

A Nostalgic & Modern Record of Community and Life in Willits
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Superintendent Mark Westerberg informed the school board at an August 2 meeting that the district was fully staffed, the high school pool was now functioning well after having “a ton of things” replaced, and work on areas in the front of the high school he described as “disaster areas right now” should be completed by August 21, when school starts again.

Three candidates for the position – Colvig, Frederick Branson, and Paula Nunez – were questioned by trustees for about two hours on a wide range of issues touching on experience, opinions, community involvement and priorities.

Colvig was sworn in as a new trustee at the end of the

Brooktrails opposes new state water bill

Brooktrails directors approved sending a letter to the chairman of the California Assembly's Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials opposing Senate Bill 623, which would create a Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.

The measure also would provide those districts with the opportunity to obtain grant or loan funding if their residents' median income is at or below 80 percent of the state's median household income, and their drinking water has tested positive for one of more contaminants.

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Above, from left: Cherry tomatoes are still working on changing color. This honeybee looks for the perfect flower to collect his pollen. The spaghetti squash are growing rapidly this year. Below: The honeybee collects pollen from one of the giant sunflowers.



*Photos by
Maureen Moore*

Blooms from 1,000 Sunflowers project
add cheer to gardens around Willits

Local businesses and community members were encouraged to pick up the free starts from the Willits Farmers Market earlier this summer as a part of the 1,000 Sunflowers project sponsored by the Willits Hub and WELL (Willits Economic Localization).

Did you take sunflower starts home and plant them? Do you have other great garden results in this first summer after the drought? Willits Weekly wants to see your blooms (or veggies!) Send in photos to willitsweekly@gmail.com for inclusion in an upcoming edition of WW!

— *Maureen Moore*



At left: One of the beautiful blooming sunflowers. Below: The purple basil is going to seed, but still provides enjoyment for the bees.



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A few of the changes addressed the administrative bottleneck that has slowed the rate of permit issuance to a glacial pace, but it is not clear if the proposed changes will do much to clear the bottleneck. However, other changes recommended by CEO Carmel Angelo may help significantly to speed up the time it takes for the county to process applications.

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In practice, this means the department has been telling growers they are required to install ADA-compliant access points (e.g. paved parking spaces), grade or gently slope routes to buildings associated with cannabis cultivation, such as greenhouses and drying and processing sheds. And the department has insisted ADA-compliant bathrooms must be installed in these buildings.

Over time, the department has softened its posi-

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

A Garden Party

To the Editor:

I used to think this was the best definition ever written about gardeners: "In spring, they smell like dirt." After visiting Phil and Kathy Shuster's garden, I now think it would be: "She went to France and came home with seeds."

I hope you have purchased your tickets for this year's Garden Party so that you can see for yourself the small area Kathy has planted with those treasured seeds she acquired from Monet's Garden in Giverny, France. It's lovely.

If you have not purchased tickets, be sure to do so soon! "A Garden Party" is Saturday, August 26 at Shuster's garden, 1660 Center Valley Road. Co-sponsored by Willits Educational Foundation and Willits Rotary Club, for information and tickets, contact Kathy Shuster 459-2659, John Cross 485-2274, or Warren Lewis 459-4429. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are also available at Cat's Meow, Willits Furniture, or Mazahar. Only drink and raffle tickets will be sold at the gate.

"The Basics" are back providing great music, the sound of which only a live band can produce. There will be some fabulous finds in both the silent and live auctions, where the bidding in both becomes quite animated as the excitement mounts. Or, maybe you prefer the excitement of hearing your raffle ticket number called for the raffle item that caught your eye. This year you will be able to select specific raffle items you would like to win!

While planning and organizing has taken months of hard work from chairpersons John Cross, Jennifer Drew and Windi Kvasnicka, the event itself is just four hours, 4 to 8 pm. All proceeds benefit art, music and libraries for schools within the Willits Unified School District. Please join us. The garden alone is worth the price of admission.

Gail Richards,
for the Willits Educational Foundation

Thank you for community involvement

To the Editor:

Seems like anymore a simple "Thank you" or a "Job well done" are things of the past. Many of our neighbors deserve some kind of praise for helping keep our community nice.

Some are just people keeping their streets tidy, pulling weeds out of the sidewalk, or picking up litter while walking their dog, business owners sweeping their storefronts, etc.

I would like to thank "Jeremy" from Solid Waste who goes beyond just dumping trash, by picking up around the containers around town. This young man shows what pride in the community is all about. He sets an example of what Willits is all about.

Glen Hansard, Willits

Newest mental health initiative

To the Editor:

On July 18, the board of supervisors unanimously approved placing a "new and improved" measure on the November 7 ballot that would impose a sales tax to fund mental health facilities. This is reported to be an improved version of the ballot measure that was narrowly defeated in the November 2016 election.

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According to the newspaper articles, the improvements include the addition of a one-eighth-cent sales tax in perpetuity that is expected to raise an additional \$1.7 million annually to fund operating expenses. Another improvement is the creation of an 11-member citizens oversight committee to provide recommendations to the board of supervisors on implementation of the measure. Of course, the heart of the measure is the one-half-cent sales tax that will be in effect for five years, and is expected to raise between \$30 and \$40 million dollars at the end of the five-year period.

By now, some will begin to suspect that this letter is going to be critical of the ballot measure, but you couldn't be more mistaken! In fact, I absolutely support the creation of mental health facilities in Mendocino County. I won't go into detail about why I feel this way—Sheriff Tom Allman is doing a fine job explaining the need—but I do have reservations and concerns about how the measure is structured.

As many of you know, I have been a Willits City Council member for more than 10 years, and during my tenure, I have been involved in many projects that required the expenditure of millions of dollars of taxpayer money. Prior to that, in another life, I spent over 20 years in the private sector as a project manager, creating and implementing projects that were also costly, and anyone who has been in either of those positions understands that a project, such as a multi-million-dollar mental health facility, requires that a process is followed, to assure success.

Simply stated, the measure is asking the voters to tax themselves to raise tens of millions of dollars with the promise that something will be done with the money at a future date. Again, this is not a matter of not trusting the people who are watching it to do the right thing. It's simply a reality that even the best-made plans can fail. Many of us have vivid memories of the effort to build a new hospital in Willits. When the project began, there were clear goals and preliminary plans in place: the location was established, there were conceptual drawings of the new facility, and a working budget was established. There was a plan in place to raise the "seed money" that would then be leveraged into a loan that would cover the construction cost. But the cost of building the new hospital increased faster than the amount of money that was raised, and fortunately, Adventist Health System was willing to front the money to build the new hospital. Because the construction contract wasn't locked in, it grew faster than the fundraising efforts did.

To my knowledge, no conceptual or building plans for mental health facilities have been created; the public has not been made aware of potential sites that have been identified and vetted to determine if they are suitable or even available for the facility; and I don't believe a budget to build the facility exists; except the amount of money that is expected to accumulate over the five-year period. The public has seen no clear statement that the projected revenue raised will even cover the cost of building the new facility, and of course, there isn't a construction contract with a guaranteed price. What happens if the money raised falls short of what's required? There is no statement about when, how and who will make these decisions, leading me to assume that nothing will occur until the five-year sales tax sunsets and the money available is counted, before the project can begin.

It has been stated repeatedly that our county has an immediate need to resolve the mental health crisis, but the ballot measure makes it look like there will be no action for five or more years! Because of this, I believe that the ballot initiative needs more work in order to be something that the voters can get behind and feel confident that the goal can be achieved and the tax revenue will not be wasted or disappear into the Mendocino County General Fund. But because of the short timeline that existed to get the measure on the November ballot, there was no time to do what needed to be done.

It's not too late to fix the problem, however. The language

of the ballot measure cannot be changed, but during the next three months prior to the November election, work can be done that would define the project and inform the public before they vote on it. Here's what I suggest must be done:

1. Identify the potential sites for the facility. Determine if the sites are suitable for this use, if they are available, and what would be the approximate cost to acquire the properties. The candidates would include existing buildings as well as empty lots.
2. Create a preliminary design for the facility. It doesn't need to be precise; a conceptual design would work.
3. Develop a construction budget, or a renovation budget if it's an existing building. This wouldn't be precise either, but experienced builders use standard costs per square foot to construct or renovate certain types of buildings, and an "order of magnitude" budget could be developed.

Let's be clear: the work that has been done so far—to raise awareness and enthusiasm for the project—has been outstanding, but having been down this road many times, I really hate it when a good idea fails because it hasn't been sufficiently planned. Project glitches abound, and good intentions are never enough to ensure success!

I urge the board of supervisors and Sheriff Allman to get the process started now, to answer and clarify the many questions that exist, so the voters will have a clear idea of what is intended, before the voting begins.

Ron Orenstein, Willits

Brown Bag Lunch Program

To the Editor:

It was just over 14 years ago, in June of 2002, that the Brown Bag Lunch Program began. This has been quite a success story for our community. Cooperative organizations or affiliations agreed to provide free brown bag lunches every Saturday for hungry people in Willits.

The location of this free food distribution program is on the south side of City Park; during rain or windy weather it is under the eaves of City Hall, directly across the street. This Brown Bag Lunch Program takes place at that location at 1 pm, until the food is gone, every Saturday.

The average number of lunches provided has been over 30 per Saturday. This is a very important part of our community's emergency food programs.

This loose association of organizations and people now meet as a group about two to three times a year to determine the ongoing schedules for providing the Brown Bag Lunch Program.

These are the current organizations/affiliations: Amazing Grace Church of God, Brooktrails Women's Club, Community Crossroads, Emandal Chorale, Episcopal Church, Little Lake Health Center, Willits Rotary Club, Seventh-day Adventist Church, Shiloh Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, United Methodist Church and the Willits Kids Club.

Also, a big thank you to everyone who has shared or will share their garden produce with the Food Bank this season. These donations of fresh vegetables and fruits help us provide a variety of nutritious foods to people all summer long. This is a great supplement to what the Food Bank can provide.

Thank you for sharing your wonderful harvest!

To donate produce, food or cash to Willits Community Services, visit during office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 12 to 5 pm, 229 East San Francisco Avenue, or send a check to that address, or call 459-3333.

