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Above, from left: New Willits High School Wolverine mascot, Demetri Novoa, gets ready to try on the new suit. Leadership students create "welcome back" hearts for the WHS staff and teachers. Art teacher and Wolverine newspaper advisor, Carolyn Bakewell, gives a clawed wave. Below: The Wolverine is ready for the start of school on Monday, August 20, and for the first edition of the school newspaper on September 27!



2018/2019 school year starts
Monday, August 20

It's almost time to once again hear the pitter patter of new sneakers down the halls of Willits High School as a new group of students starts the 2018/2019 school year this Monday.

This year, there's also a pitter patter of new claws, too – the high school's mascot, the Wolverine, has received a new costume, and a new inhabitant, too: Demetri Novoa.

Novoa tried out the brand-new costume and happily smiled with students from the leadership class and a few new students who were attending picture day – and attending to new year prep tasks – Tuesday at Willits High School.

– *Maureen Moore*



At left, above: Members of the leadership class pose with the Wolverine on the school's back steps, with Carolyn Bakewell, back left, and athletic director Marian Lohne, back right. At left: The new Wolverine costume has a well-pronounced nose and a snarling jaw. Above: Cheerin' and chillin' – this Wolverine is ready! Below: Demetri Novoa is excited to support the high school with extra school spirit.



County appoints new director of Planning and Building Services
Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

The Mendocino County of Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the appointment of Brent Schultz as Planning and Building Services director for Mendocino County. Schultz joins the county after serving as the Housing and Municipal Services director for the City of Ontario since 2013. Schultz has a Public Administration degree from California State University of Fullerton and a masters of Business Administration from Chapman University. In his free time, he enjoys being with his family, traveling, or flying his airplane.

Dan Hamburg, Fifth District supervisor, and current board chair, commented on Schultz's appointment: "Mr. Schultz brings 30 years of municipal government experience in housing, redevelopment and planning. He is enthusiastic to step into a county leadership role and has a commitment to streamlining regulatory processes that will serve our county well in the coming years."

Commenting on his appointment, Schultz stated: "I'm excited to be working for the citizens of Mendocino County and look forward to meeting the Planning and Building team and the entire county organization. I'm ready to get new projects off the ground, from small projects like room additions, to brand-new homes, to new housing for our growing community and for those who are rebuilding after devastating fires; I love every aspect of the job and hope I can be a helpful resource for my staff and the public."

For more information, please contact the Mendocino County Executive Office at 707-463-4441.

Reps. Huffman and Thompson announce \$99 million in federal funding for fire recovery
Submitted by the Office of Congressman Jared Huffman

Washington, D.C. – Reps. Jared Huffman (CA-02) and Mike Thompson (CA-05) announced Wednesday that California has been awarded \$99.324 million that must be spent on disaster recovery across the state, including in Sonoma County and Mendocino County.

This federal funding was previously awarded through the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief program as part of an effort to provide long-term recovery from the 2017 wildfires. The Department of Housing and Urban Development also issued guidance on Wednesday that counties and zip codes in Huffman and Thompson's districts must receive that funding for unmet needs.

"While the still-raging wildfires continue to inflict catastrophic damage on our communities, I'm glad to see that this much-needed federal support is on its way," said Rep. Huffman. "We will continue to work with local, state, and federal partners to ensure that our districts have every resource needed during the long path to recovery."

"Our district was and continues to be hit hard by fires, but together we are coming back even stronger. Together with local, state, and federal partners, we are addressing the deep impact these fires left on our communities, and I am so proud this funding will be provided to help those who need it most recover and rebuild," said Rep. Thompson. "This work continues, and I will keep fighting for every possible federal penny to help our district rebuild and be even stronger."

The Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD awards CDBG-DR grants to flexibly support many different recovery efforts, including but not limited to housing needs, economic revitalization, and improvements to infrastructure. California received \$212 million to go toward unmet needs and mitigation efforts, and HUD has announced that no less than \$99.324 million must go to areas most impacted by the fires including Sonoma County, Redwood Valley, the City of Napa, Ventura County and parts of Santa Barbara, Clearlake, and Maysville.

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Wild Willits Fest
To the Editor:

The Wild Willits Fest promises to be an event unlike any other. It embodies all that Mendo is about: small town vibes with great food, music, and activities for every age. On the morning of October 20, Visit Willits will host a 5k walk/run, a 10k, and a half-marathon race on a course winding through the Little Lake Valley.

After the races, runners and non-runners alike are invited to the Rec Grove for an afternoon of live music, a food competition we're calling "The Taste of the Harvest," which features local chefs and caterers utilizing locally grown ingredients, a kids' activity zone, an artisan market, and wellness vendors.

During this time of transition, we're focusing on individual physical fitness while coming together to re-connect with our common denominator, the beauty and bounty of the Little Lake Valley.

We're putting together an amazing team of artists and wellness experts to set up vending booths at the Rec Grove in our marketplace. Please send an email to WildWillitsFest@gmail.com to request a marketplace application.

For general information please visit our website: WildWillitsFest.com and on Facebook.

Thank you, and we'll see you on October 20!

Hayley Schmidtke, Wild Willits Fest coordinator, Willits

Thanks from the Kids Club

To the Editor:

The Willits Kids Club would like to thank our Willits community who helped us have such a wonderful "Old-Fashioned Fun Day Camp" this summer. Everywhere we went, folks were supportive, kind and helpful.

Thanks to Willits Elementary Charter school, the Brooktrails Township staff and the Brooktrails Fire Department, Willits Unified School District, the City of Willits and their thoughtful maintenance crew, Frontier Days volunteers, and the great crew of lifeguards. We appreciate you.

Kris Wagner, Willits Kids Club

'Quilty Pleasures'
To the Editor:

Please join us in Laytonville

for the free outdoor quilt show, "Quilty Pleasures," on Saturday, August 25 from 10 am to 4 pm, and on Sunday, August 25, from 11 am to 4 pm, behind The Fat Quail Quilt Shop along Highway 101. This is always a festive event where you can vote for your favorite quilts, visit with friends and shop on both days in The Fat Quail. There will also be a few of the quilts hanging in the show for sale.

Saturday's special event is the display of Ron Craine's antique washing machines and related items. Watching them actually run is a big hit with all ages.

As always there will be a chance to purchase tickets for this year's raffle quilt and raffle baskets (chocolate, wine, pets, baby items – just to name a few). Proceeds go towards our scholarships for Laytonville High graduates. We are very proud of our 2018 recipients: Sophia Avila, Hailey Finnegan, Justin Jepson, Gustavo Rosas, Timothy Skaggs, and Araceli Romero. Congratulations! The drawing for all raffles will be on Sunday afternoon – no need to be present to win.

Looking forward to seeing you at the show!

Jody McGeen, Long Valley Quilters, Laytonville

Auditions for rustic comedy

To the Editor:

The Willits Community Theatre will hold auditions for "Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church" by Linda LaRocca on Tuesday, August 21 and Thursday, August 23 at 7 pm.

In this comedy set in rural Texas in the 1950s, two down-on-their-luck connen discover that trying to con the Lord in his own house has unexpected consequences. The show will rehearse in late August and September and will open on October 5. It will run through October 21.

Director Jim Williams is looking for three men and two women, ranging in age from 40 to 75. Late middle age or older is fine for this play. Actors who play the two connen should be able to play shady, small-time criminal types.

Take-home scripts will be available at the Willits Library. For more information about the play, call Jim Williams at 367-6877.

Mike A'Dair, Willits Community Theatre



Above, from left: Larry St. Laurent works with the bagel dough cutter. The Roland's Baking Company gathers for a group photo: back, from left: Joanna Clemons, owner; Randy Prince, deliveries; Brendan Pappadakis, pastry baker; Larry St. Laurent, bread baker; Jodi Vargas, farmers market sales; and Phil Roland, master baker. Front, Michelle Baker, packer, at left, and Brian Schuster, bagel baker. Brian Schuster prepares the whole wheat dough for the rolling machine.

Far left: Bakers are hard at work in the main baking room.

At left: The new retail outlet is ready for the August 20 opening.

Roland's Baking Company

New owner of wholesale bakery continues

New York-style bagel tradition, opens retail outlet next week

"I found this business on the internet, bizben.com," explains Joanna Clemons, new owner of Roland's Baking Company along with her husband, John Clemons, a logger out of Fort Bragg. "It took us eight months back and forth to decide that this was what we wanted to do. It was a totally different direction from what we were originally looking for – we were trying to find a sports bar."

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Clemons has been growing the business since she took over on April 23 of this year from Phil Roland, who is still the master baker, staying on to train the new employees. She has added three new stores in the county and is in talks with several more small and large prospective clients, including Costco. She has doubled the business.

"The operation is fun. Phil Roland did pretty well with the business, but I've beefed it up a bit. I'm hands-on so I know every single store owner by name. I visit the locations randomly. When I go to Ukiah, I go to the Co-op, Black Oak, etc. I call them on the phone to find out how everything is going, listen to complaints, observe how our products are being presented. If something is wrong with an order, we take care of it immediately. They can always reach me by phone, text or email. I will call them back in no more than a 10-minute turnaround."

It is this kind of hands-on philosophy that Clemons hopes will pay off as she has expanded the business from four to 11 employees to ramp up production and prepare for an expanding client list. Her workers enjoy her presence as she works hand-in-hand with them several hours a day.

In order to increase the bakery's profile in the county, Clemons shows at three farmers markets weekly, Ukiah on Saturdays, Fort Bragg on Wednesdays, and Cloverdale on Friday nights.

Clemons believes in not wasting her product. Her breads have a shelf-life of over a week but she takes the unsold loaves back after four days and donates them to the Willits Food Bank, the Harrah Senior Center, and to schools. She believes in giving back to the community that supports her.

She sources as locally as possible, hires locally, and pays her employees well. She prints at Printing Plus rather than over the internet, shops at Safeway and Grocery Outlet. She recently supplied all the Danish pastries for

the teams at the Relay for Life event. She only purchases organic flours.

In the interest of giving back to the community, in addition to donating food, Clemons is going to sponsor the Mendocino County Sheriff's Work Release Program, in which inmates will come and work at the shop on a limited basis in order to integrate back into the community. "Most of them are good people who have made bad choices," said Clemons.

Roland's has room to expand. If they get the Costco account, it will turn into a seven-days-a-week operation with expanded employee hires and an expanded delivery route.

Roland's best-selling items are their East Coast style bagels. East Coast style means they have been boiled in water and malt prior to baking. The New York Times stated in an article that if one wanted to get authentic East Coast bagels on the West Coast, you needed to go to Roland's. Their bagel selection includes: plain, sesame, poppy seed, sea salt, everything, garlic and onion.

Their selection of breads includes old-fashioned butter top, sourdough loaf (seeded or not), sourdough baguette (seeded or not), club rolls, honey whole wheat, multi-grain and rye bread. Their line of pastries includes plain and chocolate croissants, raspberry, blueberry, cherry and blackberry Danishes (depending on season), and a whole line of muffins: blueberry, lemon poppy, blueberry cheese, and soon Clemons will add red velvet and pistachio muffins.

On Monday, August 20, Clemons will be adding a take-out retail outlet at the bakery, where one can pick up breads, bagels, pastries, and certain specialty items. "We'll try and see what sells on what days and fill that need," said Clemons. "We also do a line of savories for lunches: jalapeño and cheese, ham and cheese, spinach and olive, ham and cheese and jalapeño. It will be open from 5 am to 8 pm, so you can cruise in when you come to the Evergreen Center to do your shopping or come after work or first thing in the morning."

Roland's Baking Company is located next to Grocery Outlet in the Evergreen Shopping Center at 1722 South Main Street. They can be found on Facebook under "Roland's Baking Company." Contact: rolandsbakingcompany@gmail.com or 707-354-2040.

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At top: The new owner of Roland's Baking Company, Joanna Clemons, checks the croissants. Above: Signature T-shirts will be available in the future. Below: The everything bagel, Roland's best-seller, is loaded with ... everything.



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The city was able to obtain and install the charging stations thanks to being part of a \$498,000 Mendocino Land Trust grant procured from the California Energy Commission in 2014. The Willits stations are the last in a string of 13 installed throughout Mendocino County with funds from the grant as well as contributions from MCOG and others.

As described by City Planner Dusty Duley, the two "Level 2" dual-port charging stations in Willits will allow a total of four electric vehicles to charge at one time. There will be an initial 50 cents connection fee, followed by 25 cents per kilowatt hour for charging, and an additional \$5 per hour if a customer leaves their car connected to the station more than 30 minutes after it receives a full charge.

The \$5 hourly fee was intended to provide an incentive for drivers to move their cars in a timely manner after charging so other customers could use the space. According to ChargePoint, the company that designed the EV stations and runs their software, customers can be notified via text when their car is fully charged so they will know when the \$5 per hour penalty fee begins. They can pay all fees with a ChargePoint phone app, or use a prepaid card issued by the company.

Basing rates on the amount of electricity used by customers was fairer than going by the amount of time spent at the station, Duley explained, since some electric cars consume electricity at a faster rate. He said the average time for an electric car to charge is around 2.5 hours.

He noted the rates were designed to recover costs to the city of the electricity and maintenance of the stations, not to make a profit, and that 25 cents per kilowatt hour was around the average rate PG&E charged. The rates are similar to those of other jurisdictions in the Bay Area and can be adjusted in the future if new information came to light.

"We will actually have real data as far as money coming in and costs going out," said Duley, "and so we very well could be back in front of the council in the near future adjusting those fees."

Following approval of the fees, the Willits station would immediately be placed into the ChargePoint app, which tells electric vehicle drivers where all EV charging stations are located, and Duley said he plans on getting Willits on similar apps as well.

He also informed the council that a \$500 stipend from the grant will go towards signage for the stations, but estimated that amount would only cover signs where the chargers are located. He encouraged the city pursuing "wayward signage" that would advertise the stations to the public in town and on the highway, either through Caltrans or using other funding methods.

According to a Mendocino Land Trust press release, the goal of installing the charging stations is to reduce fossil fuel use and its effects on climate change, while encouraging travelers with electric vehicles to visit the county.

Seven other stations using grant funds were installed at state parks in the county (which can be used for free until the end of December). An additional three are in Fort Bragg, while Caspar and Point Arena each have one.

Fighting the fires

The council heard reports from multiple city officials at the meeting about various ways Willits has been aiding the fight against the Mendocino Complex fire, including coordinating firefighting and rescue helicopter crews utilizing the Brooktrails airport, and sending employees from the city's public works and police departments to work in Lake County areas where evacuations were occurring.

City Manager Stephanie Garbrabant-Sierra said fire crews using the Brooktrails airport had come from all over California and other states as well, and there was even one team from New Zealand. The helicopters flying in and out included Skycranes, Chinooks and Hueys.

"We're very grateful to be able to be helping with the fire effort," she said. "Some of the advantages of the Willits airport is that we're at an elevation of almost 2,000 feet, which makes it very convenient for helicopters. It allows them to save fuel without going down to the level of the Ukiah airport, which is much lower."

