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**Thursday, August 15, 2019**

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The Brooktrails Community Center was full of township residents,

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The initiative was approved by 62.29 percent of voters during the June 2016 presidential primary election.

Supervisors have yet to enforce the ordinance,

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August 7  
to August 12, 2019  
by LLFD Training Chief  
Eric Alvarez

**08-07-19 (Ridgewood Road)**

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported overturned trailer blocking the downhill traffic. Upon arrival a pickup truck had over turned along with its trailer. No injuries were reported. LLFD provided traffic control around the incident. 12 firefighters responded for service.

**08-08-19 (Hearst  
Willits Road)**

Medical aid: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported medical assist. Upon arrival fire personnel

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Above, from left: Small details can be found in murals all around the Willits schools – you just have to look! Check out this snail, gas-mask man, Samurai warrior, angel plucking daffodils, and tiger found on murals at Baechtel Grove Middle School and Willits High School. Below: The massive forest mural at Brookside Elementary School features an amazing woodland scene including everything from turkeys to deer to opossums.

*Photos by Maureen Moore*



Colorful critters on school murals ready to greet new and returning students on Monday, August 19 for the first day of school

We at Willits Weekly thought it might be fun to take our #WhereInWillits game we usually post online on our Facebook page, to the print pages of our paper for this week – and theme it for the first day of school. All of these photos were taken at local Willits Unified School District schools this week and offer a colorful and cheerful welcome back to the halls. Can you identify which murals are at which schools? The details and talent of the different artists over the years is impressive, and if you stop to take just a quick look, many are filled with details and fun finds, just waiting to be discovered.

We welcome the community to try and snap a photo of their new and or returning students with one of these murals.

and send it to us – via email, to [willitsweekly@gmail.com](mailto:willitsweekly@gmail.com), along with a caption! – we will try and print them in next week's edition of the paper! Can't find the murals? No worries, we'll accept photos of happy-to-return students on your front porch, too. Photos need to be submitted by end-of-day Monday in order to be ready for Thursday, August 22's paper!

– *Maureen Moore*



**Mike A'Dair**  
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During the August 6 meeting of the board of supervisors, it was announced that the Office of the Attorney General of the state of California will not be rendering an opinion on the legality of Measure V, a ballot measure approved by 62.29 percent of those Mendocino County residents who voted on the issue in the June 6, 2016 election.

Measure V provides that trees which are intentionally killed and left standing for more than 90 days are a public nuisance.

The announcement was made last Tuesday afternoon by County Counsel Katharine Elliott, who told supervisors she had just spoken with Susan Lee, head of the Opinions Department at the Office of the Attorney General. Lee said the AG's office had decided it had a conflict on the issue and therefore could not issue an opinion on Measure V's legality.

Elliott said Lee did not tell her the nature of the conflict. However, Elliott speculated that the conflict might be due to the wildfires that

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**Mike A'Dair**  
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Tourism and service-oriented businesses are thriving in Mendocino County even as resource extraction industries continue to decline, according to a new report on the county's economy compiled by the Economic Development and Finance Corporation.

The report, accepted by the EDFC board of directors on August 8, was written by Executive Director Heather Gurewitz, with contributions by Mary Anne Petrillo of the West Business Development Center (formerly the West Company), Visiting Mendocino Executive Director Travis Scott, Rural Community Housing Development Corporation Executive Director Brad McDonald, Arts County of Mendocino County Executive Director Alyssum Weir, and Heidi Pickman of the California Association for Microenterprise Opportunity.

The report's overview outlines how the data

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Thank you

# What do YOU think?

To the Editor:

The family of Bill Horger would like to thank the community for the outpouring of cards expressing sympathy, and messages of love that have been expressed. We would also like to thank Anker-Lucier Mortuary for their special care and service during this difficult time.

We were fortunate to have him as long as we did, and his passing has left a space in our hearts, and in our lives, that can never be filled.

Again, we thank all that have expressed sympathy for our family.

The Horger Family

**Protect biodiversity**

To the Editor:

We have a history of exploitation, and now we have remnant populations of native species who must be protected. We must protect the remaining plant and animal species verging on extinction.

Farmers/ranchers must learn to care for the land and minimize their exploitation, counting lifetimes for their value as individuals in their own right as part of the biodiversity of which we also are merely another part.

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

When farmers/ranchers come to an environment with some native "wildlife," they should learn to adapt, not eradicate what little remains. Biodiversity must be protected.

Remove the dams, save the salmon, grizzlies and redwoods!

Kitty Barr, Willits

**A sound environmental plan**

To the Editor:

Some people think if they make false statements long enough and loud enough they become true. In a recent letter to the editor regarding the Harris Quarry asphalt plant application, we heard all kinds of horrors. Asphalt plants create explosive pressure and create fires with their exhaust; the supervisors are fast-tracking the application; 50 trucks per hour are going to haul explosive asphalt; a school and church are right next door; a forest fire and earthquake are all but assured.

Let's look at the facts. There is no pressure created in any part of the asphalt production process. In fact, if you have a natural gas,

diesel or propane heater in your house, then you are using the exact same burner and combustion process that the asphalt plant uses with the exact same odds of starting a forest fire.

The supervisors are fast-tracking the permitting process. Really? I hardly think 15 years and millions of dollars spent on permitting is a fast-tracked project. The original permit application was submitted in 2004. Keep the Code has tied this permit up in court since 2012, and after losing their court battle they appealed on economic grounds because they lost on environmental issues.

Do we need another asphalt plant? That's like asking if we need another grocery store. We all know what happened in Willits when Ray's market closed. Willits had the highest-priced groceries in Mendocino County right up until Grocery Outlet arrived. Competition is always good for the consumer.

If you were to believe that 50 trucks per hour will be hauling asphalt from the plant that would be 1,250 tons per hour. There is not an asphalt plant in existence that is capable of that kind of production. The plant in question will be producing around

300 tons per hour – a mere 12 truck loads.

One of Keep the Code's talking points – that Ridgewood Grade is the highest point on 101 between Mexico and Canada – is actually one of the best qualities of this location for asphalt production. The school and church located over a mile from the plant site is straight downhill from the plant; the odds of any airborne emissions, which are very minuscule to begin with, or noise reaching them are very slim.

And here is the part that all true county environmentalists should love and embrace. All the loaded trucks leaving the plant are headed downhill and are empty when making the climb back to the plant – a huge fuel savings. The aggregates needed for production are on site, eliminating the need to truck imported raw materials to the plant. The top of the mountain is the furthest from a watershed you can possibly get. These facts alone make this plant site a huge environmental win for Mendocino County.

I'm not really sure why Keep the Code is so opposed to the Ridgewood site because I have never really heard them make any kind of logical argument against it. I'm guessing it's probably NIMBY-ism, which is never a good reason to reject a sound environmental and economic plan.

David Lovell, Willits



Above, from left: Some of Crook's fans gather on Main Street outside of the Shanachie Pub to begin the memorial procession. The procession begins by walking past the new Shanachie mural showing the home flags of countries visitors have come from. Elvia and Caspian couldn't get into the bar, but they waited outside with Skylar to join the procession.

## Crook the Cat

### A friendly feline who captured countless hearts and represented the quirky personality of Willits is remembered in style

It is rare that an alley cat becomes a legend. In the eight years since Crook the Cat cashed in the last of his nine lives, the myriad of memories borne by those who knew and loved him have become his 10th life. The recollections have grown to mythical proportions in the stories that are told around the Shanachie Pub of this feline life form that everybody knew.

Behind the tales is how Crook has become an integral part of the ethos of the town of Willits, a symbol of freedom and quirkiness and ease amongst people that marks the personality of this Northern California burg. Everybody has a Crook story.

On Thursday, August 8, Crook, who got his name from his less-than-straight tail, was honored in full New Orleans style, with a "Second-Line Parade" complete with a music wagon followed by about 30 "mourners" who sported cat ears, kazoos, and musical instruments as the procession wound around some of Crook's favorite haunts.

Beginning inside the pub, the celebration of his life, an event to benefit the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, offered T-shirts, kazoos, cat ears, and about 200 small capsules containing Crook's ashes, to be distributed in the places that the participants remembered him best.

The stories of the legend were related amongst the tears and laughter. Malakai Schindel, who designed the Crook the

Cat logo found on the Shanachie T-shirts, remembered one of Crook's memorable entrances one day while performing at the Willits Shakespeare Company.

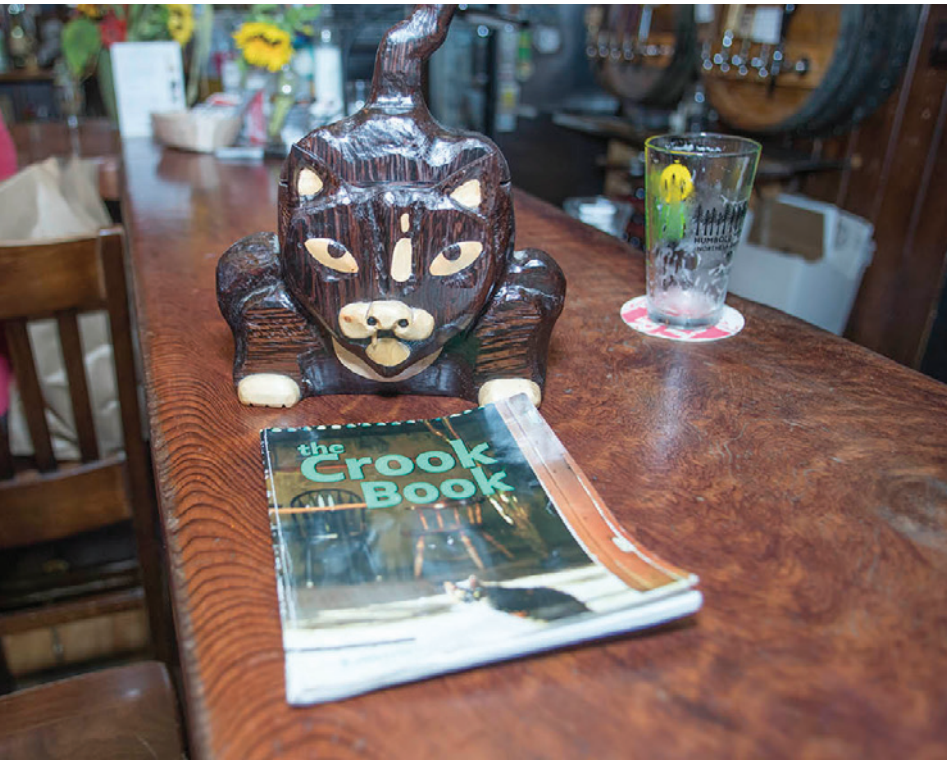
"I was in the middle of a soliloquy; the light was on me," Schindel said. "Crook pushed open the side swinging door, and he walked right out to the middle of the stage and he sat down right in front of me. I motioned down at him and everyone clapped. After he shared the spotlight there for a minute, stolen the spotlight as it were, he exited stage right."

No one owned Crook. He belonged to the town, or rather, he owned the town. He would roam at will on both sides of Highway 101, which at the time was not mitigated by the bypass. No one could figure out how he got across the busy highway and avoided becoming a flat-cat pizza in the middle of the road, but that was an integral part of his legend. He went where he wanted to go and nothing could stop him.

He often frequented Shanachie and could be seen nonchalantly dogging dancing feet in the crowd or walking the bar to find the perfect spot to lie down and soak up the sounds and the admiration of the people.

"He would visit with everybody who came into the pub," recalled Cherie Sherague, manager of Shanachie Pub. "And even on nights when the music was just slammin' and the place was absolutely packed, you could see Crook scampering through the feet of all the dancers and making his way

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At top: The tiny pub fills up with people gathering together to remember Crook the Cat. Above, left: A door inside Shanachie Pub is decorated with a drawing of Crook and a note from the pub's owner, Pete Swanton. Above, right: Never forgotten, Crook's ashes were available for distribution along the parade route. At right: James Mitchell and Susan Williams wear their Crook ears as they wait for the procession to begin. Below, left: The Crook urn, carved to contain his ashes, sits atop the counter next to "The Crook Book" by Kathryn Cantwell. Below: The crowd makes its way down an alley in town. At bottom, left: In a photo from "The Crook Book," Crook lounges on a table outside the Shanachie Pub, one of his favorite haunts. At bottom, right: Vanessa Herschman, Shanachie employee and long-time Crook friend, works behind the bar during the memorial.

## Hospice Volunteer Training starts September 26

Submitted by Adventist Health Certified Hospice of Mendocino County

Adventist Health Certified Hospice of Mendocino County (formerly Phoenix Hospice) will be providing training for prospective hospice volunteers, starting on Thursday, September 26, from 1 to 3 pm, and continuing each Thursday for seven weeks.

The goal of hospice is to provide compassionate comfort care for patients with a life-limiting illness. Hospice care seeks to enable the patient to carry on a symptom-managed, pain-free life so that their last days may be spent with dignity and quality at home. The hospice volunteers are vital members of the interdisciplinary team that serves our patients and their families.

Volunteers provide respite care for primary caregivers; visit and provide companionship for our hospice patients; and assist with errands and tasks as needed. Hospice volunteers are a wonderful, compassionate, caring group of people. They often express that they receive great emotional and spiritual benefits from their relationships with hospice patients and their families.

Adventist Health Hospice is the only certified hospice in Mendocino County. Our service area includes Ukiah, Redwood Valley, Potter Valley, Calpella, Hopland, Anderson Valley, Laytonville, Willits and Covelo.

The Hospice Volunteer Training is offered free of charge. The training's primary focus is to prepare prospective volunteers to provide supportive end-of-life care to patients and their families. Learn about the history of hospice, the volunteer role, family dynamics, grief and loss, pain management, spiritual care, communication skills, and funeral procedures.

The training, starting September 26 and continuing each Thursday from 1 to 3 pm for seven weeks, will be held at the AH Home Care & Hospice Services office located at 100 Sanhedrin Circle in Willits. If you would like to attend the training contact Jackie Beck prior to the first class at 456-3232.

