

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Water aerobics

To the Editor:

The Willits City Pool will offer water aerobic classes until November on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 pm.

Come and enjoy a good work-out in cool water with a great instructor.

See you there!

Lena Hofmaister, Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:

Many thanks to Healing Central Acupuncture & Massage (Diane Smalley, Clancy Rash, Kate Black) for hosting our most recent LocalLights event. Your contribution helps to supplement the amount of money we give to the Willits Center of the Arts for hosting the events. All donations are greatly appreciated.

I also want to thank Greg and Malakai Schindel for putting on a great show for our August event. It was nice to see so many new faces come out to enjoy their wonderful performance. Their participation and donations are also greatly appreciated. It all goes to WCA and to the featured performers. I contribute the hosting and the sound system for the event for free.

LocalLights:OpenMic++ is a monthly event at WCA on the second Sunday of the month at 5 pm. Look for announcements in Willits Weekly. It offers open mic opportunity for any kind of performing art: music, spoken word, monologues, storytelling, standup, etc. We usually also have a featured group that plays for about an hour at some point in the event. If you would like to participate or to sponsor an event, please let me know at 459-7054 or email: locallights@theSighting.com.

David Partch,
LocalLights host/
producer, Willits



Spring Senerchia,
Willits

Memorial invitation

To the Editor:

A warm invitation to all friends, family and community members, to the memorial for Cindy Bluesky Mornight on Saturday, September 14, from 2 to 6 pm, at the Willits Grange. There will be music, a community poem, stories and pictures.

Please bring potluck finger food to share, and join us to remember and celebrate the good generous life of Cindy. For more information: springliness@hotmail.com.

Spring Senerchia,
Willits

New Little Lake, Brooktrails and Sherwood Broadcastify channel is now online

Submitted by Keith Rutledge, for Sherwood Firewise

Local fire and emergency incidents are broadcast by CalFire, and anyone with a scanner can hear these notifications, ranging from fires to vehicle collisions to people with health problems. Scanners can be programmed to listen to only specific channels to focus on particular areas and agencies.

However, scanners do not work everywhere and require carrying around a scanner unit. The good news is that there are scanner monitoring applications for computers and cell phones that can monitor scanners literally all over the world.

Anyone with experience listening to scanners can tell you that sometimes there's a lot of traffic and it can be difficult to hear specific information on one incident if other agencies have other incidents at the same time.

If one wants to listen mostly for fire and public safety incidents the scanner can be programmed for only those agencies in your area. This is the case with the new Sherwood, Brooktrails and Little Lake channel on a new Broadcastify.com channel.

Broadcastify advertises as "the radio communications industry's largest platform for streaming live audio for public safety, aircraft, rail, and marine-related communications," and is a spin-off of RadioReference.com's live audio platform. There are a couple of channels covering Mendocino that include fire information, but also have medical and police and other public safety dispatches, making for very busy stations.

Sherwood Firewise Communities, with funding from the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, has developed a local channel with a focus on Little Lake Valley, Brooktrails and the Sherwood corridor to better monitor local incidents.

You can access the new channel by going to www.Broadcastify.com, then click on the "Listen" tab, click on "California," then "Mendocino County" and choose the "CDF, Sherwood, Brooktrails and Little Lake Fire / EMS" channel. This stereo channel covers fire and EMS agencies including CalFire, Brooktrails and Little Lake Fire Departments.

The left channel broadcasts Mendocino County CDF RED, BLUE and Command 8 frequencies. The right channel broadcasts the Brooktrails and Little Lake Fire Departments frequencies. You can adjust the stereo balance to hear more or all of one channel by using the right/left balance control in the app.

The Mobile Broadcastify app has full features and is available in the Apple App and Google Play Stores. The free version allows listening with some ads periodically. There is a \$30 per year Premium version, with additional features like listening to archived broadcasts and without the ads.

The equipment needed to develop this new local feed includes two Uniden BCT15X scanners that send an audio output to a Barix Instreamer 100 stereo encoder, converting the scanner audio into a digital file that is then sent to Broadcastify and out to their mobile or computer application software.

This equipment is backed up by an "uninterruptible power supply" to be able to keep operating during power outages, and the internet connection has both cable and satellite for system redundancy to maintain communications with Broadcastify.

Be better prepared for emergencies by using your cell phone or tablet computer to monitor this local source of real-time incident information, and join SFC in the Evacuation Planning Workshops, August 22 from 6 to 9 pm, and August 24, from 9 to noon at the Brooktrails Community Center.

Mendocino College announces one year of free tuition to eligible students

Submitted by Mendocino College

Mendocino College is proud to offer one year of free tuition to eligible students beginning in the 2019 fall semester. Students who receive the incentive will be benefiting from what is called the "Mendocino College Promise," which is thanks to Assembly Bill 19, which provides funding to California Community Colleges to accomplish district goals and waive fees for first-time students.

"It is critical that we spread the word about how affordable and attainable a college education can be," said Vice President of Student Services Ulises Velasco. "The Mendocino College Promise program will eliminate the financial barriers facing some of our students and allow them to remain in our community as they seek a college degree."

With current costs per unit of \$46, the Mendocino College Promise Grant can save students up to \$1,380 throughout the 2019/20 academic year. The Mendocino College Promise is not based on financial need and is available to any first-time college student who completes 15 units in the fall 2019 semester and enrolls in 15 units again in the spring 2020 semester.

Once eligible students complete the fall semester and enroll in 15 units for the spring 2020 semester,

they will receive a grant that covers their out-of-pocket enrollment expenses for both the fall 2019 and spring 2020 semesters.

"The Mendocino College Promise is an investment in our community and will support students as they pursue their academic goals," says Mendocino College Interim Superintendent/President Eileen Cichocki. "Studies show that students who take 15 units per semester have greater success in their classes and complete a degree and/or transfer in two years. The Mendocino College Promise is a win-win for our students and our community as a whole."

"While this program will impact a small number of students at first, our intent is to partner with the Mendocino College Foundation and our community to grow this program," said Vice President Velasco. "Our goal is for every student in our community to receive two years of free education at Mendocino College. We will continue working towards that goal and the Mendocino College Promise is a major first step in that direction."

Those not currently enrolled at Mendocino College can apply now online at www.mendocino.edu for the fall semester which begins August 19. For more information about the Mendocino College Promise program, visit: www.mendocino.edu/promise.

The rest of Contracts

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study the county approved in May 2019.

In the second year, the county will increase salaries an additional 30 percent of the difference, and in the third year, will add on another 30 percent of the difference, bringing most classifications of SEIU employees to 90 percent of market.