She said the pilots and their teams were using the airport to refuel, load up on water, and to rest and recuperate when possible.

"The crews, they're delighted to be on our grounds because we've got showers," she continued. "It's very comfortable and they like to be near Willits because there's good food there and places to stay. We've just gotten a lot of good feedback for [our] efforts."

Garbrabant-Sierra also thanked airport

managers, as well as the Brooktrails Fire Department and the Brooktrails Township Community Services District for their contributions.

Councilman Ron Orenstein pointed out this isn't the first time fire crews from outside the area had used the airport. "This is a good tradition we're getting into here," he said.

In additional efforts, four city employees from the Willits Public Works Department and four from the Willits Police Department volunteered to travel to the Lakeport area to help with tasks there, after evacuations in late July.

City Clerk Cathy Moorhead told the council the four public works employees worked 12-hour days there for seven days straight.

She described how she was contacted by Lakeport Public Works Director Doug Grider, asking if Willits could send help, and that a team of four volunteers was assembled within about 15 minutes of her informing Willits Public Works of Grider's request.

"It was amazing, and I really want to thank them for going over," she said. "Lakeport is so grateful we were able to send crews over, and they took such good care of them.... I just really appreciate our staff coming together at the last minute and doing this."

Police Chief Scott Warnock said the four Willits Police Department officers who volunteered on their days off worked 16-hour shifts for a few days in Lakeport. They were assigned to help prevent looting in the area, and two officers were eventually sent to help evacuate Kelseyville when flames neared the town.

Hospital name change

Arnie Mello, executive director of the Frank R. Howard Foundation, spoke at the meeting regarding the concern some community residents had expressed over the recent name change of the local hospital from "Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital" to "Adventist Health Howard Memorial."

Mello explained the change had been made after much discussion on the issue between the foundation, the Howard family, and Adventist Health representatives.

He said the change from Frank R. Howard Memorial to Howard Memorial was made at the request of the Howard family, which wanted to acknowledge the contribution of the many family members who had supported and worked to keep the hospital going over the years.

Mello said combining the names of Adventist Health and Howard Memorial was an acknowledgement of the productive partnership they have had over the years.

He said Adventist Health had been involved in running the hospital since 1986, and had worked with the Howard Foundation and others in the city to get the new hospital built.

"The truth is we wouldn't have what we have today without Adventist Health, and they couldn't have built the hospital without us, so it's a partnership," he said.

He did say the foundation "pushed back" on Adventist's preference for leaving out the word "Hospital" in the name. They eventually compromised by allowing the "Howard Memorial Hospital" emblem to be placed on the building, but placing "Adventist Health Howard Memorial" on promotional materials.

"We moved slowly, we included the Howard family, and I think everybody is happy with the arrangement we ended up with," said Mello.

The council agreed and chose to take no action to intervene in the matter.

Sales tax revenues

Garbrabant-Sierra also updated the council on city sales tax revenue reports. According to the MuniServices consultants hired by the city, the outlook continues to be more positive than the steep decreases originally anticipated after the bypass was opened.

She said a final look at the sales tax revenue numbers for the city in 2017 now indicates a decrease of just 3.6 percent from the previous year, not the 6 percent a previous report suggested, and far lower than initial projections of a 15 to 20 percent decrease.

She added that based on first-quarter results from this year, consultants were predicting a decrease of only 0.7 percent for 2018, and small increases for the following two years.

Pool news

In other news, the Willits City Pool is extending its open season for lap swimming and water aerobics to November 1. Lap swimming is scheduled from 6 to 7:45 am Monday through Friday, and 8 to 10 am on Saturdays. Water aerobics are scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 9 to 10 am on Saturdays.

fatality, and at a Tuesday morning press conference, identified Chief Burchett, 42, as the firefighter who died.

According to the Press Democrat, Burchett was "batting flames downstream of Lake Pillsbury's Scott Dam when he was hit by a falling tree." He was airlifted to the Ukiah Valley Medical Center, where he died.

California Gov. Jerry Brown said Tuesday: "Firefighters from across the nation – and world – have selflessly battled California's massive wildfires, and sadly today we mourn the loss of one of those heroes from Draper, Utah, Chief Matthew Burchett. Our hearts ache for his wife and young son, family members, loved ones, colleagues with the Draper City Fire Department and the entire State of Utah."

A website to raise funds to support Burchett's family, including his wife and a young son has been set up by the Utah Firefighters Emerald Society, and endorsed by the Draper City Fire Department. Visit www.utahfes.org to donate to the BC Matt Burchett Family Fund.

As of Wednesday night, Cal Fire reported the Ranch fire has burned a total of 315,225 acres, with containment at 67 percent. The fire is burning north into the Mendocino National Forest. The Ranch Fire officially became the largest fire in recorded California history on Sunday morning, as Cal Fire reported the fire had burned 282,479 acres, surpassing the previous record-holder, the Thomas fire, which burned 281,893 acres total in December 2017.

The expected containment date of the Ranch fire is still reported as September 1, 2018. The River fire, the second fire in the Mendocino Complex, is at 100 percent containment. Mendocino Complex fires have destroyed 147 residences, and 118 other structures. Together they have burned a total of 364,145 acres.

the auspices of the Conference Committee on Wildfire Preparedness and Response.

An August 7 letter from the Mendocino County supervisors notes several benefits to leaving the inverse condemnation rules as they currently stand.

Supervisors say they believe "inverse condemnation works to provide a strong incentive for utilities to take action and invest in critical safety and resiliency measure to protect ratepayers and residents of the areas we collectively serve."

They also point out that "local governments and private citizens use inverse condemnation as a legal standing to bring large, well-funded utilities to the table to settle for damages rather than to languish in court under negligence suits."

Also, "utilities can be held liable under negligence claims, and often are," the board states. "However, as a result of the standing under inverse condemnation liability applicable to wildfires started by utility companies, utilities are more likely to settle large fire-related litigation rather than to seek a judgment in court," supervisors argue in their letter. "We strongly believe our liability laws level the playing field, bringing billion-dollar companies to the table with less-powerful victims."

The letter goes on to explain that inverse condemnation laws offer a degree of reasonableness to the thorny question of who is going to pay for my burned-down city?

"If a utility's equipment was the cause of a fire, liability can be assigned under inverse condemnation even if the utility acted reasonably and prudently. However, that liability can be transferred to their ratepayers if the California Public Utilities Commission determines the utility did, in fact, act reasonably. Thus, this legal tool provides a strong incentive for utilities to invest in safety while still providing them with the ability to spread the cost to ratepayers."

The letter notes Cal Fire has determined that 16 of the 2017 fires were caused by utility equipment, and 11 of those cases have been referred to prosecutors for criminal investigation. The letter closes with the plea: "We strongly urge you to resist the request to change the rules for the utilities."

Hearings on the issue took place in the state capitol on July 25, August 7 and August 9. Three more hearings are planned.

According to an article on the issue located on the California State Association of Counties website, the hearings have brought some heavy-hitters into the room, including representatives from the California State Association of Counties, the Rural Counties Representatives of California, the insurance industry, the League of California Cities, and various regional utility companies.

The legislative session ends on August 31.

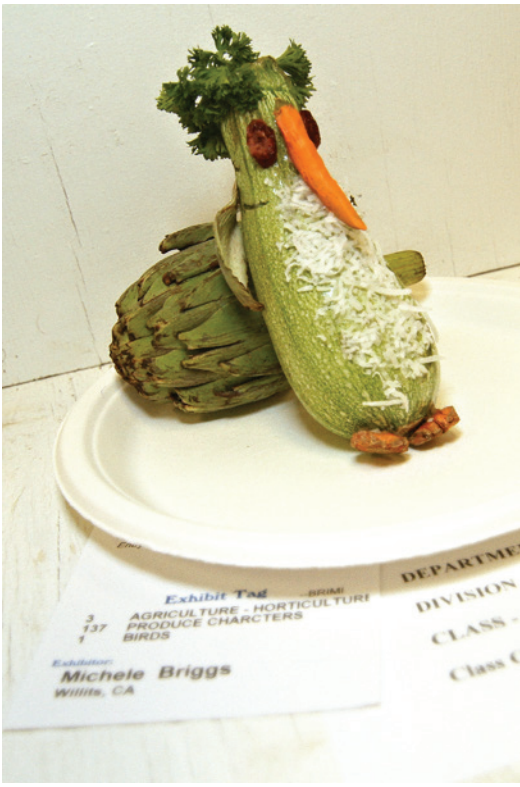
According to Sarah Dukett, senior administrative analyst with the county executive office, Gov. Brown has until October 1 to sign whatever bill on the issue emerges from the legislative process.

Irrigation of Brooktrails Golf Course using non-potable water already has been reduced.

This summer's higher than normal heat has sparked "growing concerns about conserving water through December should the traditional autumn rains fail to arrive in October and November," Rose said in a memo to board members.

At the current rate of usage, the district has approximately 110 days of water supply, exacerbated by increased evaporation of stored water in its two reservoirs: Lake Emily and Lake Ida Rose. "A voluntary reduction of 20 percent may result in adding [an additional] 20 days of water supply," she said.

"If there is significant rainfall in October and November, the lakes could fill up," Rose noted. But if the rains "fail to materialize, the district will need to implement the water alert and possibly water shortage provisions" contained in district ordinances.



Redwood Empire Fair building exhibit awards

In addition to the youth livestock exhibitors, the Redwood Empire Fair also showcases the talents of youth and adult exhibitors in the fair's several buildings which house crafts, arts, baking, floral and other talents of the community.

Maureen Moore, Willits, Laytonville and Covelo exhibitors had the following placings in the Home Arts, Fine Arts, Floriculture, Agriculture / Horticulture and Junior buildings:

Covelo and Laytonville:

Sandie Williamson of Covelo won three awards in the Home Arts building; a first and second for her intermediate appliqué and quilted-by-machine entry, and a Best of Show Director's award as well.

Natalie Campbell of Laytonville won two first-place awards and a third-place award in the Fine Arts building for her farm, people and reflections photography entries in the professional division.

Mason Kelly, Malayna Lavenduskey and Hailey Musgrave, all of Laytonville, each won a first-place award in the Junior building for their entries.

Willits:

Grace Aguilar won two first-place awards and four second-place awards in the Junior building; Keely Ahders won five first-place awards, two second-place awards, and one third-place award in the Junior building; Jessica Alvarado won two second-place awards in the Fine Arts building;

Zoe Alvarado won one first-place award and four second-place awards in the Junior building; and Elena Arkelian and Lisa Arkelian each won a first-place award in the Junior building for their leatherworking entries.

Michaela Barlow won 10 awards for her agricultural entries into the Horticulture building, including first-place awards for her peppers, leafy stem, red potato, Yukon gold, other potato, lemon cucumber and pickling sweet cucumbers; second-place awards for her jalapeno chili peppers and garlic, and a third-place award for her Gardener's Delight variety entry.

Michele Briggs also won several awards in the Horticulture building, including first-place awards for her rosemary, other herb, and unusual color entry, and for her four produce characters, including a bird, fish and human figures. She also won two second-place awards for her unusual shape and unusual size agriculture entries.

Mary Brodien won three first-place awards in the Home Arts building for her apple butter, blackberry jelly and plum jam entries, as well as second-place awards for her bread-and-butter pickles and apricot jam, and a third-place award for her intermediate quilt block challenge entry. She also received three awards in the Floriculture building including a first-, second- and third-place award for her African violet entries.

Kathryn Brundage won six awards this year including three first-place awards for her produce in a jar entries in the Horticulture building and for a novice entry in the Floriculture building, and

two second-place awards and one first-place award in the Fine Arts building for her mixed-media entries.

Stephany Brundage earned 51 awards for her plethora of Junior building entries, which included photography, leather work, pen and ink and pencil drawings, and produce. She received 31 first-place awards, 19 second-place awards, and one third-place award.

Mattea Butler won a first-place award for her leather entry in the Junior building. Mikela Cameron won a first-place award in the Fine Arts building for her charcoal graphic. Barbara Carlson won five first-place awards in the Home Arts building for her clothing entries, including a blouse, child's outfit and skirt, as well as two second-place awards and one third-place award for her other clothing and quilting entries.

Rachel Cash won a first-place award for her made-by-a-group entry in the Home Arts building. Alton Cooke won a first-place award in the Junior building for his furniture entry. Terri Jean Cutris-Streeter won five first-place awards in the Floriculture building for her arrangements, place setting, and African violet entries, as well as a first-place and second-place award for her entries in the Fine Arts building.

Amy Elliott won five awards in the Home Arts building, including one first-place award, two second-place awards, and two third-place awards for her quilted entries.

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Thursday, August 16

Final Week: "Art Remembered – 45 Years at the Mendocino County Museum" will be closing on Sunday, August 19. This 45th anniversary commemorative exhibit features art pieces and crafts that have historical significance in this county. 400 East Commercial Street, open Wednesday - Sunday 10 am to 4:30 pm. Admission: adults \$4; students \$1; children under 6 Free. Info: www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum.org, 707-459-2736.

Willits Farmers Market: At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music, Thursday, August 16, 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, strawberries from Redwood Valley, local meats and local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread, gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted iced coffee, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Shanachie Pub: **Front Porch Swing:** Thursday, August 16, 8 pm. Duo Sandy Poze and Bob Hermann, a pair of Bay Area musicians and veterans of the Sonoma County music scene, have experience in both Los Angeles and Nashville. 50B South Main Street.

Friday, August 17

Ribbon Cutting for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: Celebration will be held in Willits, Friday, August 17, 5:00 pm at the City Parking :ot at West Mendocino Avenue and School Street, hosted by the Willits Chamber of Commerce, Mendocino Council of Governments and Mendocino Land Trust. The event is to celebrate a new string of 13 electric vehicle charging stations in Mendocino County – the Willits station was the final one completed – thanks to a grant from the California Energy Commission.

Senior Center BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner: The Harrah Senior Center offers another Friday night drive-thru dinner, this time featuring a BBQ pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, baked beans and a cookie. Friday, August 17; pick up between 5 to 6:30 pm. \$15 per dinner; pre-sale tickets only: purchase at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

"The Phantom Toll Booth": Willits Community Theater's Summer Arts Youth Camp presents this classic fantasy-adventure, with a cast of kids and young adults guided by Mana Youngbear, about a boy traveling through magical lands to rescue

Princesses Rhyme and Reason. Friday, August 17 at 7 pm, Saturday, August 18 at 7 pm, and Sunday, August 19 at 2 pm. \$10; tickets available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Shanachie Pub: The Dennis Chrisp Band of Eclectic Coyotes, "This show will be the band's old school rock and roll, rockabilly, psychobilly, blues and Bakersfield country act, with wild times to be had." Friday, August 17, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, August 18

Round Valley Blackberry Festival: The 36th annual Round Valley Blackberry Festival is set for Saturday, August 18, 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, August



Front Porch Swing

com or "Round Valley Blackberry Festival" on Facebook.