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## Air quality guidelines for schools on wildfire days

Submitted by the Mendocino County Office of Education

In response to the State of California's recent release of air quality guidelines for schools dealing with wildfire smoke, the Mendocino County Office of Education collaborated with County Public Health Officer Dr. Gary Pace and County Air Pollution Control/Executive Officer Barbara Moed and their staffs to update air quality guidelines and the protocols for communication to keep Mendocino County school children as safe as possible.

The guidelines are based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and were developed in collaboration with local district superintendents.

### Guidelines

At 5 am on days with questionable air quality, school district superintendents shall determine the air quality index, known as "AQI." Ukiah and Willits schools can refer to www.airnow.gov for their AQI, and other districts can use the protocol based on visibility (facing away from the sun, determining the limit of visible range by looking for targets at known distances). If it is too dark for the visibility test, www2.purpleair.com can be used to determine AQI.

School superintendents should consider canceling classes at an AQI of 275 or higher.

School closures should be reported to affected families through pre-established channels, as well as to MCOE. MCOE will alert the public through a press release and via its website and social media channels.

County Superintendent of Schools Michelle Hutchins said, "Because California wildfires are becoming more common and more intense, dangerous air quality is a serious threat to local students' wellbeing."

Each district determines when the air quality is too unhealthy for their schools to remain open, because microclimates and local air basins can affect air quality from district to district. MCOE provides guidance, but depending on variables such as the time students are exposed to the outdoors during the day, the time spent walking to and from classes, the quality of the air filtration system at each school, and student transportation, districts may choose to close at a lower air quality index score than the one recommended by MCOE.

After reviewing school-related guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and air quality guidelines from surrounding counties, we determined that schools in Mendocino County should close in the event of an AQI level of 275 or more (i.e., "Very Unhealthy" to "Hazardous" ranges, as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency).

Superintendent Hutchins explained, "This does not

mean that levels from 50 to 274 are considered healthy; however, we believe students generally have access to cleaner air while in school, as our schools have high-quality filtration systems, whereas many private residences do not."

Just as each district may close schools based on their own assessments and determinations, parents must also determine whether it is in their student's best interest to attend school in the event of poor air quality, "because they know their child's needs best," according to Superintendent Hutchins.

In anticipation of another wildfire season, Superintendent Hutchins reached out to Dr. Pace earlier this year to see how they could work together to address the issue of poor air quality and its effects on school-aged children. The Mendocino County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program had already planned to use surplus funds from the California Department of Public Health to purchase industrial air scrubbers to protect the health of the most vulnerable people in the county – the young, the infirm, and the elderly – in the event of future wildfires. When Superintendent Hutchins reached out, Dr. Pace informed her that some of the scrubbers were intended for county schools.

An air scrubber is a portable filtration system that removes particles, gasses, and/or chemicals from the air within a given area. These machines draw air in from the surrounding environment and pass it through a series of filters to remove contaminants.

Public Health will distribute the scrubbers to key community partners to maximize their benefit. Five units designed for use around children will be on permanent loan to the Office of Education for use in local schools to reduce students' exposure to air pollution. The scrubbers will be strategically placed in classrooms and/or gymnasiums for those with breathing issues or who have compromised immunity.

Dr. Pace explained that children and older adults are more likely to be affected by health threats from smoke than any other age group. Children's airways are still developing, and they breathe more air per pound of body weight than adults.

Superintendent Hutchins said: "The wellbeing of local students remains our top priority. We hope all this preparation is unnecessary but given the increase in wildfire activity in recent years, it's best to be ready."

The Mendocino County Office of Education is a public agency whose primary purpose is to provide educational leadership, resources and services to schools to ensure wide-ranging educational opportunities for all students.

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have afflicted the state, and the impact of the fires on state policy. “Things are changing because of fire danger and so there are some of the other entities that are changing their policies that are state agencies that would be a client of the attorney general,” Elliott said.

After absorbing Elliott’s announcement, the board determined that Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams will work with Elliott to bring an agenda item to the board which would present options for future action.

This step is more complicated than it may at first appear. Some of the complications were pointed out by Second District Supervisor John McCowen, who said: “I appreciate the comments of county counsel and I also think that the chair has given appropriate direction for Supervisor Williams. I think he’d be the most logical to work with county counsel to bring forward the item to present the options to the board.

“One reason, you just can’t go out and say, ‘enforce it’, as I recall – and I might not have the operative phrase – but there was no way of enforcement, there was no enforcement officer identified in the measure.

“There is that,” McCowen said. “There are the fiscal implications. So again, I think working with county counsel to present the range of options available to the board would probably be the most appropriate way to proceed. I think it’s appropriate that ultimately it be a board decision.”

Another consideration was brought forward by Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde, who asked if there was another state agency that could render an opinion on the legality question.

“Is there some other entity within the state of California that would step in and provide an opinion?,” Gjerde asked. “Or does that mean that because there is a conflict declared by the attorney general there is no recourse? Usually it seems like there is a backup entity on most issues.”

Elliott said she would try to find an answer to Gjerde’s question. When Assistant Clerk of the Board Lindsay Dunham asked First District Supervisor Carre Brown, chair of the BOS, if direction had been given, Brown clarified that McCowen’s recommendation was a suggestion and not a direction.

“It was a suggestion. I believe Supervisor McCowen is also interested.... It’s up to the supervisor, or supervisors, to go forward in whatever direction, so not a directive.”

### Why the legality question has been raised

Numerous people have appeared before the board of supervisors in recent weeks and months, asking why Measure V has not been enforced, and urging supervisors to see it be enforced quickly.

Supervisors have taken no action to enforce Measure V. Instead, since February 2017, the board has told the public it is seeking an opinion from the AG’s Office.

The question upon which the board is seeking clarification has to do with provisions in the California Government Code which seem to indicate forestry operations may not be declared a public nuisance, and local jurisdictions do not have the authority to regulate forestry practices in California. Rather, California forest practices are regulated by the state Board of Forestry.

From the California Civil Code, Division 4, Part 3, Title 1, Section 3482.5 (a) (1): “No agricultural activity, operation, or facility, or appurtenances

thereof, conducted or maintained for commercial purposes, and in a manner consistent with proper and accepted customs and standards, as established and followed by similar agricultural operations in the same locality, shall be or become a nuisance, private or public, due to any changed condition in or about the locality, after it has been in operation for more than three years if it was not a nuisance at the time it began.”

### From the same subsection, part (e):

“For purposes of this section, the term ‘agricultural activity, operation, or facility, or appurtenances thereof’ shall include, but not be limited to, the cultivation and tillage of the soil, dairying, the production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural commodity including timber, viticulture, apiculture, or horticulture, the raising of livestock, fur bearing animals, fish, or poultry, and any practices performed by a farmer or on a farm as incident to or in conjunction with those farming operations, including preparation for market, delivery to storage or to market, or delivery to carriers for transportation to market.”

The section of the California code which limits the regulation of forestry activities to the board of forestry is found in the state’s Public Resources Code, Section 4516.5, a part of the California Forest Practices Act.

It reads: “Individual counties may recommend that the board adopt additional rules and regulations for the content of timber harvesting plans and the conduct of timber operations to take account of local needs. For purposes of this section, ‘timber operations’ includes, but is not limited to, soil erosion control, protection of stream character and water quality, water distribution systems, flood control, stand density control, reforestation methods, mass soil movements, location and grade of roads and skid trails, excavation and fill requirements, slash and debris disposal, haul routes and schedules, hours and dates of logging, and performance bond or other reasonable surety requirements for onsite timber operations and for protection of publicly and privately owned roads that are part of the haul route. Where a bond or other surety has been required, the director shall not issue a work completion report without first ascertaining whether the county in which the timber operations were conducted has knowledge of any claims intended to be made on the bond or surety.”

Subsection (d) of Section 4516.5 provides the exclusionary statement: “Except as provided in subdivision (e), individual counties shall not otherwise regulate the conduct of timber operations, as defined by this chapter, or require the issuance of any permit or license for those operations.”

However, there are at least two subsections in the California Public Resources Code which appear to give support to the contention that Measure V should be construed as valid. From Section 4170 of the Public Resources Code: “Any uncontrolled fire burning on any lands covered wholly or in part by timber, brush, grass, grain or any other flammable material, without proper precaution being taken to prevent its spread notwithstanding the origin of such fire, is a public nuisance by reason of its menace to life and property.”

Section 4171 reads, “Any condition endangering public safety by creating a fire hazard and which exists upon any property which is included within any state responsibility area is a public nuisance.”

## Supervisors hear from constituents demanding Measure V enforcement

**Submitted by Redwood Nation Earth First and SEIJ, Social, Environmental Indigenous Justice**

Mendocino County Supervisors heard spirited public comment from constituents on Tuesday [August 8] demanding action and answers on Measure V. The 2016 law passed by 62 percent of voters over three years ago defines the intentional leaving of dead standing trees for over 90 days a public nuisance under Title 8 of the County Public Health and Safety Code to address fire danger. Speakers from inland Mendocino County and the coast wanted to know why the ordinance has still not been enforced.

After formally adopting Measure V in July 2016, the previous board sent the ordinance to California Attorney General Xavier Becerra for a legal opinion. However, the AG’s office has declined to issue an opinion despite repeated requests. In April this year Supervisor John Haschak and Supervisor Ted Williams (one of the original backers of Measure V and the former fire chief of Albion) personally delivered a request for immediate response to Becerra’s office. Promised deadlines of 30 and 60 days have passed with no reply.

Mendocino Redwood Company has continued the practice of “hack and squirt,” the intentional killing of hardwoods, mostly tan oaks, by injecting them with the cell-disrupting herbicide Imazapyr; meanwhile, other timber companies in the county are abiding by the law. This has created an uneven playing field for law-abiding competition, since poisoning and leaving the trees standing is considerably cheaper than removing them.

Measure V restricted the leaving of dead standing trees in certain easements due to the fire danger created by increased fuel loads in our forests. Shortly after passage of Measure V, MRC declared itself “exempt” from the regulation, citing advice from its attorneys based on certain agricultural and forestry laws.

Both Imazapyr, used to kill full-grown trees, and Glyphosate, applied on brush, result in a buildup of dry and dead fuel materials. Left standing, tan oaks can take over a decade to degrade, shedding limbs slowly over the years. In this way, more dead standing trees in various stages of decay are being added each year.

Bernadette Smith, a member of the Manchester Point Arena Band of Pomo Indians, emphasized the cultural importance of acorns, once a revered staple of the native diet and essential for wildlife and the health of the forest. Indigenous peoples are trying to reclaim their traditional gathering rights. Smith called the killing of tan oaks tantamount to “cultural genocide.”

An interactive map based on data gathered from the Mendocino County Department of Agriculture showed clusters of herbicide-treated areas stretching from Gualala, Point Arena and Elk, up the interior ranges surrounding Comptche, west of Willits, Laytonville and Leggett all the way to Rockport.

Following the board of supervisors meeting, the group brought their grievances to the MRC Ukiah office demanding the vompny honor the community’s concerns and start obeying the law.

## PG&E announces new

### ‘Safety Action Center’ website

**Submitted by Pacific Gas & Electric Company**

We’ve all heard the phrase that it’s better to be safe than sorry. And Ben Franklin wisely opined that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. And a poster proclaiming “Safety doesn’t happen by accident” can be found in almost every workplace.

In that spirit, Pacific Gas and Electric Company has launched its new online “Safety Action Center” at [www.safetyactioncenter.pge.com](http://www.safetyactioncenter.pge.com).

What is it? Think of it as your one-stop source for making sure that you, your family, your neighborhood, and even your pets are prepared before a wildfire or another emergency. The new Safety Action Center is very consumable with small tasks, safety tips, how-to videos, preparedness activities, and much more. Add up those small tasks and to do’s together, and you end up with greater preparation, education and resilience.

Here’s what you can do when you visit the Safety Action Center:

- Share the valuable information on the site and help your family and neighbors take the first steps toward being prepared for emergencies.
- Sign up to be notified when there are new features on the site.
- Pledge to help your more vulnerable neighbors during emergencies.
- Record a video of your pet showing how you’re getting them ready for a quick escape in



Photos by Gracie and Matt Jennison



Above: Water drops land on cactus, left, and sunflowers, right.

## August Rain

Reports on the unexpected August rainfall last Friday night showed that Willits received as much as 1/3 of an inch – more than anywhere else in Mendocino County. The weather station at Mendocino College’s North County Center reported that .31 inches fell on August 9, while the National Weather Service’s Howard Ranger Station page reported a total of .20 inches.



## Willits 4-H at Fair

### Results for Willits 4-H Club members from exhibits and shows at 2019 Redwood Empire Fair

Every August, youth exhibitors gather together at the Ukiah Fairgrounds to show their friends, family, peers and community their skills with animals, arts, crafts and more during the Redwood Empire Fair.

Below are results provided by Natalie Spackman of the Willits 4-H on how club members did in the animal divisions. See page 11 for Home Arts, Fine Arts and Junior building results.

Awards are given in market, breeding and showmanship classes. Market classes are focused on the market-readiness of the animal, including muscle tone and finishing. The best animals receive the Champion and Grand Champion awards.

Breeding classes are focused on the physical characteristics of the animal and its quality of genetics to be used as a candidate to be saved for breeding stock to improve one’s herd. Showmanship classes focus on the handler’s ability to show the animal to its best potential.

Showmanship classes focus on the exhibitor’s knowledge of their species, animal husbandry in general, and how they compose themselves in the show ring. 4-H offers novice, intermediate and advanced levels.

#### Swine Group awards:

Clayton Cooley won fifth place in market with his crossbred hog, and ninth place in intermediate showmanship.

Grady Cooley won first place in market with his crossbreed hog.

Tanner Dudley received fifth place in market with his crossbred hog, and eighth place in breeding with his unregistered February gilt.