Within four budget units, county employees represented by SEIU Local 1021 will be brought, over the three-year term of the contract, to within 95 percent of market. Those budget units include the Alternate Defender's Office, Child Support Services, Social Services, and the administrative wing of the Health and Human Services Agency.

The new contract with SEIU employees also includes a 3 percent cost of living increase, each year for three years.

For county attorneys, the new contract includes the same COLA

increase as the SEIU agreement, plus annual base salary increases. In the first year, salaries will be increased 10.1 percent; in the second year, 8.04 percent; and in the third year, by another 8.04 percent.

Both supervisors and representatives from the two unions said they were pleased with the new contracts.

"I want to acknowledge that negotiations are always hard," said Third District Supervisor John Haschak. "Our ultimate goal is to attract and retain really quality employees, people who are putting in great work in this county. We don't want to lose people to other counties because of wages. I think this agreement will do just that. I appreciate all the work that's been done on this."

Julie Beardsley, vice president of the Mendocino County Chapter of SEIU Local 1021, said: "We believe this contract is a transformational agreement that will move Mendocino County employees much closer to the market average of other rural counties. "We're confident Mendocino County

will greatly change, and this will have an immediate and significant impact going forward on recruitment and retention of county employees.

"We appreciate your willingness to devote time, thought and study to the negotiation process, and we believe this will enable continuing excellence in public service for the citizens of Mendocino County," Beardsley said.

County attorney Anthony Adams also thanked supervisors for their efforts. "When businesses look to relocate to a county, they count rooftops," Adams said. "They come here based on the ability to bring people to their doors. I know for a fact the work you have done here today – to bring us back to a place where we are competitive again – will put people back in homes locally, growing our economy, staving off recession, bringing prosperity to the entire community, both intellectually, spiritually and, of course, financially.

"I cannot tell you how much we genuinely appreciate that. It means the world to each of us, and I wanted you to know how much we truly appreciate each of you," Adams said

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Above, from left: Rene Verduyssen stands next to his ultra-sleek 1942 BT13. The CalFire flight and firefighting crew hangs out at Airport Day on Saturday. Willits Airport Day was well-attended, with people visiting the helicopters, classic cars, and fire engines. At left: Willits is seen from above while riding in the 1927 Travel Air biplane. Below: Biplane pilot Harold Schooler takes off in his 1927 Travel Air.



Airport Day

Annual celebration at Ells Field offered rides in small airplanes, helicopters and an antique biplane

Those daring young aviators in their flying machines.... The history of aviation is rife with tales of courage, derring-do and bravado. One can imagine pilots unfettered by the bonds of gravity, able to go in any direction at will, constrained only by physics and fuel.

Movies and literature have long demonstrated the lore and sheer enjoyment and feeling of freedom of wending one's way through the clouds, diving, swooping and climbing effortlessly through the atmosphere. There is a perspective on the Earth that is only available to those who venture to high altitudes and are able to see for miles and miles.

The annual Willits Airport Day at the Ells Field municipal airport on Saturday allowed families and especially children to dream, learn about and experience the miracle of flight, as well as meet the people who enjoy the air as a playground and a place to work. For the adventurous amongst the attendees, air flights were available in small airplanes, helicopters and, this year, an antique biplane.

The helicopter rides were provided by Helico Sonoma in a Robinson R44, piloted by Bryce Bower who informed Willits Weekly that the copter is capable of carrying three people and a pilot. Bower offered 10-minute flights around the Little Lake Valley, providing a gentle climb that felt like being lifted by soft hands into the air and carried on the winds.

"We mostly use [the Robinson R44] for tours, some charter work. These machines are also used for drying cherries and keeping the almonds warm for frost protection." He's referring to the unusual use of helicopters to circulate air over crops, using their waft to gently dry cherry orchards after a rain or to keep almonds from freezing.

The antique biplane, owned and operated by Harold Schooler out of Chico, is a 1927 Travel Air from Wichita, Kansas. The company was founded by a trio of aviation pioneers, Wally Beech of Beechcraft, Clyde Cessna, and Lloyd Stearman of Boeing.

Schooler bought the machine in 1981 and

took four years to restore it, and he now thrills kids and adults by taking them up in the open-air, deafeningly loud, and extremely exhilarating vehicle.

Crammed into the forward area, two people can barely fit side by side, having to alternate shoulders in order to coexist in the tiny space. No matter, though. The thrill of traveling around the Little Lake Valley, over the Ridgewood Grade, around to Pine Mountain, and back again more than makes up for the lack of comfort.

Also represented at the event were the local firefighting crews, both land- and air-based. Brooktrails Fire and Little Lake Fire brought their engines and equipment to show the kids and explain to them what they do on a day-to-day basis. A CalFire crew, headed by Crew Chief Nick Sandahl, arrived in a fire-crew and water-bearing helicopter, which has participated in most of the major fires in Northern California.

Along with their mascot, Alf, the alien, the copter is able to carry a crew of seven, equipment, 320 gallons of water in the suspended bucket, and backpacks that hold 5 gallons of water for controlling fires until the tankers can arrive. The helicopter supports the tankers by spotting hot spots and the main areas of a fire.

The California Highway Patrol fixed-wing aircraft, piloted by CHP Officer Brian Segal, has many uses. "We have a variety of missions," Segal said. "We'll do general patrol of the highways and traffic enforcement when we have ground units available. Sometimes we get called to do searches for missing parties and assist ground units in pursuits."

For those who prefer the thrill of flying while keeping their feet on the ground, the Ukiah Prop Busters, a scale-model aircraft club, brought some extremely detailed and maneuverable planes, including a working electric jet engine replica of the Gary Powers U2 spy plane. The runway was shut down for an hour in order for the Prop Busters to

Read the rest of Airport Over on Page 12



Above: This antique biplane, owned and operated by Harold Schooler out of Chico, is a 1927 Travel Air from Wichita, Kansas. Above, right: Steven J. Baird of Baird's Barbecue prepares his chicken. At right: A REACH helicopter touches down at the Willits airport. Below: Pilot Brian Segal of the CHP air group stands next to the CHP fixed-wing aircraft, which is used for patrolling and traffic enforcement.



Photos by Mathew Caine



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(PG) 1 hr 42 mins
Fri: 5:00 & 7:30pm
Sat: 2:30, 5:00 & 7:30pm
Sun: 1:30, 4:00 & 6:30pm
Mon-Thurs: 4:00 & 6:30pm

THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE 2

(PG) 1 hr 43 mins
Fri: 5:30 & 8:00pm
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WHERE'D YOU GO BERNADETTE?