Mendocino Maker's Fair in Laytonville: Cancelled

Zodiac House Party: One Tribe Collective in collaboration with Liquid Sound Design presents their newest monthly series, the Zodiac House Party. Saturday, August 18. 7 pm, Buti Yoga with Jaynene. 8 to 12 pm, Local DJs, Blesses & Spiral Vine, electronic bass and house music. Raw and Vegan Treats, Magical Elixir Bar, Ohm Gnome Gallery, Tarot Tent, Altered Space, Live Painting. \$10 - \$15 at the door. A portion of proceeds will be donated to Mendocino Complex fire relief. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

"The Phantom Toll Booth": Saturday, August 18, 7 pm. Willits Community Theater's Summer Arts Youth Camp presents this classic fantasy-adventure. See listing Friday, August 17 for details

Halden Wofford & the Hi-Beams: Saturday, August 18. A benefit concert for the School of Adaptive Agriculture, headlining Halden Wofford & the Hi-Beams: "Equal parts Hank Williams and Johnny Depp." Plus II Big w/ Blue Luke and Indiana Slim. Silent auction, vendors. Saturday, August 18 at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Doors open 5:30 pm - dinner by Zocalo Collective; show from 7



to 11 pm. \$20 advance, \$25 at the door; \$2 for kids under 12 (for children's activities). Tickets available at J.D. Redhouse and online at www.adaptiveagriculture.org.

Shanachie Pub: Brooks Forsyth, an American musician and songwriter from Boone, North Carolina. Visit www.brooksforstyth.bandcamp.com. Saturday, August 18, 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, August 19

Round Valley Blackberry Festival: August 19, 10 am to 5 pm. See Saturday, August 18 listing for details.

"The Phantom Toll Booth": Sunday, August 19, 2 pm. See Friday, August 17 listing for details.

KLLG Station Clean Up Party: Sunday, August 19, 3 to 6 pm. "Come volunteer and meet other KLLG station volunteers as we clean up the station. We will be re-

organizing the music library, cleaning, and, possibly even doing some painting to prepare the studio for the next events." a Studio Tour on Wednesday, August 22, 5 to 7 pm and Programmer Training, Saturday, August 24, 1 to 5 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.



Monday, August 20

Fall Swimming Pool Schedule Begins: From Monday, August 20 to November 2. Monday – Friday, 6 to 7:45 Lap Swim; Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30 to 6:30 pm Water Aerobics; Saturdays, 8 to 10 am Lap Swim, 9 to 10 am Water Aerobics. \$5 Lap Swim, \$80 Lap Swim Pass (x20), \$7 Aqua Aerobics, \$6 Senior Discount, \$125 Aqua Aerobics Pass (x20). Info: 459-5778.

"Tomorrow", Now and Then Film Series: "The documentary 'Tomorrow' sets out to showcase alternative and creative ways of viewing agriculture, economics, energy and education. It offers constructive solutions to act on a local level to make a difference on a global level. Discussion after the film will empower us as a community." Info: www.tomorrow-documentary.com. \$5 donation. Serving heirloom organic popcorn with real organic butter. Monday, August 20, 7 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Shanachie Pub: Caitlin Jemma, "Marked by country and delivered with soul, her songs are love notes offering encouragement to be your baddest self-in the pursuit of magic." Visit: www.caitlinjemma.com. Monday, August 20, 7 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Tuesday, August 21

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

Wednesday, August 22

KLLG Open Studio: Wednesday, August 22, 5 to 7 pm. The public is invited to come and tour the studio, ask questions, and learn about the next upcoming event: Programmer Training, August 24. For more information: 459-KLLG (5554). Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Thursday, August 23

"The Cannabis Hour": "Is a Public Cannabis Bank Feasible?" Banks open themselves to government seizure by the FDIC if they choose to do business with anyone in the cannabis trade. This month, California State Treasurer John Chiang commissioned a study to probe the feasibility of a public cannabis bank. KZYX host Jane Fletcher will interview Treasurer Chiang and public banking advocate Marc Armstrong on why a state bank might be the answer to the cannabis industry's banking woes. Thursday, August 23, 9 am, on KZYX Radio, 91.5-FM. Find the archived show at <http://jukebox.kzyx.org/>.



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Willits Farmers Market: At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music, Thursday, August 9, 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, strawberries from Redwood Valley, local meats and local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread, gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted iced coffee, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Empowerment Event: Cultivate Wellness Studio, Michelle Cummins and Claudia Wenning, are offering free open studio events at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, starting in August with a free speaker series: Empowerment Events to introduce and practice self-care stress relief techniques. The first of these events will be about EFT, "Emotional Freedom Technique," or tapping. Thursday, August 23, 6 to 7:30 pm. Space limited, please RSVP with Michelle at 707-972-1601, Claudia at 707-354-3111, Open to everyone and free of charge.

Shanachie Pub: Trivia Night Benefit. For the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County.

"Come out and show your knowledge on various subjects, have fun, and help support a worthy cause!" Thursday, August 23, 4 to 7 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Friday, August 24

Hazmobile in Willits: The HazMobile household hazardous waste collection team will be at the Willits Corporation Yard, 380 East Commercial Street, on Friday, August 24 and Saturday, August 25, from 9 am to 1 pm. HazMobile accepts toxic materials like paint, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, gasoline, solvents, acids, bases, toxic cleaners, auto and household batteries, mercury and fluorescent light tubes, that can't go in the trash, for recycling or special disposal. Not accepted: explosives, ammunition, radioactive wastes, medical waste and compressed gas cylinders larger than 5 gallons. Free to households; 15 gallon limit/per day. Larger amounts from households as well as small business waste is also welcome at the collection, but an appointment must be made and a fee will be applied per gallon of waste. When bringing materials to the HazMobile, the public should be careful that items are kept in their original containers (except motor oil which can be consolidated), that nothing is leaking, and that all containers are tied down. Info and schedule, call the Recycling Hotline, 468-9704, or visit mendoRecycle.org.



KLLG Programmer Training: Saturday, August 24, 1 to 5 pm. "This is a free training for those who would like to have a show on KLLG. We will go over on air basics, studio protocol, and basic technical engineering. The station offers more advanced training to DJ/Programmers on an as needed basis." Information: 459-KLLG (5554).

Shanachie Pub: Evan & The Live Oaks. "The Live Oaks are a collective of hand-picked musicians living from Portland to Los Angeles." Visit: www.evanlanamusic.com. Friday, August 24, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Ice Cream in a Bag: Willits-Mendocino County Library, Saturday, August 25, 1 to 2 pm. "Learn the science behind ice cream and make some you can eat." Ages 3 and up. 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908.

Saturday, August 25

Beer & Wine Tasting & Golf: Saturday, August 25. Hosted by the Willits Lions Club at the Brooktrails Golf Course. "Enjoy a morning of golfing at the beautiful golf course in the redwoods." 9 am to 12 pm, golf, \$10; 1 to 4 pm, Beer and Wine Tasting, \$20. Barbecue by the Lions Club, \$6 to \$9. Advance

tickets \$15. Must be 21. Info: 459-6761.

Hazmobile in Willits: The HazMobile household hazardous waste collection team will be at the Willits Corporation Yard, 380 East Commercial Street, on Saturday, August 25, from 9 am to 1 pm. See Friday, August 24 listing for details.

Quilty Pleasures Quilt Show: annual free outdoor quilt show at The Fat Quail Quilt Shop on Highway 101, Laytonville. Saturday, August 25, 10 am to 4 pm, and Sunday, August 26, 11 am to 4 pm. "Vote for your favorite quilts, visit with friends, and shop on both days at The Fat Quail." Saturday's special event is the display of Ron Craine's antique washing machines and related items. Raffle of this year's raffle quilt and raffle baskets (chocolate, wine, pets, baby items, just to name a few), will go towards

scholarships for Laytonville High graduates.

Phoenix Rising Summer Pruning Class: Saturday, August 25, 11 am to 3 or 4 pm. Free. Class will start in Willits at the Phoenix Rising Garden, located on the west side of North Street between Redwood and Pine. "About 1 pm we will carpool to Pine Mountain (13 minute drive) to my home to work on trees that have been trained by me for the last 15 years." Class size is limited, so call Ron Woolsey 707-489-5408 and leave a message with your phone number and a good time to reach you. Class will start with fruit trees that have been neglected for years and then move on to trees that have been well-cared for.

KLLG Programmer Training: Saturday, August 25, 1 to 5 pm. "This is a free training for those who would like to have a show on KLLG. We will go over on air basics, studio protocol, and basic technical engineering. The station offers more advanced training to DJ/Programmers on an as needed basis." For more information: 459-KLLG (5554). Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

WEF Summer Gala: Saturday, August 25. Willits Rotary and the Willits Educational Foundation invite you to a benefit for art, music and libraries in the Willits Unified School District. Formerly known as "The Garden Party." Saturday, August 25, 4 to 8 pm. Music by Pavlos Garage. Catered dinner, hearty appetizers, cash bar, live and silent auctions, prize drawings. At Danny and Allisha Mihelcic's, 19941 South Main Street. Advance sale only \$30, available at Yokum's Body Shop and Cat's Meow. Information: Jenn Drew 707-354-0755, Windi Kvasnicka 707-354-0755.

Shanachie Pub: Crosby Tyler. "Blend backporch bluegrass with Delta blues and add a keen sense of social commentary and wrap it up in a one-man

band and you have Crosby Tyler - The One Man Tub-Thumpin' Band." Visit: www.crosbytyler.com. Saturday, August 25, 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, August 26

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: "Join your friends at the Little Lake Grange pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 am, Sunday, August 26 (and every fourth Sunday through October). \$8 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods": Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Extra: sides of organic fruit and Amish organic maple syrup. Little Lake Grange #670, 291

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Quilty Pleasures Quilt Show: Sunday, August 26, behind the Fat Quail Quilt Shop in Laytonville. See Saturday, August 25 listing for details.

Ecstatic Dance: Sunday, August 26. Yoga with Hannah Jermstrad, 10 to 11 am, Cacao Ceremony

and Meditation with Mose and Isaac, 11 to 11:30 am, Dance with Mose 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Cacao Dance Ceremony is a combination of a shared meditation and drinking of a cacao drink with a curated ecstatic dance music experience. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Facebook: Ecstatic Dance Mendo. 347-831-3645. Families and children welcome. \$15 at the door.

12th Annual Laytonville Crawfish Boil: Sunday, August 26, 12:30 to 11 pm. Dinner service 4:30 to 6:30 pm. \$65 presale, \$75 at the door, \$40 at the door after 6:30. Kids 12 and under are free. Laytonville Rodeo Grounds, Harwood Road, Laytonville. Tickets available at Big Chief and Long Valley Feed Store. Music by Johnny Sketch & The Dirty Notes, The Mike Dillon Band, South Jones, L'ville All Stars, Ray & the Revelers, The Cult of Ours, Darcy Malone. To benefit Laytonville High School Culinary Pathways Program, Senior Market Match, Harwood Parks and KPFN.

Ramana Vieira in Concert: Portuguese romantic folk singer Ramana Vieira and her ensemble perform at the Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, August 26, at 2 pm. "Vieira captivates her audience with the haunting laments of the old world classics." Tickets \$20 in advance, available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).



AT THE MOVIES



'The Meg'

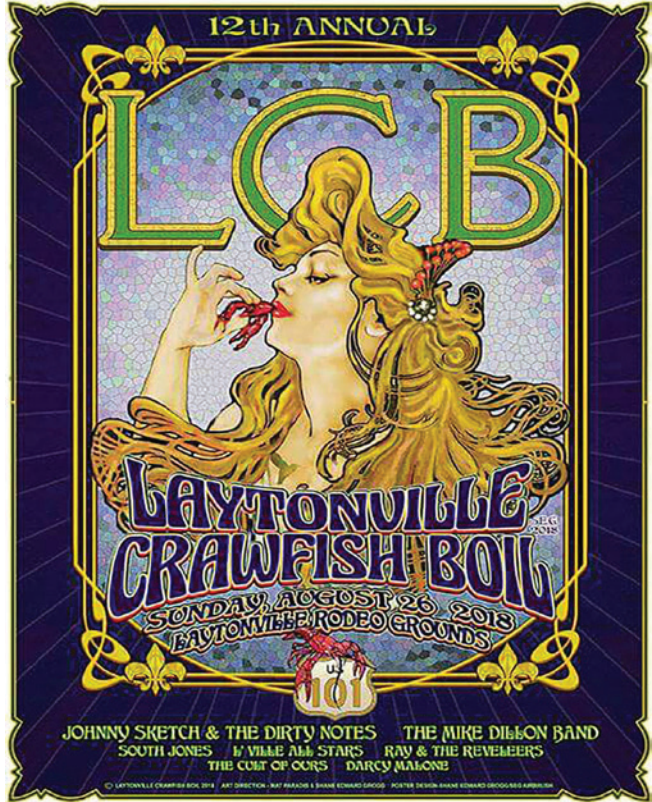
The Story: Giant shark threatens men, women, children, other mammals and way-cool "one-person" underwater vehicles that fire torpedoes. The meg in the movie is a (disappointing to me) megalodon, a prehistoric shark that went extinct a couple million years ago. The story, in short, is the discovery of the monstrous megalodon and the killing of humans which follow. This flick features popular tough-guy action hero Jason Statham and Chinese singer/actress/producer Li Bingbing who is also a Hollywood blockbuster favorite ("Transformers," "Resident Evil").

My Thoughts: Stupid personal note: when I first saw the title, I kept thinking of Meg Foster and was disappointed she wasn't in the flick. But to the matter at hand: "The Meg" is a summer movie and does what summer movies are

supposed to do, that is to distract us for a while from the terrible fires, the noisy world, and the heat wave. I found it moderately suspenseful. The featured little girl (Shuya Sophia Cai) was too cute by half, but the audience loved her and laughed at everything she said. I guess I did, too. Spoiler: She doesn't get eaten by the big fish, but I won't tell you what happens to the little dog. Jason Statham has the major part, but the women are heroes, too. I shouldn't have to say that.

Parents: Too scary for little children. It's rated PG-13. That's what it should be rated. So the Motion Picture Association of America and I are on the same rating page. Comforting.

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



Ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate new EV stations

August 17

A ribbon cutting celebration will be held in Willits, at 5 pm on Friday, August 17 at the City Parking Lot at West Mendocino

Avenue and School Street, hosted by the Willits Chamber of Commerce, Mendocino Council of Governments and Mendocino Land Trust. "Mendocino County is on the road to a cleaner and more sustainable future with the installation of 13 new electric vehicle charging stations along the coast and in Willits. Thanks to a \$498,040 grant from the California Energy Commission awarded to Mendocino Land Trust in 2014, a string of new electric vehicle charging stations in Mendocino County is up and running, with the final station completed in Willits in mid-July."