Jim Marill, director,
Willits Community Services

Above, from left: The Grand Champion hog was raised by Garrett Dailey of Potter Valley FFA who stands with his buyer from Thurston Auto Plaza. The Grand Champion turkey was raised by Isaac Arnold of Fort Bragg FFA who stands with his buyers from the Savings Bank of Mendocino County. The Grand Champion steer was raised by Kaylee Mills of Potter Valley 4-H who stands with her buyer from Thurston Auto Plaza. The Grand Champion goat was raised by Morgan Riley of Willits FFA who stands with her buyers from Mendocino Roofing. The Grand Champion poultry pen was raised by Hugo Chavez of Anderson Valley FFA who stands with his buyer from Rescue Solutions. The Grand Champion rabbit meat pen was raised by Quinton Powis from Potter Valley 4-H who stands with his buyer from Geiger's Long Valley Market. The Grand Champion lamb was raised by Chancelyn Johnson of Potter Valley 4-H who stands with her buyers from Mendo Mill. Below: The auction room was full of bidders as Bailey Ferguson of Willits FFA shows her goat in the ring.

Going, going, gone!

Annual Junior Livestock Auction at Redwood Empire Fair raises \$777,023.50 from 241 lots during Saturday event

It was another excellent year for the 4-H and FFA youth exhibitors who came to show their home-raised livestock projects during the Redwood Empire Fair—the crowning jewel being the Saturday finale when market animals were offered up for sale at the Junior Livestock Auction. Community members and businesses from across the county came out in droves to support the youth efforts and helped earn a collective \$777,023.50 for this year's auction.

This beats the 2016 Junior Livestock Auction total of \$725,308.05 raised, earning over \$50,000 more for the exhibitors—even with 31 fewer lots included in the auction this year.

The Supreme Grand Champion Market Goat was won by Morgan Riley of Willits FFA, who received \$25 per pound from Mendocino Roofing for her 87-pound market goat. Chase Tonne of Long Valley 4-H received \$20 per pound from Redwood Ford for his 68-pound Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat. Cassidy Doak of Willits FFA received \$7.50 per pound from Duran Construction for her 1,223-pound Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer.

Nora Martin of Willits 4-H received \$1,300 from Anker-Lucier Mortuary for her Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen. Sophia Scott of Willits 4-H received \$1,100 from Taco Bell for her Reserve Grand Champion Market Turkey. Keely Ahders of Willits 4-H received \$500 from Mendo Mill & Lumber for her Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen. Bailey Ferguson of Willits FFA received \$16 per pound from American Ag Credit for her 68-pound Reserve Champion Meat Goat.

Jalayne Franco of Round Valley 4-H received \$5 per pound from Weathertop Nursery for her 1,363-pound Reserve Champion Market Steer. Grace Aguilar of Willits 4-H received \$16 per pound from Ron's Quality Construction for her 135-pound Reserve Champion Market Lamb. Tate Campbell of Long Valley 4-H received \$9 per pound from Ukiah Brewing Co. for his 95-pound Reserve Champion Market Goat.

Claire Case-Brackett of Willits FFA received \$5.50 per pound from Sparetime Supply for her 1,213-pound Reserve Champion Market Steer. Jay Griggs of Willits 4-H received \$23 per pound from Sparetime Supply for his 266-pound Reserve Champion Market Hog. Catherine Spackman of Willits 4-H received \$13 per pound from Mendocino Construction for her 86-pound market goat. Caleb Lovell-Yoder of Willits 4-H received \$8 per pound from Floodgate H2O for his 258-pound Reserve Champion Duroc Hog.

Sakari Whipple of Round Valley 4-H received \$10 per pound from Johnny D Trucking for her 222-pound market Duroc hog. Clayton Cooley of Willits 4-H received \$18 per pound from Geiger's Long Valley Market for his 277-pound market hog. Kristen Britton of Round Valley 4-H received \$7 per pound from Acme Rigging for her 1,204-pound market steer. Sierra Skinner of Willits FFA received \$5.50 per pound from Redwood Empire Title Company for her 1,021-pound market steer.

Species averages were high, too: 38 steer lots sold for an average of \$6.14 per pound; 34 lamb lots sold for an average of \$16.08 per pound; 115 hog lots sold for an average of \$12.39 per pound; 34 goat lots sold for an average of \$14.18 per pound; eight poultry pens sold for an average of \$1,204.17 per pound; four turkey lots sold for an average of \$1,118.75 per pound; and eight rabbit pens sold for an average of \$887.50 per pound.

Below is a list of the Willits, Laytonville and Covelo exhibitors and their earnings this year. Congratulations to all the showmen, and a big thank you to all of the buyers who support the Junior Livestock Auction.

—Maureen Moore

Sheridan Wood of Willits 4-H received \$9 per pound from Family Tree Service for her 236-pound market Duroc hog. William England IV of Willits 4-H received \$12 per pound from Northern Aggregates for his 223-pound market hog. Walker Klee of Willits 4-H received \$15 per pound from Realty World for his 232-pound market AOB hog. Anthony Freeman of Round Valley 4-H received \$10 per pound from Round Valley Indian Housing Authority for his 233-pound market Duroc hog.

Dylan Guerra of Round Valley 4-H received \$7 per pound from Noyo Trawlers Association for his 1,192-pound market steer. Lucas Branscomb of Willits FFA received \$12 per pound from Les Schwab Tire Center of Willits for his 235-pound market hog. Cole Moyle of Willits 4-H received \$10 per pound from Crop Production Services for his 238-pound market hog. Gracie Bauer of Covelo FFA received \$4 per pound from Round Valley Indian Tribes Senior Center for her 1,210-pound market steer.

Mariah Ochoa of Willits 4-H received \$12.50 per pound from Peterson Tractor of Willits for her 71-pound market goat. Jared Williams of Round Valley 4-H received \$4.50 per pound from M&M Feed for his 1,225-pound market steer. Collin Spackman of Willits 4-H received \$18 per pound from Nor-Cal Recycled Rock & Aggregates for his 250-pound market hog. David Mann of Willits FFA received \$11 per pound from William Longier for his 254-pound market hog.

Callie Brown of Willits FFA received \$7 per pound from Nor-Cal Recycled Rock & Aggregates for her 1,109-pound market steer. Robert Whipple Jr. of Round Valley 4-H received \$10 per pound from Round Valley Indian Health Center for his 254-pound market hog. Ryan LaCount of Willits FFA received \$15 per pound from Gravier's Chevron Laytonville for his 76-pound market goat. Ian Seymour of Willits FFA received \$5 per pound from Willits Redwood Company for his 1,454-pound market steer. Cruz Erickson of Willits 4-H received \$11 per pound from Yokum's Body Shop for his 268-pound market hog.

Haley Whitcomb of Long Valley 4-H received \$6.50 per pound from Noyo Trawlers Association for her 1,311-pound market steer. Hazel Bowes of Round Valley 4-H received \$11 per

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At right, from top: Willits 4-H's Nora Martin holds her Reserve Grand Champion poultry pen and smiles for the camera just before the bidding started. Grace Aguilar from the Willits 4-H waves to the crowd as they bid on her 4-H Reserve Champion market lamb. Willits 4-H's Sophia Scott brings her Reserve Grand Champion turkey into the ring. Willits FFA's Jaden Doak laughs with the auctioneer as she leads in her Reserve Grand Champion steer. Willits 4-H's Keely Ahders holds one of her trio of Reserve Grand Champion rabbit pen bunnies.

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Trustee Alex Bowlds swears in
new Trustee Robert Colvig.

meeting; his term will end December 2018.

In his answers to board questions, Colvig described a life spent mostly in Willits and mostly involved in education. He graduated from Willits High School and worked in the district for more than 30 years in many capacities, including teacher, coach, administrator and counselor.

Colvig has a bachelor's degree in business administration, a secondary teaching credential, master's degrees in both public administration and counseling psychology, a counseling credential, and a doctorate in organizational leadership.

Since retiring from the district in 2010, he has worked with the UC Berkeley admissions office and started a business successfully helping mostly low-income students apply for colleges and scholarships.

He wants to see "happy healthy students that want to come to school" and plans on doing "a lot of listening as a new board member" when it comes to working relationships with the superintendent and employee organizations.

In other business, the board was asked to approve two "provisional internship permits" and two "variable-term waivers" so that four individuals without the required credentials could be hired for teaching and administrative positions while they worked to attain the credential.

There was some board discord on this issue, with Trustee Laurie Harris voting "no" on each request.

Harris expressed disappointment with "the way the process is to make administrative changes," saying she had spent "the last three years attending every single job interview we have had" and hadn't been informed of these interviews.

"When we staff our schools with administrators that don't have credentials, that haven't been able to get the credentials, what are we saying to our community?" she asked. "That we do not value our students enough to have qualified personnel doing their jobs?"

Board President Christopher Neary responded that the board "really needs to stay out of personnel issues. It's really the

province of the superintendent, and I think it's counterproductive for the board to be involved in personnel issues.

"The superintendent has to implement a plan ... with the appointees of their choosing and you can't have too many cooks in the kitchen. Our role is to adopt the budget, adopt policy, and appoint administrators."

Trustee Alex Bowlds agreed with Neary, adding he was "a firm believer that our superintendent needs to choose his team to be successful."

Trustee Cynthia Carni said she didn't "see it as lowering the bar" but as "meeting the standards by bringing people up to what our expectations are."

One of the provisional permits approved by the board was for a social studies teacher who will teach a class focused on current events for incoming freshmen at the high school.

"We really struggle with freshmen," Westenberg told trustees, "and every piece of data tells us that a student who comes in as a freshman and is unsuccessful in the fall, they become a high potential for dropout or alternative education. We're trying to stem that by focusing a teacher on that group."

He noted there were 84 students in the last graduating class at Willits High School; when the class came in as freshmen, there were 109 students.

The board also heard a presentation from Special Ed Director Kelley Labus regarding the number of district students who are homeless, in foster care, in group homes, or under the care of social services.

Labus made the experience of being one of these students personal for those attending the board meeting by telling three volunteers to "put all your stuff in a trash bag" and then having them periodically change where they were sitting during the course of her presentation.

She said 7.5 percent of district students are in foster care or homeless, and noted the county is "really looking for foster parents." Anyone interested, she said, should contact Redwood Children's Services, Tapestry Family Services, or TLC Child and Family Services.

Willits man arrested for child pornography

Steven Vincent Hoag, 58, of Willits was arrested Tuesday by Willits Police Department officers on felony child pornography charges.

According to a press release from the Ukiah Police Department, in January and February of 2017, UPD received information that images had been uploaded to the internet from a specific address in Willits. UPD detectives obtained a search warrant for the Coast Street residence. UPD, with the assistance of the Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Task Force, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, and WPD served the search warrant on the 400 block of Coast Street in February of 2017.