(PG13) 1 hr 49 mins
Fri: 6:00 & 8:30pm
Sat: 3:30, 6:00 & 8:30pm
Sun: 2:30, 5:00 & 7:30pm
Mon-Thurs: 5:00 & 7:30pm

Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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HOW TO SUDOKU

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

SHOPPING DAY WORD SEARCH

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CASH	EXCHANGE	PRICE	TOOLS
CLOTHING	EXPERIENCE	PURCHASES	TOOLS
COMPARISON	FITTING	QUEUE	TRANSACTION

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CLUES ACROSS

- Sacred bull (Egyptian myth.)
- One-time European money
- Disfigure
- Polish city
- Move quickly on foot
- Landlocked West African country
- Used in aromatherapy
- The greatest of all time
- Type of horse
- Volcanic craters
- Type of graph (abbr.)
- Supporters
- North and South are two
- Spread
- Adjusted
- Vietnamese offensive
- Nazi architect
- Nigerian peoples
- When you hope to get there
- Ridicules
- Allied Powers vs. Central Powers
- Produce
- Antient kingdom near Dead Sea

CLUES DOWN

- Form of 'to be'
- A hand has one
- Thought
- Physical body
- Removes
- One who perpetrates wrongdoing
- Make one
- Kate and Rooney are two
- Ladd, 'Shane' actor
- Makes fun of
- Space station
- Gene
- Satisfy

- Livid
- It comes after 'et'
- More (Spanish)
- Electronic data processing
- Female reproductive cells
- Afflicted
- One point north of northeast
- Garland
- Spiritual leader
- Negative
- Tooth caregiver
- Cheek
- Primate
- Scattered
- Evergreen tree
- What engaged couples will say
- Barbie's friend
- Midway between south and southeast
- A position from which progress can be made
- Showed up
- Insecticide
- Type of milk
- Verandas
- Annoyingly talkative
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- 'Heat' director
- Plant genus
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Actor Idris
- Freedom fighters (slang)
- Criticize

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

August 12 to August 18

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **194 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

August 12
12:59 am: HACHEY, Ryan David (42) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of South Humboldt Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 273.5 PC (Domestic Corporal Injury), 422 PC (Criminal Threats), and on misdemeanor charges of domestic battery.
1:58 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
2:52 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1600 block of South Main Street.
3:30 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of North Main Street.

11:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Bush Street.

August 13

5:27 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.
12:45 pm: BODWIN, Ivy Mae (47) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue. She was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).
3:13 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.
8:28 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Margie Drive.
9:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of Coast Street.

August 14

3:02 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.
12:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.
2:20 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

August 15

6:18 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
8:24 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of Shell Lane.
2:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of North Main Street.
5:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1000 block of South Main Street.
7:31 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Page Court.
8:19 pm: NONNEMAN, Eric Andrew (33) of Willits was contacted in the 10000 block of Hearst Willits Road. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of shoplifting with intent to commit larceny.
9:28 pm: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 100 block of Page Court.

August 16

12:43 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of North Lenore Avenue and issued a warning.

8:05 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:01 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

1:33 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of South Humboldt Street.

1:34 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

6:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Muir Lane.

6:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Sherwood Road and North Main Street.

August 17

6:36 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of South Main Street.

10:08 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

11:11 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1200 block of Magnolia Avenue.

August 18

2:08 am: VERDUZCO Jr., Jose Manuel (39) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of Magnolia Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (H) PC (Loitering), 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol and loitering on private property).
2:31 am: MONTANO, Michael Jordan (19) of Ukiah was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).
4:08 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Gregory Lane and issued a warning.
4:33 am: WINELANDER, Harry Michael (32) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Gregory Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 602.1 PC (Obstructing a Public Business Establishment) and on misdemeanor charges of trespassing.
7:55 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.
4:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of sexual assault in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
5:40 pm: MORRIS, Dena Darlene (57) of Ukiah was contacted in the 600 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 211 PC (Robbery) and on felony charges of violation of parole to remain under legal custody to return to prison.
6:00 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation near the intersection of Alder Lane and South Main Street.

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the evacuation. WPD lifted the evacuation notice with a Nixle alert at 1:24 pm, saying people were free to return to their homes.
"We got the call about the gas line being broken at 10:52 am," said Willits Police Chief Scott Warnock. PG&E employees were on site by 11:22 am, Warnock said, "but they said they were unable to turn off the gas, that the PG&E gas crew had to respond."
WPD announced via Nixle and Facebook that it would take the PG&E gas crew an hour or 90 minutes to arrive. Chief Warnock told Willits Weekly the crew arrived at 12:20 pm, and WPD got notification that the gas had been turned off at 1:15 pm.
"No one was hurt or injured," Warnock said, "and that's a good day. There were people who were upset about not being allowed back in, and upset because we could not tell them when the evacuation would be lifted. But we deal with that all the time, and most people were reasonable and cooperative."

Asked about the response time of the PG&E gas crew, PG&E representative Deanna Parish said: "We try to keep gas crews in Ukiah and Willits when possible, but they just happened to be rebuilding gas infrastructure in Santa Rosa today. After the incident call came in, we immediately dispatched the crews from Santa Rosa to respond to the scene safely and as quickly as possible."
The City of Willits opened the Willits Community Center for evacuees who needed somewhere to sit and wait.
The construction accident happened in the 300 block Pine Street during work by Argonaut Construction, a company contracted by the City of Willits to replace the water laterals, Chief Warnock said. "The lines were laid out on the street," he said, "but accidents happen."
Warnock praised the Little Lake Fire
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1st day of 7th grade! Hailee Lopez.

Bella's first day of 4th grade.

Kyra McCartney, going into 3rd grade at Blosser Lane.

Carter LeClair's first day of 3rd grade!!! Have an epic year Buddy! You make us all proud everyday. Love, your whole Fam.

Collin in back going into 11th grade; Caillin at right, going into 2nd grade; and Caden, going in 3rd grade.

Wreyn, who will be going into preschool. We love you! Love, Dad, Mom Charley, Brodey Rowdy and Ryatt.

August 19, 2019

Don't Blink

Deegan Anderson on his first day of Kindergarten

Ella, left, and Katelyn, right, start high school and Porter starts middle school.

Jack B.'s, left, first day of high school & Tanner B.'s first day of 3rd grade.

Jerett going into 3rd grade.