Cheyenne Dusky received first place for her registered Hampshire in market; eighth place

for her registered February gilt in breeding; and 10th place in the intermediate showmanship class.

Wyatt Klee won third place in market with his crossbred hog.

Ava Mucke received third place in market for her registered spot hog, and earned first place with her unregistered February gilt in breeding.

Cruz Oljenbruns won fourth place in market with his crossbred hog and placed sixth in novice showmanship.

Mason Oljenbruns won sixth place in market with his crossbred hog.

Brett Rountree won fourth place in market with his registered Hampshire hog and fifth place in breeding with his unregistered February gilt.

Logan Sanderson won third place in breeding with his registered AOB (All Other Breeds) Poland China hog.

Isaac Silva won fourth place in market with his registered Duroc hog.

Colton Weiss won Reserve Champion Hampshire market hog, sixth place in breeding for his registered February gilt, and placed eighth in the intermediate showmanship.

Kaleb Whitehurst won Reserve Champion Duroc in market; he placed first with this registered February gilt in breeding and placed sixth in intermediate showmanship.

Justin Zapanta won sixth place for his unregistered February gilt in his breeding class.

Overall, the Willits 4-H Swine Group got second place in the “Pen of Three” class and also received the Clean Stall Award for the Swine Barn.

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Above, left: Members of the Willits 4-H Swine group smile together. At top: Rabbit group members, from left: Stephany Brudage, Sophia Scott, and Porter Jones. Above: Dayana Estrada with her Grand Champion doe, left, and with her Best in Show CH Junior doe, right.

Below: Colten Weiss, left, winner of the Reserve Champion Hampshire, stands with Kaleb Whitehurst, winner of the Reserve Champion Duroc.

At bottom: Cheyenne Dusky with her first-place Registered Hampshire.

Photos submitted by Natalie Spackman











Above: Members of St. John Lutheran Church gather in front of their church on Mill Creek Drive, with Pastor Karl Bliese, in front, right. The volunteers hold Christmas boxes they've packed for needy children around the world.

## Lutheran Church supports Operation Christmas Child Project

St. John Lutheran Church is participating in Operation Christmas Child for the eighth year! We will be having a pack-a-box party on Sunday, August 25 along with a potluck and Ice Cream Social. We plan to pack 120 boxes to be delivered to needy children around the world.

— submitted by St. John Lutheran Church, Willits



At left: Pastor Karl Bliese gets a hug from Kevin Garrity during the prayer circle.

Below: The group gathers at the Little Lake Fire substation prior to the prayers.

Photos by Mathew Caine



At top: A fire hydrant in front of the Little Lake Fire substation, painted by Peggy Hebrard, honors those who have given their lives.

Above: Pastor Karl Bliese of Saint John Lutheran Church prays for the safety of first responders near a newly painted fire hydrant in front of the Little Lake Fire substation.



## Prayers for Firefighters

Pastor Karl Bliese of Saint John Lutheran Church leads group in praying for the safety of first responders

On a cool, overcast summer morning, the day was brightened by the heartfelt prayers of Pastor Karl Bliese of Saint John Lutheran Church. A small but appreciative group of people gathered Friday morning around the newly painted fire hydrant in front of the Little Lake Fire substation on Baechtel Road, to hear the uplifting words, praying for the safety of the first responders who work to keep us safe.

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Most of the firefighters were out on a call and were not able to attend; however, Pastor Bliese thanked them, as well as wishing them well.

The hydrant, painted by local artist Peggy Hebrard, sported a theme of love of country with an American bald eagle and a red, white and blue theme.

The painting and firefighters' blessing were the idea of Kevin Garrity, whose father, Kevin Francis Garrity was a

Chicago firefighter who died on duty. He wanted to honor all fallen firefighters and first responders. Hebrard and Bliese enthusiastically agreed.

Pastor Bliese began with a group singing of "God Bless America," after which he began his prayer.

"Oh Jesus Christ. You say to us that we can love because you loved us first, for which we thank you," Pastor Bliese started off. "Giving your life for us and rising again for our salvation. You empower us to give our lives away as well.

"We are so thankful for all firefighters and first responders. We thank you for each and every one, especially the firefighters here in Willits. We thank you that Mike [a firefighter] and Michelle [Schnitzius, Little Lake Fire administrative assistant] can be with us because the firefighters here are out on a call right now.

"We pray, Lord, for your protection for them, that you would keep them safe and you would bless their work. We pray for all firefighters and first responders around the country, especially those who have been involved in the recent shootings in El Paso and in Dayton."

Pastor Bliese thanked those who "keep us safe: Chief Jon in Brooktrails, Chief Chris in Willits, Scott who is the police chief here, and Gerry who is the mayor," and all the officials who care about the community. He also prayed against fear and for "the removal of all hate."

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claiming it has questions about the legality of the measure. The board has at least twice asked for an opinion on the legality of the measure from the state Office of the Attorney General.

County Counsel Katharine Elliott announced Tuesday that during a phone conversation with Susan Lee, head of the Opinions Division in the AG's Office, Lee had said the AG would not be rendering an opinion on the Measure V question.

In an August 8 letter Lee wrote to Elliott, she stated: "Unfortunately, we discovered late in our internal vetting process that we should withdraw from the matter ... to avoid a risk of conflict of interest arising."

That morning, prior to Elliott's announcement, several people spoke on the matter of enforcement of Measure V during the time for public comment on matters not on the agenda. One was environmental activist Naomi Wagner, who said: "I want to make sure that you know we're coming in here as allies and advocates, for enforcement. We're not here to attack you in any way.

"I do want to delve a little deeper into the comments that Ted [Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams] made about your concern about the possibility of being sued. That's what you're talking about, right?" Wagner asked.

"I have looked into the background of the issue," she continued, "and I don't see where anybody says they're going to sue. What I do see is that Mendocino Redwood Company wrote a letter, I think shortly after or before the ordinance was sent to the Attorney General's Office, and said that they felt they were exempt from the ordinance.

"So I would urge the board, and county counsel, to look into that. I'm wondering what they really base that on. There's an interview on [KMUD, the Humboldt County radio station] where they talk about some kind of agricultural law and hooking the Forest Practices Act into it. We need to get to the bottom of this," Wagner said.

Journalist and magazine publisher Beth Bosk told supervisors she "would like [the board] to advise county counsel to look into the impartiality of the state attorney general.

"The Fisher family, who owns Mendocino Redwood Company ... threw \$150,000 into one of [former California Governor] Arnold Schwarzenegger's pet projects in exchange for forgiveness of a \$3 million tax debt," Bosk said.

"I'd like the county counsel to take a look at the [campaign finance] forms of the current attorney general to see if there are any major contributions made by either of the three Fisher brothers, their several wives, from Sandy Dean, the past president of MRC, or from MRC, or any contribution to his campaign from Mendocino Forest Products, or from CEO/CFO Robert Mertz, or from Dennis Tybold.

"If it turns out that major contributions were made from MRC, I think you should set aside your desire to hear an opinion from the Attorney General's Office and proceed with enforcement of Measure V, which something like 74 percent of the county voted for," Bosk said.

Willits City Councilwoman Madge Strong also addressed the supervisors at their August 6 meeting and urged them to proceed with enforcement of Measure V. Her comments in addition contained criticism of recent abatement activity undertaken by PG&E.

"The public in our county is very justifiably and understandably

freaked out about fire hazard," Strong said. "I know you share that concern. It appears to the public that leaving dead vegetation, whether it's standing or not, is increasing the fire hazard.

"I want you to begin, 2.5 years later, to enforce Measure V, which is addressing that very thing, the fire hazard and the public nuisance of dead vegetation. It directly affects everyone in the county," Strong said. "It's part of the police powers of the county to address nuisances and to protect the public. It's long overdue to begin enforcing that measure."

Measure V "also applies to PG&E," Strong continued. "My understanding is, they're clearing vegetation — well, not necessarily clearing it. They're cutting things down and leaving things strewn around. That's another fire hazard. So, whether people are private owners or public utilities or public entities, everybody has an obligation to protect us from the fire hazard that threatens all of us.

"I think the public passed Measure V by an overwhelming majority, and it's been over 2.5 years. I don't understand why we can't get that enforced. I ask you to please — [it's] long overdue — address that right away," Strong said.

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was compiled and what its purpose is. "This report offers a statistical representation of the local economy as well as an as-on-the-ground perspective. We reviewed 11 economic indicators and interviewed more than 15 key business owners, industry leaders and stakeholders. We also incorporated information obtained at the economic summit held on January 31, 2019."

The overview goes on to state: "It is more than highly likely there will be an economic downturn in the future, but it is impossible to say when or how serious it will be. That is why it is critical to develop, adopt and implement strategic efforts to improve our economic resiliency."

In a section titled, "On the Ground: Local Perception," the report states: "EDFC conducted over 15 targeted surveys of key economic stakeholders from around the county. They included directors of the local chambers of commerce, the Farm Bureau, Visit Mendocino, West Business Development Center, more than eight business owners, several Realtors, and a local banker. We also spoke with business owners and industry leaders at the Mendocino County Economic Summit.... Perspectives on the state of the economy vary based on location and industry. Overall, more than half of those interviewed felt the economy was improving, but almost all were very cautious in saying so."

One of the more telling tables in the report detailed changes in industry employment. Between 1998 and 2018, according to the table, mining and logging employment numbers dropped 58.7 percent, manufacturing employment dropped 49.2 percent, farm employment dropped 44.1 percent, and goods producing dropped 40.6 percent.

During the same period, employment in service-providing increased 21.8 percent, leisure and hospitality increased 24.4 percent, wholesale trade increased 29.7 percent, state government employment increased 31.8 percent, local government employment increased 35.8 percent, and employment in education and health services increased 52.7 percent.

Altogether, employment in all industries increased by 3.3 percent.

According to a section in the report titled "Taxable Transactions in Mendocino County," the dollar amount of taxable sales in the county has increased steadily since a trough period in 2009 and 2010. A graph shows a steady annual increase from 1998 to 2008, then a \$200 million decline during the Bush Recession of 2009 to 2010, then a steady recovery and upward march until 2018, the last year for which economic information was available.

The last several years — from 2015 until 2018 — exhibit more taxable spending than the peak years prior to the recession. According to the report, "This indicates that the economy has not only recovered from the economic downturn but has grown since."

A section of the report titled "Business Demographics" examines how the size of businesses in the county is changing.

"Mendocino County's economy is made up mostly of microbusinesses, or businesses with less than 10 employees," the report states. "These include downtown merchants, restaurants, cosmetologists, and other 'Main Street' businesses. They also include everything from fine woodworkers to small wineries, to internet service providers, and small manufacturers.

According to the report, 82 percent of all county businesses are microbusinesses with fewer

than 10 employees. In 2018, the report states, there were 3,445 microbusinesses in the county, an increase of 2.5 percent since 2007; in 2018 there were 398 businesses with between 10 and 19 employees, an increase of 5.5 percent since 2007.

The same table shows the number of larger businesses is shrinking. According to the table, in 2018 there were 247 businesses with between 20 and 49 employees, a decrease of 9.3 percent since 2007. That same year, there were 73 businesses with between 50 and 99 employees, a decrease of 5.5 percent from 2007 numbers. Also in 2018 there were just 29 businesses in the county that employed between 100 and 249 employees, a decline of 10.3 percent from 2007.

However, "Tourism has become very prominent in Mendocino County over the last 20 years," the report maintains. "In 1998, direct visitor spending in Mendocino County was \$257.9 million. It grew to \$342.7 million in 2008. Due to the recession, tourism spending bottomed out at \$331.1 million in 2010. Growth was minor through 2013.

"The market began to pick up again in 2014, with significant growth through 2017, which had total direct visitor spending of \$456 million. This is an overall increase of 77 percent between 1998-2017.

"Preliminary numbers from Dean Runyan & Associates provided by Visit Mendocino show tourism spending increased to \$482 million in 2018, a year-over-year increase of nearly 6 percent."

The value of agricultural commodities produced in the county, excepting cannabis products, totaled \$268.7 million in 2017. Wine grapes made up the lion's share of that amount, with sales of \$120 million. Timber had an at-mill value in 2017 of \$102 million. According to the report, "Mendocino County ranked fourth in the state in timber volumes and produced roughly 7.6 percent of the state's total timber harvest in 2017."

While the report mentioned the cannabis economy, it provided little illumination on the topic. "Cannabis is an old industry with a new legal framework that is not 100 percent settled," Gurewitz wrote. "As the industry's landscape has changed so drastically, the future of cannabis in Mendocino County is uncertain.

"The legalized cannabis industry has had many changes over the last year. With regulations that are so nascent, it is impossible to predict how significantly this newly legalized industry will impact the local economy," she wrote.

Gurewitz does mention a positive contribution made by the cannabis economy, using the City of Willits as an example. She quotes Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra, Willits city manager, who says: "Build-out of the cannabis industry has resulted in about \$18 million in construction activity in the City of Willits.... and a significant number of jobs are being created. We expect a jump in much-needed tax revenue through our [cannabis] excise tax."

"Mendocino County's economy will continue to change — that is the only guarantee," the report concludes. "Through more strategic partnerships and collaboration, economic development partners in Mendocino County can amplify their impact. EDFC is committed to working with the business community, our partner organizations, local jurisdictions, and community stakeholders as we continue to develop a plan for economic recovery and resiliency and begin to implement strategies that will create sustainable prosperity in Mendocino County."

The report is available for perusal at <http://www.edfc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/FINAL-2018-2019-Mendocino-County-Economic-Assessment.pdf>

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concerned about fire danger in their community. SFC gave attendees checklists of fire safety and evacuation tasks to work on for the next meetings, scheduled for August 22 and August 24.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak spoke on August 8, and said he'll be giving updates at every Sherwood Firewise meeting. Haschak reported on a tour he took of the Firco Road project, funded as part of CalFire's Willits Fuel Reduction Project, which is still in progress.