Evidence, including multiple computers, was seized at the residence. The Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Task Force forensically analyzed the computers and located more contraband (pornographic images). UPD submitted a report to the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office in May of 2017. The DA's office issued a warrant for Stephen Vincent Hoag's arrest on suspicion of 311.11(a) PC, possession or control of child pornography, and 311.2(C) PC, production, distribution, or exhibition of obscene matter.

On August 8, 2017, WPD located and arrested Hoag for his warrant, and Hoag was transported to the Mendocino County Jail, where he is being held on \$50,000 bail.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact the Ukiah Police Department at 707-463-6262.

This report was based on a press release from the Ukiah Police Department.



Caltrans seeks public input on Senate Bill 1 Planning Grants Guides

SACRAMENTO – Caltrans is on a fast track to launch new grant funding from Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, releasing for public review and comment on August 3 the final drafts of the SB 1 Sustainable Communities and Adaptation Planning Grant guides. SB 1 will provide more than \$270 million in planning grants for local communities over the next decade.

"I encourage the public and our stakeholder partners to provide their feedback to help shape how these grants will be allocated to communities around the state," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "These grants will provide much needed funding to support the efforts by local and regional agencies to improve transportation in their communities."

These Grant Application Guides for the new SB 1 planning grant funds encompass the following:

Transportation Planning: Caltrans will provide \$25 million in annual grants for local and regional planning to support the goals and best practices cited by the California Transportation Commission in

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Soft Angel

Angel is the sweetest, most loveable little cat you can find. She is as soft as a cloud! Of course, you will have plenty of white hair lying around, but that is the best part. She needs to be mostly indoors, because white cats may get skin cancer when outdoors too much! Angel gets along great with everyone and loves to greet you when you come to see her.

For more information on Angel or other adoptable animals, call Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County at 485-0123, check www.mendocinohumanesociety.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.

Sleek Sasha

Beautiful Sasha is a 2-year-old spayed female who weighs 46 pounds. Her coat is like mink ... she's soft and sleek. Sasha gets to go home in the evening with her foster mom who works with her on training, and she gets to play with her new canine friends. Sasha is crate-trained and house-trained, has good indoor manners, and rides well in the car.

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.mendocinimalshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453. Please join us the second Saturday of every month at 9 am, coming up this week on August 12, for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk and help us get every dog out for some exercise!



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Ga'Ridge' sale weekend

Young Agrarians Club holds garage sale to benefit planned community center, care facility

There's something happening on the Ridge Summit, in the complex of buildings where the old Fiesta Mexicana restaurant and White Deer Lodge did business. If all goes according to plan, the complex at the summit will be transformed into a thriving community center for the "promotion of an agrarian lifestyle" as well as a live-in palliative care facility.

Palliative care is a new and growing field of "specialized medical care for people with serious illnesses," according to Lifescript.com. "This type of care is focused on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of a serious illness. The goal is to improve quality of life for both the patient and the family."

This section of the complex will be administered by a company from Humboldt called Resolution Care. They have formed a new entity, Mendocino Care Network, and will take up official residence beginning October 1, 2017. The in-house care facility will be created in the old White Deer Lodge.

The remainder of the property, which has been newly re-acquired by The Golden Rule Church (Christ's Church of the Golden Rule) will be administered by a recently formed group of Ridgewood Ranch residents called The Young Agrarian Club in order to "create a space where we can collectively empower, promote and sustain a new agrarian lifestyle, invested in resiliency and adaptability. We strive to be of service to our community, to support, to educate, and to make connections, providing healthy food, while bringing joy and energy to the work we do. Through this project we can create a hub that provides a living example of responsible food production, communal lifestyle, and a truly local economy. We are working together with the intention of strengthening our food systems – from the farmer to the consumer – bringing us a step closer to self-sufficiency," reads their manifesto.

It is with this goal in mind the group held their first event to raise awareness and seed money for the next, bigger event, with an eye to raising enough money ultimately to make their dream a reality. The garage sale (held at the abandoned garage and service station at the summit) brought in approximately \$1,500 from the sale of donated items as well as facilitating their desire to inform the public of their nascent plans.

The Young Agrarian Club is chaired by Renata Abbade,

a young mother who "is the only member who does not have a full-time job." She spoke with this reporter about the club's vision for a thriving multi-use, multi-purpose center that can benefit all persons of the Willits and Ukiah areas, being central to both. "We're looking to sell local produce to support the local farmers that are here," Abbade said. "There will be groceries and prepared foods. There will also be works of local artists. We are looking for artists to participate, arts and crafts; we're looking also for makers, woodworkers. Any of those people could talk to us. We have an email: youngagrariansclub@gmail.com.

"We want to turn this into a unique hub," Abbade continued. "For the locals we want it to be a community hub where people can come and hang out and have a coffee and learn things about our local farms. We want to supply stuff for the local farmers. There's going to be a tool library where people can take tools on loan that they can't afford to buy for their garden projects, or even home repairs. We want to do workshops to teach people skills doing simple things.

"Our main goal is to have a really resilient community."

The Young Agrarian Club's primary focus will be on transforming the old service station into the central hub of their vision and possibly utilizing the Fiesta Mexicana as a commercial kitchen, so they can sell prepared food. They see the facility additionally as a unique rest stop where travelers can obtain organic food, local art and electric vehicle recharging (currently in talks with Tesla).

"We want to create a space that is lively and always open. In Willits, we never know if any of the hangout places are going to be open. We want a place that's always there, that people can count on. A place where people can go and get eggs, coffee, books, seeds, potting soil. There's a huge list of ideas.

"We're doing a series of events of which this is the first. We want to do lunches and workshops because we want to get to learn who our customers are and what they need, also our vendors – there's a lot of people in Mendocino that don't have an outlet to sell their stuff. We want to supply that need of a constant point-of-sale for farmers and makers of Mendocino County."

It is an ambitious undertaking, but perhaps if the Young Agrarians can make their vision a reality, all of Mendocino and especially the Willits area, will benefit from the efforts of these bold dreamers. Stay tuned.

Above, left: Eva King of the Young Agrarians Club shows off some of the donated items for sale. Above: A new life is being planned for the buildings that once housed the Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant and the White Deer Lodge Motel.

Below: Rachel Britten, Penelope Anderson, Renata Abbade, chairperson of the Young Agrarians Club, and Lucy Kramer.

Above: Furniture at the garage sale.

Below: The future office of the Mendocino Care Network, palliative care providers, which is planned to open October 1.

Below: The old Fiesta Mexicana restaurant is part of the new project the Young Agrarian Club is planning for the Ridge Summit.

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Thursday, August 10

Farmers Market Cancelled: Willits Farmers Market is cancelled for Thursday, August 10, due to a conflict with a previously scheduled event at the Rec Grove, but will be back at the Rec Grove as usual, from 3 to 6 pm, on Thursday, August 17.

Booster Club Meeting: Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at Willits High School. The monthly Willits High School Booster Club Meeting is set for 6 pm, Thursday, August 10 at the Willits High School Food Center, 299 North Main Street. Info: 972-2164 or email whsboosters123@yahoo.com. Volunteer to help with the 5th annual Boosters Golf Tournament August 19 at the Brooktrails Golf Course, and other Booster Club activities.

Friday, August 11

Shanachie Pub: Fat Chance Truckin' Band from Ukiah, rock, blues and a little bit of country. Friday, August 11, 9 pm. \$5 cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



Saturday, August 12

Ecology Action Summer Program: John Jeavons' Ecology Action Summer Program starts today and runs on consecutive Saturdays through October 7. The program features garden planning and simplified basic techniques to maximize sustainable backyard food production. Location rotates between Ecology Action's three educational gardens in Mendocino County. Saturday, August 12. 9 am to 3 pm. Sign-up and Info: Ecology Action Office 459-0150, or growbiointensive.org.

Sit n Sew: Monthly drop-in sewing group meets at the Willits Library. Free to all and open to the public. Bring your sewing machine, tools, and any project you would like to work on. Saturday, August 12, from 1 to 5 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Information: Rachel at 354-0605.



Shanachie Pub: Major Powers & The Lo Fi Symphony, "an adventure rock power trio from Oakland." Saturday, August 12. 9 pm. \$5 cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Movies in the Park: Bring a chair or blanket, sit on the ground, watch and laugh at "Robin Hood:

Men in Tights" at this fundraiser for Laytonville Skate Park. Pizza, popcorn, drinks will be available. Saturday, August 12. 9 pm. Harwood Park Ball Field, Laytonville

Sunday, August 13

Senior Center Sunday Breakfast: Menu choices: Pancakes with eggs cooked your style, with choice of sausage or bacon, or biscuits & gravy with eggs cooked your style; additional meat sides: \$2 extra. Adults \$8; Senior Center members \$7; children (under 8) \$6. Sunday, August 13, 8 to 11 am, Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

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1. Pancakes, with eggs cooked your style (Choice of bacon or sausage)
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3. Meat Sides:
3 slices Bacon - \$2.00
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Monday, August 14

"The Art of Interview": Sharpen "on air" interview skills. Barry Vogel, host/producer of "Radio Curious," will share knowledge gained from 30 years of experience doing on air interviews. Free to KLLG Radio members and programmers. Suggested donation \$10 to \$20, general public. Join KLLG: students and seniors \$20. Standard membership fee: \$30. Monday, August 14. 6 to 8 pm. KLLG Studio, Little Lake Grange, 391 School Street. RSVP: Michelle@kllg.org, 972-1601.

Tuesday, August 15

Willits Library Special Summer Event: "Essential Oils" with Amber Pingrey. Learn how essential oils can support your daily routine. Learn about the 10 most popular oils. Ages 10 years and up. Tuesday, August 15. 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Willits Public Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movie: "Dunkirk." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.



Wednesday, August 16

Phoenix Hospice Volunteer Training: first meeting tonight of eight-week training session for volunteers for Phoenix Certified Hospice of Mendocino County. "The goal of hospice is to provide compassionate, supportive, loving care for patients at the end of their life in the comfort of their home. The hospice volunteers are vital members of

the interdisciplinary team that serves patients and their families." The volunteer training starts Wednesday, August 16, is held for two hours once a week for eight weeks, and is free of charge. To register or for more info, call Tammy Long at 456-3244.