Craig Stewart, left, McKenzie Gregg, center, Hunter Ford, right, are all seniors, and Haileigh Gregg, front, is a freshman.

Look out 7th grade, here comes Samantha! Have a good year, Sam!

Little Miss Aria Evans on her first day of pre-school, right, and oh, of course Brodie has to be included!

Emma Jones on her first day of TK.

Wade Hosford, going to Kindergarten at Brookside with Mrs. Cooley.

First day of 5th and 8th grade for Georgia and Clayton McGaw.

Madison is filled with excitement and nerves about starting Blosser Lane!

Rhynn Whaley, going into 11th grade at WHS.

Emma Garman, 10th grade.

Miss Khloe, headed back to school, for Kindergarten.

Carson Miller, going into his senior year at WHS. Robert and I love you bunches. Make the most memories you can. This year is going to fly by, Bub.

Macy, so excited about her first day in Teacher Juan's class!

Jacen going into TK.

Happy first day of school!

Nina Snow Preisser, going into Kindergarten.

Jarred, 10th grade, and Mandy, 11th grade. My how time flies!

Marlowe Gravier, 5, on her first day of Kindergarten.

Courtney's off to 3rd grade!

Jacen going into TK.

occur annually through 2022, are meant primarily to cover capital improvement projects at city facilities related to water and wastewater management.

There was some discussion of whether the city could reduce the increase in water rates, but City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra warned against it.

"I can say that you as a council can do anything you like," she said. "What we are giving you is a number that is required to maintain our services.

"If you want to not maintain our services you can do that, but that is your decision," she said. "This is what is recommended so that we stay stable."

Garrabrant-Sierra also noted that property insurance for the city had increased dramatically this year, especially for fire and flood insurance, further increasing the costs for operating the water and wastewater plants.

She described the insurance market for California as "just terrible" due to all the disaster events, adding that in order to avoid even bigger insurance rate increases, the city had to drastically increase its deductibles for multiple insurance types.

Finance Director Yujun Du said the council had little choice in regards to raising the wastewater rates, since failure to do so would likely result in defaulting on a bond the city acquired to fund improvements to the wastewater plant.

The base rate for water in standard 5/8-inch meter residential homes will increase by 98 cents per month to \$25.42, and the price per cubic foot will rise by 26 or 34 cents depending on overall use.

However, base rates will go up by as much as much as \$48.88 per month for those using 6-inch meters.

The monthly fire protection services connection charges, which saw the most dramatic increases initially in 2017, will also rise by 4 percent.

Scott Herman, the city superintendent of facilities, explained in more detail what the money from the rate increases would be used for.

"These rates are based off our [capital improvement projects] for the next five years in the infrastructure" he said. "Water line upgrades, sewer line upgrades—any infrastructure that needs to be repaired or replaced.... And things will change, but we have an amount set that we're trying to get to our target to complete these projects in five years. And that's what [Bartle Wells] based their rates off of."

Herman said there also had been a lack of rate increases in the past by the city to keep up with infrastructure costs.

"That's why we had such a big jump in the rates," he said. "Because [Bartle Wells] said 'Wow, you guys are behind.'"

"I know the fire connection fees went through the roof," Herman said. "I think you heard about those. I think we all did. That was the big shocker — it was that one big jump they said that to sustain your future, this is what we're projecting [you need]."

Rates for 4-inch fire connection meters (the smallest size) went up from \$24 to \$117.50 per month initially. The new rate will be \$127.09. For 10-inch meters, the cost will be \$584.59 per month, up from \$60 prior to the 2017 study.

Councilmember Madge Strong pointed out that despite the recent increases, the city's budget showed that the water and wastewater funds are still operating at a deficit on an annual basis.

"We know we are actually running at a deficit in the water and sewage treatment plant," she said. "Those are supposed to be self-sufficient funds. Those are supposed to be paying for themselves from user fees, and for the last several years we have been pretty seriously in the red.

"And the point of having these graduated increases over several years is to get us back to breaking even," she continued. "Because we're not allowed to charge any more than paying our costs out, but we have, in fact, been running in the red.

"So we're gradually trying to close that gap," she said. "And I don't think we can [avoid] approving these rates to try and at least keep up with maintenance and the [capital

improvement] projects we have and the quality we expect to deliver."

Councilmembers Greta Kanne and Larry Stranske also used the water rate discussion as an opportunity to inquire about the brownish color which, at times, can be seen in city water. They both said it was one of the most common concerns they heard from residents.

"Besides the lack of a turn lane on Main Street downtown, water is the biggest complaint I hear from residents of Willits," said Kanne. "People are dissatisfied by what they perceive as excessive brown days or excessive chlorinated days."

However, she said that after visiting the water treatment plant and talking with Herman, she was happy with what she saw there, describing the water as "beautiful" and "pristine."

"We've made incredible strides in how we treat water at the city water plant," Kanne said. "I don't think we've done a good job of publicizing that — of getting that word out to the community of what improvements have been made in a relatively short amount of time. After having those conversations I feel less grudging about increasing the amount we pay in order to provide a quality product we all use."

Herman said notable improvements of city water quality in recent years include lower turbidity — solid particles suspended in water which can turn the water brown — and less use of chlorine, since less has been needed.

According to Herman, the brownish color in the water coming out of residents' taps occurs because of events that disturb the water while it travels through various lines, such as the annual flushing of the system the city undertakes. Other causes include work on pipe systems, and vehicles crashing into fire hydrants.

He said that when the water leaves the city plant, the turbidity level is far below the limit allowed, and noted that the city has not had any violation for water content when tested since 2015 (you can find more details about city water in the annual "consumer confidence reports" listed on their website, www.cityofwillits.org).

After talking with Herman, Kanne thought that if the city prioritized replacing more of the old iron pipes in the city with new ones using more modern material it could help the situation, as could seeking out state and federal funding to help the city and property owners with old pipes upgrade.

"We talked about the iron that settles out in the pipes and goes to the lowest point, and it's a pressurized system," Kanne said. "Any time you have any disruption — whether you're tapping into a new line, whether someone runs into a fire hydrant, whether you're replacing a section, doing a repair — it stirs things up, and it takes a while for that to settle out."

Garrabrant-Sierra responded that the city has been working towards replacing some of the old pipes. Currently there is a major project in the Pine Street and Maple Street area involving "water improvements," and several more projects are slated for the next few years, according to a recent "state of the pavement" report put together by the city's engineering department.

Stranske warned that people he's talked to in town simply will not accept drinking brownish water — no matter the explanation behind it — and will buy it at the store instead.