A cleared Firco Road — from the old mill north of Willits up to the Willits Airport in Brooktrails — will act as a firebreak in case of wildfire, as a place for firefighters to make a stand, and as an emergency access road for first responders to get in to fight fires, so both lanes of Sherwood Road can be used as an emergency evacuation route for Brooktrails residents.

CalFire Battalion Chief Tod Patten and Deputy Mendocino County CEO Steve Dunningcliff also toured the project, which is clearing Firco Road for 100 feet on each side. "Thanks to CalFire, property owners Rich Padula, Clay Romero, Mendocino Redwood Company, and Cal Corrections inmates," Haschak said on a Facebook post after the tour, with photos of the "very impressive" work being done.

The next Sherwood Firewise meeting, set for Thursday, August 22, from 6 to 9 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center, should bear fruit of the instructional preparations given to the packed house of concerned residents at last week's meeting.

Homework for the August 22 meeting included: home hardening, making defensible spaces around properties, power and fuels, neighborhood coordination, and evacuation planning.

The August 22 meeting is the second step of Sherwood Firewise's three-step approach to fire safety, preparedness, and potential evacuation procedures. Residents will be able to compare evacuation checklists and get the latest updates from Haschak on evacuation routes, sirens and fire cams, as well as a preview of the practice evacuation drill set for Saturday, August 24.

That Saturday, from 9 to noon, a full review is planned of all evacuation procedures. Subjects covered will include: MendoAlerts/NOAA notification, shelter-in-place if trapped, what to do after evacuation, and a review of the route out using the north end of Sherwood Road to Highway 101 south of Laytonville.

At 1 pm participants will gather and depart for a convoy trial run of evacuation routes. Brooktrails residents are encouraged to attend both meetings to prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

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assisted the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office with bringing the patient up to the roadway for investigation. 8 firefighters responded for service.

**08-08-19 (East Oak Street)**

Medical assist: Little Lake Fire assisted the current medic unit at scene with assisting the patient from the bathroom to the bedroom. 6 firefighters responded for service.

**08-09-19 (Highway 162)**

Vehicle over the bank: Little Lake Fire responded to a pickup truck approximately 250 feet over the bank. Fire personnel utilized the rescue system set up off R-5430, as well as personnel from Laytonville Fire to package and raise the patient up to the roadway. The patient was then loaded into REACH and transported. 7 firefighters responded for service.

**08-10-19 (Main Street)**

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle into a light pole. Upon arrival fire personnel assisted the medic unit at scene with patient care and packaging for transport via ambulance to Howard Memorial Hospital. 7 firefighters responded for service.

**08-10-19 (Eva Clair)**

Carbon monoxide: Little Lake Fire responded to an alarm sounding inside the residence. Fire personnel utilized the CO detection

device and were unable to locate CO inside the structure. Fire personnel recommended to replace the expired CO detector. 10 firefighters responded for service.

**08-10-19 (Highway 20)**

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle accident. After extensive searching of the area, units were unable to locate the incident. 10 firefighters responded for service.

**08-10-19 (Alice Drive)**

Structure fire: Upon arrival fire units at scene reported smoke coming from the attic, as well as the crawl space vents around the structure. LLFD and Willits Police units entered the structure to find it unoccupied. After searching the area, the fire was in the garage and under the structure. Fire personnel were able to extinguish the fire. 12 firefighters responded for service.

**08-12-19 (Highway 20)**

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle accident. After an extensive search of the area units were unable to locate. 11 firefighters responded for service.

**08-12-19 (North Highway 101)**

Medical: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported medical call. Upon arrival the ambulance provided patient care and fire units were released. 11 firefighters responded for service.

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Far left: Moonlit blooms flourish in “Blue” by Margaret Pirouette. At left: A woman walks along the shore in “Sleepwalking in Mendocino” by Margaret Pirouette.

Below, from left: Margaret Pirouette’s show “Flowers and Sleepwalkers” is on display now at Brickhouse Coffee. Painter Margaret Pirouette hangs out at Brickhouse Coffee, where she is currently displaying her works in a show titled “Flowers and Sleepwalkers.” “The First Sleepwalker” was artist Margaret Pirouette’s inspiration for a new set of sleepwalker paintings.

Photos by Mathew Caine

# ‘Flowers and Sleepwalkers’

Brickhouse Coffee now showing the work of local artist Margaret Pirouette

“I’m going to overdose on inspiration someday,” declared Margaret Pirouette, the artist currently showing at Brickhouse Coffee at 3 South Main Street. Her show, “Flowers and Sleepwalkers,” is an amalgam of two of Pirouette’s creative interests.

“I love flowers,” she said. “I can never get tired of painting flowers because there is such a variety, and every day a flower looks different. The colors and the form continually change.”

“To me,” Pirouette continued, addressing the other part of her show title, “sleepwalking is something mysterious. You just don’t know what it is. Anything with mystery leaves a lot to my imagination. My ‘First Sleepwalker’ was a woman who posed for us. She was just wearing a black robe and standing up and it looked like she was sleepwalking. I have many more coming, including one on my easel right now.”

Pirouette doesn’t work from photos like many others. She works mostly from her imagination. She considers herself “married to my art.” Another motif in her body of

work is sirens, of which she has done a whole series. She likes that they are such amazing singers and rejects the idea that they are evil beings who lure innocent sailors to their death.

The exhibit will continue for the summer, but has no formal closing date. Get down to Brickhouse Coffee for some great food, coffee and some lovely masterful art. Visit “Brickhouse Coffee” on Facebook for more information about events and offerings.



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## Redwood Empire Fair building results for 2019

Showing animals is just for the youth, but showcasing arts and crafts skills is an all-age opportunity for the community at the Redwood Empire Fair.

Four different exhibit buildings are spread through the Ukiah fairgrounds: Home Arts (featuring things like baked goods, sewing, tole painting and preserved foods); Fine Arts (featuring oils, acrylic and watercolor paintings, poetry, jewelry and photography); Floriculture/Horticulture/Agriculture (featuring cut stems, homegrown veggies, planters, gardens and flower arrangements) and the Junior building (featuring an assortment of all of these items, but from younger exhibitors at the fair).

Awards for Willits, Laytonville and Covelo residents, provided by the Redwood Empire Fair, are as follows:

Heidi Ahders of Willits won a second-place award in Home Arts for her shawl. Keely Ahders of Willits won three four first-place awards, including one in Home Arts for her skirt, three in Fine Arts for her animal and underwater photography, and a second-place award for her cloud photography. Skylar Arnold of Willits won a second-place award in Juniors for his FFA welding entry. Michele Briggs of Willits received three first-place awards and a Best in Show/Director Award in Agriculture for her produce characters, four second-place awards in Agriculture for another produce character, herbs and elephant garlic entries, and two fourth-place awards in Agriculture for her unusual shape and/or size entries. Doug Brown of Willits won three third-place awards in Fine Arts for his animal, marine and sunrise/sunset photography entries. Stephany Brundage of Willits received 13 first-place awards, 11 second-place awards and seven fourth-place awards in Juniors for her photography, painting and leather entries. She also received a third-place award in Fine Arts for her Animal Skull Art entry.

Barbara Carlon of Willits received three first-place awards in Home Arts for her dress, mini quilt and fair-theme entries, and a second-place award in Home Arts for her infant machined quilt entry. Sophia DeTreville of Willits received one first-place awards, one second-place award and three fourth-place awards in Fine Arts for her pen and ink and other graphic entries. Taylor Drew of Willits received a first-place award in Juniors for his FFA welding entry. Amy Elliott of Willits received two second-place awards in Home Arts for her stuffed animal and quilt entries, and two third-place awards for her wall hanging and quilt entries. Grady Fosen of Willits received a first-place award for his 8-year-old/preschool decorated cut-out in the special contest. Jerry Gutierrez of Willits received a first-place award in Juniors for his FFA welding entry.

Audrey Hebrard of Willits received a first-place award and a second-place award in Juniors for her acrylics entries. Peggy Hebrard of Willits received two first-place awards in Home Arts for her painting entries, three second-place awards in Fine Arts for her oils entries, two third-place entries in Fine Arts for her oils entries, and a fourth-place award in Home Arts for her decorative painting entry. Destiny Henson of Willits received two first-place awards in Juniors for her cookie and muffin entries. Jazzmarie Henson of Willits received three first-place awards in Juniors for her acrylic and cookies entries. Christole Hernandez of Willits received a first-place award in Home Arts for her afghan entry. Sue Hill of Covelo received a first-place award, a second-place award and two third-place awards in Home Arts for her intermediate quilt entries.

Kasey Hollifield of Willits received a first-place award and a second-place award in Home Arts for her advanced entries. Suzen Ingle of Willits received five first-place awards in Home Arts for her quilts, barbecue sauce and salsa entries, three-second place awards for her quilt, fruit-based butter and sauce entries, and two third-place awards for her sauce and barbecue sauce entries. Michael Kale of Willits received a first-place award in Juniors for his FFA welding entry. Jacqui Kendall of Covelo received a second-place award in Home Arts for her intermediate quilt. Mason Kelly of Laytonville received a first-place award in Juniors for her family fun entry. Jeanne Koelle of Willits received four first-place awards, two second-place awards, and one third-place award in Fine Arts for her watercolor entries. Joey Kroh of Willits won third-place in the 18-plus Ukiah Idol special contest. Wyler Lavenduskey of Laytonville received a first place award in Juniors for his entry.

Kathy Lebert of Willits received a first-place award and two second-place awards in Agriculture for her beans, tomatoes and garlic entries. Alicia Logan of Willits received a first-place award, a Best in Show award, and a third-place award for her macro and reflection photography

entries in Fine Arts. Tinley Logan of Willits won a first-place award and two second-place awards in Juniors for her animal and bird photography entries. Kandice Lundgren of Willits received three first-place awards for her rosemary, petunia and dahlia entries, one second-place award for her hydrangea and one third-place award for her sunflower entry in Agriculture.

Kathy Lundgren of Willits received six first-place awards for her herbs, peas, pickles and zinnias; three second-place awards for her gardener’s delight, petunia and basil entries, and four fourth-place awards for her peppers, cherry tomatoes, zucchini entries in Agriculture. She also received 47 first-place awards for her canned fruit, jams, pepper jelly, butters, marmalades, pickles, salsa, spaghetti sauce, frosted and decorated cakes, bars, brownies, dipped chocolates, fudge, mints cookies and coffee cake; 25 second-place awards for her relishes, afghans, applesauce, jams, jellies, green beans, peppers, corn bread, barbecue sauce, salsa, layered cakes, single cakes, bundt cakes, peanut brittle, confections and drop cookies; 16 third-place awards for her banana, cranberry, pumpkin, zucchini, corn and other quick breads, muffins, jelly, marmalade, pickles, relish, angel food and loaf cakes and cookies; and four fourth-place awards for her biscuit, marmalade craft an confection entries in Home Arts.

Landyn Lundgren of Willits received 35 first-place awards, one in Agriculture for his junior wheelbarrow entry in Agriculture and the rest in Juniors for his mixed media, stepping stone, pillow, totebag, bread, candies, cookies, birthday cake, canned fruit, jams, pickles, relishes, rocks, Legos, sunflower and marigold entries. He also received five second-place awards for his cookies and vegetable entries and two third-place awards for his bread entries in Juniors. St. John Lutheran Women’s Guild of Willits received a first-place award for their afghan entry in Home Arts. Rose Mann of Willits received a second-place award and a fourth-place award for her cookie entries in Home Arts. Artie McCann of Willits received three first-place awards for her bead, hand-made and mixed media entries in Fine Arts. Tom McCann of Willits received two first-place awards and one second-place award for his watercolor entries in Fine Arts. Hailey Musgrave of Laytonville received a first-place award for her Club Project in Juniors.

Nancy Reed of Willits received a first-place award, two second-place awards, and one fourth-place award for her watercolor, sculpture and graphic entries in Fine Arts. Grace Orozco of Willits received a first-place award and a second-place award for her photography entries in Juniors. Karen Oslund of Willits received a second-place award for her intermediate quilt in Home Arts. Aldo Perez of Willits received a second-place award for his FFA welding entry in Juniors. Amarah Potter of Willits received a second-place award in Agriculture for her Thursday Floriculture entry. Tami Potter of Willits received a fourth-place award in Agriculture for her Thursday Floriculture entry.

Teresa Robertson of Willits received nine first-place awards including eight in Fine Arts for her canvases, acrylic, mixed media, and creative presentation awards and one in Home Arts for her holiday painting entry. She also received six second-place awards in Fine Arts for her photography, canvas and creative presentation entries, two third-place entries including one in Fine Arts for her “Show Me the Love” entry and one in Home Arts for her holiday painting and one fourth-place award in Fine Arts for her special effects photography. Chris Rodriguez of Willits received a first-place award for his FFA welding entry in Juniors. Omar Rodrigues of Willits received a first-place award for his FFA welding entry in Juniors. Caroline Salcedo of Willits received two first-place awards, four second-place awards, and one third-place award for her pieced, machined, and miniature quilt entries.

Marla Schroeder of Willits received two first-place awards for her decorative painting and counted cross-stitch entries in Home Arts. Nancy Simpson of Willits received a first-place award for her advanced wall hanging quilt in Home Arts. Jensen Steee-Marbury of Willits received a first-place award for his FFA welding entry in Juniors. Julie Thornton of Willits received four first-place awards, one

daughter(s) in breeding.

Danielle Estrada won first place Junior Doe Dry Yearling; Best in Show CH Junior Doe; fifth place Senior Kid Doe, and third place 3-year-old Doe in breeding.

Ivan Estrada won third place Senior Kid Doe and fifth place Dry Yearling in breeding.

**Dog group:** Stephany Brundage placed second in advanced showmanship.

Aurora-Belle David won first place in advanced showmanship and first place in sub novice A - obedience.

Leibel Firks cross-clubbed into the Willits 4-H Dog group from Long Valley 4-H and placed first in novice showmanship and second place in obedience - sub novice B.