Thursday, August 17

The Lamprich Center Dedication: Honoring Jann Lamprich for her decades of service to the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital and Foundation. Also: unveiling of the bronze statues, "Frankie and the Puppies" and the lions "Frank and Howard." Thursday, August 17. 3 to 5 pm. Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, 1 Marcela Drive and The Lamprich Center, 3 Marcela Drive. Refreshments will be provided by Roots Restaurant. Info and RSVP: 459-2777.

Friday, August 18

Pulled-Pork Drive-Thru Dinner: Harrah Senior Center fundraiser dinner includes: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, baked beans, and a cookie. \$12 ticket per meal. Pre-sale only, tickets sold at Senior Center Front Desk. Pick up your dinner(s) between 5 and 6:30 pm on Friday, August 18 at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Shanachie Pub: Joe Holt, folk singer/songwriter. Plus Shoring, a quartet, "too driving to be Folk, too thoughtful to be Pop." Friday, August 18. 7 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, August 19

"Little Lake Blues & Brews": first day of this new, family-friendly two-day Willits music festival, Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20, from 10 am to 9 pm in the Rec Grove Park on East Commercial. To benefit the Willits Food Bank. The festival features musicians Roy Rogers & the Delta Rhythm Kings (Saturday headliners), Papa Mali & Friends, Tommy Castro & The Painkillers (Sunday headliners), 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 – \$50 for one day; \$75 for both days – available at J.D. Redhouse and Main Street Music and Video. For more festival information: 841-0328.



Booster Club Golf Tournament: Willits Boosters 5th Annual Golf Tournament at Brooktrails Golf Course, Saturday, August 19. Registration starts at 8 am at the golf course, 24860 Birch Street. The tournament begins at

9 am with a four person scramble/shotgun start. The price to play is \$35 (members pay \$20) which includes green fees, lunch and a drink ticket. First place, second place, and third place finishers will each win a prize. Also, there will be a "closest to the pin" contest. All proceeds will benefit Willits High School athletic teams and clubs. For information: 972-2164, or email whsboosters123@yahoo.



Round Valley Blackberry Festival.

Round Valley Blackberry Festival: Annual festival in downtown Covelo set for Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20 this year. Master of Ceremonies Mickey the Clown will kick off the festivities on Saturday, August 19, 10 am to 6 pm. Free admission. "Try a blackberry slush while listening to the numerous local musical groups playing throughout the entire weekend. Sip a glass of Mendocino County wine

while strolling around the arbor full of arts and craft booths." Children's games, and a square dance on Saturday at 7 pm. Festival continues on Sunday, August 20 from 10 am to 5 pm, with a motorcycle and antique car show with both local and out-of-town vehicles. Information: www.roundvalleyblackberryfestival.com.

80th Annual Old Timers Baseball and BBQ: Saturday, August 19 at Harwood Park Ball Field in Laytonville. Home Run Derby starts at 11 am. Opening Ceremonies start at 12 pm. At 1 pm, the Laytonville vs. Willits Old Timers Baseball Game begins. BBQ and refreshments will be served. Also, \$5 a ticket raffle with a \$1,000 prize. "Volunteers wanted! We are looking for donations of salad for the potluck – green salad, fruit salad, any variety of salad is appreciated." Please call Albert for more information or to volunteer 707-354-3090 or 984-8089.

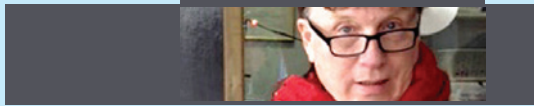
Shanachie Pub: Brooks Forsyth, musician/songwriter from Boone North Carolina, plays Americana, blues, folk, bluegrass and roots-rock plus his originals. Saturday, August 19. 8 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, August 20

"Little Lake Blues & Brews": second day of this new, family-friendly two-day Willits music festival, Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20, from 10 am to 9 pm in the Rec Grove Park on East Commercial. To benefit the Willits Food Bank. The festival features musicians Roy Rogers & the Delta Rhythm Kings (Saturday headliners), Papa Mali & Friends, Tommy Castro & The Painkillers (Sunday headliners), 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 – \$50 for one day; \$75 for both days – available at J.D. Redhouse and Main Street Music and Video. For more festival information: 841-0328.

Round Valley Blackberry Festival: Sunday, August 20 in downtown Covelo. Motorcycle and antique car show day today. See Saturday, August 19 listing for details.

COLUMN | At the Movies



‘Dunkirk’

The Story: World War II. The Battle of France. 330,000 British, French and Belgian soldiers have been driven back by the German Army and are trapped on the beach at Dunkirk. Their defensive perimeter is being held by the French Army. The Nazi advance stalls, but the Nazi commanders have decided to send the Luftwaffe to bomb and strafe the British soldiers who have no cover ...

Daniel Essman
Columnist

and thus compel a British/Allies surrender. Such a military disaster would have changed the history of WWII, and perhaps the final outcome. That surrender did not happen.

My Thoughts: This movie is a masterpiece of filmmaking. This is not a "rah rah war" movie; it is a "war is a hellscap" movie. There is terror, and there is heroism, there is even a little bit of well-justified sentiment. Director Christopher Nolan ("Memento," "The Dark Knight," "Interstellar," "Inception") has woven land war, air war and battles at sea into one of the most amazing movies I have ever (ever!) seen. This movie demands exclamation points. This movie drives! Brilliant, brilliant, brilliant! And such a desperate time. No candy coating. Survival is counted as victory.

Parents: Not for children. Teenagers and up.

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



Save the Date:

Claws for a Cause, September 2,
Howard House, Ridgewood Ranch
Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival, September 9-10, East Commercial Street
Seafood & Pasta Dinner, September 15, Harrah Senior Center

Free Hospice Training

starts August 16

Phoenix Certified Hospice of Mendocino County will be providing training for interested hospice volunteers in August. The goal of hospice is to provide compassionate, supportive, loving care for patients at the end of their life in the comfort of their home. The hospice volunteers are vital members of the interdisciplinary team that serves patients and their families.

Volunteers provide respite care for families and primary caregivers. They enjoy visiting with the hospice patients, listening and telling stories, reading books, playing games or doing various tasks as needed. Some of the volunteers are singers or musicians which provide musical entertainment for patients and families. Our volunteers are each talented in their own unique ways. They often express receiving great emotional and spiritual satisfaction from their relationships with hospice patients and families.

The patient volunteer training, which starts Wednesday, August 16, is held for two hours once a week for eight weeks and is free of charge. To register or for more information call Tammy Long at 456-3244.

– submitted by Adventist Health Home Care & Hospice Services Mendocino County

Senior Center Lunch

Week of August 14 through August 18

Monday: Steamed Red Snapper w/Lemon & Dill

Tuesday: Biscuits w/ Sausage Gravy

Wednesday: Chicken & Stuffing

Thursday: Pasta Primavera w/Italian Sausage

Friday: Tri Tip

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.

Old Buzzards Motorcycle Ride

Saturday, August 12

The "Old Buzzard" motorcycle pack is planning to meet at John's Place between 10 and 11:45 am Saturday, August 12, before heading out at noon on a ride to Fort Bragg and back to the Ohl Grove in Brooktrails by 2:30 or 3 pm, all in support of raising funds for the Kiwanis Club of Willits.

The ride is open to the public: Ride along with the Old Buzzards – and members of the co-sponsoring Fort Bragg club, WINOS – on your own motorcycles or even in cars. Attendees are also welcome to just meet up at the grove where all will be greeted with live music from Pavlos Garage; booths with local vendors; plates of hamburgers, chili and macaroni from the Lions Club of Willits and an assortment of raffle prizes, ready to be won.

The Lions Club will offer their no-host bar, and meal tickets (\$20) and raffle tickets (\$1) will be available presale at John's Place before the crew leaves, or at the "door" at the Ohl Grove. Monies raised will go directly to the Kiwanis Club of Willits which funds many local and community projects. Info: Russ Kester: 459-1828.

Willits Rotary & the Willits Educational Foundation
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"A Garden Party"
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Long Valley Outdoor Quilt Show

August 26 and 27

The Long Valley Quilters annual free outdoor quilt show in Laytonville at the Fat Quail Quilt Shop takes place Saturday, August 26 and Sunday, August 27. Come see the beautiful quilts, 44550 North Highway 101, or buy a raffle ticket for a king size quilt. Raffle tickets may be bought at Geiger's Market in Laytonville. Information: 984-6966 or visit http://thefatquilt.com.

Do you have an event to include in our calendar?

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End-of-day Monday deadline for Thursday!

Duplicate Bridge at the Library

Thursday, August 24

Duplicate bridge games in the Willits Library Conference Room, 390 East Commercial Street. All bridge players are welcome. Thursday, August 24 at 4:30 pm, and continuing at that same time: Thursday, September 28 and Thursday, October 26. For information: Donna at 459-9035.



"The Art of Interview"

In this class, Barry Vogel, host and Producer of Radio Curious, a radio show of half hour interviews on a curiously wide array of topics concerning life and ideas, will share pearls of wisdom gained from his 30 years of experience conducting "On Air" interviews. This is a wonderful opportunity to sharpen your "On Air" interview skills!

Date: Monday August 14, 2017 Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Location: KLLG Studio, 291 School St. #10 "In the Grange"

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A Garden Party Fundraiser

Saturday, August 26

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, 1660 Center Valley Road. Participants will enjoy music by The Basics, 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.

WCT needs art

Willits Community Theatre will present comedian Steve Martin's play "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" from September 8 to 24, directed by Jim Mastin. WCT is seeking paintings or sculptures for the set 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. This is an opportunity for artists to display a piece of their work that will be seen and available for purchase by hundreds of audience members. Artists will be acknowledged in publicity for the play, listed in the play program, and may receive a tax deduction as well. Artwork must be submitted by Saturday, August 19; artists must contact Mary Buckley no later than August 12: 621-0339 or marybuckley_@hotmail.com.

Ongoing Events

Willits Farmers Market: Outdoor market Thursdays at the Rec Grove Park on East Commercial Street. 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. **CANCELLED August 10:** Willits Farmers Market cancelled August 10 due to a conflict with a previously scheduled event at the Rec Grove.

Twice-Monthly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

Tibetan Buddhist meditation group meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or honemann@yahoo.com.

Willits Center for the Arts August Exhibit: The August show at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street is "In the Realm of the Spirit," iconic images of saints and angels by Willits artists Marco Donner and Sue Ellen Parker. Summer gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11 am to 6 pm. If Willits Weekly readers are interested in volunteering to be a docent, call the art center at 459-1726.