"People are tired of it," he said. "They don't understand. And you can print all the things you want to print in the paper and talk everything you want. When they turn on the tap, and it's brown, they don't care. After that, that's it.

"And so we have to come up with some type of thing to filter out those types of things and especially if we keep increasing the rate."

A 'go' for Music in the Park

Garrabrant-Sierra announced the Music in The Park series hosted by the city "is a go" for this fall, and will begin Thursday, September 12. The concerts will take place from 6 to 7:30 pm at Recreation Grove for four consecutive Thursdays.

The first Thursday there will be a "wildly talented swing and jazz ensemble," followed in the next few weeks by local favorites The Real Sarahs, Funkacillin and The Johnny Young Band.

The events will be sponsored by local businesses, and Garrabrant-

Sierra said she quickly found a lot of support from the community.

"I sent out an email last week for donations from various businesses," she said. "I got an amazing response. People really love this, and I got checks in the mail. It was great."

Sponsors include Adventist Health, Metal FX, the Skunk Train, Solid Wastes of Willits, Cannia Park, Emerald City, Vegan Buddha, Organic Flowers, Dogwood, Modular Processing Systems, Nuestra Alianza and Willits Power & Equipment.

Dispensary applicants selected

Community Development Director Dusty Duley said the city has now officially selected the three applicants who will be slated to receive dispensary permits in the Willits city limits. The city cannabis ordinance states that only up to three dispensaries will be allowed to operate in the city at a time.

Duley explained that, after receiving four applications, a committee was formed to decide which three would be allowed to move forward in the permitting process, based on who had the best and most appropriate business plan for their dispensary.

The committee consisted of Duley, Assistant Planner Michelle Johnson, Chief of Police Scott Warnock, and two community members appointed by the city council.

Duley said all committee members read through a large packet of information about the applicants, and also toured the proposed locations of all four potential dispensaries. Four of the members also toured various other dispensaries already operating in the county.

Overall, he said the committee was very engaged with its task.

"It was obvious that everyone did a good job of reading through the material and developing good input as far as scoring the final applicants," said Duley.

The city is still informing the three successful applicants, and names of the three companies will be announced at the next city council meeting.

WPD losing officers

Chief of Police Scott Warnock told the council the Willits Police Department is losing at least two officers, who are moving to positions at the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, and possibly a third in the near future.

Because of this, Garrabrant-Sierra recommended the council lift the hiring freeze they had placed on the city due to deficit concerns and replace at least one of the positions.

"I feel very uncomfortable about losing three [officers]," she said. "I think that would leave us very understaffed. It takes a long time to hire a police officer, so I really want to start a hiring process.... I would like to go ahead and start recruiting."

The council agreed and directed staff to start the hiring process.

Warnock said he understood why the officers wanted to move on, given the higher salaries at sheriff's departments.

"I don't like people leaving, but I understand the kind of incentive for them to leave," he said.

Warnock also gave a brief summary of a comprehensive "state of the police" report he is working on regarding the Willits Police Department's activities for fiscal year 2018/19.

Among the statistics he cited was that WPD responded to 1,184 more incidents in 2019/18 than the previous fiscal year — an increase of over 10 percent.

There were 12,884 total incidents according to Warnock, which was an average of 1,288 incidents per officer. He added that the full report would eventually be available to the public on the city website.

New building inspector

Duley also introduced the new city Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Official Davey Bowles to the council. Bowles filled the position recently vacated by Christopher Morgan.

"I'll say he's hit the ground running," said Duley of Bowles, who grew up in Laytonville and has lived in Willits for several years. "He's already gained the confidence of myself, our former building officials John Sherman and Christopher Morgan, as well as part-time building official Dean Fuller. And I think we made a great decision."

to be done that the district cannot afford to pay for, more specifically, it focused on the need for the board to decide whether or not to go forward with putting a bond measure on the 2020 ballot to fund that work.

District superintendent Mark Westerburg began the meeting with a welcome to incoming Willits Elementary Charter School director, Charlene Bredder, who comes to the area most recently from Cambodia where she was doing teacher development work.

A positive and enthusiastic Bredder told the board she was excited to be able to work in an environment where there was "inquiry-based learning, and Spanish, and music, and art."

An update of work done over the summer on school buildings followed.

There was "a ton of roof work and a ton of painting," said Westerburg.

Board president Alex Bowlds was particularly appreciative of all the work, saying: "It was a lot of work time and effort, and it shows. I'm especially impressed by seeing guys like the superintendent and high school principal with basically squeegees in their hands and paintbrushes, putting their time in with things they're not required to do."

More specifically, what was accomplished this summer included: "Everything at Brookside" was painted, said Westerburg. And the cafeteria finally has new tables taking the place of the "OSHA nightmares" that have been there for decades.

Blosser Lane Elementary had their "OSHA nightmare" cafeteria tables replaced as well. Baechtel Grove Middle School received three sets of classroom furniture, and canopies were built over the entrances to the gym.

The high school got four sets of classroom furniture, and "the front ... looks as good as it has in a long time," said Westerburg. He added, however, that "it's paint and prop. It's not internal."

"Paint will only get us so far," said Bowlds. "There's serious problems, and hopefully we'll find funds for that in the not-too-distant future."

Apropos of Bowlds' aspiration, the board heard a presentation on the nuts and bolts of school general obligation bonds, the district's bond measure history, and options for a possible new bond measure in 2020.

Adam Bauer, a "municipal advisor to governmental entities with a focus on K-12," and CEO of Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates, a municipal advisory firm in Irvine, addressed the board on the subject.

First, a few basic facts about bonds might be helpful to know when trying to make sense of it all. School general obligation bonds are sold to raise money to either construct new facilities or fix and repair existing facilities. Willits Unified needs to fix and repair.

Bonds are paid off by a tax assessed on district property owners and the tax cannot, by law, exceed \$60 per \$100,000 of a property's assessed value, a limitation applicable each time there is a new bond issuance.

The amount per \$100,000 of assessed value that an individual property owner is charged depends on the interplay between total yearly debt owed on bond repayment and the district's total assessed property value. As property values rise, the tax per \$100,000 of assessed value decreases; as values fall, the tax increases.

As for repayment of bond debt, he told the board that, because of current interest rates and the district's credit rating, the district's repayment ratio was at an average of 1.94 to 1, "well below" the state prescribed limit of 4 to 1.

He described the district's property values as "stable," after reviewing historical data

Bauer reviewed the district's most recent bond history — a measure passed in 1999 that is almost paid off and a measure passed in 2010 with a final maturity date of 2041. Details regarding the latter provided instruction for the board on some things not to do in crafting a new bond measure.