Senior Center Lunch

Week of August 20 through August 24

Monday: Ham & Cheese Deli Sandwich

Tuesday: Chicken Philly Sandwich

Wednesday: Carnitas Sope

Thursday: Pasta Primavera

Friday: Gyro with Tzatziki

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. \$6.50 for those 55 and older; \$8 for those under 55. Includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

State agencies cannabis open house in Redway

August 30

On Thursday, August 30, from 10 to 3 pm, the California Water Boards and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife will host a "Cannabis Cultivating Permitting Open House" at the Mateel Community Center, 59 Rusk Lane in Redway. Presentation will cover cannabis policy and permitting. Computers will be available on site to apply for water right and water quality permits. There will be water source and water use calculation assistance with staff available to answer specific questions. Collaborating agencies include the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Resource Conservation District, Department of Pesticide Regulation and CDFA-Cal/Cannabis. Info at www.mateel.org or www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/cannabis.



12th Annual Laytonville Crawfish Boil

August 26

Annual event at the Laytonville Rodeo Grounds, Harwood Road, to benefit the Laytonville High School's Culinary Pathways program, as well as the farmers market seniors match program and KPFN community radio. Starts at 12:30 pm on Sunday, August 26: First round of crawfish comes out at 1 pm, dinner service 4:30 to 6:30 pm. \$65 presale, \$75 at the door, \$40 at the door after 6:30. Kids 12 and under are free. Tickets available at Big Chief and Long Valley Feed Store. Headlining the event will be Johnny Sketch and the Dirty Notes, plus the Mike Dillon Band, South Jones and Darcy Malone from New Orleans, plus local bands Ray and the Revelers, This Cult of Ours and L'ville All Stars. Over 700 pounds of crawfish will be boiled at the event along with an extensive array of other food options, plus "Draft Mutt," serving draft independent craft beer and cider.

Caring Kitchen Volunteer Orientation

August 27

Caring Kitchen is recruiting for adult volunteers. Tuesdays: To-go container sanitation crew in Willits (1-2 hours, anytime between 12 to 5 pm); Wednesdays: Food prep shifts in Willits (10 am to 12 pm or 1 to 3 pm shifts available); Wednesdays: Mentor teens in the Willits kitchen (3:30 to 5:30 pm); Weekdays: Data entry and/or grant seeking in Ukiah (flexible hours between 8:30 am to 4:30 pm daily). "This is a fabulous opportunity to make a lasting impact in Mendocino County! We'd love to meet you at our upcoming Volunteer Orientation" at NCO's main office: 413 North State Street, Ukiah, August 27, 1:30 pm. RSVP and information: (707) 462-1950.





From far left: Ron Woolsey works in his demonstration garden that is the site of monthly free gardening classes. Produce grown there is frequently donated to the Food Bank.

Mike Adams of Nurturing Seed Farm tends potatoes that will be harvested in the fall and donated to the community Thanksgiving dinner at the Senior Center.

A broadfork – bought using Gleaner Grant funding – is used to loosen and aerate the soil at the Brookside Farm.

Got extra fruit?

Grateful Gleaners ready to harvest your trees, to donate to community groups

Got fruit? The Grateful Gleaners are ready and willing to help harvest from the fruit trees throughout Little Lake Valley. The fruit will then be donated to local community organizations, including the Willits Harrah Senior Center, the Willits Food Bank, the Caring Kitchen, and kids' programs. Pear trees throughout Willits are prolific this year, and the first pear gleaning of the season is scheduled for this week.

Last month, the Gleaners visited the home of Milane Corr and harvested from the cherry trees that she planted in 1976. The trees tower over the homestead that she built with her husband, the branches stretching 20 feet from the trunk. Close to 40 pounds of delicious cherries were gleaned from the trees, and Nuestra Alianza and the Willits Kids Club Summer Program were extremely excited to receive

them. An earlier harvest from the same trees, by Corr and her cousin, yielded cases of Bing cherries that they delivered to the Food Bank.

Every year, the gleaning season starts with a wonderful plant sale fundraiser. In years that the Gleaners don't have to buy new equipment (ladders, harvesting bags, etc.), the extra money gets distributed to local farmers to support the strength of our foodshed. This year, three Gleaner Grants were awarded to Mike Adams, Ron Woolsey, and Luke Allen and Christy Lee.

Luke Allen and Christy Lee have taken over Brookside Farm at the elementary school. Using Gleaner Grant funding, they purchased a new broadfork, which they will use to loosen and aerate the soil. Broadforks are essential tools in the practice of "no-till" gardening, described by

Allen as a technique that "builds organic matter in the soil by not turning the soil, leaving the layers intact."

Mike Adams, of Nurturing Seed Farm, was awarded a Gleaner Grant for drip-irrigation supplies, so that he can expand the amount of land he has under cultivation in the valley. In some of the new beds, Adams has planted potatoes that will be harvested in the fall and donated to the community Thanksgiving dinner at the Senior Center. He plans to get the new equipment at Dripworks, so the money will keep cycling in and strengthening our local economy.

Ron Woolsey also plans to develop the drip-irrigation system at Phoenix Rising Garden with the grant he received. His demonstration garden is the site of monthly free gardening classes, and produce

grown there is frequently donated to the Food Bank. "The garden was a patch of blackberries, morning glory and rocks when I started. Today it is a fertile, vibrant garden and will continue to grow," wrote Woolsey.

The Grateful Gleaners are all about giving back to the community. This sentiment is strong in Willits, as is evident by the long list of volunteers and the many people who offer fruit trees for harvesting. The Gleaners are always open to new volunteers and are currently seeking people with trucks to help haul ladders and cases of fruit. And of course, if your fruit trees are producing more than you can handle, please call the Gleaners at 707-367-7391.

– Submitted by the Grateful Gleaners coordinating team

Charley Crockett and The Blue Drifters play 'pop-up' benefits for local fire relief

Charley Crockett and his band The Blue Drifters brought their freewheeling mix of blues, country, soul and Texas boogie back to Mendocino County last week, playing a pair of impromptu free shows to raise money for local fire relief organizations.

The two shows also included the local acts Clay Hawkins, Schindig and The Cult of Ours, and brought in energized,

Crockett had originally been scheduled to headline the Blue Wing Blues Festival in Upper Lake Sunday night but the show was cancelled due to the Mendocino Complex fire. Hawkins, who organized the McCarty's show, said that he had been in contact with Crockett about the band possibly doing a "pop up" show in the Mendocino area while they were coming through on their tour, and once the festival got cancelled, Crockett immediately agreed that a fire relief benefit somewhere was the best way to go.



Charley Crockett poses in front of the Shanachie Pub sign.

dancing crowds who donated a total of \$2,752 to the cause. The events took place Sunday night at McCarty's Bar in Redwood Valley, which raised \$1,722 for The Community Foundation of Mendocino County, and Tuesday night at Shanachie Pub, which raised \$1,030 for North Coast Opportunities.

Hawkins opened up both nights with solo sets, with Schindig following at McCarty's and Cult of Ours at Shanachie Pub. Kyle Madrigal of Cult of Ours also joined Crockett's band on stage playing guitar, as did other local musicians Andy Mattern on harmonica and John Mattern on saxophone.

Hawkins said that the Redwood Valley community, still reeling from the damage of last year's fires, really came together to show their support at the show there, and he was "honored to play at both gigs."

"Everything just fell into place," he said. "Once it got put out there that it

was a benefit, that this is for the community, everybody wanted to help.... It was so nice to feel like there's something we can do, we're going to actually get our community

Read the rest of Crockett Over on Page 11

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Supes respond to grand jury reports

Supervisors on August 7 voted unanimously to approve the county's response to two grand jury reports. The reports, published in May of this year, were on the then-proposed

closure of the county's juvenile hall and the causes of the alleged less-than-optimum performance at the county's In Home Supportive Services division.

The responses were written by Second District Supervisor John McCowen and Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey.

In Home Supportive Services

The grand jury report on problems within In Home Supportive Services focused on a lack of adequate staffing, non-competitive wages, and a poorly designed county IHSS website, which the grand jury claimed, "does not provide adequate information, which is a barrier to anyone trying to access the program."

The report found there were "continuous vacancies at all levels of IHSS" which "impairs the ability of this department to function as intended and required." The report alleged "non-competitive salaries are a major factor in the vacancies."

The grand jury recommended all vacancies at the county level be filled, that salaries "be competitive with other rural counties," that the public needs to be made more aware of the IHSS program "through marketing strategies," and that the website needed to be changed "to include all pertinent contact information, forms, and complaint procedures and phone numbers."

In their response to the grand jury report, supervisors accentuated the positive.

Whereas the grand jury recommended salaries be increased, the board pointed to its action of November 2017, in which social workers experienced a reclassification on the county's employee position table that resulted in a substantial raise for them.

According to a response to the grand jury report from Human Resources Director Heidi Dunham, before the reclassification, social service workers were 18 percent out of market, while after the reclassification they were within 8 percent of market.

Dunham added that social workers would receive an additional 3 percent salary increase in July.

In response to the grand jury commendation that the IHSS website be improved, the supervisors said that recommendation "will be implemented." They referenced the following response from Health and Human Services Agency Acting Director Anne Molgaard.

"By working with the Mendocino County Information Technology Department and the Health and Human Services Agency communications coordinator, Adult and Aging Services will be developing fully functional web pages for both IHSS and the Public Authority.

"The web pages will include all pertinent contact information, forms, complaint procedures and public access phone numbers. We will also create an application link for both providers and recipients to be able to apply on-line to either access services or to become a care provider.

Molgaard added, "We will ensure the link from the California Department of Social Services is connected directly to the local Mendocino County IHSS and Public Authority pages. We will also provide a link to the Mendocino County Human Resources – Affiliated Agencies Jobs, which will allow job seekers access to the Public Authority information page to apply to become a provider. The goal will be to have the website, pages and links developed and functional by October 2018."

In response to the grand jury recommendation that "all IHSS vacancies be filled in order to implement and manage this program effectively," supervisors replied that recommendation "will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable.... Based on

numerous factors it is not reasonable to think that every available position will always be filled."

McCowen and Croskey wrote that the county is currently taking active steps to hire social workers. They quoted the response from Dunham: "The Mendocino County Human Resources Department actively recruits social workers as requested by the Health and Human Services Agency. Human Resources is currently recruiting for three IHSS Social Workers."

Juvenile hall

The grand jury submitted 12 findings and one recommendation: to keep juvenile hall open. The findings were, according to McCowen and Croskey, not based on fact. In several instances, the ad hoc committee characterized the findings as "statements of opinion," either disagreeing with them or disagreeing in part with them.

In Finding 3, for example, the grand jury wrote: "The closure of the facility would be a devastating loss to our juveniles and their families." Supervisors replied: "The board of supervisors agrees that closure of juvenile hall would result in a loss of convenience for some family members, who would have farther to travel to visit their children, but is not aware of any factual information presented by the grand jury that supports the opinion that closure of juvenile hall would be a devastating loss."

In Finding 4, the grand jury claimed that "closing juvenile hall ... treats the youth of our county as commodities." To this, McCowen and Croskey replied the finding "appears to be more a statement of opinion than a finding of fact."

In Finding 5, the grand jury wrote: "Funds set aside for the Information Technology Reserve for potential future needs are more than adequate to keep juvenile hall open." To this, the ad hoc committee responded: "The board of supervisors believes it is poor public policy and fiscally unsustainable to use reserve funds to support ongoing operations."

In Finding 6, the grand jury alleged: "Decisions for our children appear to be cost-driven and lacking in concern for their welfare, in terms of separation and isolation from family, school and local support services essential to their successful rehabilitation." In response, McCowen and Croskey wrote: "Finding 6 appears to be more a statement of opinion than a finding of fact. The board of supervisors considers many factors, including cost, when allocating available resources among the many services that the county is expected or required to provide."

In Finding 10 the grand jury felt "Adding \$1.2 million to the proposed net county cost would enable a safe and efficient operation of juvenile hall and fulfill the county's duty to care for and protect its wards." To this, the ad hoc committee replied: "The board of supervisors disagrees partially with Finding 10. We agree that expenditure of an additional \$1.2 million of net county cost – in addition to the \$1.1 million presented in the Proposed 2018-19 budget – will enable safe and efficient operation of juvenile hall, but disagree that this is the only course of action that can fulfill the county's duty to care for and protect our juvenile wards."

As for the report's one recommendation – that the county keep juvenile hall open – the ad hoc committee referenced board action taken on June 6, when supervisors found the money to keep the hall open. However, the committee reminded the grand jury, and the public, that the decision to do so was temporary and might be revisited in the future.

"On June 6 the board of supervisors directed that juvenile hall remain open, but also appointed an ad hoc committee of supervisors [Croskey and Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde] to meet with stakeholders in an effort to identify cost savings and additional sources of revenue.... Absent significant cost savings or additional revenue, the decision to keep juvenile hall open may be revisited."

Eel River Recovery Project finds larger pikeminnow in 2018 dive survey

Submitted by the Eel River Recovery Project

The Eel River Recovery Project got major support again in 2018 from the University of California, Berkeley, as four students joined seasoned volunteers and fisheries professionals to count the non-native Sacramento pikeminnow in the South Fork Eel River. This is the third year of the survey, which covers a 12-mile reach extending from Rattlesnake Creek to Standish Hickey State Park.

The study is being done because of widespread concern about the impact of pikeminnow on native Eel River fishes, including salmon and steelhead. The goal is to estimate the population of pikeminnow over 4 inches long, because

survival and recruitment of smaller fish into the adult population may be low. Larger fish are of greater interest as the pikeminnow diet switches from insects to small fish at 10 inches long, and fish over 16 inches are known to consume thousands of native fish per year.

The largest member of the minnow family in North America, pikeminnow get their name from the very large down-turned mouth and their voracious feeding habits. They were released into Lake Pillsbury at the headwaters of the Eel River in 1979, and spread and rose to dominance during the 1986 to 1994 drought.

Read the rest of Eel River Over on Page 11

As California burns, climate goals may go up in smoke – even after the flames are out

By Julie Cart, CALmatters.org

As crews across California battle more than a dozen wildfires – including the largest in state history – the blazes are spewing enough carbon into the air to undo some of the good done by the state's climate policies.

What's even worse: Climate-warming compounds that will be released by the charred forests long after the fires are extinguished may do more to warm up the planet than the immediate harm from smoky air.

Scientists say only about 15 percent of a forest's store of carbon is expelled during burns. The remainder is released slowly over the coming years and decades, as trees decay.

That second hit of carbon, experts say, contains compounds that do more to accelerate climate change than those from the original fire. And future fires over previously burned ground could make climate prospects even more bleak.

"The worst possible situation is the fire that comes through and kills everything," said Nic Enstice, regional science coordinator for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. "Then, 10 or 15 years later, another fire comes through and releases all the carbon left in the trees on the ground. That's really bad."