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

Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays: 11-11:30 am "Play Group," and 3:30 to 5:30 pm "Leggo Day" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Story Time," 4 pm "Farmers Market Story Time"; Fridays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm; Fridays: 5 to 6 pm "Youth Game Night" (ages 10 to 14). Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

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 Valley Community Room (behind Ride-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 Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

Life Changes: Discussion and support group with Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

Volleyball Open Gym: at 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 HMH 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; Teens 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.

Shanachie Pub: Singer songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. New time: 6 pm. No cover. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and even performers from around the world!" 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

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

From right: Caitlyn Forrester of Willits FFA presents Morgan Riley of Willits FFA with an outstanding breeder award. Members of the Willits 4-H sheep group won the overall clean stall award. Supreme grand champion market animal winners pose with their perpetual wooden trophies. Below, from left: Small and large animal Round Robin showmen pose with jacket sponsor Bob Dempel and his two daughters, Debbie Dempel, left, and Lori Eurgubian, right.



Above: Samantha Arms of the Willits 4-H accepts the ice cream social invites for the Willits 4-H sheep group.

Photos by Maureen Moore

Youth Awards

Redwood Empire Fair awards showmen, breeders and leaders at Sunday ceremony

Sunday is an early, early day for youth exhibitors who attend the Redwood Empire Fair; just after the sun comes up, 4-H and FFA exhibitors help load market animals and then start cleaning up their pens and breaking down their camps.

There's one event, however, that the tired exhibitors are still excited to attend: the awards ceremony. Not only are the winners of the prestigious Round Robin contest announced at Sunday's ceremony, but the auction checks are handed out, too.

Several other achievements are recognized during the ceremony: Breeders and owners of the Supreme Grand Champion market animals are given awards, the sportsmanship trophy is awarded, the clean stall winners are announced,

and scholarship recipients are recognized, too.

The most anticipated announcement is for the Round Robin showmanship contest, however, as winners of each species are pitted against one another in a "showman of all species" event allowing each showman to take a turn showing all the other animals in their division – large or small animal, FFA or 4-H. The best overall showman in each category wins an embroidered jacket and the top showman award. Small animal includes rabbits, poultry, pygmy goats, cavies, dogs and turkeys. Large animal includes horse, swine, beef, sheep, dairy cattle, dairy goats and meat goats.

This year, the FFA Small Animal Round Robin was won by Isaac Arnold; second place went to Karla Brackett, third place went to Amy Andrade, and fourth place went to Hugo Chavez. The 4-H Small Animal Round Robin was won by Ariel Anton; second place went to

Stephany Brundage, third place went to Emma Farrell, fourth place went to Aurora-bell David, fifth place went to Jack Croskey, and sixth place went to Jacob Walter.

The FFA Large Animal Round Robin was won by Julie Brown; second place went to Caitlyn Forrester, third place went to Madison Forrester, fourth place went to Lucy Burris, and fifth place went to Ethan Reed. The 4-H Large Animal Round Robin was won by Chancelyn Johnson; second place went to Erica Ilg, third place went to Keely Ahders, fourth place went to Tate Campbell, fifth place went to Kaylee Mills, sixth place went to Jimmy Whitley, and seventh place went to Russell Fansler.

This year, the sportsmanship trophy was awarded to Dylan Ault and Caitlyn Forrester.

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Above, from left: Kenzie Kornegay, left, and Julie Brown, right, pose with FFA Leader of the Year Sadie DeMarta, center. Above: Representatives from all the recipients of this year's clean stall awards smile for the camera. Willits FFA's Caitlyn Forrester presents Dylan Ault with the sportsmanship trophy.



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Josh Potter works to get the heavy plywood ready for the walls

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explained that Potter and Svendsen installed all 86 sheets of 1/2 inch plywood, and it was no easy task. This added two more weeks to the repairs, but ultimately will add years of use to the gym.

Dave Kline is tackling phase two, the painting of the walls with the school colors; this phase is nearly completed. Malakai Schindel – a local artist whose murals can be seen decorating J.D. Redhouse, St. Francis in the Redwoods Fellowship Hall, the Skunk Train Depot, and many other local businesses – will be completing the mural work on the east and west walls of the gym, as well as a larger sign showing the gym's dedicated name.

To keep costs down, Rodriguez and her family are hand-painting the 650 feet of trim board before it's placed in the gym. Her husband, Martin, and their two youngest children, Eric and Mariah, have worked tirelessly to help complete this project. Eric and Mariah will both be attending BGMS this year and will be able to enjoy the gym's new renovations.

"My hope is that when kids go back to school in the fall, they will say, 'Wow, somebody cared about our school,'" Rodriguez said. She said she'd love to give the exterior of the gym a facelift, too, but for now the interior is the focus.

The project was originally estimated to cost roughly \$10,000, but it's now looking like \$17,000. As of Monday, August 7, several donations have come in. Howard Hospital donated \$3,500; Sherwood Rancheria donated \$250; San Hedrin Nursery donated \$100, and Warren and Kathleen Lewis donated \$300. The rest of the costs so far have come from Rodriguez' personal funds.

There will be a reception held at the BGMS gym to celebrate its completion on Friday, August 25, at 5 pm.

Donations (write "Gym" on the memo line) may be mailed in care of Willits Youth Soccer, P.O. Box 1131, Willits, CA 95490 or message "Saprina Rodriguez" on Facebook or call 354-2539.

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of trespassing in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

9:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of Monica Lane and Margie Drive.

August 5

12:50 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1900 block of Center Valley Road.

8:52 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of North Lenore Avenue and East Commercial Street.

9:44 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:18 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of Coast Street.

11:38 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.

5:28 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

6:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

7:44 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation near the intersection of Pine Street and Raymond Lane.

7:48 pm: Officers

responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

10:23 pm: HENRY, Tawana Marie (40) of Ukiah was contacted in the 500 block of Railroad Avenue. She was arrested pursuant to misdemeanor 459 PC (Burglary), on felony charges of receiving stolen property and conspiracy to commit a crime, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of probation.

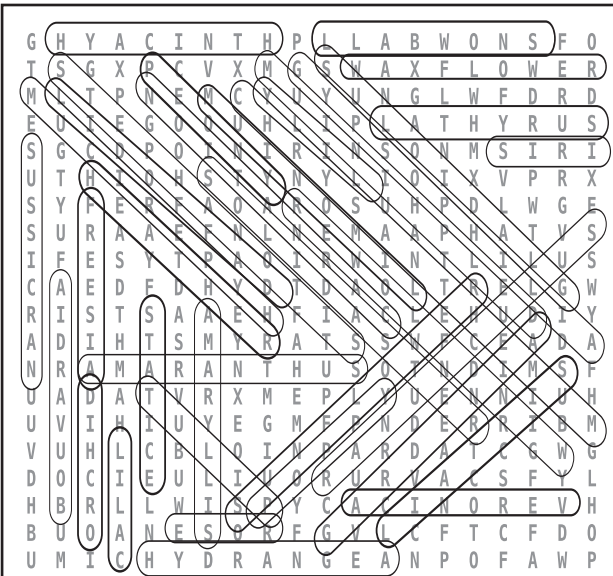
August 6

2:50 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Nancy Lane.

10:32 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:52 pm: HALLHASHI, Judith Marie (74) of Willits was contacted following a disturbance in the 200 block of Sequoia Boulevard. She was arrested on felony charges of corporal injury.

4:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.



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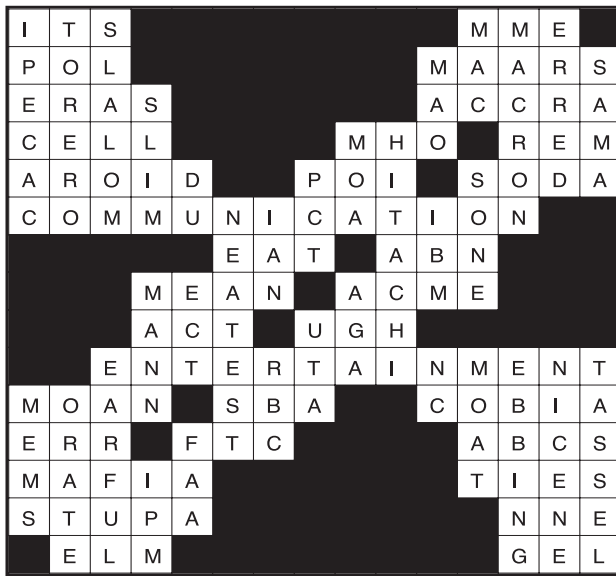
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Below, from left: Baechtel Grove Middle School eighth-graders Nevaeh Loya, Kasey Adams, Stormmie Fischbach, and Courtney Potter decided to stop by the “In the Realm of Spirit” art show opening Friday night. “The Arrival – a Celebration of Sisterhood” by Sue Ellen Parkinson. Marco Donner and Kathleen Hennings share a laugh.



At right, from top: Elizabeth Hart, Marco Donner, and Jane Camp at Friday's opening of “In the Realm of Spirit.” Artists Nancy McHone and Sue Ellen Parkinson enjoy the evening of fun and camaraderie. Artist and WCA volunteer Diza Hope serves champagne.

Below: Marco Donner and Marlena River discuss the finer processes of creating art.

At bottom: “Angel’s Blessing” by Marco Donner.



Photos by Jenny Senter

Spirit Realm

Art Center features saints and angels by Marco Donner and Sue Ellen Parkinson

Good spirits were in abundance at opening Friday night of the “In the Realm of Spirit” art show at the Willits Center for the Arts. Sue Ellen Parkinson and Marco Donner were on hand to tell of their path to artistic interpretation of saints and angels and to visit with the many guests.

Led in discussion by outgoing Willits Center for the Arts manager, Holly Madrigal, Sue Ellen Parkinson shared she is a self-taught artist but credited her grandfather for her first lesson in light and shadow at a very young age. She said her artistic exploration into iconography has led her to focus on saints, and laughed that she isn't sure where that fascination came from since she became a Buddhist 20 years ago. She has studied and is fascinated with Mary Magdalen and finds her a symbol of how women have been “washed over in civilization.”

Many of her models are family and friends who are members of the community. I picked out Sam Senerchia, Don Willis, Marcia Pratt, and many more. She related that she gets a flash of an idea, takes a picture of the model, and then goes through a “terrifying process” of creating a new piece, which she likens it to be a “weird, awkward teenage phase where she is not sure where she’s going.”