Sophia Scott placed first in novice obedience and third in advanced showmanship.

**Round Robin:**

Exhibitors who placed first in advanced showmanship in their species were able to attend the grand finale of showmanship:

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### Rabbit group awards:

Stephany Brundage won Best in Show Rabbit in breeding; first place in the advanced rabbit showmanship and fifth place with her meat pen in market.

Porter Jones won eighth place for his meat pen in market.

Madison Maciel won first place in intermediate showmanship

Sophia Scott won sixth place in market for her meat pen; third place in intermediate showmanship and Best of Breed for her Crème D’ Argent in breeding.

Sterling Scott won Best of Breed for his Holland Lop in breeding.

### Beef group awards:

Walker Klee won eighth place in novice showmanship and received second place in his market class.

### Meat goat awards:

Aurora-Belle David won Reserve Grand

The rest of Crook From Page 3

back behind the bar to go check out something or maybe get a treat, and then you’d see him scamper back onto the table out front and bathe under the lamplight where it was warm.”

Christy Lee did not know him long. “I came down to Willits probably a year before he passed,” she said. “I frequented the pub so I got to meet Crook. He was really good at relaxing. He was a professional relaxer. He was a great presence. It was always good to see him around town.”

Da Grand Pooba remembered him as a fixture and an everlasting presence, “Crook the Cat was around for a long time. Crook had this thing about boxes. Pete [Swanton of Main Street Music] would put a box out. The box would be half the size of Crook. Crook would get all four feet in, and somehow Crook would wiggle his way down into the box and he would look like a baked bread that was ‘squooing’ out of the top. He would sit there, and Pete would put a little sign up that would say ‘Cat For Sale,’ not that he would actually sell Crook. He was a force of nature. He was the town cat.”

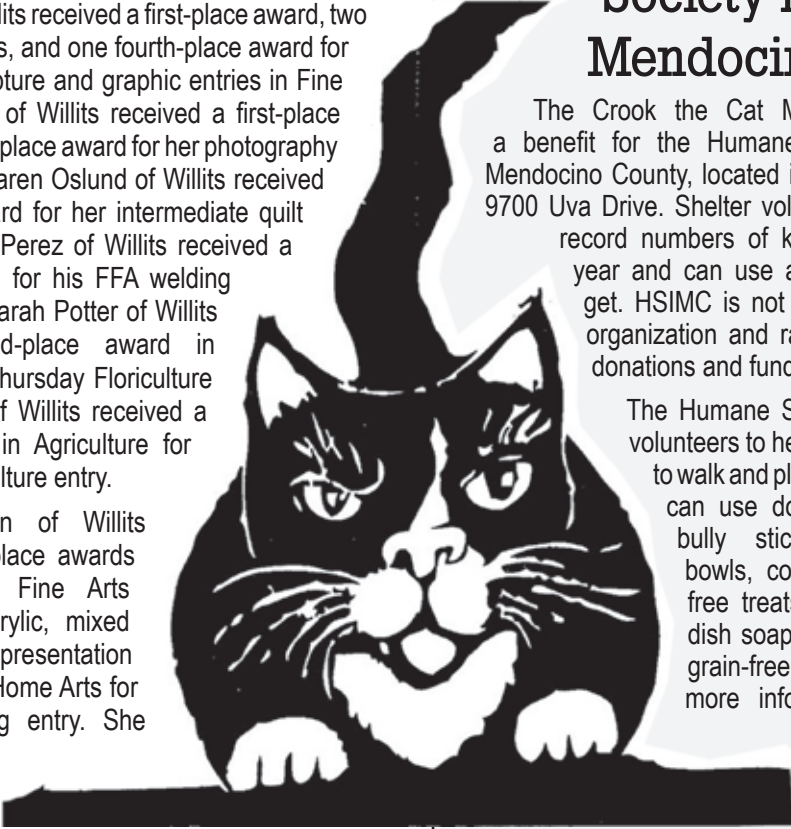
Dawnna Hetherington recalled the quirkiness of Crook the Cat, “I was working at Burrito Exquisto. He came to the back and was waiting for us to feed him something delicious. I figured he would want to some tuna so I went to T&T Market and bought him a can. We put it on a plate and gave it to him. He just looked at it and looked up at me like ‘are you kidding me?’ It’s because he was getting fresh sushi next door from Tsunami.”

Crook is gone now, but never forgotten. His legend lives on in the hearts, art and music of Willits, and his son, Figlio, who looks quite like him, now lives in Vermont. There are many stories and many memories. Those who had the privilege of knowing this fine feline gentleman will always look around the pub, imagining seeing him in his favorite sites, where he would observe life, make friends and capture hearts.

## Honor Crook by supporting the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

The Crook the Cat Memorial Event was a benefit for the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, located in Redwood Valley at 9700 Uva Drive. Shelter volunteers are taking in record numbers of kittens and dogs this year and can use all the help they can get. HSIMC is not funded by any other organization and raises money through donations and fundraisers.

The Humane Society shelter needs volunteers to help run the facility, and to walk and play with the dogs. They can use donations of blankets, bully sticks, small ceramic bowls, collars, leashes, grain-free treats, laundry detergent, dish soap, large dog toys, and grain-free dog and cat food. For more information, visit [www.mendohumane.org](http://www.mendohumane.org) or call the shelter at 707-485-0123.



second-place award, and one third-place award for her mixed media, computer assisted, and advanced entries in Fine Arts. Racer Vigil of Willits received a first-place award for his preschool recycled art entry in Juniors. Emmanuel Villegas of Willits received a first-place award for his FFA welding entry in Juniors. Aura Whittaker of Willits received a first-place award, two second-place awards, and one third-place award for her crochet, textile, and quick bread entries in Home Arts. Claire Whittaker of Willits received two first-place awards and one second-place award for her bread, cookie and brownie entries in Juniors. Jade Whittaker of Willits received a first-place award and a third-place award for her beading and landscape entries in Juniors. Bobbie Yokum of Willits received a first-place award for her decorated cut-out in the special contest.

Results provided by the Redwood Empire Fair.

Round Robin. Showmen are divided into large and small animal groups. Each winning showman must also show all the other species in their divisions. The overall winner is then declared the winner and receives an embroidered jacket.

Stephany Brundage won first place, and Aurora-Belle David won second place in small animal 4-H Round Robin.

### Additional special mentions:

Cheyenne Dusky and Kaleb Whitehurst both bred their own winning hogs.

Catie Spackman’s first-place market goat was bred and purchased from the Willits FFA Ag Farm.

Stephany Brundage received Best in Show for her Britannia Petite that she bred herself. She also bred and raised her own meat pen.

Sophia Scott bred her own Crème D’ Argent that won Best of Breed. This breed is also an Endangered Heritage Breed. She also bred and raised her own meat pen.

Sterling Scott bred his own Holland Lop that won Best of Breed.



# THANK YOU!

To all of the buyers who helped reach  
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## 2019 Grand Champions



Above, from left: Willits FFA's Morgan Riley smiles with her Grand Champion market goat and buyers from Peterson Tractor. Cheyenne Mills of the Potter Valley 4-H smiles with her Grand Champion Market Steer and buyers from Thurston Auto Plaza. Chancelyn Johnson of the Potter Valley 4-H smiles with her Grand Champion market lamb and her buyers from Granite Construction.

Far left: Quinton Powis of the Potter Valley 4-H stands with helpers holding his Grand Champion rabbit pen, and his buyers from Rescue Solutions. At left: Noah Penry of the Potter Valley 4-H smiles with his Grand Champion market hog and his buyers from Thurston Auto Plaza.

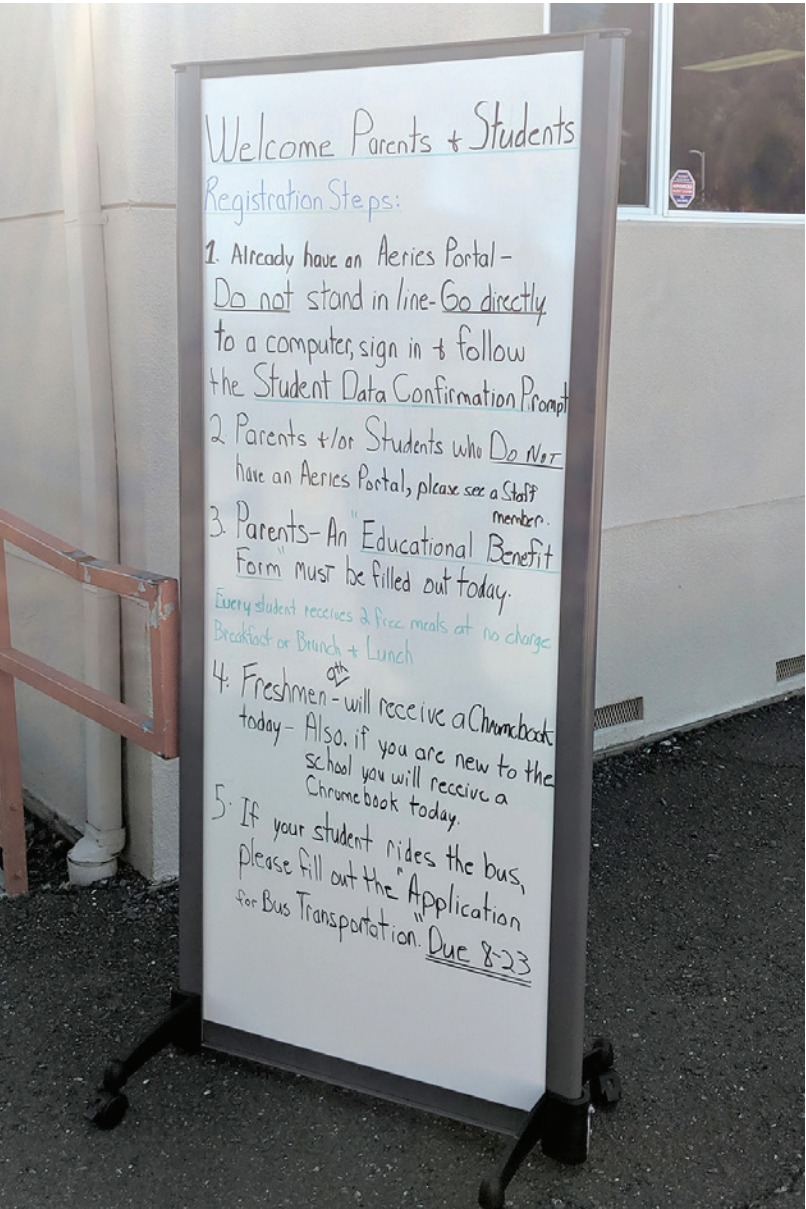
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## Additional Thanks

An additional Thank You goes out to the Mendocino County Farm Bureau, Geiger's Long Valley Market and Ukiah Taco Bell for their sponsorship of the buyer's hats and to the Savings Bank of Mendocino County for all of their hard work throughout the event.

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# Welcome to Willits High School

With the first day of school less than a week away, eager – and not-so-eager – students ventured into the halls of Willits High School to get their photos taken for the new school year’s ID cards, to be assigned Chromebooks, and to update their information for the coming year. Freshmen will be attending an orientation Thursday morning to learn the ropes of the school and to get everyone ready for the big day: Monday, August 19.



## MENDOCINO COLLEGE

### NORTH COUNTY CENTER FALL CLASSES

Fall Session Begins August 19th - ENROLL NOW at [mendocino.edu](http://mendocino.edu) !!

#### American Sign Language

ASL-200 ELEMENTARY AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE: LEVEL I 0002 M 5:30PM- 8:40PM LAU A 3.0

#### Art (Classes meet at Mendocino County Museum, 400 E. Commercial St.)

ART-210A DRAWING 0082 TTh 5:30PM- 8:20PM HALPER P 3.0  
Materials Fee \$36.00  
ART-210B INTERMEDIATE DRAWING 0083 TTh 5:30PM- 8:20PM HALPER P 3.0  
Materials Fee \$20.00  
ART-222A PAINTING-WATERCOLORS I 2220 MW 2:00PM- 4:55PM MAGLINTE A 3.0  
Materials Fee \$44.00  
ART-222B PAINTING-WATERCOLORS II 2221 MW 2:00PM- 4:55PM MAGLINTE A 3.0

#### Astronomy

AST-200 ASTRONOMY 0120 S 3:30PM- 6:40PM BENSON-MARTIN 3.0

#### Business

BUS-107 CUSTOMER SERVICE 0107 F 8:30AM- 11:20AM YOUNG M 3.0

#### Child Development

CDV-180 CHILD, FAMILY & COMMUNITY 0183 F 9:00AM- 11:50AM MYKLEBUST M 3.0

#### College & Career Success (Section 0043 meets at Willits Charter School, 1431 S. Main St., Section 1111 meets at Sanhedrin High School, 120 N. Main St.)