Bauer explained that the 2010 measure authorized the sale of \$43 million worth of bonds, but the district only sold \$14 million of that amount. The sale of the remaining \$29 million authorized is precluded at this time because it would result in a tax rate in excess of the legal limit.

While acknowledging the scenario unlikely, Bowlds asked if any of those bonds could be sold "if assessed value increased dramatically, say 30 percent, and the tax rate went down?"

Bauer said that was possible and affirmed that the bonds, unless decommissioned, could be offered at any time in the future when district property values rose enough to sufficiently lower the tax rate. He also suggested that the board could offer to decommission those bonds as a way to increase support for a new bond measure.

He continued to explain that inherent in the 2010 decision to request \$43 million was an "aggressive assumption" with respect to increases in assessed value of district property.

His suggestion to the board on how to proceed this time in choosing a bond amount and tax rate was "try to err on the conservative so we're always just a little below" the chosen tax rate, and to issue bonds in increments ... "not a lot of money up front."

By issuing bonds four separate times in three-year increments — aimed at reaching the maximum authorized amount, Bauer explained that the "voters have a consistent [tax] rate they can stay at even if it fluctuates the funding we get."

He agreed with a more detailed account of how the board might proceed using this incremental approach offered by Bowlds.

"When we're ready to sell the first series, we have a meeting, see what changes there are in assessed value and what interest rates are, and say this is a reasonable amount to consider at this point in time," said Bowlds. "And we would do this four separate times each with a recalibration, seeing if our estimates hold or have gone one way or the other."

Bauer also explained the importance of the district's credit rating. It "tells you what interest rate you'd be able to issue bonds at [and is] the foundation for everything I build on," he said.

"You have a Moody's rating of A2 and Standard and Poor's rating of A+. Those are pretty good for a district your size. It means you can borrow at a really low cost compared to others," he said. "The interest rate is at an all-time low today and all signs are that should continue for some time. Money flowing out of things like stocks and into bonds means more demand for bonds, which then drives down the interest rates on them."

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A letter from ...

The Principal of Willits Charter School

a Public School for the Arts and Sciences

Jennifer Lockwood

Willits Charter School is a college prep sixth grade through 12th grade public school with a specialty in the area of the Arts and Sciences. We are one of the first generation of charter schools in the state of California, serving students in the area of Willits and beyond for the last 20 years.

This summer has been a whirlwind of activity as we upgrade our facilities to get ready for the new year. Special thank you to Devereaux Cash for the new flooring and carpets, and to our amazing WCS community for helping us out on Beautification Day,

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A letter from ...

The Executive Director of La Vida Charter School

Ann Kelly

La Vida Charter School is a fun place to work. It is in a beautiful county environment, and has a great group of faculty and staff who like each other and love kids. There is always something new and exciting to take in and get ready for.

The radiant sun is this year's theme with song and motto "Keep on the sunny side." It is inspiring the fall performances; a solar system musical play "Vacation on Mars" and the folk tale "The North

Wind and the Sun." The sun as the life-giving force of the sun will be highlighted in the Fall Farm Camp with members of the School of Adapted Agriculture located on Ridgewood Ranch.

The sun theme will continue through the winter with the study of solar power. Solar panels will be installed through a Clean Energy grant on a new timber shade structure. The measurement of sunlight and position for navigation and time will enhance the spring term.

Field trips to Point Cabrillo Lighthouse to study the impact of the merchant ship the Frolic which shipwrecked on the

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A letter from ...

The School Administrator of The Waldorf School of Mendocino County Spring Senerchia

Dear parents, students and friends:

"Accept the children with reverence, educate them with love; send them forth in freedom."

The beginning of every school year brings enthusiasm and energy for learning and growth. This year at the Waldorf School of Mendocino County, we are thrilled to have a graduating eighth grade expressing the full arc of our curriculum. These students have mastered an impressive range of skills, from academic staples to orchestral music, full-length drama productions, visual art masterpieces, Science Fair awards, woodworking and Spanish.

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A letter from ...

The Director of Willits Elementary Charter School

Charlene Bredder

Willits Elementary Charter School will be opening its doors on August 26 for our eighth year! We will be led by Charlene Bredder, PhD, who comes to us with a strong international background, having lived in Scotland, Germany and most recently, Cambodia. She speaks German and Khmer (the Cambodian language) and is excited to be learning Spanish.

Director Bredder has been a teacher and teacher trainer as well as an advisor for a teacher training college. Her experiences fit well with WECS' already rich global perspectives. She is excited to join WECS because of its focus on inquiry-based learning, where students explore concepts applied to real-life situations and problems.

For the second year, we are delighted to announce that WECS will be able to offer nutritious meals to all students free of charge, regardless of income level. We offer a healthy brunch and hot lunch each day. We are committed to wellness for our students, and our meals focus on whole grains, proteins, fresh fruits and vegetables. We continue to be a sugar-free campus.

We will be implementing a movement circuit that gives students certain movements to do when they come to specific painted lines on the playground. This helps "get the wiggles out" and aids in concentration in class. If a student simply needs a break from a task in

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Thursday, August 22

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, August 22, 3 to 6 pm. Greens and veggies, fresh strawberries and fruit, tomatoes, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. Jams and jellies and savory preserves, fair trade chocolates, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

"R U Ready?": Sherwood Firewise Communities meeting "to discuss wildfire action plans for families and pets, emergency supply kits, family communication plans, communication before, during and after an emergency." Thursday, August 22, from 6 to 9 pm. Brooktrails Community Center, 24850 Birch Street. Info: www.sherwoodfirewise.com or info@sherwoodfirewise.org.

Friday, August 23

Art Night: Kaleidoscopes at the Willits Library. Explore fractal patterns while making a fun toy. Friday, August 23, 1 to 2 pm. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

Water Rights Workshop: Public meeting at the Eel River Restoration Project's office in the Bio Engineering building in Laytonville, August 23, 4 to 6 pm. The California State Coastal Conservancy acquired Proposition 1 funding for the Eel River Recovery Project to render free technical assistance to Ten Mile Creek landowners for the purposes of conservation and restoration. Residents of the Ten Mile Creek watershed can receive technical



advice on water rights and permitting, by water expert Hollie Hall, Ph.D.