At a young age, artist Marco Donner found he really wasn't comfortable “becoming a young man of America,” and turned away from the path he was on of studying medicine. He wandered through Europe and spent hours and hours in churches. He spent four years in Rome tracking down “unknown works of Rafael” and painting and selling canvases to live. He found meditation along the way and shared that it is a very big part of his life. He worries that, as a culture, we are so busy living this life and not being receptive to the world. He feels it's important that we all work on being more prayerful and helping to transform the world to a better place.

Donner said he usually uses family and friends for his models, but that sometimes someone will trigger his need to paint them. He enjoys the process and finds it uplifting.

The reception was crowded at times and included many artists in attendance. Nancy McHone, featured artist for September's WCA show, stopped by to see both Donner and Parkinson. She was impressed with the show: “It is a marvelous compilation of the art of two spiritual people that both affirms and complements one another,” she said.

The Big Chief Restaurant of Laytonville catered the event. Entertainment was provided by Sarah McMahon and Lhasa Summer (Donner's daughter), who sang and played guitars.

“In the Realm of Spirit” runs through August 28 at the WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. If you are interested in volunteering to be a docent for the art center, contact the center at 459-1726.



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Redwood Empire Fair

announces VIP award winners

Every year, the Redwood Empire Fair honors outstanding individuals and businesses who exemplify the spirit of community and the embodiment of success, according to Fair CEO Jennifer Seward.

This year's seven award-winners were honored at a VIP gala during the fair.

The Little River Inn was named Business of the Year. The inn has been acclaimed by CNN as one of the best hotels along the California coast. Fifth-generation Innkeeper Cally Dym, the great-great-granddaughter of the inn's builder Silas Coombs, was honored for creating a destination spot for tourists, wedding parties and local residents desiring an unforgettable coast getaway.

Supervisor John McCowen received the Blue Ribbon award for his many years of service, first as a member of the Ukiah City Council and the Mendocino County Planning Commission, and then as Second District Supervisor for Mendocino County. He has spent the past 21 years working in city and county government and was lauded for his coordination with the North Coast Resource Partnership, which resulted in millions of dollars for county endeavors, including funding for the City of Ukiah's recycled water project. He has been instrumental in cleaning up the railroad tracks that traverse the fairgrounds.

The Livestock Award was presented to Lewis Brown, who has spent over 60 years as a rancher on his family's land. Brown has been the recipient of numerous breeding awards and has acted as a mentor, coach and friend to countless young people through his associations with 4-H, FFA, Potter Valley High School and the Mendocino College Athletic Program.

An Exemplary Service Award was given to the Mendocino Music Festival, which has been providing unrivaled, diverse musical performances from their “Big Tent” in Mendocino village for 31 years. The festival attracts music-lovers from around the world, who come for the music and stay for the hospitality, food, wine and spectacular scenery of Mendocino County.

The Hopland Research and Extension Center received an Exemplary Service Award for the work that has taken place on their 5,000-acre University of California property for over 66 years. Along with significant research, the HREC has played a central role in educating and supporting youth and the greater community through their outreach, 4-H and Naturalist programs, while providing critical information and guidance to the region's agricultural community.

This year's Media Award was presented to sister stations K-WINE 94.5 and MAX 93.5, which provide the public with a wide range of news, sports, entertainment and music broadcasting, reaching key demographic audiences and delivering both Top 40 pop music and classic rock to fans throughout Lake and Mendocino counties.

The Industrialist Award was presented to Looney Tuned Exhaust. Ukiah native Randy Looney turned his passion for fast cars into a world-class custom exhaust manufacturing business, which began by Looney sweeping floors for Ross Liberty, Factory Pipe CEO, and morphed into his own successful business, employing up to a dozen people and serving clients from around the globe.

– Submitted by the Redwood Empire Fair

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Natali Angulo and Julie Brown received scholarships from the Mendocino County Junior Livestock Auction Committee. Forrester was also the recipient of the Jane Amundson Memorial Scholarship. This year, the FFA Leader of the Year award went to Sadie DeMarta of Ukiah FFA and the 4-H Leader of the Year award went to Tina Wilson of Round Valley 4-H.

Clean stall awards are given to the chapters and clubs who do the best job at keeping the pens, stalls and walkways clean and presentable during the week of fair. Long Valley 4-H and Anderson Valley FFA won in the beef barns; Redwood Valley Calpella 4-H and Willits FFA won in the goat barns; Mendocino 4-H and Fort Bragg FFA won in the poultry pens; Willits 4-H won in the rabbit pens; Willits 4-H and Fort Bragg FFA won in the sheep barns; and Redwood Valley Calpella 4-H and Ukiah FFA won in the swine barns. The overall Outstanding Clean Stall Award went to the Willits 4-H sheep group. All winners were invited to come and enjoy an ice cream social after the awards ceremony, provided by Jay Epstein of Jay Epstein State Farm Insurance.

Winners were also announced for the carcass contest, both in breeding and market categories. At this point, only the beef and sheep were scanned to determine muscle, fat, marbling, etc, in the on-the-hoof scan, and the top three winners received cash prizes in each category.

In the market beef category, Joey Beak won first place, Wyatt Hobart won second place, and Natali Angulo won third place. In breeding beef, Julie Brown won first place, Jimmy Whitley won second place, and Katie Brown won third place.

In the market sheep category, Erika Malicay won first place, second place went to Ava Mucke, and third place went to Jackson Malicay. In breeding sheep, first place went to Chancelyn Johnson, second place went to Ava Mucke, and third place went to Cassie Lazzaro.

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pound from Fetzter Vineyards for her 224-pound market hog. Lawrence Taylor of Long Valley 4-H received \$9 per pound from Fetzter Vineyards for his 224-pound market hog. Caitlyn Forrester from Willits FFA received \$5.50 per pound from Noyo Trawlers Association for her 1,331-pound market steer.

Brayden Polson of Long Valley 4-H received \$14 per pound from Whitley and Sons LLC for his 238-pound market hog. Aurora-belle David of Willits 4-H received \$1,000 from Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians for her market turkey. Kaiden Britton of Round Valley 4-H received \$6 per pound from Round Valley Indian Health Center for her 1,122-pound market steer. Austin Willcutt of Willits FFA received \$10 per pound from Round Valley Indian Health Center for his 74-pound market goat.

Madison Forrester of Willits FFA received \$5 per pound from Redwood Empire Title Company for her 1,309-pound market steer. Lisa Arkelian of Willits 4-H received \$18 per pound from Garman Family Ranch for her 142-pound market lamb. Stephany Brundage of Willits 4-H received \$900 from Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians for her rabbit meat pen. Elena Arkelian of Willits 4-H received \$19 per pound from Christensen Construction & Concrete for her 139-pound market lamb.

Taylor Drew of Willits 4-H received \$17 per pound from Mendocino Construction for his 249-pound market hog. James Brown of Willits FFA received \$17 per pound from Mendocino Construction for his 1,190-pound market steer. Samantha Arms of Willits 4-H received \$16 per pound from Mayfield Consulting for her 150-pound market lamb. Patricia Whipple of Round Valley 4-H received \$11 per pound from Superior Pump & Drilling Inc. for her 259-pound market hog.

Kassandra Basler of Long Valley 4-H received \$13.50 per pound from Law Office of Elina Agnoli for her 98-pound market goat. Lilah Garman of Willits FFA received \$19 per pound from Paul Riley Drywall for her 138-pound market lamb. Kyleena Amador of Willits FFA received \$15 per pound from Sparetime Supply for her 271-pound market hog. Jack Croskey of Willits 4-H received \$18 per pound from Geiger's Long Valley Market for his 110-pound market goat.

Jimmy Whitley of Long Valley 4-H received \$8 per pound from Anderson Logging Inc. for his 1,271-pound market steer. Lillie Lincoln of Round Valley 4-H received \$10.50 per pound from Keith's Family Food Store for her 222-pound market hog. Connor Taylor of Long Valley 4-H received \$11 per pound from Weathertop Nursery for his 223-pound market hog. Alyssa Oliver of Round Valley 4-H received \$11 per pound from Round Valley Indian Health Center for her 227-pound market hog.

Donald Glenn of Long Valley 4-H received \$10 per pound from Mendocino County Farm Bureau for his 65-pound market goat. Ava Mucke of Willits 4-H received \$14 per pound from Born & Raised in Mendocino County for her 148-pound market lamb. Justin Verdort of Willits FFA received \$13 per pound from 101 Trailer and RV for his 233-pound market hog. Mya Hoaglen of Round Valley 4-H received \$13 per pound from Round Valley Indian Tribes Senior Center for her 240-pound market hog.

Terra Neu-gavette of Willits 4-H received \$600 from Savings Bank of Mendocino County for her rabbit meat pen. Emma Garman of Willits 4-H received \$19 per pound from Northern Aggregates for her 133-pound market lamb. Tanner Drew of Willits 4-H received \$16 per pound from Cooley Logging for his 248-pound market hog. Alexis Reyes of Willits FFA received \$20 per pound from Safeway of Willits for her 66-pound market goat.

Nadia Davila of Round Valley 4-H received \$4.25 per pound from Round Valley Indian Tribes Senior Center for her 1,289-pound steer. Hailey Musgrave of Long Valley 4-H received \$16 per pound from Family Tree Service for her 128-pound market lamb. Christopher Doak of Willits FFA received \$9 per pound from Shuster Transportation for his 254-pound market hog.

Samantha Mann of Covelo FFA received \$4.25 per pound from M&M Feed for her 1,095-pound market steer. Jasmine Mendoza of Willits FFA received \$15 per pound from Sky Rock Ranch for her 132-pound market lamb. Tanner Heiken of Willits 4-H received \$13 per pound from Cooley Logging for his 246-pound market hog. Carmen Davila of Round Valley 4-H received \$10 per pound from Keith's Family Food Store for her 76-pound market goat. Grace Croskey of Willits 4-H received \$17 per pound from Burris Club Lambs for her 91-pound market goat.

Frankie Hoaglen of Round Valley 4-H received \$8 per pound from Anker-Lucier Mortuary for his 269-pound market Duroc hog. Evan Flamer of Willits FFA received \$17 per pound from Collicott Construction for his 280-pound market hog. Rusty Bolton-Betts of Round Valley 4-H received \$10.50 per pound from Solid Waste Systems for his 235-pound market Duroc hog. Hunter Guerra of Round Valley 4-H received \$5.50 per pound from the Watkins Family for his 1,298-pound market steer.

