shows project consistency with all applicable standards in the ordinance will be the key to prompt processing of any cannabis application," Duley said in his memo.

When asked by Councilman Ron Orenstein if he had been having conversations with potential applicants, Duley replied: "Every day.... We're keeping them knowledgeable of the current draft ordinance and any potential changes."

He said he has already been corresponding with several interested potential applicants.

"We still need to continue preparing applications, look to educate applicants, and educate our own staff as to what their expected role is in processing these applications," said Duley.

### Trailer parks

Also at the meeting, Mayor Gerry Gonzalez reviewed a memorandum he had sent to councilmembers and staff with a summary of the issues regarding the Wagon Wheel and Valley Oaks trailer parks, where tenants have been having troubles with new owners and property managers in recent weeks.

Since the new owners took over, many tenants have complained about scheduled rent increases and receiving threatening letters with often vague or confusing demands about cleaning up their properties or facing possible eviction within a matter of weeks.

Gonzalez said the properties were recently bought by a group of investors and are being managed by BoaVida Communities, LLC, out of Sacramento and Southern California.

Gonzalez met with new property management company representative Abe Arrigotti on July 26. The mayor described Arrigotti as "pleasant" and said he claimed to be flexible concerning tenant issues.

"[He] wanted to let me know they were long-term investors in both parks," said Gonzalez in the memo, "and their business model was not to evict any tenants, [but rather] to work with them to correct any park violations and generally clean up the state of the properties."

"Arrigotti explained they are in fact interested in working with tenants and are providing reasonable extensions on notices to cleanup, fix or remove items on the various properties."

At the meeting, Arrigotti showed Gonzalez several sample letters where tenants had asked for extensions on cleanup requests that the company granted.

Gonzalez told Arrigotti many of the tenants were seniors on low fixed incomes and worried about the rent increases. Arrigotti replied the company was planning to raise rents, but offered a rental assistance program based on income, adding he would forward Gonzalez and others more information concerning the program.

Arrigotti said his company had no plans on "pricing the current tenants out of the park," or to eventually close down the parks, as has been rumored, and BoaVida Communities "plans to operate both parks for a long time."

Near the close of his meeting with the mayor, Arrigotti indicated he would reach out to Priscilla Tarver, a social worker for the Senior Center who has been helping tenants with their rental issues, and to Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey, and would "stay in touch and work with the city as they strive to make the park a safe place for their tenants."

Gonzalez also informed the council of a meeting he and City Building Official John Sherman attended on July 12 at the Senior Center with about 65 tenants from the two trailer parks, who voiced their concerns. Gonzalez informed the tenants that only the state has regulatory authority over mobile home parks, and there's not much the city or county could do from a legal standpoint; tenants would need to use state channels if they wished to issue formal complaints.

When asked about a possible city rent control ordinance, Gonzales told those in attendance the entire city council would need to discuss it and consider such a measure's possible impact on potential housing investors in the community.

## Willits man held for child neglect, drugs

A 27-year-old Willits transient was arrested last Thursday after sheriff's deputies discovered his 2-year-old son tied to a tree branch wearing nothing but a diaper at an illegal campsite.

Deputies went to the site in the 900 block of Highway 20 at about 3:20 pm after receiving a complaint from the 57-year-old woman who owned the property, said sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer.

"This situation had been reported to the Sheriff's Office multiple times and was currently under investigation when deputies were dispatched to the property," Cromer noted.

The camper, Jeffery Wilson, had been warned to clean up and vacate the area on two other occasions, he added.

When deputies arrived, they found Wilson's young son tied to a tree branch in the encampment. "The rope was tied around the child's wrist and secured to a tree branch," Cromer said.

Deputies also discovered the little boy lacked food and water, was only clothed in a diaper, and "was exposed to numerous hazards within the encampment."

Deputies found several weapons and other dangerous items within the reach of the child, and arrested Wilson on suspicion of felony child neglect.

"Wilson was also found to be in possession of a controlled substance," Cromer said.