Shanachie Pub: Lantz Lazwell & The Vibe "services the deep, melodic desires that drives us to dance while providing a complete auditory/visual experience." Friday, August 23, 9 pm. Visit: <http://lantzlazwellmusic.com>. 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, August 24

Opening Day: Willits Youth Soccer's Opening Ceremony features a parade of teams in uniform and with sponsor banners. After the ceremony, each age group will have its first game of the season. "Be sure your child wears their safety gear and uniform." Saturday, August 24, opening ceremony 9 to 10 am. Info: 707-354-2539 or sapinarodriguez@gmail.com.

KLLG Programmer Training: KLLG will hold the first of two trainings on hosting a radio show on Saturday, August 24, 11 am to 1 pm. This training focuses on FCC and station "do's and don'ts." Mandatory to have a show on the station. Preceded by, "How to Have Your Own Show on

KLLG" for those without this training, 10:30 am. Room 10, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street

"R U Ready?" Sherwood Firewise Communities meeting: focuses on Sherwood Corridor evacuation planning. Saturday, August 24, from 9 am to 12 pm. Meeting "will cover fire incident communication, early and safe evacuation, and assembly areas, and ends with a convoy out Sherwood Road north, for residents that may not be familiar with this evacuation route." Brooktrails Community Center, 24850 Birch Street. Info: www.sherwoodfirewise.com or info@sherwoodfirewise.org.

"Quinoa: Harvesting & Processing": "Quinoa is an amazingly nutritious grain which is a complete protein. We will harvest quinoa, then thresh and clean the seeds, and finally begin the process of washing it to remove the saponins." Saturday, August 24, 9 am to 1 pm, date subject to change due to crop maturity. Drop-ins welcome. School of Adaptive Agriculture class at Green Uprising Farm, 2301 East Hill Road. \$25.

Mariposa Market 40th Anniversary Celebration: Saturday, August 24, 10 am to 4 pm. "Join us as we celebrate 40 years of bringing fresh, local & organic food to Mendocino County!" Music by Just Enough and Blue Luke. Organic food, face-painting, kombucha on tap, meet the vendors, prize wheel, more. 500 South Main Street.

Summer Gala: The Willits Rotary Club and the Willits Educational Foundation invite you to the Summer Gala (formerly known as The Garden Party), a benefit for Art, Music & Libraries in the Willits Unified School District. Saturday, August 24, 4 to 8 pm. Music by Pavlov's Garage. 19941 South Main Street. Catered hearty appetizers, BBQ oysters, tri tip, fresh farm chicken salad, more. Sheriff Tom Allman runs the live

auktion, with many items, plus a silent auction and prize drawings. Cash bar, featuring Lemon Drop cocktails and Cowboy Margaritas. Tickets, \$30 at Cat's Meow or at the gate. Info: Jenn at 707-354-1670 or Windi at 707-354-0755.

Shanachie Pub: Judd Wasserman, "a solo artist, and band leader of Loose Cannons." Saturday, August 24, 8 pm. Visit: www.juddwasserman.com. 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, August 25

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am, Sunday, August 25 (and every fourth Sunday through October). "Best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around." Choose

AT THE MOVIES



'Where'd You Go, Bernadette'

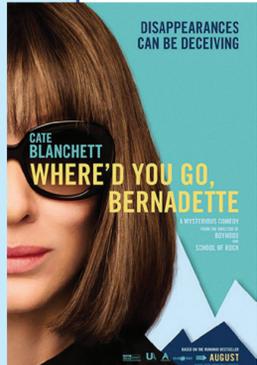
The Story: Comedy drama directed by Richard Linklater. Architect Bernadette (Cate Blanchett) is a recipient of a MacArthur Genius Award. That's great! but she doesn't sleep. She's stressed, she's anti-social, and her obvious suffering and odd behavior are putting a strain on the family. Her equally brilliant husband, Elgie (Billy Crudup), designs neural input hardware for Microsoft. He's concerned about Bernadette's mental health. This, then, is the troubled family situation when their beloved daughter Bee Branch (Emma Nelson) mentions penguins and proposes a trip to the South Pole.

Dan Essman *Columnist*

My Thoughts: Let me state the film's premise: Unusual problems require unusual locations. So, as they say in Hollywood where everyone wants to go somewhere cool paid for by someone else, "Let's go to Antarctica." Richard Linklater is a well-respected director who makes slightly quirky indie films that achieve general release: "Dazed and Confused," "Before Sunrise," "Before Sunset," "School of Rock," "Boyhood." Quite a solid list of unusual movies. This flick might be his most ordinary. The male lead Billy Crudup calls the flick a rom-com. For me, it's not that romantic, and nor is it that much of a comedy – but still, the movie works. I cared about the characters and rooted mightily for all their dilemmas to be un-dilemma'd. Oh yes, Kristen Wiig deserves hoorays in her small, but significant part as the irritating next-door neighbor. The gifted actors make "Where'd You Go, Bernadette" a pleasant two hours in the cinema for grownups.

Parents: There's nothing objectionable for children, but the flick is definitely not for children. Teens and up.

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



Lunch at Roots Restaurant

Week of August 26 through August 30

Meatless Monday: Stuffed Bell Peppers, Cheese Broccoli

Tuesday: Chicken & Pineapple, Black Bean Enchiladas w/ Rice & Beans Pozole

Wednesday: Tri Tip w/Roasted Potatoes, Butternut Squash Soup

Thursday: Thai Beef or Tofu Salad w/ Veggies & Rice Noodles, French Onion Soup

Friday: Fish & Chips, Miso Soup

Roots Restaurant at Adventist Health Howard Memorial, 1 Marcela Drive, invites the public to enjoy healthy options including dishes using fresh organic produce from the nearby Commonwealth Garden. Monday through Friday, 7 am to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 7 am to 2:30 pm.

Multi-Cultural Comedy at Willits Community Theatre

August 25

Multi-cultural stand-up comedian Marc Yaffee returns to the Willits Community Theatre, Sunday, August 25, 2 pm. In a special guest appearance, comic Adam Stone will be joining Yaffee on stage. Yaffee made his debut appearance at WCT in 2017, thrilling his audience with his original, culturally-mixed comedy. By birth a mixture of Navajo, Caucasian and Mexican heritages, Yaffee was raised in a Jewish family. He explores his multi-ethnic roots and the culture clashes that fill his world. Advance tickets \$20, available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpaperickets.com; or 24/7 at 800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door while they last.