CCS-100 CAREER PLANNING SUCCESS 0043 F 10:00AM-12:05PM VACCARO E 1.5  
0043 Short Term (09/06-11/15)  
1111 MWTh 9:30AM- 10:20AM RITCHLEY Y 3.0

#### Computer Science

CSC-164 ELECTRONIC SPREADSHEETS 1640 F 12:15PM- 4:05PM YOUNG M 3.0  
CSC-201 COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER APP's 0445 MWTh & F 9:30AM-10:35AM KIDWELL S 3.0  
& T 9:10AM-10:10AM  
2111 Short Term (08/20-11/15)  
CSC-520 BEGINNING COMPUTER SKILLS 5020 MW 5:30PM- 6:50PM KIDWELL S 0.0  
CSC-526 BEGINNING COMPUTER SKILLS II 0376 MW 5:30PM- 6:50PM KIDWELL S 0.0

#### Cooperative Work Experience

CED-50 INTRODUCTION TO WORK EXPERIENCE 0005 TBA TBA FALANDES H 0.5-3.0  
CED-195 GENERAL WORK EXPER. EDUCATION 9500 TBA TBA FALANDES H 0.5-6.0

#### English

ENG-60 READING AND WRITING LABORATORY 0061 W 1:00PM- 3:50PM CLARK J 0.5-1.0  
ENG-160 TRANSFER-LEVEL READING AND WRITING LAB 0073 W 1:00PM- 3:50PM CLARK J 0.5-1.0  
ENG-200 READING AND COMPOSITION 1012 MW 11:30AM-12:50PM HELLMAN S 3.0  
ENG-200 READING AND COMPOSITION 1040 F 5:30PM- 8:20PM HELLMAN S 3.0  
ENG-210 CREATIVE WRITING 0350 F 10:00AM-12:50PM HELLMAN S 3.0  
ENG-212 INTERMEDIATE CREATIVE WRITING 2121 F 10:00AM-12:50PM HELLMAN S 3.0  
ENG-503 WRITING FOR OLDER ADULTS 3050 F 10:00AM-12:50PM HELLMAN S 0.0  
ENG-560 BASIC READING AND WRITING LAB 0605 W 1:00PM- 3:50PM CLARK J 0.0

#### English as a Second Language

ESL-501 ENGLISH AS A SEC. LANGUAGE LAB 0631 TTh 4:30PM- 5:50PM ALBUQUERQUE 0.0  
ESL-509 ENGLISH AS A SEC. LANGUAGE INTER 0633 TTh 6:00PM- 8:20PM ALBUQUERQUE 0.0

#### Health

HLH-103 WOMEN'S HEALTH 1003 T 9:30AM- 12:20PM BLACK DIEMER 3.0

#### History

HST-202 THE UNITED STATES TO 1877 0027 Th 9:00AM-11:50AM WILSON P 3.0

#### Human Services

HUS-156 CASE MGMT. AND DOCUMENTATION 1506 T 5:30PM- 8:20PM KERRIGAN T 3.0  
HUS-172 WORKING IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES 1720 F 9:00AM- 11:50AM ZEPEDA G 3.0  
HUS-501 WORKING IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES 0172 F 9:00AM- 11:50AM ZEPEDA G 0.0

#### Mathematics

MTH-40A MATHEMATICS LABORATORY A 4000 MW 4:00PM- 5:20PM SNIDER M 0.5-1.5  
MTH-40B MATHEMATICS LABORATORY B 4040 MW 4:00PM- 5:20PM SNIDER M 0.5-1.5  
MTH-40C MATHEMATICS LABORATORY C 4444 MW 4:00PM- 5:20PM SNIDER M 0.5-1.5  
MTH-178 APPLIED MATH 1078 MW 1:30PM- 3:20PM SNIDER M 4.0  
MTH-220 STATISTICS 2200 MW 5:30PM- 7:20PM SNIDER M 4.0  
MTH-540 SUPPLEMENTAL MATHEMATICS LAB 4001 MW 4:00PM- 5:20PM SNIDER M 0.0

#### Music

MUS-230A BEGINNING VOICE 2300 T 2:30PM- 4:20PM SIMPSON M 1.0  
MUS-230B INTERMEDIATE VOICE 2301 T 2:30PM- 4:20PM SIMPSON M 1.0  
MUS-230C SINGERS' REPERTOIRE 2302 T 2:30PM- 4:20PM SIMPSON M 1.0  
MUS-230D SINGERS' REPERTOIRE II 1123 T 2:30PM- 4:20PM SIMPSON M 1.0

#### Psychology

PSY-205 INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY 2050 Th 9:00AM-11:50AM BELOSHAPKO 3.0

#### Sust. Constr. & Energy Tech (Classes at Willits High School, 299 N. Main St.)

SCT-164 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS I 0574 MWThF 12:30PM- 1:50PM WOODHOUSE 3.0  
0574 Short Term (08/19-11/15)

#### Theatre Arts (Hip Hop Classes at Willits High School, Jazz at Our Yoga Center, 1726 S. Main St.)

THE-130A HIP HOP DANCE: BEGINNING 0358 MThF & T 9:30AM- 10:25AM TILTON K 0.5-1.0  
0358 Short Term (08/19-11/15)  
THE-130B HIP HOP DANCE: INTERMEDIATE 0359 MThF & T 9:30AM- 10:25AM TILTON K 0.5-1.0  
0359 Short Term (08/19-11/15)  
THE-238E JAZZ DANCE: BEGINNING 2380 TTh 5:30PM- 7:40PM METZLER S 2.0  
2380 Short Term (09/03-12/12)  
THE-238F JAZZ DANCE: ADVANCED BEGINNING 2381 TTh 5:30PM- 7:40PM METZLER S 2.0  
2381 Short Term (09/03-12/12)  
THE-238G JAZZ DANCE: INTERMEDIATE 2382 TTh 5:30PM- 7:40PM METZLER S 2.0  
2382 Short Term (09/03-12/12)  
THE-238H JAZZ DANCE: ADVANCED INTERMED. 2383 TTh 5:30PM- 7:40PM METZLER S 2.0  
2383 Short Term (09/03-12/12)

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5. Filled with horror  
11. Type of music  
14. Variety act  
15. Half-conscious state  
16. Discontinued  
European money  
17. Formal declaration  
19. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)  
20. A way to express concentration  
21. Airline  
22. Goes well with a carrot  
23. Length of pant leg  
25. Mark with a cut  
27. One who destroys completely  
31. Greek sophist  
34. Thomas Hobbes's 'De \_'  
35. Copyreads  
38. Talk  
39. Endangered  
41. Snag  
42. Comedienne Tyler  
44. Castrate a male animal  
45. Taj Mahal site  
46. Tending to concede
49. One who accepts  
51. Albanian capital  
55. Takes kids to school  
56. About Moon  
60. \_\_\_ Seamounts: underwater volcanoes  
61. \_\_\_ Lilly, drug company  
62. Not working  
64. Alaska nursing board  
65. Howl  
66. Muslim ruler title  
67. Famed arena  
68. Back again for more food  
69. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

1. Raccoonlike animal  
2. Small  
3. Separates  
4. Parties  
5. Automated teller machine  
6. One who earned his degree  
7. Dislike  
8. Flowering plant  
9. Nova \_\_, province  
10. Inhabited  
11. Breathing  
12. Partner to pains
13. Immature insects  
18. The back  
24. Heavy club  
26. Edible fish  
28. Lament for the dead  
29. Woody climbing plants  
30. Small rooms for prisoners  
31. Ottoman military commander  
32. 'The Crow' actress Ling  
33. A way of lopping off  
36. Cigarette (slang)  
37. Helps little firms  
39. Member of small discussion group  
40. Copyread  
43. V-shaped open trough  
45. Pokes holes in  
47. Beloved 'Captain'  
48. Resume  
49. On a line at right angles  
50. Light up lamps  
52. Part of the psyche  
53. Leeward Island  
54. 1960s counterculture activist  
57. Edible seaweed  
58. Imitator  
59. Look at and comprehend  
63. Root mean square (abbr.)

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

August 5 to August 11

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **247 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

**August 5**  
9:16 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.  
10:16 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 300 block of South Main Street.  
11:32 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 500 block of West Mendocino Avenue.  
1:36 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.  
2:14 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 600 block of South Main Street.  
2:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.  
4:52 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 700 block of South Main Street.  
5:38 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of Robert Drive.  
6:11 pm: NURUDDIN, Jabari Kamau (22) of Willits was contacted in the 700 block of South Main Street following a report of an unwanted subject. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of interfering with business.  
7:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of North Main Street.  
7:55 pm: HOPLOCK, Melissa Jean (27) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and violation of probation.  
9:17 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.  
9:22 pm: HARRISON, Justin Robert (47) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of Laurel Street following a disturbance. He was arrested on felony charges of domestic corporal injury, and on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation and failure to appear.  
11:27 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.  
**August 6**  
4:01 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.  
6:22 am: KESTER, Adam Matthew (33) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of Robert Drive following a report of suspicious activity. He was arrested on felony charges of first degree burglary, receiving stolen property, and violation of probation.  
7:30 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.  
11:02 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.  
12:12 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.  
3:27 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Hazel Street.  
7:52 pm: COUTHREN, Zebulon Zale (44) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).  
**August 7**  
10:15 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street.  
10:26 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.  
10:39 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.  
11:03 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 900 block of East Valley Street.  
12:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.  
2:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.  
3:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 700 block of Coast Street.  
**August 8**  
7:21 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 300 block of Franklin Avenue.  
10:12 am: WARRAS, Sara Anne (33) of Willits was contacted in the 1600 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance for sale and transporting a controlled substance, and on misdemeanor charges of unlawful display of evidence of registration and driving with a suspended license.  
12:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1000 block of South Main Street.  
1:09 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.  
1:31 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.  
7:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1000 block of South Main Street.  
8:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 1200 block of Locust Street.  
8:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 700 block of South Main Street.  
8:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Kawi Place.  
10:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.  
11:43 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Alameda Avenue.  
**August 9**  
5:13 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.  
7:41 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Pine Street.  
7:53 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Hazel Street.  
1:18 pm: FURIA, Angela Mae (44) of Covelo was contacted in the 1300 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. She was arrested pursuant to 273.5 PC (Domestic Corporal Injury), 245 PC (Assault with a Deadly Weapon), and 148 PC (Resisting Arrest).  
2:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 700 block of South Main Street.  
2:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 700 block of South Main Street.  
3:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 700 block of South Main Street.  
7:01 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.  
7:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 300 block of North Main Street.  
**August 10**  
8:16 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Alameda Avenue and issued a warning.  
12:06 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of South Main Street.  
12:27 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.  
2:28 pm: IRELAND, Casey Allan (25) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 3056 PC (Violation of Parole) to remain under legal custody and return to prison.  
4:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 100 block of North Main Street.  
8:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Robert Drive.  
10:34 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street and issued a warning.  
10:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of a prowler in the 300 block of McKinley Street.  
**August 11**  
5:59 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 20000 block of Hollands Lane.  
12:54 pm: GUSTIN, Richard Lee (51) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Coast Street and West San Francisco Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 12500 VC (Driving with a Suspended License), 16028 (A) VC (Driving Without Insurance), and on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol with 0.08 percent or higher blood alcohol, burglary, petty theft, and violation of probation.  
1:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South Main Street.  
5:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.  
10:44 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.



School Starting Times:

WHS: 8 am | Blosser Lane: 8 am | BGMS: 8:10 am | Brookside: 8:10 am | Sherwood 8:30 am

School Ending Times: Regular / Early Day

Brookside: 2:30 pm / 1:10 pm | Sherwood: 2:30 pm / 1:30 pm | Blosser Lane: 2:40 pm / 1:20 pm | WHS: 3 pm / 1:20 pm | BGMS: 3:10 pm / 1:30 pm

Morning Bus Routes

Students should be to the bus 10 minutes early and be prepared for the bus to arrive.

Bus #3 am High School & BGMS: Brooktrails	
6:50	Third Gate (turn around)
7:01	Oriole Dr (at Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr) (west side)
7:03	Coyote Rd (at Poppy Dr & Coyote Rd)
7:05	Bear Dr (at Poppy Dr & Bear Dr)
7:08	Perch Dr (at Poppy Dr & Perch Dr)
7:10	Poppy & Primrose (at stop sign)
7:11	Goose (at Primrose Dr & Goose Rd)
7:12	Robin Cir (at Primrose Dr & Robin Cir)
7:14	Lilac Terrace (at Lilac Rd & Lilac Terrace)
7:15	Tulip Dr (at Lilac Rd & Tulip Dr)
7:16	Camellia Dr (at Lilac Rd & Camellia Dr)
7:20	Golf Shop
7:24	Robinson (at Daphne Way & Robinson)
7:25	Madrone Dr (at Daphne Way & Madrone Dr)
7:26	Crawford Dr
7:27	Daphne Dr (at Daphne Way & Daphne Dr)
7:28	Poppy Dr (at Daphne Way & Poppy Dr) (at stop sign)
7:29	Harrah Place (at Poppy Dr & Harrah Place)
7:30	Alcott Lane (at Poppy Dr & Alcott Lane)
7:31	Hawk Dr (at Poppy Dr & Hawk Dr)
7:33	Lupine
7:34	Primrose Dr (at Sherwood Dr & Primrose Dr)
7:36	Birch Terr (at Birch St & Birch Terr & Sherwood Rd)
7:45	WHS
7:55	BGMS

Bus #9 am Brookside & Blosser: Brooktrails

6:58	Oriole Dr (at Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr) (west side)
6:59	Coyote Rd (at Poppy Dr & Coyote Rd)
7:00	Bear Dr (at Poppy Dr & Bear Dr)
7:02	Perch Dr (at Poppy Dr & Perch Dr)
7:04	Poppy & Primrose (at stop sign)
7:05	Goose (at Primrose Dr & Goose Rd)
7:06	Robin Cir (at Primrose Dr & Robins Cir)
7:09	Lilac Terrace (at Lilac Rd & Lilac Terrace)
7:12	Tulip Dr (at Lilac Rd & Tulip Dr)
7:13	Camellia Dr (at Lilac Rd & Camellia Dr)
7:17	Golf Shop
7:21	Robinson (at Daphne Way & Robinson)
7:22	Madrone Dr (at Daphne Way & Madrone Dr)
7:23	Daphne Dr (at Daphne Way & Daphne Dr)
7:26	Poppy Dr (at Daphne Way & Poppy Dr) (at stop sign)
7:28	Harrah Place (at Poppy Dr & Harrah Place)
7:29	Alcott Lane (at Poppy Dr & Alcott Lane)
7:30	Hawk Dr (at Poppy Dr & Hawk Dr)
7:33	Primrose Dr (at Sherwood Dr & Primrose Dr)
7:36	Birch Terr (at Birch St & Birch Terr & Sherwood Rd)
7:45	Brookside
7:50	Blosser