During the investigation, the property owner placed Wilson under citizen's arrest for trespassing.

Numerous animals in the encampment were taken into care by county Animal Control officers; Child Protective Services took custody of the child.

Wilson was taken to county jail. Bail was set at \$25,000.

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

## Willits man held for car theft

Two Willits residents and a Ukiah woman were arrested July 21 after a traffic stop revealed the car in which they were riding had been reported stolen from a 60-year-old Lake County man.

The drama began at about 7:45 pm when a sheriff's deputy on routine patrol "observed a sedan traveling near Sherwood Hill Drive and noticed multiple vehicle infractions being committed," said sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer.

The deputy pulled the car over at Sherwood Hill Drive and Pomo Court and ordered the driver, 21-year-old Brandon Lawson, out of the vehicle. "The license plates on the sedan did not match the vehicle stopped by the deputy," Cromer said.

Additional deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, along with officers from the Willits Police Department and California Highway Patrol, arrived to assist in the investigation.

After providing the vehicle identification number to the sheriff's dispatch center, deputies learned the car had been reported as stolen from Lucerne in Lake County.

"Lawson and the other occupants in the vehicle [19-year-old Kylee Wood of Willits and 29-year-old

Heather Schmidt of Ukiah] were detained at that time," Cromer said.

During a search of the vehicle, deputies located numerous "shaved" and blank ignition keys inside the passenger compartment, Cromer noted. "Deputies knew these items to be common tools used to commit vehicle thefts, [and] the keys were secured as evidence."

Deputies also discovered methamphetamine while being on summary probation.

He was arrested on suspicion of vehicle theft, possession of a shaved vehicle key, possession of a controlled substance, and violating the terms of his probation.

The other passengers in the vehicle were also questioned, and deputies ultimately arrested Schmidt for both felony and misdemeanor arrests warrants.

Wood was cited and released on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance and possessing drug paraphernalia. Lawson and Schmidt were taken to county jail. Bail was set at \$15,000.

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

## Colorado man dies in 101 crash

A 61-year-old Colorado Springs man died Wednesday when his 2006 Subaru left Highway 101 and struck a tree on Highway 101 near Spyrock Road.

The name of the victim is being withheld pending notification of his next of kin, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The accident occurred just before noon when the southbound car left the west edge of Highway 101 just north of Spyrock Road, plunged down an embankment and struck a large tree, state traffic officers say.

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A third ordinance objective is to "encourage locally owned businesses, and support the creation of economic opportunity, places and facilities that support a sense of community, as well as promoting economic opportunities that support infill development and improve the aesthetic character of core downtown community areas."

The community character combining district ordinance emerged as a result of the Dollar General controversy that overtook the community of Redwood Valley and the board of supervisors in 2014 and 2015. Dollar General applied for a building permit in late 2014, and, after considerable opposition from Redwood Valley residents, the variety store chain was granted a permit in June 2015.

In September 2015, supervisors passed an urgency ordinance imposing a moratorium on county approval of new formula businesses within unincorporated parts of the

The Subaru came to rest on its left side, with its right side against a tree.

The driver was pronounced dead at the scene by Laytonville Volunteer Fire Department emergency medical personnel.

CalFire also responded to the accident, which reduced traffic along Highway 101 to a single lane while the vehicle was being recovered, the CHP said.

*This report was based on a press release from the California Highway Patrol, Garberville office.*

county, except for the commercial strip along North State Street in Ukiah. The urgency ordinance was renewed in November 2015 and again in August 2016.

In March of 2017, Interim Director of Planning and Building Services Nash Gonzalez presented a draft community character combining district ordinance for supervisors' review. They sent the ordinance back for more revision, and the result came before the board on Tuesday.

Board chambers were mostly empty when Chairman John McCowen asked for public comment on the measure. No one addressed the board on the issue.

McCowen thanked county staff for doing excellent work on the issue. "Staff has done an excellent job on putting this together and crafting the findings. I think that may be one reason why we don't have a room full of people here. Whether they agree with it or not, I think they understand it."