It's a scenario that could explode at any time. Enstice cited a research paper published this year that laid out a chilling tableau: California has more than a 120 million dead trees strewn around its mountain ranges, with the southern Sierra hardest hit.

When fires hit those downed trees, the state will begin to experience "mass fires" spewing plumes of carbon. The resulting conflagrations, according to the researcher, will be almost unimaginable.

"The emissions from those fires will be unlike anything we will have ever seen," Enstice said. "And you won't be able put it out."

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Hospice care can help you and your family

In health care, we all work together to improve patients' health and well-being. We use medical and surgical intervention, emotional support and therapy, and intensive case management to help patients meet their goals of overcoming disease and illness, and living a more balanced life.

At the end of life, however, when it's time to shift gears from improving wellness to preparing for death, many of us have a hard time knowing what to do. I recently met with family medicine physician Dr. Robert Werra, the medical director and a founding member of Hospice of Ukiah, a volunteer organization that assists families and individuals who are facing terminal illness. It was reassuring to learn that there are people in our community who can help those with terminal illnesses live and die comfortably among family and friends in familiar surroundings.

The term hospice, Dr. Werra explains, goes back to the Crusades: a hospice was a medieval guesthouse or way station for pilgrims and travelers. Eventually, the term was used to describe a place where people could find rest and comfort at the end of life. Hospices were first established in Europe, but eventually came to the United States. When they gained popularity in the 1970s and '80s, Dr. Werra was one of the local champions of the movement and he encouraged others to see the benefit of starting a hospice in Ukiah.

Locally, we are lucky to have two hospices: one supported by volunteers and another that receives financial reimbursement from Medicare. Both are important because they address slightly different needs.

Hospice of Ukiah is a volunteer organization with nurses, a nutritionist, behavioral health professionals, clergy, and others. It provides hospice care and palliative care, both of which are focused on managing symptoms and improving comfort, as opposed to healing the underlying causes of the illness. Hospice care is for those facing a terminal diagnosis and palliative care is for those with chronic, debilitating illnesses or

conditions such as dementia.

Because Hospice of Ukiah is a volunteer organization, it does not need to stay within a limited scope in order to get paid. It has most recently expanded to provide respite care for caregivers, which helps them continue to care for their loved ones without becoming overwhelmed. Hospice of Ukiah can see patients regardless of how many months or years they have to live, and patients may continue to seek treatment for their conditions while also receiving comfort care.

Phoenix Hospice is the Medicare-supported hospice located in Willits. It also plays a vital role. Phoenix Hospice adheres to the Medicare requirement of only caring for patients when a doctor certifies that a patient has six months (or less) to live. Once patients sign up for Phoenix Hospice, they are not allowed to receive life-sustaining medical treatment, only comfort care.

However, one of the wonderful services Phoenix Hospitals provides is access to skilled nursing around the clock. As the end of life approaches, knowing a medical professional can arrive to help you anytime, day or night, can bring much-needed reassurance.

People who work for both Phoenix Hospice and Hospice of Ukiah are trained in helping families better understand and manage end-of-life issues. They use open-ended invitations to help family members talk about the situation, making family members feel more at ease and helping them figure out how they can comply with the wishes of their dying loved one.

If you or someone you know is facing a terminal illness and you're not sure how to handle the situation, I really encourage you to call Hospice of Ukiah or Phoenix Hospice. Their volunteers are so supportive and kind, and Dr. Werra brings decades of medical experience to help families make decisions that are right for them.

Carole Press is the chief executive officer of MCHC Health Centers, a local, non-profit, federally qualified group of health centers offering medical, dental and behavioral health care to people in Lake and Mendocino Counties, including Little Lake Clinic in Willits.



Above: Red cabbage is especially good at withstanding rain. This Red Drumhead shows how well heirloom varieties will grow. It makes a gorgeous pink sauerkraut. Lemon or vinegar turns cooked red cabbage from grayish purple to bright pink. Below: Nappa (Chinese) cabbage is a wonderful salad or cooking green from Asia that is easy to grow in Willits. It is crunchy, very juicy, and mild-flavored. At bottom: Broccoli is a favorite vegetable that will grow all winter if you pick the right kind. The looser, less dense varieties won't mold in rainy weather. This is Solstice, bred by farmer Jonathan Spero, who took this photo.



August: the ‘second spring’

The days are feeling shorter, but for plants, this is when the nights get long. The cool and dark allow them to regenerate and to build new cells. Perennials start maturing their roots and sap for winter. Trees start hardening this year's growth. Even heat-lovers like tomatoes shut down at 90 degrees, so with a little more time to cool off, many plants have a sort of second spring. Some go into a new cycle of bloom.

Jamie Chevalier
Columnist

This is our cue to plant seeds for fall. The possibilities include all of the spring favorites like lettuce, peas and broccoli. But fall is not just a lesser version of spring. There are good reasons to plan the fall garden as a season all its own, with delicacies and opportunities that spring doesn't have.

First, there are plants that are very hard to grow in spring but easy in the fall. Spinach, bulbing fennel, and nappa cabbage are day-length-sensitive plants that bolt and get bitter in spring. In the shortening days of fall, they stay in vegetative growth, producing juicy, succulent vegetables for the table.

Nappa cabbage is especially easy and quick in Willits. Its crunchiness, juicy leaves are as mild as lettuce but harder – good in salads, coleslaw, stir-fries, sandwiches, and preserved as kimchi. Fennel is like a sweeter, more aromatic celery—and much easier to grow. Homegrown spinach is sweeter, and juicier than what's in the store. And instead of one quick spring harvest, you can cut leaves all winter.

Kale, cabbage and broccoli sprout and grow best in fall. As young plants, they prefer warm weather, when their seeds would naturally fall to the ground and sprout. They develop great cold-hardiness as adult plants, making them perfect fall crops.

Transplanting is not a problem for this group – it actually stimulates root growth. Starting them in a shaded nursery bed is nice because it doesn't demand the care that pots do – and they'll wait without getting pot-bound. If you need to use pots or flats, plan on giving them afternoon shade, and transplanting to the garden or a larger pot within a month. Or sow them in large pots to start with.

Peas are always a treat. Plant deeper than in spring, so they stay moist—about 1 inch deep. Try a bed of peas for cutting – the new growth makes great salad.

Lettuce is probably the crop that will save you the most trips to the store if you grow it at home. So plant it where you can reach it fast in winter dark and rain. Sow some every two weeks until frost. And try its hardier, richer-tasting relatives – radicchio, chicory and endive. They are staples of the Italian winter kitchen – great in salad, pasta sauce, or cooked with meat.

Lettuce is the opposite of kale. It wants to sprout in spring. So fool it. Put your packet of lettuce seeds in the fridge for a week. That artificial winter gets it ready to sprout. Sow in the evening, water well, and give it afternoon shade. You'll have homegrown salads from September on.

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Furry Friends

Hoping for a Home

Papillon Pecas

Six-year-old Pecas, at left, is a Papillon, aka “continental toy spaniel,” mix who is just about as sweet and gentle as they come. She gets along well with other dogs, but is especially fond of the laps of children and adults!

For more information on the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County's adoptable animals, or for any questions about Ned, call the HSI MC at 707-485-0123, check www.mendohumaneociety.com, visit www.petfinder.com or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSI MC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation



At top: Nasturtiums won't survive frost, but sown now, they will make a crop of spicy edible flowers and leaves for salad. The flower buds can be salted or pickled and used as capers in Mediterranean dishes. Above, left: Peas are a treat in the fall. For best results with planting now, soak the seeds for an hour before planting, sow a bit deeper than in spring, and give them afternoon shade. A new way of using peas is to eat the growing tips as salad. You can cut the top 4 inches repeatedly as they grow. Above, right: Winter lettuces are specially selected for cold hardiness and resistance to winter rain, mildew, and mold. This beauty is Hungarian Pink Winter. Like all of the veggies pictured, it is available at www.quailseeds.com or at Willits Garden Supply. Below: These Nantes carrots were spotted at the Willits Farmers Market last year. Fall and winter are the best time to grow and eat root crops – Nature's comfort foods.



Photos by Jamie Chevalier

Adorable Bell

Bell is an adorable dog who likes to cuddle. She is a 4-year-old female who currently weighs 11 pounds. Here at the shelter she is shy, but she is making great progress! We have a special love for shy dogs who find themselves at our shelter, and our volunteers will be working with little Bell, taking her for walks and giving her lots of TLC. We think Bell will feel most comfortable in an adults-only 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 at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453.



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Peggy Hebrard won one first-, one second-, and one fourth-place award in the Home Arts building for her painting and apparel entries, and four first-place awards and three second-place awards in the Fine Arts building for her oil painting entries. Kasey Holliffeld won two first-place awards and one fourth-place award in the Home Arts building for her afghan entries.

Suzen Ingle won 11 first-place awards in the Home Arts building, including for her quilt, cherry jam, peach jam, green beans, bread-and-butter pickles, mild salsa and spaghetti sauce entries, as well as two second-place awards for other sauce and quilt entries, a third-place award for another jelly entry, and a fourth-place award for a final jam entry. Wayne Ingle won two first-place awards in the Agriculture building for his garlic and red onion entries.

Porter Jones won two first-place awards, three second-place awards, and two third-place awards for his entries into the Junior building. Xzander Jones won two first-place awards in the Junior building. Walker Klee won three awards in the Junior building for his leatherwork including one Best of Show Director's award. Wyatt Klee won a first-place award in the Juniors building for his Lego entry.

Jeanne Koelle won seven first-place awards, two third-place awards, and two fourth-place awards in the Fine Arts building for her mixed-media and watercolor entries. Betty Lemmer won a first-place award for her cookies and a second-place award for a group project in the Home Arts building. Josephine Lockner won two first-place awards for the Blue Jeans special contest including the Best of Show award.

Kathy Lundgren won four first-place awards, five second-place awards, two third-place awards, and two fourth-place awards in the Home Arts building for everything from orange and other marmalades to beets and pickles, barbecue sauce and zucchini bread. Landyn Lundgren won nine first-place awards and one second-place award in the Junior building for his breads, cookies, jams, relishes, and more.

Madison Maciel won four first-place awards and a second-place award for her entries into the Junior building. Rose Mann won a second-place award and a third-place award for her cookie entries into the Home Arts building. Artie McCann won two first-place awards, one second-place award, and one third-place award for his entries into the Fine Arts building.

Ava Mucke won seven awards in the Junior building, including three first-place awards including her Blue Jean special contest entry, three second-place awards, and one third-place award. Karen Oslund won a first-place award in the Home Arts building for her quilted entry. Jo Ann Pinkerton won a first-place award for her pole beans and a third-place award for her lemon cucumber entries into the Horticulture building. Eva Pinon won a first-place award in the Junior building for her pre-school recycled art entry.

Teresa Robertson won three first-place and two third-place awards in the Home Arts building, as well as one second-place award in the Fine Arts building for her decorative painting entries. She also received nine awards in the Fine Arts building, including three first-place awards, four second-place awards, and two third-place awards for her mixed-media canvas and professional photography entries.

Abel Rose won two first-place awards and one second-place award in the Junior building for his vegetable entries. Alastair Rose won a first-place award and two second-place awards for his vegetable entries in the Junior building, as well as a first-place award for his Blue Jeans special contest entry in the Junior building. Caroline Salcedo won four first-place awards and one second-place award in the Home Arts building for her quilted entries.

Marla Schroeder won three first-place awards in the Home Arts building for her decorated clock and counted cross stitch entries. Robert Sizemore won a first-place award in the Fine Arts building for his advanced wooden sculpture. Ralph Smith won three first-place awards, one third-place award, and one fourth-place award in the Home Arts building for his jams and preserves. Patricia Sprinkle won a first-place award in the Floriculture building for her succulent, two second-place awards, one third-place award, and one fourth-place award in the Home Arts building for her biscuits, single-layer cake, and confection entries.

Enzo Vaccaro won a first-place award and a second-place award in the Junior building for his dish garden and mini entries, as well as a first-place award and a second-place award in the Floriculture building for his flower arrangements. Erin Vaccaro won a second-place award and a fourth-place award in the Floriculture building for her flower arrangements. Sofia Vaccaro won a first-place award in the Junior building for her dish garden and a third-place award in the Floriculture building for her flower arrangement.

Tami Rempel and Vicki Ham won a first-place award for their crocheted afghan entered into the Home Arts building. Claire Whittaker won a first-place award for her bread entry and a second-place award for her pie entry in the Junior building. Stacey Wilson won a first-place award in the Agriculture building and a fourth-place award in the Home Arts building.

Results provided by the Redwood Empire Fair.

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intersection of Biggar Lane and Highway 162.

No homes were destroyed by the flames, but one fire burnt "a large amount" of wooden fencing and threatened several homes and outbuildings, Barney said.

"At the time the fires were reported there was a heightened awareness of fire danger due to several ongoing incidents: the Eel Fire, east of Covelo in the Mendocino National Forest, and the Mendocino Complex ... burning between Mendocino and Lake counties," Barney said.

"Rumors began to circulate [concerning] a possible active arsonist within the community," Barney said, and a "potential suspect was named and described as having been in a vehicle in the area where two of the fires started."

Members of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Patrol Division and detectives division, along with the Covelo Volunteer Fire Department and Cal Fire personnel, "initiated an investigation into the possible cause and origin of the fires," he said, and a video surveillance system revealed that while "a person who had been named as a possible suspect" owned a similar vehicle, it was not the one seen in the area.

This subject was interviewed, "fully cooperated with law enforcement," and denied any involvement with fires, Barney added.

However, while viewing the surveillance tapes a second vehicle had been identified and the owner was contacted.

The subject "had been towing a recently acquired trailer and admitted to having driven the same routes, in the immediate timeframes as all the fires having started," Barney said. And an examination of the vehicle's tow chains showed significant wear from "dragging" on the ground.

A state fire investigator was consulted and "agreed the starts appeared to be consistent with a chain dragging behind a trailer and [it] did not appear to be fires that were intentionally set," Barney said.

"The case has been closed as accidental and will be handled in a non-criminal manner," he added.

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

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Recent basin-wide observations suggest that others are limiting the pikeminnow population. However, native fish like sculpin and suckers are not recovering from pikeminnow predation, particularly in South Fork Eel River basin.

ERRP is being advised by Research Fish Biologist Brett Harvey, of the U.S. Forest Service Redwood Science Lab in Arcata, who has a doctorate in zoology and has studied Eel River pikeminnow extensively. His diet studies substantiated the problem of large pikeminnow preying upon steelhead juveniles in the upper South Fork Eel River. He recommended that baseline and trend data be collected, with a long-term objective of harvesting the largest fish to suppress their predation and reproduction.

The effort needs to extend for a duration equal to the life span of pikeminnow, which is 10 years, in what biologists call a "press-disturbance" that has a good chance of allowing the river to regain its ecological balance with pikeminnow present, but not dominant.