Danielle Barry of Willits 4-H received \$15 per pound from Iversen Logging Inc. for her 138-pound market lamb. Faith Oliver of Round Valley 4-H received \$10 per pound from Round Tree Glass for her 244-pound market hog. Aaron Griggs of Willits 4-H received \$12 per pound from Les Schwab Tire Center of Willits for his 249-pound market hog. Jacey Thieman of Covelo FFA received \$4.50 per pound from B & B Industries / Rockin' B Meat for her 1,369-pound market steer.

Brady Griggs of Willits 4-H received \$14 per pound from Sparetime Supply for his 263-pound market hog. Dyana Estrada of Willits 4-H received \$15 per pound from Lucky 13 Ranch for her 83-pound market goat. Paige Whitcomb of Long Valley 4-H received \$15 per pound from Bodensteiner Medical Research for her 263-pound market hog. Austin Andrade received \$10 per pound from Round Tree Glass for his 265-pound market hog.

Karissa Cornwall of Willits FFA received \$13 per pound from Sparetime Supply for her 278-pound market hog. Mason Kelly of Long Valley 4-H received \$10 per pound from the Mendocino County Farm Bureau for his 98-pound market goat. Aaron Colvig of Willits FFA received \$11 per pound from Northern Aggregates for his 240-pound market hog. Leviathan Bowes of Round Valley 4-H received \$12 per pound from Wylatti Resource for his 243-pound market hog.

Danielle Estrada of Willits 4-H received \$18 per pound from Lucky 13 Ranch for her 84-pound market goat. Caleb Whitehurst of Willits 4-H received \$15 per pound from Bella Rosa Coffee Co. for his 268-pound market hog. Devin Heiken of Willits FFA received \$5.50 per pound from Collicott Construction & Paul Riley Drywall for his 1,450-pound market steer. Grant Forrester of Willits 4-H received \$19 per pound from Diggers Bar for his 92-pound market goat.

Darrell Buzzard Jr. of Willits FFA received \$15 per pound from 101 Trailer and RV for his 226-pound market hog. Caleb Franco of Round Valley 4-H received \$11 per pound from Joumeyman Meat for his 236-pound market hog. Bryana Bowes of Round Valley 4-H received \$16 per pound from Les Schwab Tire Co. for her 64-pound market goat. Claude Cogburn of Round Valley 4-H received \$11 per pound from Round Valley Indian Housing Authority for his 242-pound market hog.

Ryan Reed of Willits FFA received \$13 per pound from Summit Signal Inc. for his 245-pound market hog. Connor Basler of Long Valley 4-H received \$11 per pound from Gravier's Chevron Laytonville for his 249-pound market hog. Amy Andrade of Willits FFA received \$13 per pound from Shuster Transportation for her 251-pound market hog. Alejandra Davila of Round Valley 4-H received \$16 per pound from M&M Feed for her 76-pound market goat.

Aciah James of Long Valley 4-H received \$11 per pound from Clint Hanks for her 275-pound market hog. Benjamin Branscomb of Willits FFA received \$11 per pound from Gravier's Chevron Laytonville for his 235-pound market hog. Takota Paulson of Willits FFA received \$9 per pound from Les Schwab Tire Center for his 237-pound market hog. Jessica Buzzard of Willits FFA received \$15 from Les Schwab Tire Center of Willits for her 221-pound market hog. Cheyanne Paulson of Willits FFA received \$11 per pound from Redwood Empire RVs for her 250-pound market hog. Cheyenne Dusky of Willits 4-H received \$16 per pound from J.D. Redhouse & Co. for her 254-pound market hog. Jacob Arms of Willits FFA received \$18 per pound from Bud Garman Construction for his 246-pound market hog.

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From far left: Gary Martin, Tom Allman and Jed Diamond

‘Mental Health: Up Close and Personal’

“Mental Health: Up Close and Personal” is the first of a series of discussions on mental health issues in the Willits community and how we can solve them. This Thursday, September 5 event, 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, is a special extended presentation as part of the Avenues to Wellness Speaker Event series.

In an effort to de-stigmatize the issues of mental illness and to open up candid discussion, three prominent community members, Jed Diamond, PhD, LMFC, Gary Martin, MA, and Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman will speak personally about their experience related to mental illness. Diamond and Martin will talk about how mental illness has affected their life, how they broke denial and their path to wellness through treatment. Sheriff Allman will

share his experience of losing his brother to suicide and the mental illness he sees on our streets every day.

Author Jed Diamond is a licensed psychotherapist with a Ph.D. in International Health. He has been dealing with mental illness since he was 5 years old when his father took an overdose of drugs and was hospitalized. As an adult he’s suffered from depression and bipolar disorder and has been fortunate to have received the best therapy, medications and family support available. He specializes in helping men – and the families who love them – deal with mental illnesses. He has written 14 books including, “From Madness to Manhood: In Search of My Lost Father and Myself” (available in 2018).

Gary Martin is an art historian and art educator. He is

the curator at Willits Center for the Arts and teaches art history to K-12 students in our public schools. He has been clean and sober for 38 years and speaks openly about his journey with a diagnosis of bipolar disorder.

Avenues to Wellness is a community-based wellness program. It was created especially for Inland Mendocino County by the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Visit www.avenuestowellness.org for more information and for the upcoming ATW Speaker Series schedule at the Willits Center for the Arts, the first Tuesday evening of each month. Or call 456-9676.

– submitted by Suzanne Picetti, director, Avenues to Wellness

Jann Lamprich to be honored, new bronze statues unveiled at HMH



The Frank R. Howard Foundation and Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital invite the public to the dedication of The Lamprich Center on the new hospital campus next week, along with the unveiling of the long-awaited bronze statues, “Frankie and the Puppies” and the lions “Frank and Howard” – replicas of the lions that still guard the old hospital.

The event will take place Thursday, August 17 at the hospital, One Marcela Drive, and the center, Three Marcela Drive, from 3 to 5 pm.

Honoring Jann Lamprich for her many years of service to the Foundation, as well as unveiling the bronze statues, is an event the Howard Foundation Board of Directors has anticipated since the opening of the new hospital. Finally, the time has come. “Recognizing Jann for her many years of service to both the hospital and the foundation is something I proudly do for the foundation, my father, Bob Harrah, and myself,” states Margie Handley, Howard Foundation president.

Lamprich began her career with HMH in 1952 when she went to work at the hospital as a teenager in the billing department. She became the “girl Friday” who worked her way up the ladder to become the hospital administrator. In

1987, Lamprich became an employee of the foundation at the request of Bob Harrah. She had an amazing career that spanned 63 years with HMH and the Howard Foundation.

The Frank R. Howard Foundation values its important and long-time partnership with Adventist Health. Since 1987, that partnership has worked diligently to provide excellent medical services to the Willits community. Jason Wells, president and CEO of Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, will join hospital employees in honoring Jann Lamprich and welcoming the bronze statues to the new hospital. “We’re so grateful for Jann and the Howard family for everything that they have done for the hospital and the community. As we look forward to a bright future, we also honor our legacy and all those who were instrumental in making HMH the hospital that it is today. And for sure, there’s a special place in every HMH employee’s heart for those lions. We’re glad that the foundation has found a way to honor them in the new hospital.”

Also attending at the unveiling and dedication will be Colonel Mike Howard and his family. Colonel Howard is the great-grandson of Charles S. Howard, who donated the money to build the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital in 1927. Charles Howard would later own the legendary racehorse Seabiscuit. Colonel Howard and his family donated the bronze statues of Dr. Babcock and Charles Howard with Seabiscuit, currently installed at the hospital grounds, as well as “Frankie and the Puppies”.

R.S.V.P.: 459-2777. Refreshments will be provided by Roots Restaurant.

– submitted by the Frank R. Howard Foundation

At left, top: Jann Lamprich, who will be honored at the August 17 dedication ceremony. At left: The bronze statue of Dr. Raymond Babcock, left, Seabiscuit, and Charles S. Howard, in front of Howard Memorial Hospital. Below: “Frankie and the Puppies,” by Mary Curtis Richardson.



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tion, determining in July that greenhouses would be exempt from having to have an ADA-compliant bathroom if owned and operated by a “sole proprietor.” By “sole proprietor,” Planning and Building means a business owner without any employees, not the common definition of “an unincorporated business owned by one person” – whether there are employees or not.

On August 8, supervisors and county staff considered ways to exempt growers from ADA requirement compliance.

Department of Planning and Building Services Interim Building Official Mike Oliphant offered a revision to the definition of what type of building qualifies for an “agricultural exemption permit.” The modification was intended to eliminate the ADA compliance requirement for cannabis drying sheds – but not greenhouses or trimming sheds.

Previously, the definition stated the agricultural exemption applied to any building “designed and constructed primarily for use in housing livestock, poultry, hay or grain and located on land currently zoned or primarily used for agriculture.” Now, Oliphant is recommending the definition be modified to allow ag exempt status to apply to any “structure designed and constructed primarily for use in housing livestock, poultry, hay, grain or other plant material, and is located on a parcel of land currently zoned for agriculture, or an agricultural operation is occurring on site.”

Supervisors endorsed Oliphant’s revised definition. However, the Department of Planning and Building’s assertion that other cannabis ag buildings – such as greenhouses and trimming sheds – are not entitled to an ag exemption remains.

This is particularly confusing in the case of drying sheds which are also often used as trimming sheds.

Daniel Boe, an Agricultural Weights, Measure and Standards specialist with the Mendocino County Department of Agriculture, in late July asked Delilah Moxon of the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department how that county was dealing with the question. Moxon sent Boe the definitions her county uses – and it turns out that in Humboldt County, most greenhouses are ag exempt.

According to a sheet titled “Cannabis Operations,” issued by the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department, “Greenhouse structures with no conditioned space, heating or cooling used for cannabis cultivation are allowed as agricultural exempt structures regardless of whether or not there are employees working in the structures.”

However, indoor cultivation structures – as opposed to outdoor greenhouses – where employees or subcontractors are working, the “Cannabis Operations” sheet continues, “must be processed as a commercial building permit application and be fully ADA compliant.”

The sheet also specifies that indoor “trim rooms or structures where employees or subcontractors will be working must be processed as a commercial building permit application and be fully ADA compliant.”