# Sandra Sanders

Sandra Bantz Sanders of Laytonville passed away July 25, 2017 at the age of 82. She was born June 10, 1935 to August and Annabelle "Hoffman" Stoecker in Chicago. She became the beloved bride of Lee Boyce Sanders, Jr. on July 9, 1988 in South Lake Tahoe.

Sandra's love of life and gifted sense of humor made her a delightfully joyful homemaker and a loving wife of 29 years. Always happy to see her grandchildren, she looked forward to visits from all her family. Committed to her community, she was a charter member – 41 years – of the Laytonville Lioness Club, serving twice as president, and happily donated her time, talents, and energy to numerous local organizations.

In addition to immensely enjoying her family, Sandra enjoyed singing, photography, and time with old friends and making new ones.

She is survived by her loving husband, Lee; children: Wade (Susan) Bantz, Cathy (Mark) Plastino, Curt Bantz, Boyce (Teresa Lewis) Sanders, and Calvin (Melissa) Sanders; grandchildren: Joshua, Jason, Victoria and Megan Bantz; Matthew and Michael Plastino; Candice Bantz; Christopher Johnson, Courtney Perez, Caleb and Logan Sanders; and Ashley Watier and Candace Sanchez; and sister, Kathy Baker, and niece, Karen Marie.

Sandra will also be missed by many dear friends. Those wishing to do so may make a contribution in the name of Sandra Bantz Sanders to the Laytonville Lioness Club. A joyful gathering of family and friends will be held at a later date.

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



# Eileen Peters

Eileen Anderson Peters, a Willits resident from 1947 until 2012, passed away on July 7, 2017, at the age of 90 in Hughson, California. She was born on September 7, 1926, in Ukiah to Fred and Annie Anderson. She graduated from Ukiah High School in 1944 and married Harry Peters, also from Ukiah, in 1947. They moved to Willits the same year and were active in the local logging industry. They later became partners in Woodruff Chevrolet and Blaze Chevrolet.

Eileen was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking, sewing, golf, traveling and watching baseball. She was an avid Giants fan and enjoyed watching them play baseball in San Francisco and spring training in Arizona.

Eileen and Harry lived at the base of Pine Mountain subdivision until Harry's passing in 2006. Eileen moved to the Haehl Creek subdivision in 2008 and enjoyed living there very much. She relocated to Samaritan Village in Hughson in 2012.

She is survived by her brother David Anderson of Ukiah and his wife, Verle; son Tom and wife, Sandy, of Willits; daughter Dale and husband, Scott Belyea, of Turlock; grandchildren Andrea Rawlins, Geoff Belyea, Steven and Tim Peters; and five great-grandchildren: Elena, Kamea, Evelyn, Grayson and Mackinnon.

A celebration of Eileen's life was held at a Peters family reunion in Mt. Shasta on July 22, and one is also scheduled at Samaritan Village in Hughson on Wednesday, August 16 at 2 pm. Memorial contributions can be made to Community Hospice, 4368 Spyles Way, Modesto, CA 95356 or to a charity of your choice.



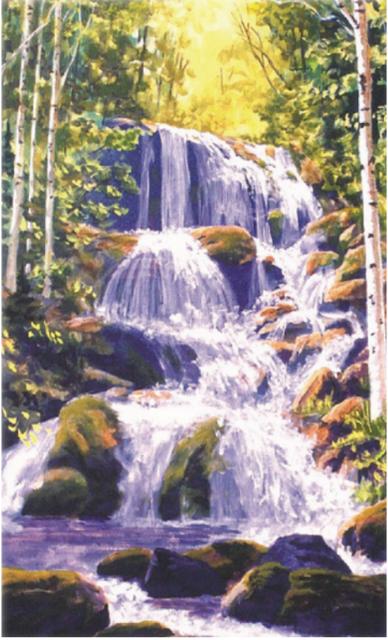
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