Bus #10 am High School & BGMS: Town

6:50	Creekside Apartments
7:00	Little Lake Auto (pick up Baechtel Grove & WHS Students)
7:03	Elm Lane (at Manor Way & Elm Lane)
7:06	South Holland's Lane (south end & first dirt turn out)
7:08	North Holland's Lane

7:10	E.Z. Living
7:13	Parkside Trailer Park (turn around)
7:15	Berry Hill Court
7:18	Nancy (at Margie & Nancy)
7:20	110 Sandy (pick up Baechtel Grove & WHS Students)
7:22	Haehl Creek (hospital)
7:26	1851 East Hill Rd
7:28	22101 Mitomkai (turn around)
7:31	2500 East Hill Rd
7:35	1786 East Hill Rd
7:38	2740 Center Valley Rd
7:39	2210 Center Valley Rd
7:40	1325 Hearst Willits Rd
7:45	Valley Oaks Trailer Park
7:50	WHS
7:56	Mill Creek (at Commercial & Mill Creek)
8:00	Raymond Ln (at Coast & Raymond Ln)
8:05	Baechtel Grove Middle School

Bus #8 am Brookside & Blosser: Town

6:50	Little Lake Auto (pick up Baechtel Grove & WHS Students)
6:53	Elm Lane (at Manor Way & Elm Lane)
6:56	North Holland's Lane
6:57	South Holland's Lane (south end & first dirt turn out)
7:00	E.Z. Living
7:03	Parkside Trailer Park (turn around)
7:06	Berry Hill Court
7:08	Nancy (at Margie & Nancy)
7:10	110 Sandy (pick up Baechtel Grove & WHS Students)
7:11	Baechtel Fire Station
7:13	Haehl Creek (hospital)
7:18	1500 East Hill Rd
7:20	East Hill Rd & Eastside Rd (stop sign)
7:23	22101 Mitomkai (turn around)
7:30	Valley Oaks Trailer Park
7:35	Lenore Garden
7:40	Creekside Apartments
7:42	Alameda & Central
7:46	Raymond Ln (at Coast & Raymond Ln)
7:50	Blosser Lane (pick up Brookside)
8:00	Catholic Church
8:05	Brookside

Bus #7 am Sherwood & North HWY 101

7:06	29311 N HWY 101 (after second green house)
7:10	Creekside Cabins (turn out just past)
7:15	Shimmings Ridge Rd
7:20	28701 N HWY (where the boats are located)
7:25	Little Lake Trailer Park
7:30	WHS
7:35	Brookside
7:46	Blosser Lane
7:50	BGMS
8:02	Golf Shop
8:22	Sherwood School

Afternoon Bus Routes

Students should be to the bus 10 minutes early and be prepared for the bus to arrive

Bus #3 pm High School & BGMS: Brooktrails

Reg Minimum	
3:00	1:40 WHS
3:15	1:55 BGMS
3:33	2:15 Sherwood Market
3:34	2:12 Oriole Dr (at Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr) (west side)
3:36	2:17 Coyote Rd (at Poppy Dr & Coyote Rd)
3:38	2:19 Bear Dr (at Poppy Dr & Bear Dr)
3:41	2:22 Perch Dr (at Poppy Dr & Perch Dr)

3:43	2:24 Poppy & Primrose (at stop sign)
3:44	2:25 Goose (at Primrose Dr & Goose Rd)
3:45	2:26 Robin Cir (at Primrose Dr & Robins Cir)
3:47	2:28 Lilac Terrace (at Lilac Rd & Lilac Terrace)
3:49	2:30 Tulip Dr (at Lilac Rd & Tulip Dr)
3:51	2:32 Camellia Dr (at Lilac Rd & Camellia Dr)
3:55	2:36 Golf Shop
3:59	2:40 Robinson (at Daphne Way & Robinson)
4:00	2:41 Madrone Dr (at Daphne Way & Madrone Dr)
4:01	2:42 Crawford Dr
4:02	2:43 Daphne Dr (at Daphne Way & Daphne Dr)
4:03	2:44 Poppy Dr (at Daphne Way & Poppy Dr) (at stop sign)
4:05	2:46 Harrah Place (at Poppy Dr & Harrah Place)
4:06	2:47 Alcott Lane (at Poppy Dr & Alcott Lane)
4:07	2:48 Hawk Dr (at Poppy Dr & Hawk Dr) *
4:20	3:01 Third Gate (turn around)
4:32	3:14 Lupine
4:33	3:15 Primrose Dr (at Sherwood Dr & Primrose Dr)
4:35	3:17 Birch Terr (at Birch St & Birch Terr & Sherwood Rd)

Bus #9 pm Brookside & Blosser: Brooktrails

Reg Minimum	
2:38	1:18 Brookside (leaving)
2:39	1:19 Raymond Ln
2:48	1:34 Blosser Lane
2:51	1:35 Raymond Ln
2:52	1:37 Catholic Church
2:55	1:38 Grange (School St)
2:57	1:40 W Mendocino & Maple St
3:02	1:44 Penn St
3:05	1:46 Agape Church Lenore & E Valley
3:07	1:47 Lenore & San Francisco
3:08	1:50 Alameda & Central (near Safeway)
3:10	1:52 City Park
3:23	2:03 Oriole Dr (at Poppy Dr & Oriole Dr) (west side)
3:25	2:04 Coyote Rd (at Poppy Dr & Coyote Rd)
3:27	2:05 Bear Dr (at Poppy Dr & Bear Dr)
3:29	2:07 Perch Dr (at Poppy Dr & Perch Dr)
3:30	2:08 Poppy & Primrose (at stop sign)
3:31	2:09 Goose (at Primrose Dr & Goose Rd)
3:32	2:10 Robin Cir (at Primrose Dr & Robins Cir)
3:33	2:12 Lilac Terrace (at Lilac Rd & Lilac Terrace)
3:34	2:13 Tulip
3:35	2:16 Camellia Dr (at Lilac Rd & Camellia Dr)

Bus #7 pm Sherwood & North HWY 101

Reg Minimum	
2:30	1:30 Sherwood School
2:40	1:40 Leave Sherwood School
2:55	1:55 Golf Shop
3:05	2:05 Brookside drop off & pick up
3:15	2:15 Blosser Lane drop off & pick up
3:20	2:20 Baechtel Grove drop off & pick up
3:28	2:28 WHS drop off & pick up
3:34	2:34 Little Lake Trailer Park
3:40	2:40 29311 N HWY 101
3:43	2:43 Turn out just past Creekside Cabins
3:47	2:47 Turn around at Sleepy Hollow
3:52	2:52 28701 N HWY (where boats are located)

Bus #10 pm High School & BGMS: Town		
Reg	Minimum	
2:30	1:10	Brookside pick up after-school program (leaving)
2:45	1:25	Blosser Lane drop off after-school program
2:55	1:35	BGMS
3:13	1:43	WHS
3:22	1:52	Little Lake Auto
3:25	1:55	Elm Lane (at Manor Way & Elm Lane)
3:30	2:00	South Holland's Lane (south end & first dirt turn out)
3:31	2:01	North Holland's
3:34	2:04	E Z Living
3:35	2:05	Shafer Ranch Rd
3:36	2:06	Parkside Trailer Park (turn around)
3:39	2:09	Berry Hill Court
3:41	2:11	Sandy & Baechtel Road
3:42	2:12	Haehl Creek (hospital)
3:45	2:15	1851 East Hill Rd
3:48	2:18	22101 Mitomkai (turn around)
3:51	2:21	2500 East Hill Rd
3:54	2:24	1786 East Hill Rd
3:56	2:26	1620 East Hill Rd
3:57	2:27	2740 Center Valley Rd
3:57	2:27	2210 Center Valley Rd
4:00	2:30	Valley Oaks Trailer Park
4:09	2:39	Creekside Apartments
4:10	2:40	Alameda & Central
Bus #8 pm Brookside & Blosser Lane: Town		
Reg	Minimum	
2:45	1:20	Brookside (leaving)
2:50	1:25	BGMS (drop off Brookside students)
2:55	1:30	Elm Lane (at Manor Way & Elm Lane) Brookside students
3:17	1:52	Little Lake Auto Brookside students
3:01	1:36	Blosser Lane
3:17	1:52	Little Lake Auto Blosser Lane students
3:20	2:00	Elm Lane (at Manor Way & Elm Lane) Blosser Lane students
3:23	2:07	Holland's Lane (south end & first dirt turn out)
3:27	2:10	E Z Living
3:30	2:13	Parkside Trailer Park (turn around)
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3:46	2:29	1500 East Hill Rd
3:58	2:41	2251 Center Valley Rd
4:06	2:48	Valley Oaks Trailer Park
4:12	2:54	22101 Mitomkai (turn around)
Bus #7 pm Sherwood & North HWY 101		
Reg	Minimum	
2:30	1:30	Sherwood School
2:40	1:40	Leave Sherwood School
2:55	1:55	Golf Shop
3:05	2:05	Brookside drop off & pick up
3:15	2:15	Blosser Lane drop off & pick up
3:20	2:20	Baechtel Grove drop off & pick up
3:28	2:28	WHS drop off & pick up
3:34	2:34	Little Lake Trailer Park
3:40	2:40	29311 N HWY 101
3:43	2:43	Turn out just past Creekside Cabins
3:47	2:47	Turn around at Sleepy Hollow
3:52	2:52	28701 N HWY (where boats are located)
Bus schedule provided by the Willits Unified School District		









At top, from left "Sugarloaf" is a cold-hardy chicory that looks and acts much like romaine lettuce. Rutabagas are basically a kale with big edible roots. They have a lot going for them – easy to grow, sweet flavor, crunchy texture, super cold-hardiness, and a fun name. They are great raw with dip, roasted, or mashed with potatoes. Fennel is one of the vegetables that become very easy to grow in the shortening days of late summer and fall. It is worth growing for salads, braises, and as the secret ingredient in the best pasta sauces. This strange-looking vegetable is an Italian specialty called "puntarelle." It is planted now for winter salads, served in slices with a garlicky dressing. Asian greens like this bok choy are easy to grow in fall, mild-flavored, and good raw or cooked.

Above, from left: This Napa cabbage was grown in a home garden in Willits. Easy to grow in the fall, its mild, juicy flavor is great for fresh salads and stir-fries as well as for kimchi. Mizuna is an Asian green mild enough for salads and much more frost-hardy than lettuce. It is the main ingredient in many "spring mix" salad mixes. The perfect salad for the holidays, this colorful "early Treviso" is a radicchio adapted to home gardens and fall planting. "Perpetual Spinach" is a type of chard with the taste and tender texture of spinach. It is very hardy and can become perennial and live for years in Willits. Red cabbage is not only cold-hardy, but resistant to rain as well.

Photos by Jamie Chevalier and Karen Morton


COLUMN | Garden Tip of the Month

## August: The season of forgiveness

The recent rain washed the air and plants clean, and gave us a preview of fall. Things are subtly different in the garden now, and the gardener can use those changes to advantage.

Jamie Chevalier  
Columnist

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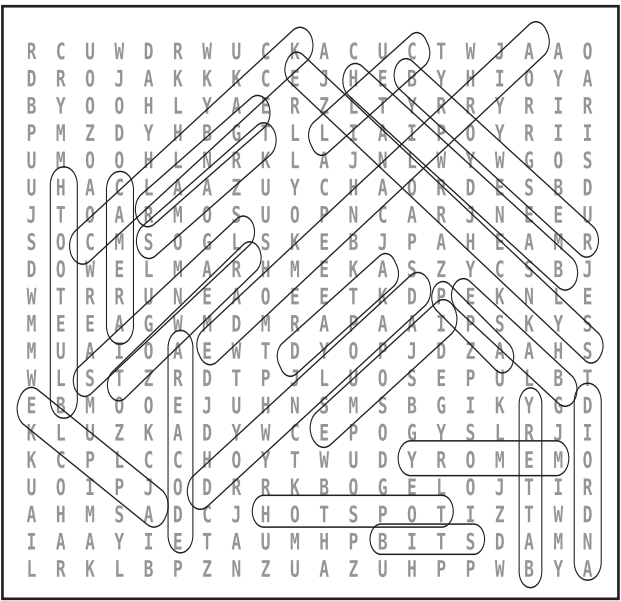


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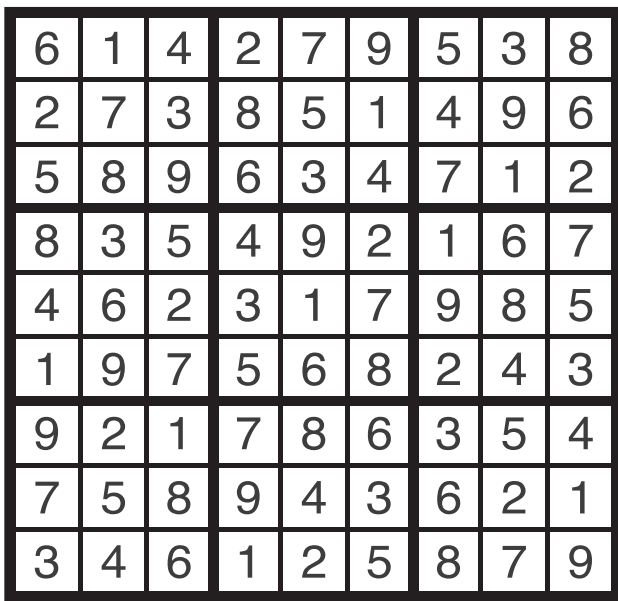


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**Saturday 9am - 6pm**  
**Sunday 9am - 5pm**



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## LEGAL NOTICES

WW235

**Fictitious Business Name Statement**

2019-F0523

The following persons are doing business as Family Tree Creative Arts, Rain and Maya Ceramics, 3359 Ridgewood Road, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: P.O. Box 1949, Willits CA 95490

Registered owners: Maya Maki Youngstrom and Rain Youngstrom, 3359 Ridgewood Road, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: P.O. Box 1949, Willits CA 95490

This business is conducted by a married couple.