In an August 2 email from Moxon to Boe, Moxon clarified a few details: “Ag exempt structures are allowed to have electrical and plumbing components. Ag exempt structures cannot have finished interiors (i.e., drywall). Those structures (greenhouses and others) cannot be mechanically heated or cooled. We do allow ag exempt structures to have fans and dehumidifiers.”

Round Valley resident Joe Tullgren asserted on Tuesday that Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act appears to exempt employers with fewer than 15 employees to be ADA-compliant. The definitions section of Title I of the act defines an employer as “a person engaged in an industry affecting commerce who has 15 or more employees for each working day in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year.”

Willits Weekly has sought an opinion from the county counsel’s office on the potential relevance of that definition to buildings associated with cannabis or other agricultural production, and has been promised a callback.

The board also considered a requirement by the Department of Planning and Building that commercial buildings must have a septic system. After investigating the issue, county planning staff determined that that requirement comes from the county building code, not from the state of California.

Supervisors directed Planning and Building to amend its code to allow ADA-accessible portapotties to service commercial buildings involved in cannabis production.

“If the only barrier here is the county code, this board has directed that an amendment to the county code be brought back to the board,” board Chairman John McCowen said.

“I believe every member of the board of supervisors understands we are dealing with an industry in transition,” he added. “If we want to bring cannabis cultivation out of the shadows and into a regulated system, we have to meet the growers where they are. That means we must find a way to allow them to continue to use their existing buildings for their intended purpose while they are in the permitting process. That is why the board has previously directed that they are eligible for amnesty for building code violations.

“The sticking point is that staff believes that the amnesty only relates to reduced fees for coming into compliance. Unless they are able to use existing buildings for processing, there is currently no viable option for a majority of growers,” McCowen said.

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hours and 25 minutes.

Some 62 members of the public addressed supervisors during the public comment portion for the agenda item.

Dealing with the bottleneck

Interim Commissioner of Agriculture Diane Curry told the board her department has received 670 applications for a permit and issued two permits, while denying 19 applications.

Curry said the denials were issued because site inspections revealed the proposed cultivation site had violated either Department of Fish and Wildlife or CalFire regulations, or was in a zone that prohibited cannabis cultivation.

Curry proposed, and the board agreed, to redesign the permit application process so applicants will first go to the Department of Planning and Building to obtain a basic zoning clearance, a determination if an administrative or use permit would be required, and a review of the site plan. If applicants make it through that hoop, they will then go to the Department of Agriculture, which will take it from there.

County CEO Carmel Angelo has told the board she is recommending all cannabis cultivation permits be directed to, and handled by, a standalone cannabis unit.

Contacted by Willits Weekly, Angelo declined to give out the name or title of the unit, and would not say when it would become operational.

“I have to tell my board first, before I tell the public,” Angelo said.

She did say the unit would begin handling permits “fairly soon.” When asked if the unit would begin operations within the next three months, Angelo replied it would likely be sooner than that. “The most difficult aspect of this process is finding the right person to manage the unit,” she said.

Angelo also told supervisors she has selected a person who responded to the county’s request for proposals to draft an ordinance to allow overlay zones in the county. Overlay zones are a way to resolve the fundamental political problem associated with cannabis cultivation: Some areas in the county are very pro-cannabis and oppose a lot of restrictions or regulations; other areas are very anti-cannabis and want cultivation highly restricted or prohibited in their neighborhoods. Angelo said she is in negotiations with the candidate and will keep the board apprised of the results of the negotiations.

Multiple permits on one parcel

Deputy County Counsel Matthew Kiedrowski submitted language to the board clarifying that an applicant may seek and obtain a maximum of two

permits at any given time, limited to one permit per legal parcel, except when the applicant has applied for two permits of separate permit types on one parcel.

In that case, the total allowable cultivation space will be limited to “the largest maximum square footage permitted on a parcel for the relevant zoning district.” That means, for example, if a grower is living on land in a zoning district in which 10,000 square feet is the maximum allowed, the person may be able to apply for one Type 1 permit and one Type 1B permit. (Type 1 is for outside growing on 5,000 square feet; Type 1B is mixed light growing on up to 5,000 square feet.)

The board also discussed how to regulate multiple permits when a grower has a Type 4 permit. The Type 4 permit is for nurseries and limits the grower to 22,000 square feet. This is the largest permitted growing area under the county’s cultivation ordinance.

The board agreed with Chairman John McCowen that, in the case of multiple permits, when a grower has a Type 4 permit, he or she will be limited to growing up to 10,000 square feet of cannabis to maturity, and that 12,000 square feet will be limited to Type 4 nursery-style growing.

No relocation from Coastal Zone to inland

The board agreed with Kiedrowski’s opinion that there can be no relocation of permitted growing from the coastal zone into the inland part of the county. As Kiedrowski explained, this is because the initial study for the cultivation ordinance specifically excluded the coastal zone from consideration. Since it was excluded from consideration, to allow relocation of growers from the coastal zone into the inland area would negate or contradict the initial study, hence it would open the county to lawsuits based on a violation of the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA.

Lights out

The board eliminated this provision in Section 10A.17.040.(c): “The use of light assistance for the indoor or mixed light cultivation of medical cannabis shall not exceed a maximum of 35 watts of lighting capacity per one square foot of growing area.” The board retained language in the ordinance restricting light glare or light pollution.

Tree removal

Kiedrowski revised Section 10A.17.040.(l), which prohibits tree removal for the purpose of cultivating cannabis. Previous language stated tree removal to grow cannabis would be grounds for denying the permit. New

language states tree removal after the effective date of the ordinance (May 4, 2017) will be grounds for denying a permit. If people have removed trees prior to that date, they must bring in evidence to show the tree removal was done with a California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection less-than-3-acre exemption permit, or that the trees were removed to create a defensible space around the resident’s dwelling, or that the trees were dead, dying, or diseased.

Exemption stacking

The medical cannabis cultivation ordinance provides that qualified patients, persons with an identification card, or primary caregivers cultivating medical cannabis are exempt from the requirement of having to have a permit to grow cannabis in the county. However, the section in the ordinance dealing with this – Section 10A.17.030 – does not specify any limit on the number of exemptions that can be claimed on any one parcel, and astute students of the ordinance have noted this could lead to “exemption stacking,” where 10 or 20 qualified patients could claim their 100-square-foot exemption on any particular parcel.

Kiedrowski proposed, and the board agreed, to language that clarified this situation. The new language states there are two limits: a limit for patients, and a limit for a qualified caregiver. The limit for a patient is 100 square feet, the limit for more than one patient is 100 square feet total, and the limit for a primary caregiver, who has more than one patient, is 100 square feet per patient, up to a limit of 200 square feet.

Third party inspectors

The board agreed with a staff suggestion that language referring to, requiring or regulating third-party inspectors be removed from the ordinance. According to a document written by Kiedrowski: “Staff remains concerned about the role of third-party inspectors in the ordinance itself. The Department of Agriculture has hired six inspectors to perform the county’s inspections, reducing or eliminating the need to rely on third parties for this purpose.”

Interim Commissioner of Agriculture Diane Curry told supervisors it has come to her attention that, in some instances, third-party inspectors were providing different advice than what county inspectors were offering.

At the close of the meeting the board discussed when the revised ordinance would come back for adoption. The first reading was set for August 22 at 9 am. The second reading will occur on August 29 at a time to be announced later.

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While the Association of California Water Agencies, which represents some 430 public water districts across the state, including Brooktrails, lauds the legislation’s intent, it says SB 623, as currently drafted, contains “fundamental flaws.”

The state senate majority leader’s bill currently includes private wells and “state small water systems” as eligible funding categories even though “data is lacking to support a credible needs assessment.”

And, as currently written, the measure also “would not limit funding to disadvantaged communities,” the ACWA argues. It wants language inserted into the measure that would limit funding to “rural, unincorporated areas that do not have safe drinking water.”

Rose says Brooktrails is concerned because Monning “plans to insert language into the bill imposing a water tax as one of two funding sources” for the new water fund. The other funding source would be ag-related, such as a fertilizer fee and a dairy fee to address nitrate contamination of drinking water.

“Water systems [such as Brooktrails] would be required to collect the assessments from ratepayers as part of [their] monthly billing.” And while the amount of the assessment

remains unknown, Rose believes that in communities such as Brooktrails, “it would seem any such fees would be an undue burden on both our residents and the township itself in added costs and administrative reporting.”

Rose also was unhappy the bill did not “address those disadvantaged communities that are able to maintain [water quality] compliance, but due to a limited customer base are unable to access capital markets or state grants to address urgent system and capital needs.”

In other action, the Brooktrails board authorized President Rick Williams to endorse a slate of candidates to serve on the ACWA’s Region 1 board of directors.

Candidates included present board members, including Marvin Talso, who sits on the Redwood Valley County Water District, and Brad Sherwood, a community and government affairs manager for the Sonoma County Water District, who would fill a currently vacant fifth board seat.

The ACWA provides “comprehensive training, regulatory and legislative support services” to the Brooktrails water district, Rose explained.

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its regional transportation plan guidelines.

Climate Change Adaptation Planning: Caltrans will provide \$20 million over three years to local and regional agencies to support resilient transportation infrastructure planning for areas that are potentially vulnerable to climate change. This funding will help these agencies conduct adaptation planning in a way to ensure transportation assets are resilient in the face of climate change.

The formal 30-day comment period for the final draft guides will be open through Wednesday, August 31. The draft guidelines and comment forms can be found at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>.

Additionally, two workshops will be held to discuss the Grant Application Guides and provide the public and stakeholders with a final opportunity to provide feedback. Other state agencies, including the California Air Resources Board and the California Department of Housing and Community Development, will be present to answer questions related to their areas of expertise, such as planning for housing and the proposed 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan Update.

The Northern California workshop is scheduled for Friday, September 1 from noon to 2 pm, in Sacramento at the Caltrans Basement Board Room, 1120 N Street. The Sacramento workshop will also be webcast live and will be viewable at http://ctmedia.dot.ca.gov/webcast/live/live_event.asp.

Caltrans is also partnering with these other state agencies to ensure that planning grants incorporate strategies to achieve the state’s greenhouse gas reduction target goals of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. This much-needed funding will support planning that aims to improve the environment while building communities anchored by a stable economy.

Grant applicants are encouraged to begin considering possible applications based on these drafts. More details about the workshops, the grants and applications can be found at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>

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