The population of pikeminnow larger than 4 inches was estimated at 1,443 fish in 2016. Dive estimates for both 2017 and 2018 arrived at the same population of 1,173, however, the age of the size and age of fish changed. In 2016 there were large numbers of smaller fish 4 to 8 inches and 8 to 14 inches in length due to preceding dry years, but relatively few larger pikeminnow.

The 2017 survey followed an extremely wet winter that reduced survival of small fish and depressed recruitment, and there was significant drop in fish 4 to 8 inches and 8 to 14 inches. Fish 14 to 18 inches increased, reflecting better over-winter survival of larger pikeminnow and strong recruitment from the 2013 to 2015 drought years.

The 2018 survey used different size classes, because Columbia River studies has shown that fish greater than 16 inches are the greatest consumers of salmonid juveniles. Therefore, 2018 data cannot be directly compared to previous years. We

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The deadline was extended until Wednesday, August 15, as an incumbent did not file to run, but no additional candidates filed during that extended period.

For Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees, three long-term seats are up for election, and one short-term seat. In the election for the three long-term seats, current school board members attorney Christopher Neary and retired school principal Robert Chavez (appointed in May of this year) filed to run, while incumbent Cynthia Carni did not. Challengers who have filed to run for the long-term seats include retired teacher and grandmother Jeanne King, retired teacher Dianne McNeal and retired teacher Paula Nunez.

In the election for the short-term seat, appointed incumbent Bob Colvig filed to run for election, along with challenger Dany Laurent, home health provider.

Voters in the City of Willits will be voting yes or no on Measure I, which would approve a tax on cannabis businesses. Voters in the Little Lake Fire Protection District will be voting yes or no on Measure J, which would approve a special tax to construct a replacement firehouse.

The full text of Measure I, for the City of Willits: "To fund general municipal expenses such as police, fire, roads and recreation, shall the City of Willits tax cannabis (marijuana) businesses at annual rates not to exceed \$10 per canopy square foot for cultivation (adjustable for inflation), 6% of gross receipts for retail cannabis businesses, and 4% for all other cannabis businesses; which is expected to generate an estimated \$250,000 to \$400,000 annually and will be levied until repealed by the voters or the City Council?"

The full text of Measure J, for the Little Lake Fire Protection District: "Shall the Little Lake Fire Protection District, by ordinance, create a Special Tax not to exceed \$39.00 per unit to be used to construct a new replacement Fire Station at 74 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA; capable of housing all apparatus, providing improved operating spaces and quarters in order to safeguard lives and property in the community and shall said Special Tax sunset upon payoff of construction costs and be removed from future tax bills? This Special Tax is estimated to raise \$409,500.00 annually."

Also on the November ballot is the run-off election for Third District supervisor, between former supervisor and rancher John Pinches and Willits teacher John Haschak.

Brooktrails Fire wins grant for greenbelt fuel reduction

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The Brooktrails Fire Department will receive an almost \$163,000 grant from the state to fund fuel reduction on 150 acres of the township's greenbelt.

Monies from the three-year grant will help purchase equipment and supplies, pay for fire crews to do the work, and other necessities, BFD Deputy Chief Jon Noyer told Willits Weekly on Wednesday.

The department is currently spending the remainder of a \$93,000 grant to reduce fuel loads in another greenbelt section, he said, and the new funds will dovetail into the current work.

The BFD also has asked the state for money to purchase a wood chipper, Noyer added. However, that grant has yet to be confirmed.

In addition to Brooktrails, the County of Mendocino has been awarded a \$951,00 grant to reduce fuel loads on county lands, and the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District will receive almost \$2 million to study applied forest health strategies on post-fire landscapes.

The rest of
Crockett
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involved.... Everybody needed it down here."

The Shanachie show was suggested by Crockett to owner Pete Swanton while hanging out at the pub the day before the show, and Swanton said that he gave the idea an enthusiastic thumbs up, as did all the bartenders there, who then took the lead in organizing the show with Crockett.

Swanton, who donated a portion of the bar proceeds for the evening to the cause, also commended the community for coming together and contributing on such short notice.

"Times like these, the public is very generous," he said. "I notice what happens in times of crisis when people feel a little helpless like they can't do anything, when you have a benefit that's when they come through in a big way."

Crockett, who lived in the Mendocino County area for several years, has toured practically non-stop with his band for the past few years. Following the Shanachie gig they left for a run of six shows in eight nights playing at the Mystic Theatre in Petaluma, then traveling up to Seattle, over to Montana and down into Colorado, Utah and New Mexico. He just put out his fourth album, "Lonesome As a Shadow," which Rolling Stone named one of the best Country/ Americana albums of the year.

Editor's note: To learn more about North Coast Opportunities' Wildfire Relief Fund, to support those impacted by the 2018 Lake County and Mendocino County wildfires, call NCO at 707-467-3200 or visit www.ncoinc.org. Donate online, or by mail and in person at 413 North State Street, Ukiah CA, 95482. To learn more about The Community Foundation of Mendocino County's Disaster Fund for Mendocino County, to provide disaster relief and recovery services in the aftermath of a natural disaster, including the current Mendocino Complex fires, visit www.communityfound.org or call 707-468-9882. Donate online, or by mailing "Disaster Fund," The Community Foundation of Mendocino County, 204 South Oak Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.

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2018 Grand Champions



The Grand Champion rabbit pen was raised by Keely Ahnders of the Willits 4-H who stands with her buyer from Savings Bank of Mendocino County.



The Grand Champion market steer was raised by Claire Case-Brackett of the Willits FFA who stands with her buyers from Thurston Auto Plaza.



The Grand Champion poultry pen was raised by Alex Tover of Anderson Valley FFA who stands with his buyers from Rescue Solutions.

Congratulations!



The Grand Champion market lamb was raised by Chancelyn Johnson of Potter Valley 4-H who stands with her buyers from Granite Construction



The Grand Champion market goat was raised by Morgan Riley of Willits FFA who stands with her buyers from Shuster's Transportation.



The Grand Champion market turkey was raised by Waylon Morrison of Fort Bragg FFA who stands with his buyers from Mendocino Forest Products.



The Grand Champion market hog was raised by Cassidy McAsey of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H who stands with her buyers from Thurston Auto Plaza.

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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57. South Dakota
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63. Madam Butterfly and La Boheme
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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

August 6 to August 12
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **210** incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

August 6

7:57 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:06 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

11:33 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of North Main Street.

11:55 am: MCCULLOUGH, John Austin (37) of Ukiah was contacted near the intersection of Franklin Avenue and Blosser Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 3056 PC (Violation of Parole) and on felony charges of violation of parole to remain under legal custody and return to prison.

2:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

2:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

6:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

6:35 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

7:47 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

8:58 pm: HOPLOCK, Melissa Jean (26) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and violation of probation.

August 7
5:40 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 600 block of Railroad Avenue and issued a citation.

5:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:15 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

August 8
4:03 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

6:30 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 68000 block of North Highway 101.

8:47 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Oak Avenue.

8:48 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.

10:18 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of North Main Street.

10:52 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue.

12:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of North Main Street.

12:31 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Trembley Court.

2:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

4:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 19000 block of Walker Road.

7:15 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

9:38 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street and issued a warning.

9:58 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

11:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 500 block of Mill Street.

August 9

1:46 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

7:35 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 500 block of Redwood Avenue.

1:12 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

10:03 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of East Commercial Street and South Lenore Avenue.

10:21 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

August 10

1:25 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Alder Court.

11:36 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of California Street.

6:56 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

7:02 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

9:05 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

9:56 pm: NEWTON, David William (56) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

10:30 pm: CLEARWATER, Samaya Nicole (34) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of North Main Street and Sherwood Road. She was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and violation of probation. She was booked on an additional felony charge of domestic battery from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

August 11

12:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

4:51 pm: SIMMONS, Wesley Mayo (36) of Fort Bragg was contacted near the intersection of North Main Street and Bittenbender Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

10:59 pm: REVUELTSALGADO, Marco Antonio (24) of San Jose was contacted in the 1100 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of domestic battery and of battery.

August 12

12:54 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main Street.

1:38 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of East Valley Street and South Main Street.

2:32 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of South Main Street.

5:57 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of West Mendocino Avenue and South Main Street and issued a warning.

7:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1700 block of South Main Street.



Above: Kyle Simmons of the Redwood Valley 4-H presents the 4-H Leader of the Year award to Kathryn Brundage of the Willits 4-H. Grand Champion winners pose together with their perpetual trophies. Kelley Case-Brackett is presented with the FFA Advisor of the Year award from Kyle Simmons. Below: Round Robin exhibitors pose together with their ribbons at the awards ceremony.



Photos by Maureen Moore

Youth Awards

Redwood Empire Fair honors exhibitors and more at annual end-of-fair ceremony

Julie Brown of the Ukiah FFA, Katie Brown of the Ukiah FFA, and Lexi Davis of the Redwood Valley / Calpella 4-H emceed the annual awards ceremony held on the last day of the Redwood Empire Fair to honor and recognize a list of exhibitors and achievements during that year's festivities.

One of the biggest announcements made is for the winners of the overall showmanship contest Round Robin and the dispersal of the checks for the market animals sold at the Mendocino County Junior Livestock Auction the day prior. The Savings Bank of Mendocino County works diligently to ready all of the checks in less than 24 hours to ensure the exhibitors can leave the fair with check in hand. Well, that is, after the kids thank in their thank you letters for their buyers to their leaders, for their check.

Bob Dempel and his family sponsor a jacket for the winners of each of the large and small animal Round Robin contests. Exhibitors of each species compete against one another, showing each other's animals one at a time to determine the overall best exhibitor at the fair.

For 4-H small animal, first place went to Ariel Anton, second place went to Stephany Brundage, third place went to Keely Ahders, fourth place went to Aurora-Belle David, fifth place went to Sophia Scott, and sixth place went to Hunter Kendl.

The FFA small animal awards are sponsored by Clint Hanks in memory of Tom Bowles. First place in this category went to Robin Adams, second place went to Daniel Garbay, third place went to Karla Brackett, and fourth place went to Skyler Kendl.

Erica Ilg was the first-place winner in the 4-H large animal contest, second place went to Chancelyn Johnson, third place went to Danielle Barry, fourth place went to Casey Keeton, fifth place went to Jimmy Whitley, sixth place went to Kalie Slates, and seventh place went to Kyle Simmons.

The FFA large animal awards are also sponsored by Clint Hanks, and first place went to Caitlyn Forrester, second place went to Samantha Arms, third place went to Julie Brown, fourth place went to Lucy Burris, and fifth

place went to Ashleigh McDonald.

Winners of the Grand Champion market animals were also honored and had their names engraved on perpetual wooden trophies, each bearing a sculpture of their species atop.

Danya Hildebrand presented the John Hildebrand Memorial Perpetual Trophy for beef to Claire Case-Brackett of the Willits FFA; Sue Clark presented the Windswept Ranch Perpetual Trophy for sheep to Chancelyn Johnson of the Potter Valley 4-H; Susan Pierce presented the Jane Amundson Memorial Perpetual Trophy for swine to Cassidy McAsey of Ukiah Shamrock 4-H; Amy Forrester presented the Goat Perpetual Trophy to Morgan Riley of the Willits FFA; Terri Gowan presented the Rabbit Meat Pen Perpetual Trophy to Keely Ahders of the Redwood Valley / Calpella 4-H; Gowan also presented the Poultry Meat Pen Perpetual Trophy to Alex Tovar of the Anderson Valley FFA; and Kelley Case presented the Greg Randrup Turkey Perpetual Trophy to Waylon Morrison of Fort Bragg FFA.

Additional awards were presented in several special categories including: the Randy Clark Memorial Perpetual Trophy which was awarded to Danielle Barry of the Willits FFA; the perpetual sportsmanship award which was presented to Morgan Riley of the Willits FFA; recipients of the Mendocino County Junior Livestock Auction Scholarships: Morgan Riley, Gracie Silva and Cassandra Renteria, and, for the leaders, a FFA advisor of the year award, which went to Kelly Case-Brackett of the Willits FFA, and the 4-H leader of the year award, which went to Kathryn Brundage from Willits 4-H.

Winners of the clean stall awards were also honored. For beef, winners included Long Valley 4-H and Fort Bragg FFA; for goats, winners included Long Valley 4-H and Ukiah FFA; for poultry, winners included Potter Valley 4-H and Ukiah FFA; for rabbits, winners included Willits 4-H; for sheep, winners included Potter Valley 4-H and Fort Bragg FFA; for swine, winners included Willits 4-H and Fort Bragg FFA; and the outstanding clean stall award went to Fort Bragg FFA, turkey.

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A letter from ...
**The Principal of
Willits High School**
Michael Colvig

Dear Willits High School parents and community:

As principal of Willits High School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for a great year at WHS. We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways, filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. We strive to challenge each student to grow in his or her academic abilities and to be college- or career-ready by the end of four years.

At Willits High School, student success is the goal of every staff member. We believe our new trimester structure and dedication to high-quality instruction will ensure that students learn at their full potential.

To help support us in achieving this goal, we ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

1. Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience.
2. Completes all homework assignments given by teachers.
3. Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.
4. Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject.
5. Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school.

With your help, we can ensure all students succeed at Willits High School and become positive members of our community.



A letter from ...

The Principal of Brookside Elementary School

Dear family and friends of Brookside students:

Our staff and faculty at Brookside Elementary School have been busy this summer preparing to welcome students to another exciting year! Our returning team and new staff members will focus on the important tasks of teaching all learners to read and to understand math at grade level and above. They will continue to support our students to develop their love of learning.

We are attending professional development in "Unlocking the Code" (a new way of teaching phonics), bettering our understanding of our newly adopted language arts and math materials, and helping our new staff members get settled in and ready to go!

Brookside Elementary School has a group of eager teachers, a speech pathologist, and a school psychologist joining our staff. Please join with us in welcoming to the Brookside family our

new staff, and welcoming back our returning team!

Our new members:

Trisa Hall, first-grade teacher

Angelina Hinojosa, first-grade teacher

Melissa Coughlin, second-grade teacher

Julie Kanel, intervention and English language teacher

Heather Milburn, special education teacher

Lucas Brown, school psychologist

Kirsten Myers, speech pathologist

Custodians, Daniel Haley and Donna Frost, are preparing the school to look its best when our students arrive on their first day of school, Monday, August 20 at the new time, 8:10 am to 2:30 pm (8:10 am to 1:10 pm on Tuesdays).

Office teammates, Erica Buzzard and Heather Miya, are enrolling students daily from 7:30 am to 4 pm. Hurry in and register with them!

Thank you for your continued support of our Brookside Bobcats! Our focus is student learning.