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 22, 2014.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 24, 2019.

/s/ Maya Maki Youngstrom

Publication dates: 8/15, 8/22, 8/29 and 9/5/2019

WW233

**Fictitious Business Name Statement**

2019-F0484

The following person is doing business as Carl's Classics Barber Shop, 1468 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Thomas L. Gallups, Jr., 2124 Primrose Drive, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 3, 2019.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 3, 2019.

/s/ Thomas L. Gallups, Jr.

Publication dates: 7/25, 8/1, 8/8 and 8/15/2019

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

**CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE**

The Public Draft of the City of Willits Housing Element Update is available for public review and comment. The Housing Element describes housing-related needs and resources in the community, particularly the availability, affordability, and adequacy of housing, and establishes a strategy to address housing needs for community members across the economic and social spectrum.

**Where to View the Public Draft Housing Element Update:** The Public Draft Housing Element Update may be reviewed at the City of Willits Community Development Department, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits and at the Willits Library at 390 East Commercial Street, Willits

The documents can also be found online at <http://www.cityofwillits.org/143/Planning-Documents>

**How to Comment on the Public Draft Housing Element Update:** All interested parties are invited to review the draft document and provide comments. Written comments should be submitted to Dusty Duley, Community Development Director at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California 95490 by 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27th.

Oral comments may also be presented to the Willits City Council during the public hearing to be held on Wednesday, August 28th beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490.


CITY OF WILLITS s/Cathy Moorhead, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk  
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**CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
PROJECT NO. 2019-08

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for: The work shown on the project plans entitled:

**CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROJECT PLANS**

**For:**  
**Maple Pump Station Project - Project No. 2019-08**

Construction of a new 12' x 12' concrete masonry block pump house with a concrete slab foundation and concrete pump pedestal, tying in a new water line by hot tapping, abandoning old water pipe, trenching in approximately 110 feet of new water pipe made of PVC, polyethylene, ductile iron, and brass pipe, trenching in 160 feet of new electrical conduits, placing pumps into the new pump house, adding new valves and fittings into the new pump house, and grading and construction of a new gravel driveway.

**IN**  
City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California &

The work described in specifications books entitled:  
**CITY OF WILLITS - BID BOOK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CITY OF WILLITS - PROPOSAL PACKET CITY OF WILLITS - AWARD PACKET**

**For:**  
**Maple Pump Station Project - Project No. 2019-08**

**IN**  
City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California **will be received by a designated representative, of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 10 a.m., September 5, 2019, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the City Council Chambers, of the City of Willits, located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California.**

Bid forms for this work are included in a separate book entitled: **Proposal Packet For:** City of Willits Public Works Department Maple Pump Station Project - Project No. 2019-08 Example award forms for this work are included in a separate book entitled: **Example Award Packet For:** City of Willits Public Works Department Maple Pump Station Project - Project No. 2019-08

**THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$90,400**

**Key Dates:**

- Pre-bid Meeting: August 23, 2019, 9:00 a.m. (on site)
- Final Questions from Bidders: August 28, 2019
- Final Addendum Issued: August 30, 2019
- Bid Opening: September 5, 2019, 10 a.m.
- Project Start Date: September 30, 2019
- Project length: 30 calendar days

Interested bidders should contact the following in order to obtain a complete copy of the Bid Book, Proposal Packet, Award Packet, Contract, General Provisions, Special Provisions, and Project Plans: Brandy Sanderson City of Willits 111 E. Commercial St. Willits, CA 95490 (707) 459-7143

A non-refundable fee of \$50.00 will be collected for each set that is obtained from the City of Willits.

Plans and specifications are also available for review at the following Builders Exchange offices:

**Construction Bidboard (Ebidboard)**  
11622 El Camino Real, #100 San Diego, CA 92130 Phone: 800-479-5314 Email: [support@ebidboard.com](mailto:support@ebidboard.com) Website: [www.ebidboard.com](http://www.ebidboard.com)

**Dodge Data & Analytics**  
830 Third Avenue, 6th Floor New York, NY 10022 Phone: 877-784-9531 Email: [support@construction.com](mailto:support@construction.com) Website: [www.construction.com](http://www.construction.com)

**Humboldt Builders Exchange**  
1213 5th Street Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 442-3708 Website: [www.humbx.com](http://www.humbx.com)

**North Coast Builders Exchange**  
1030 Apollo Way Santa Rosa, CA 95407 (707) 542-9502 (707) 542-2027 Website: [www.ncbeonline.com](http://www.ncbeonline.com)

Responsible bidders shall submit to the City complete, executed copies of all required documents listed in the Bid Book, at the time and place, and in the manner specified above.

In accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 20170, all bids must be presented under sealed cover and include one of the following forms of bidder's security: cash, cashier's check made payable to the City, certified check made payable to the City, or a bidder's bond. The amount of bidder's security provided must equal at least ten percent (10%) of the total of the bid price for the base bid and any additive or deductive items listed in this notice.

The successful bidder must then submit to the City complete, executed copies of all required documents listed in the Award Packet, within fourteen (14) calendar days after receiving the written Notice of Award, from the City Engineer, of the City of Willits, of the award of the project. Bidder's Security of any successful bidder that fails to do so will be forfeited to the City. Such required documents include, but are not limited to, a payment or labor and materials bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount payable by the terms of the project contract and that satisfies the requirements of California Civil Code Section 3248, and a performance bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount payable by the terms of the contract. All project bonds must be executed by an admitted surety insurer in accordance with applicable law and acceptable to the City.

Pursuant to Section 1773 et seq. of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD>, and also from the City of Willits, Public Works Department, located at 380 E. Commercial St., Willits, CA 95490. The Federal minimum wage rates for this project that are predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor may be examined at the offices described above. Addenda to modify the Federal minimum wage rates, if necessary, will be issued to holders of the Bid Book. Future effective general prevailing wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates.

Attention is directed to the Federal minimum wage rate requirements in the Bid Book. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. The Department will not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the Federal minimum wage determinations. This includes "helper" (or other classifications based on hours of experience) or any other classification not appearing in the Federal wage determinations. Where Federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determination, otherwise available for use by the Contractor and subcontractors, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the Federal minimum wage rate, which most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled for **Friday, August 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. on site, at the intersection of West Mendocino Avenue and North Maple Street, in Willits, CA.** This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and to inform subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. Bidders' attendance at this meeting is not mandatory, but recommended. Minutes from the meeting will be distributed in an addendum on Wednesday, August 28, 2019.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein and the successful bidder will be required to furnishing all materials, equipment, labor, transportation, light, power, water, and services required to accomplish all improvements shown on the Project Plans, whether specified and/or implied or required to attain the completed conditions contemplated in the design, by the Engineer.

All work shall conform to the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, or State of California, Department of Transportation, Standard Plans and Specifications, current edition and all work must be done in accordance with the Bid Book, Technical Specifications, Proposal Packet, Award Packet, Contract, and Project Plans for the:

**Maple Pump Station Project - Project No. 2019-08**

The contractor shall possess a Class A license at the time this contract is awarded.

This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions, submitted after bid opening, will not be treated as a bid protest.

CITY OF WILLITS: s/Cathy Moorhead, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk  
DATED: 8/15/19  
Publication Dates: August 15 and 22, 2019

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Computer Help**  
Need help with your computer? I will come to your home or business. PC, Macintosh, Android and IOS devices. Repairs, configuration and tutoring: \$50/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email [macamerjin@yahoo.com](mailto:macamerjin@yahoo.com).

**Help Wanted**  
At Covelo ranch: Exchange ranch and outdoors work for rent. Ideally with a trailer. Man or woman, retiree a plus. Must have good work ethic, be clean, healthy, reliable, with references. Call for details: 707-272-6354.

**Event Spaces Available**  
Event spaces available at the Willits Center for the Arts • Great Room • Classroom • Ceramic Studio For inquiries, email [manager@willitscenterforthearts.org](mailto:manager@willitscenterforthearts.org) or call 459-1726. For additional information visit: [www.willitscenterforthearts.org/rentals](http://www.willitscenterforthearts.org/rentals)

**Help Wanted**  
AH-Home Health & Hospice is looking to fill the following positions: full-time: RN and PT and part-time or per diem: OT, ST & HHA. Call HR Trudy at 707-456-3230 or apply online at [adventisthealth.org](http://adventisthealth.org).

**Jazzercise Classes in Willits!**  
Come check out a class; first one is on me! 8:45 AM M-F & NEW class times at 5:30 AM MWFF beginning 8/12, at The Grange, Room 9. Info: 707-472-9016.

**For Sale**  
PASTURE for rent, \$125/mo. ready Aug.1st. '65 T Bird \$8K very good condition, single owner. Runs beautifully. COMPOSTING TOILET, unused new (I ordered the wrong one, I paid \$2,600, but costs over \$1,000 to send back) ... for you \$1K. Call Bobbie at 459-9228.

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**'Please the Bees'**  
Devil's "Please the Bees" flower and plant sale! I will have many perennials, sedums, succulents, annuals and herbs for sale until the end of August, at 363 Boscabelle Ave., in Willits. 707-459-6284

**The Fruit Group**  
Freestone Peaches & Nectarines Yellow & White & Tomatoes. Bartlett Pears. Pluots and Gravenstein Apples. Every other Thursday starting July 11. Brenda: 707-459-9335 or the-fruitgroup95490@yahoo.com

**Help Wanted**  
**Ad Sales for Willits Weekly**  
Willits Weekly is seeking an additional newspaper ad salesperson. **Sales experience of any kind a plus** (are you a retired real estate agent with some extra time? Have a part-time job and looking for a few more hours?) but **we'll consider any self-directed person, who wants to set their own schedule.** Must be proficient with email, be willing to make phone calls and chat with members of the community. Please send resume and/or a letter of interest to [willitsweekly@gmail.com](mailto:willitsweekly@gmail.com) or call 459-2633 or 972-7047 with any questions.

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OBITUARY |

## Jeraldine Thomas

Jeraldine “Jerry” Martin Thomas of Willits, California was born January 13, 1930 and gained her angel wings on August 5, 2019. She is survived by six children: three sons: Edward Lee Lindsey and wife, Janice of Saline, Louisiana; DJ Lindsey of Potter Valley, California; Steven Davis and wife, Linda of Salinas, California, and three daughters: Helen Lindsey Underwood and husband, Eddie of Rio Dell, California; Fern Lindsey Broyles of Yale, Oklahoma; Betty Lindsey Reid and husband, Joe of Potter Valley, California.

She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and numerous great- and great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Billie Weeks of Willits and Hilda Hightower of Texas, and numerous nieces and nephews.

“Jerry” was preceded in death by her parents, Ben and Lena Martin; one son, Jerry Glen Lindsey; two grandchildren, Andrew Lindsey and Brenda Underwood Durbin; son-in-law Ron Broyles; daughters-in-law Ada Lindsey and Libby Lindsey; and two brothers and three sisters.

“Jerry” was a hard-working single mom who raised her children from a very young age virtually alone and instilled in her children diligence, integrity, and love of family. She was a strong-willed lady who learned from life’s lessons to be determined and persevere in the bad times and to enjoy the good times. She was kind and compassionate, always willing to lend a helping hand.

“Jerry” will truly be missed in the community and by her family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

## Hazel Mae

This white beauty is Hazel Mae, the mom to recent arrivals Patrick and Patches. Since she’s new here, she’s having to adjust to new surroundings, and each day she is getting used to being loved and cared for. She’s an Australian cattle dog mix who is almost 2 years old with a captivating gaze due to one blue eye and one brown eye! She took good care of her pups before they were rescued, so now she’s ready for a break! Hopefully, we can find her the ideal home, so she can continue to grow and thrive into maturity. Come meet these three wonderful dogs that so need and deserve a safe, loving environment they can call their own!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Please give us a call at 707-485-0123 if you have questions. You can view all our adoptable dogs and cats on Petfinder or through our website: [mendohumanesociety.com](http://mendohumanesociety.com). To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.



# Furry Friends

## Adorable Asher

On June 21, Asher went on this first Fido Field Trip. Asher, a 4-year-old neutered male who currently weighs 50 pounds, is one of our shy dogs. But under the guidance of our wonderful volunteer Billy, Asher was off and ready to explore the world beyond the shelter. Once picked up and put in the car, he seemed happy and relaxed during the ride. An unexpected event happened at Billy’s house. His cat and Asher met and enjoyed being with each other! Adorable Asher is a very shy dog who perked up when he saw another dog. He lived with seven other dogs in his last home!

The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: [www.mendoanimalshelter.com](http://www.mendoanimalshelter.com) or visit the shelter. For more info about adoptions, call: 707-467-6453.



OBITUARY |

## Kirk Gustafson

Hon. Judge Kirk Gustafson died peacefully in his home on July 23, 2019 in Willits, California at the age of 74.

Kirk is survived by his children, Ari and Nils, his grandchildren, Sam and Ronin, and his ex-wives, Robin and Joyce.

Kirk was born on November 6, 1944 in Pennsylvania to Alvin Gustafson (a WWII Marine Raider medic) and Ruth Tilstrom (a school teacher). He graduated from Stanford with a degree in law and became a lawyer, then 1st Circuit Superior Court judge for the State of California, and then a Superior Court judge for Mendocino County before retiring.

Kirk was an accomplished fisherman, fan of Bob Dylan, ping pong player, and often opened his home for community events. He was a generous individual who loved people and who was passionate about giving them a second chance. He was an active and dedicated member of the community and often donated to the local community as well as international charities.

Kirk also had a wonderful sense of humor and tried to make people smile and laugh in the most dire of times. He brought happiness and hope to many of us and will be missed greatly.

A memorial is scheduled for August 24, from 2 to 7 pm, at the Willits Art Center. Friends and colleagues are welcome to attend and celebrate Kirk’s life. Bring a dish or appetizer to share. The family would like to thank Phoenix Hospice for supporting them in bringing Kirk home. Memorial information can be obtained at 415-680-5465.



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