Kathy Crossman

The rest of
Morning From Page 1

Bus #10 am High School & BGMS: Town (Cont.)		
7:16	1500 East Hill Rd	7:25 1500 East Hill Rd
7:21	22101 Mitomkai (turn around)	7:30 22101 Mitomkai (turn around)
7:25	1851 East Hill Rd	7:34 1851 East Hill Rd
7:28	2251 Center Valley Rd	7:37 2251 Center Valley Rd
7:35	Valley Oaks Trailer Park	7:44 Valley Oaks Trailer Park
7:41	Creekside Apartments	7:52 Raymond Ln (at Coast)
7:44	Alameda & Central	7:55 Blosser Lane (pick up Brookside)
7:50	WHS	8:00 Catholic church
7:56	Mill Creek (at Commercial)	8:05 Brookside
8:00	Raymond Ln (at Coast)	
8:05	Baechtel Grove Middle School	
Bus #7 am Sherwood & North HWY 101		
7:06	29311 N HWY 101 (after second green house)	7:10 29311 N HWY 101 (after second green house)
7:10	Creekside Cabins (turn out just past)	7:13 Creekside Cabins (turn out just past)
7:15	30001 N HWY 101 (turn out with bridge)	7:15 Shimmins Ridge Rd
7:20	North entrance to old Hwy 101	7:20 North entrance to old Hwy 101
7:25	24900 N. Hwy 101 (Willits Pump Service)	7:25 24900 N. Hwy 101 (Willits Pump Service)
7:30	Little Lake Trailer Park	7:30 Little Lake Trailer Park
7:34	WHS	7:34 WHS
7:40	Brookside	7:40 Brookside
7:46	Blosser Lane	7:46 Blosser Lane
7:52	BGMS	7:52 BGMS
8:02	Golf Shop	8:02 Golf Shop
8:22	Sherwood School	8:22 Sherwood School

This bus schedule information was provided by the Willits Unified School District; for any questions, call the WUSD District Office at 459-5314.

COLUMN | WUSD Report Card

Making changes that matter

By Mark Westerburg, WUSD superintendent

With the new school year starting next week, it's a good time to review where we are and where we're going. Last year we made some important changes, and they're helping students and staff be more successful. This year, we build on those successes.

In our elementary schools, test scores are up. I believe it's because we're giving our teachers the curriculum and training they need to help our students. If you think of curriculum as the tools and compare training to a user manual, you can see why we need both. Not only have we implemented new curriculum in English language arts (ELA) and math, we've invested in significant teacher training, including bringing nationally recognized author and speech pathologist Trish Martin here to share the principles outlined in her book: "Unlocking the Reading Code: Rewiring the Brain to Accelerate Learning."

In our middle school, we had the best year in memory in terms of discipline incidents and suspensions, and we saw programs like band and art skyrocket. We're following the successful plan started at the elementary school level and implementing new curriculum in ELA and math this year. The new ELA curriculum dovetails right into the high school curriculum. The new math curriculum is direct instruction and not group-work oriented. Our goal is for our students to have the skills and knowledge they need to be successful.

Our alternative K-8 school, Sherwood, has doubled in size and has a waiting list. It continues to benefit from a wonderful partnership between faculty and student families.

At our high schools, things are also looking up. We had a fantastic year at Willits High School with the lowest number of failed courses and the highest number of students on honor roll. We also saw a 40 percent increase in students who achieved vocational certification and more students enrolled in advance placement and elective coursework. At Sanhedrin, we had the highest graduation rate we've seen in years, and for the first time, our graduates were vocationally certified.

Finally, having opened our adult school after a 10-year absence, we were able to help 15 people earn their high school diplomas after just one semester.

These successes are just the beginning. This year, we'll continue to make changes that support our students and staff, focusing on bus transportation to and from school, food service policies, and student safety.

On the transportation front, we're changing our bus schedules in accordance with the wishes of our Willits Unified families. According to last year's survey, 86 percent were in favor of this change, which will allow us to separate the elementary school students from the middle and high school students, reduce traffic congestion at our school sites, increase convenience for families with students at more than one school, and facilitate opportunities for teachers to meet as a whole faculty. All this, and it won't cost any more or require additional drivers. For the 2018-19 school year, Blosser Lane and the high schools will start at 8 am, while Brookside and Baechtel Grove will start at 8:10 am. Detailed bus schedules are posted on our websites.

Another great change is the community eligibility provision that will allow us to provide school meals free of charge to all WUSD students, regardless of income status or any other criteria. A new law allows school districts to decide whether to provide meals at no cost on a school-by-school basis (based on percentages of low-income students) or districtwide. In Willits, 70 percent of our students meet the low-income threshold, so although the increased CEP funding won't quite cover the cost of providing no-cost meals districtwide, we think all students need good nutrition, so we're going for it. The more students participate, the more we get reimbursed, so we are encouraging all students to enjoy breakfast and lunch at school.

In addition, our students need to be safe at school. To that end, we're partnering with the City of Willits to have a police officer serve as a full-time school resource officer during the school year. We're not bringing on an SRO in response to any particular problems, but rather as a proactive measure. We know that in the event of a school shooting, it often takes law enforcement about three minutes to respond. If you have an SRO on campus, that time is cut to less than a minute. I prefer having a trained officer at our school(s) that can go into the classrooms and teach students about safety, be a positive presence for them, and help WUSD increase attendance by doing home visits. This is community policing at its best. Our new SRO Curtis Labus understands teens (his son is one) and is interested as serving as a liaison rather than an enforcer.

I'm really looking forward to this school year. WUSD will continue to improve our facilities and invest in our employees so our students can get the excellent education they deserve. If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with me at the district office: 459-5314.

A letter from ...

The Principal of Baechtel Grove Middle School

Maria Munguia

Welcome to our new families; welcome back to our returning families. We have many new and exciting additions to our programs at Baechtel Grove Middle School! This year we have a new curriculum in both mathematics and language arts to add to our new FOSS units in science. These two curriculums provide more direct instruction of the math Common Core standards, and relevant reading material for language arts.

Both programs have an online component for homework assistance and intervention needs. The science FOSS units continue to provide hands-on activities designed to connect science concepts with real-world applications. Both eighth grade and seventh grade will be one-to-one using Chromebooks to access these curricula.

We are working hard to create a welcoming and supportive environment for our sixth-graders where they can quickly acclimate to the middle school goal of eventual high school readiness. Our focus this year is assuring that every student's needs are known by our staff, and that supports are in place in every classroom to meet those needs.

Core teachers continue to have only one grade level that they teach. They will collaborate daily with fellow staff members to address student learning styles, with the new curricula, and focus on student learning. As many of our parents experienced last year, the master schedule makes it possible for teachers to communicate with parents every day, if necessary. A greater number of parent contacts were made last year than in any of the last five years. Our parents were kept well-informed!

Please join me in welcoming our new teachers: Patrick Keough and Katrina David, language arts and social studies, seventh grade; Katrina Hall, language arts, eighth grade; Shane Rasmussen, science, seventh grade; Kristin Fraser, math and science, sixth grade; and Leah Burns is our new resource teacher.



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We are keeping all of our exploratory courses in art, music, computers and athletics, and all the great events that students have enjoyed in the past, such as our Spirit Days, rallies, dances, sports, College and Careers Week, WEB and more year.

The band programs will have more performances than in past years, and the eighth-grade band will be playing as a pep band with the high school at home games. Our Girls Bathroom Pride Beautification Project was posted to a website and it has received 324 comments and was shared 566 times. The project has inspired other schools to beautify their student bathrooms. If you have not seen it yet, come by, it is worth seeing.

We are in our fifth year of implementation of the AVID program and are proud of how our program has grown. We are going school-wide with use of the AVID Binder, the AVID Interactive Notebook, and the AVID Roles for Collaborative Group work this year. You will hear more about these strategies during the Back to School Night, September 16, beginning at 6 pm.

This year we have an emphasis on attendance. Last year we ended with a 93 percent attendance rate. This year we hope to push that to 95 percent. What we know is that students who miss as little as two days a month are at risk for not graduating high school. We will continue with our monthly attendance challenges that have incentives for perfect attendance from one period over time to a trimester.

We are implementing incentives for arriving to school on time. Our new school resource officer will be working with families with chronically absent students. School start time this year changed to 8:10 am. We will be releasing students at 2:57 pm. For a more information about our new bell schedule, please visit the BGMS website at <http://bgms.willitsunified.com/>.

We want to welcome our students on the first day with our collage of reasons why our teachers chose teaching as their life's work. Our staff is excited about all of our new changes, and we look forward to seeing our students on the first day of school.

A letter from ...

The Principal of Blosser Lane Elementary School

Nancy Runberg

Dear students, parents and friends:

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! Blosser Lane Elementary is sprucing up, and we are ready to open and begin another great school year! The staff and I are ready for your students to arrive on Monday, August 20.

Our custodians and groundskeepers have been working diligently all summer to ensure that classrooms were cleaned and facilities ready for students on the first day. We have many activities scheduled throughout this school year for our students. Awards assemblies, cultural assemblies, student performances, academic challenges, theme days, field trips, and other activities will continue to be an integral part of our programs.

At Blosser Lane Elementary, we have a new school schedule; each day begins at 8 am with dismissal time at 2:40 pm, except on Tuesdays when students are dismissed at 1:40 pm. Due to the traffic on Highway 20 and Blosser Lane, bicycles, roller blades and wheeled-shoes, skates and scooters are not allowed at school, and walking students are not allowed to cross Highway 20 at Blosser Lane. Bus transportation is provided by the district before and after school.

Blosser Lane wishes Yvonne Winter all the best in her retirement.

This year we will have five third-grade classes, four fourth-grade classes, four fifth-grade classes, and one English language development class. A full range of special education services will continue to be offered.

Teachers for the new school year are:

Third-grade teachers: Carrie Bauer, Margaret Duran, Alexandria Curry, Tessa Ford and Dawn McClelland

Fourth-grade teachers: Amy Grooms, Lisa Mey, Margo Singleton and Jennifer Valenzuela-Watkins

Fifth-grade teachers: Samantha Arkelian, Melanie Cottrell, Mimi Stoll and Eileen Travis

English language development teachers: John Haschak / Janice Haschak

Special education teachers: Hopie Wise, Amanda Franco, Tom Minjiras, Cara Tuttle and Lenore Hansen

School counselors: Lorenzo Sandoval and Jeff Cramer

Parents and guardians are an important part of the educational process, and we welcome your participation and encourage input, questions and ideas about our school

The rest of
Afternoon From Page 1

Bus #10 pm High School & BGMS: Town (Cont.)		
2:40	1:20 Blosser Lane Drop-Off After-School Program	3:23 2:07 Holland's Lane (south end & first dirt turn out)
2:50	1:30 BGMS	3:27 2:10 E.Z. Living
3:00	1:40 WHS	3:30 2:13 Parkside Trailer Park (turn around)
3:10	1:50 Little Lake Auto (pick up BGMS & WHS students)	3:33 2:16 Berry Hill Court
3:13	1:53 Elm Lane (at Manor Way)	3:35 2:18 Nancy (at Margie)
3:16	1:56 Holland's Lane (south end & first dirt turn out)	3:38 2:21 110 Sandy (pick up Baechtel Grove & WHS students)
3:18	1:59 E.Z. Living	3:41 2:24 Haehl Creek (hospital)
3:20	2:03 Parkside Trailer Park (turn around)	3:43 2:26 Hilltop Dr
3:23	2:06 Berry Hill Court	3:46 2:29 1500 East Hill Rd
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3:49	2:31 2251 Center Valley Rd	2:30 1:30 Sherwood School
3:56	2:38 Valley Oaks Trailer Park	2:40 1:40 Leave Sherwood School
4:02	2:43 Creekside Apartments	2:55 1:55 Golf Shop
4:04	2:47 Alameda & Central	3:05 2:05 Brookside drop off
4:11	2:54 Mill Creek (at Commercial)	3:15 2:15 Blosser Lane drop off & pick up
4:14	2:57 Raymond Ln (at Coast)	3:20 2:20 Baechtel Grove
		3:28 2:28 WHS
		3:34 2:34 Little Lake Trailer Park
		3:42 2:42 29311 N HWY 101
		3:43 2:43 Turn out just past Creekside Cabins
		3:46 2:46 30001 N HWY 101 (turnout with bridge)
		3:47 2:47 Turn around at Sleepy Hollow
		3:52 2:52 North entrance to old Hwy 101
		3:57 2:57 24900 N. Hwy 101 (Willits Pump Service)

This bus schedule information was provided by the Willits Unified School District; for any questions, call the WUSD District Office at 459-5314.

and our programs. Volunteers are important to the classrooms with class, grade level and school activities during the year. If you can spare any time during the week to work with students, please contact your child's teacher.

The Blosser Lane Elementary School Site Council and PTO are two important and fun ways for parents to become involved. Elections for seats on our site council will be held during Back-to-School Night on September 11. We hold our PTO and site council meetings once a month.

The entire staff at Blosser Lane Elementary School is committed to providing a safe, challenging and exciting program for our students, and we are looking forward to a successful school year. If you have any questions about Blosser Lane, please call the school office at 459-3232, or drop by and see us. I am looking forward to a wonderful year!



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IMPORTANT DATES

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Above, from left: One of the helicopter crewmen, performing daily maintenance on his chopper. Capt. Roger Caballero of the U.S. Forest Service with his Tahoe Helitack helicopter. Capt. Caballero explains how the Bambi Bucket works. A Chinook helicopter taking off from the Ells Field Willits Municipal Airport, towing a large Bambi Bucket.

At right: John Wagenet and Capt. Roger Caballero from Tahoe Helitack, stand next to a large Bambi Bucket. The bucket dips into water sources such as lakes, ponds and creeks, then expands with the water to form the ball shape seen dangling from 100-foot-long lines attached to firefighting helicopters.

Firefighting Choppers

The helicopters staging at Ells Field airport in Brooktrails are a critical part of the battle

The "whop whop whop" sound of massive flying machines moving in and out of the Willits Municipal Airport in Brooktrails recently heralds an essential part of the Northern California firefighting effort. The Willits airport, aka Ells Field, is hosting the unified command structure "heli-base," a mixture of resources for contracted firefighting helicopters and crews from many different city, county and federal services and agencies. The airport is currently closed for public aviation use.

"All contracted helicopters are housed here, at the ICP [incident command post] or single ordering point," said Captain Roger Caballero, from Tahoe Helitack of the U.S. Forest Service. "Around 1:30 pm, when the inversion layer lifts and visibility improves, aircraft activity starts. Helicopters can fly from a half-an-hour before sun up, to a half-an-hour after sun down.

Caballero goes on to explain that the Mendocino Complex fires started in a state responsibility area (protected by Cal Fire), but the Ranch fire has gotten so large, that it's now burning deeply into the federal Mendocino National Forest.

The "exclusive use" crew that he is a part of consists of a total of 17 crew members, mainly focusing on the Ranch fire. Other firefighting helicopter crews have been

pulled from other states to fight these Northern California fires, even coming from as far as New Zealand.

The firefighting helicopters local residents have been seeing in the air, towing long lines attached to a large orange ball, are actually towing water dipping containers called "Bambi Buckets," ranging in capacity from 324 gallons to 2,600 gallons. These buckets can dip from water sources such as lakes, ponds and even creeks as shallow as 18 inches, but the area around the water source must be relatively clear of nearby trees. "Mobile dip sites" are also set up for water dipping, when the fire is too far from a natural water source. These sites can contain either water, or fire retardants like orange- or red-colored Phos-Chek, made with ammonium phosphate or ammonium polyphosphate, which are also used in agricultural fertilizers.

Among the many different helicopters on the base, the largest one, the Skycrane, is purely a "water dropper." It has its own 2,650 gallon water tank attached to the underbody of the craft. By use of a 25-foot snorkel hose, it sips up a load from ponds, shallow creeks, or fire retardant tanks, in as little as 45 seconds. The Skycrane has a "blade-span" of 72 feet and is powered by dual 4,500 horse power engines. These helicopters were built by the U.S. military, for recovery in Viet Nam, and there are less than 40 of them in the world.

At right, top: Capt. Roger Caballero, right, stands with the pilot of the Sikorsky Skycrane, a water-dropper owned by Siller Helicopters out of Yuba City. The Skycrane has a 2,650 gallon capacity water tank, which uses a hydraulically driven boat propeller at the end of a 25-foot snorkel hose to sip up water or retardant and can sit tank in as little as 45 seconds. At right: Pilot Steve Bull stands in front of the Sikorsky 58T, a two-seater, single-pilot helicopter, which has a two turbine engine, and was built in 1958. Bull and his crew fly for ARIS Helicopters out of Corona and Hollister, and are a "call when needed" crew, consisting of the pilot, a crew mechanic and a field truck trucker. The Sikorsky is a water-dropper using a 350 gallon Bambi Bucket, but can also bring cargo and food in and out of a fire site.

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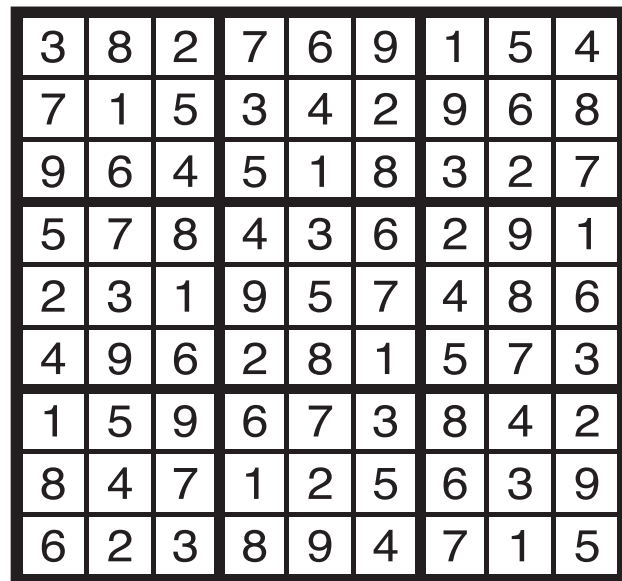
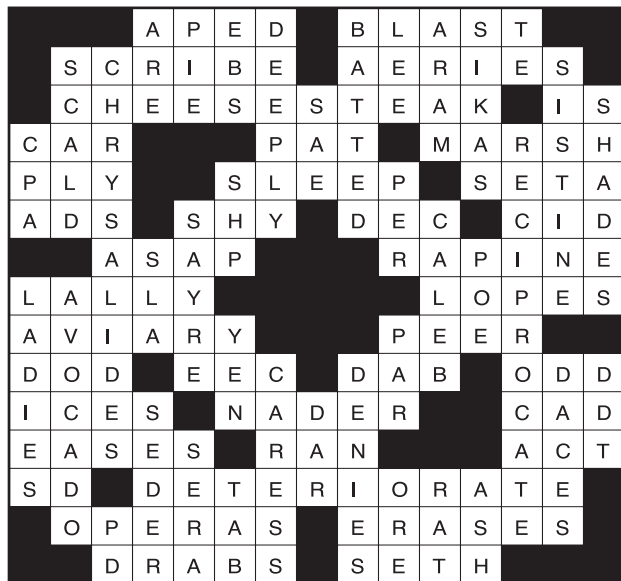
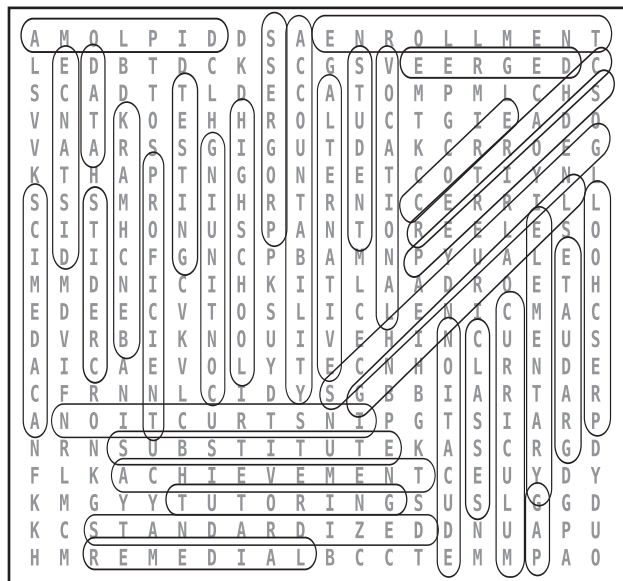
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LEGAL NOTICES

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Filed July 27, 2018

CASE NUMBER SCUVCVPT-18-71247

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Petitioner **Earl Anthony Thompson** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Earl Anthony Thompson to Earl Antonio Thompson and Earl Anthony Thompson to Earl Antonio Thompson

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petitioner without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: September 14, 2017, Time: 9:30 am, Dept. E,
Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino,
100 North State Street, Ukiah CA 95482

Date: 07/27/2018

s/Earl Anthony Thompson

Pub dates 08/09, 08/16, 08/23, 08/30/2018

WW175

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Filed July 27, 2018

CASE NUMBER SCUVCVPT-18-71248

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Petitioner **Linda Rose Thompson** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Linda Rose Thompson to Linda Risha Thompson

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petitioner without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: September 14, 2017, Time: 9:30 am, Dept. E,
Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino,
100 North State Street, Ukiah CA 95482

Date: 07/27/2018

s/Linda Rose Thompson

Pub dates 08/09, 08/16, 08/23, 08/30/2018

WW181

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
Jo An Delyte Galyean

CASE NO. 5-PR-0009310

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Jo An Galyean, Jo An Delyte Galyean.

2. A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by John McCowen and Marguerite Crown in the Superior Court of California, County of Placer.

3. The Petition for Probate requests that John McCowen and Marguerite be appointed as personal representatives to administer the estate of the decedent.

4. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

6. A **hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**
Date: September 26, 2018 Time: 9 a.m. Dept.: 33. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Placer, Bill Santucci Justice Center, 10820 Justice Center Drive, Roseville, CA 95678.

7. **If you object** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. **If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent,** you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the latter of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

9. **You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

10. Attorney for Petitioner, Christopher J. Neary, 1101 South Main Street, Suite C, Willits, CA 95490; 707-459-5551.

Publication dates: 08/16, 08/23, 08/30/2018

WW170

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0448

The following person is doing business as Universal Soldier, 5798 Ridgewood Road, Willits CA 95490; Rose Raiser Jeavons, 5798 Ridgewood Road, 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 20, 2018.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on July 20, 2018.

/s/ Rose Raiser Jeavons

Pub dates: 7/26, 8/2, 8/9 and 8/16/2018

WW176

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0415

The following person is doing business as Uniq Illusions, 1726 South Main Street, Suite E, Willits, CA 95490; Hung Minh Pham, 531 Capps Lane, Apt. 63, Ukiah, CA 95482.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 11, 2018.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on July 11, 2018.

/s/ Hung Minh Pham

Pub dates: 8/9, 8/16, 8/23 and 8/30/2018

WW180

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TSG No.

TS NO.100064360

APN: 098-153-01-01 Property address: Vacant land at on 25541 Daphne Way Block 14 Lot 18 Brooktrails Vacation Village Subdivision, Willits, CA 94590

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED

November 4, 1998. UNLESS YOUR TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On Friday the 7th day of September, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, at the front entrance of the Brooktrails Sales Office 24895 Birch Street, Willits CA 94590, County of Mendocino, State of California, Recon Financial Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the United States and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to Recon Financial Inc. the following described real property, situated County of Mendocino, State of California, and commonly known as **BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION**.

And being more particularly described as follows:

That certain real property situated in the County of Mendocino, State of California, described as follows:

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EXCEPTING AND RESERVING all water and water rightsin, under or flowing over said property or appurtenant thereto;

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If you need directions to find property, please send your request to Recon Financial, 111 Deerwood Road Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in a certain deed of trust executed by: **David Garcia, a single man and Editha Esteban, a single woman** as Trustor, to RECON FINANCIAL INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Trustee, for benefit and security of The Deerwood Corporation, a California corporation, Dated November 14, 1998, and recorded November 30, 1998 in the office of the County Recorder in the County of Mendocino, State of California, in Book N/A of Official Records at page N/A. Document No. 1998-22612.

The Total amount of unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold, including estimated costs, expenses and advances is: **\$13,730.13**. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times to the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court pursuant to section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800)824-9809 7:00 am to 5:00 pm for information.

The name, street address and telephone number of the Trustee conducting this sale is: RECON FINANCIAL INC., 111 Deerwood Rd., Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583. (925) 838-8525. The name, address and telephone number of the Beneficiary at whose request this sale is to be conducted, is: The Deerwood Corporation, a California corporation 111 DEERWOOD RD., STE. 100, SAN RAMON, CA 94583 (925) 838-8525

Dated 8/8/2018

Publication dates: 08/16, 8/23 and 8/30/2018

MENDOCINO COUNTY

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Animal Facility Attendant – Fort Bragg

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Hot August Night

An evening of nostalgia at Scoops – classic cars and motorcycles, doo-wop and poodle skirts

“Summer days, driftin’ away, to oh, oh the summer . Tell me more. Tell me more.”

The sounds of powerful engines, from both cars and motorcycles, mixed with the nostalgic sounds of the ‘50s and ‘60s rock and roll, offered from the ultra-modern computer of DJ Mathew Caine Mike Tobin. He was playing all the old favorites: The Beach Boys, The Platters and many more, harkening back to “American Graffiti” and the days of James Dean, and Jan and Dean. This was the second annual Hot August Night celebration, hosted in the parking lot of Scoops Frozen Yogurt & Deli and April May’s Drive Thru Coffee on Main Street, just north of Commercial.

Lisa Davis, owner of Scoops, got the idea for the party from the Hot August Night party that takes place annually in Reno. “We asked the Willits Shifters and the Willits Wild Bunch to join up and do one night at Scoops,” she explained. “Last year we had probably a dozen cars and some motorcycles. We’re going to do burgers [beef and vegetarian], and root beer floats. Everything’s for free!

“It’s our second year of embracing our community, time to give back and encourage people to come out tonight. Neil Orr [of the Shifters] and I spearheaded the project, and we ran it by John Kvasnicka [Davis’ significant other].

“This year we added a DJ and music,” continued Davis. “April May’s is donating some Arnold Palmers [lemonade and iced tea]. We’re also going to have chili tonight. People can have chili dogs if they like. For the vegetarians, I’m also doing a summer salad with English cucumbers, Roma tomatoes, red onion, balsamic vinaigrette, cilantro and avocado. John, as always is in charge of the grill.”

The young employees of Scoops were the judges for the Best of Show cars and motorcycles. Participants were encouraged to wear their best ‘50s outfits, and indeed there were poodle skirts and cigarettes in rolled-up sleeves and hula hoops and bubble gum.

But, of course, the stars of the show were the vehicles. The Willits Wild Bunch had their shiny black Harley-Davidsons with gleaming chrome, with the exception of “Top Hat” who recently painted his bike a deep, rich blue.

The Willits Shifters have put years of hard work, sweat and money into the restoration

and preservation of their, mostly muscle, cars. There were a significant number of Chevys, as those are the easiest to restore due to the availability and interchangeability of parts. Neil Orr, one of the organizers of the party, brought his 1954 Ford Crestline Willits police car which can be seen at most Willits car events.

As can be expected, club members love to talk about their cars – where they found them, how long they’ve had them, what they put in them, etc. Dave Bouthillier, in his 1940s hipster costume, brought his 1927 Dodge two-door Business Coupe. He’s had the car for 25 years after finding it in a garage in Santa Cruz. “Worked on it a lot over the years,” said Bouthillier. “Did a lot of modifications. It’s got a small block 318 with a 904 automatic with power-disc front brakes.”

John Yde drove his wife’s first car, a 1957 blue Chevy Bel Air. “We’ve had it 49 years,” he shared. “It’s better than new today. I’ve had my ‘62 Corvette for 52 years.”

Lee Bryant of Roots of Motive Power brought his classic ‘56 T-Bird.

Stuart Schultz managed to describe his 1969 Karmann Ghia converted roadster in a way that only a car enthusiast could fully understand: “‘69 Ghia with a Cadillac Northstar second gen, forged internals with a Vortex V2 SEI supercharger. Currently does a quarter mile in 11:05, 123 mph. It should break into the 10s in two weeks when I take it out to Bonneville. We’ll get this up to 200 mph on the 5-mile stretch. “Originally, the car was 1.6 liter, horizontally opposed 4-cylinder,” he continued. “It put out a whopping 65 horsepower. Now, with the supercharger, I’m putting out about 625 hp. When I take it to the track, they call it a ‘Princess Car,’ until I drive by them and they realize I’ve got something in it.”

The evening also featured several contests, including a hula hoop competition. All four contestants did so well that Scoops awarded them all certificates for double scoops of ice cream. Rich “Pops” Venturi was declared the winner of the bubble gum blowing contest. The Best in Car Show prizes were: third place, Neil Orr’s police car; second place, Jim Montalvo’s gleaming red Barracuda; and first place, Rich Venturi’s Harley-Davidson. All received generous gift certificates.

The evening brought out an estimated 20 cars and 12 motorcycles, and approximately 70 people were fed by Scoops.

Next year, it’s going to be even bigger and better and louder and more fun.

Above, from left: Hosts John Kvasnicka and Lisa Davis of Scoops tend the burger patties. One of the hula hoop contestants shows off her moves. Ricky Carrillo carries his fruit creation out to the celebration. Stuart Schultz shows off his “Princess Car,” a 1969 Karmann Ghia that’ll blow your door off on the road. At left: “American Graffiti” brought to life at the Hot August Night celebration.



Above: The Willits Wild Bunch looks on. At left: Dave Bouthillier's 1940s hipster costume fits perfectly with his 1937 Dodge two-door Business Coupe.

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Above, left: Mike Tobin spins the electronic records with the help of his wife, Kathy. Above, right: Neil Orr blows out his candles. Below: The Willits Shifters pal around at the Hot August Night celebration on Saturday.



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