– Submitted by Willits Community Theatre

'What's New at KLLG'

Saturday, August 24, KLLG will hold the first of two trainings on hosting a radio show. The training will focus on FCC and station "do's and don'ts" and is mandatory for all those who hope to have a show on the station. 11 am to 1 pm. It will be preceded at 10:30 am by a brief introduction to "How to Have Your Own Show" on KLLG for those who have not attended such a session. KLLG Studio, Room 10, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

|| New on KLLG starting this Sunday, August 25, 10 am, is Linda Posner's "Word Buffet: Poems and Sayings to Start Your Day," featuring poems and sayings Posner has "taken to heart," recited with feeling, together with appreciations for the authors and how and why these lines have come to mean so much to her. Sundays from 10 to 10:30 am on KLLG-LP, 97.9 Willits Hometown Radio.

– submitted by KLLG-LP

What's Happening Around Town

sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, tea. \$8; \$7 seniors; \$5 children under 10. Sides of organic fruit, \$2 to \$3 and Amish organic maple syrup, \$1. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

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Multi-Cultural Comedy: Stand-up comedian Marc Yaffee returns with his unique blend of humor to the Willits Community Theatre, Sunday, August 25, 2 pm. With special guest comic, Adam Stone. Advance tickets: \$20 at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street in Willits; online at brownpaperickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door.

Tuesday, August 27

Tightwad Tuesdays: 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 Tuesday movies are "Dora the Explorer," "Angry Birds 2," and "Where'd You Go, Bernadette?" Visit www.noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for show times. 57 East Commercial Street.

"Experiencing the Present Moment": Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "We will be meditating and listening to videos from Eckhart Tolle's collection, concentrating on attaining peace and serenity in the present moment. Knowledge of Eckhart's work is not necessary." Tuesday, August 27, 5 to 7 pm. Info: Andrea 707-513-8139.

Willits High School Football: First home game of the season, Willits vs. McKinleyville: JV game (Head Coach Matt Morati) starts at 5:30 pm; varsity game (Head Coach Brandon Norbury) starts 30 minutes after JV game is complete. Maize field at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street.

Shanachie Pub: Cosmic Family Band "is here to play music and extend Peace, Love, and Positivity." Friday, August 30, 9 pm. Visit: www.facebook.com/Cosmic-Family-Music-1287516811892301. 50B South Main Street.

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, August 29, 3 to 6 pm. See August 22 listing for details.



Willits Community Bike Ride: Gain comfort using the new downtown bike lanes. A quick safety lesson followed by a ride to practice road skills! 5 to 8 miles long. Bring helmets and water bottles. A few helmets available. Bring your kids! Thursday, August 29, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Recreation Grove Park.

"Gun Violence in Our Communities": "Join us for courageous conversations." Thursday, August 29, 6 to 7:30 pm, at the Seabiscuit Conference Room at Adventist Health Howard Memorial. "You are invited to come and share your feelings and ideas about the gun violence in our communities ... the last hour, we will decide how we want to respond to the problem." Info: Rosemary Landry at 530-933-9963.

Shanachie Pub: Dan & Ocean, "undeniable virtuosity on trumpet, guitar, piano, bass, organ, and percussion – lyrics bursting with intention against a universal heartbeat." Thursday, August 29, 8 pm. Visit: www.dandimonte.com. 50B South Main Street.

Friday, August 30

Fall Women's Herbal Symposium: Four days of "Celebrating the Wisdom of Women, Plants and Resiliency," Friday, August 30 through Monday, September 2. Over 50 classes on the medicinal, culinary, cultivation and maker's craft on the use of herbs. Black Oak Ranch, Laytonville. Meals and camping included. Sliding scale. Work exchange and scholarships available. Info: www.womensherbalsymposium.org.

Willits International Folk Dancing: Class meets every Thursday, 7 to 9 pm, Willits Charter High School. New dances taught 7 to 8 pm. \$0 - \$5 sliding scale. Info: megster1989@yahoo.com.

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"Believe": Alcohol Ink paintings by Julie Bullock, alcohol ink art. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 East Commercial Street. More info: www.facebook.com/DbDesigns17, www.instagram.com/dbdesigns17.

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Boomer's Friday Night Karaoke: 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of every month, Boomer's Saloon, 15020 Highway 101, Laytonville. 9 pm to 1 am. No Cover. 21+ Please bring ID. Hosted by DJ-Ken Steely Entertainment with KJ/DJ-Ken Steely & Anna. Come for dinner, stay for the fun.

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Emandal Choral: The Choral is open to all who wish to sing a cappella songs of peace and justice. Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 367-1573.

Friday Potluck Bingo: Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum bingo buy-in \$5. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group: Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits

Saturday, August 31

Claws for a Cause: Willits Rotary Club, the Redwood Empire Lions Club and the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center present this annual fundraiser for the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center. Saturday, August 31, 5 to 7 pm. At the Howard House on the historic Ridgewood Ranch. Guests will enjoy an evening of fine dining prepared by Chef Adam Celaya, formerly of Adams Restaurant, featuring filet mignon, appetizers, dessert, gelato, wine, beer and soft drinks. Plus live Maine lobster prepared by the Willits Rotary Club. Live auction with Sheriff Tom Allman and Rachel Britten. Tickets \$80, available at Willits Furniture Center and DFM Auto Repair in Ukiah.

"Made in Mendocino III": Willits Center for the Arts' September show features handmade items of furniture and wooden accessories made by the Mendocino Coast Furniture Makers, and paintings inspired by photographs by Willits artist Robin Coomer. Opens Saturday, August 31, at 6 pm for members, and at 7 pm for the public. On display through September 29. Gallery hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. 71 East Commercial Street. 459-1726. Visit: www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

Shanachie Pub: Arkam Falls "is a NorCal based trio playing originals inspired by all your favorite '90s rock favorites." Saturday, August 31, 9 pm. Visit: www.facebook.com/arkamfalls/. 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, September 1

"Cultivating Self Sufficiency": A School of Adaptive Agriculture class on how to "Grow More of Your Own Food." Learn to compare and select crops which provide nourishing, filling calories, and store and yield well. Pre-registration required. \$25. Sunday, September 1, 9:30 to 11:30 am, School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101. Tickets and info: www.school-of-adaptive-agriculture.org.

WCT Auditions for "Twelfth Night"

Willits Community Theatre is holding auditions for William Shakespeare's romantic comedy, "Twelfth Night," on two consecutive weekends. Friday August 30, 7 pm; Saturday August 31, 2 pm; Friday, September 6, 7 pm; and Saturday, September 7, 2 pm. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. Casting for 14 speaking parts and more than a dozen non-speaking parts, including male cabaret dancers. Ages 15 to 40. The show rehearses from mid-September and will be performed November 1 to 17. Info: Director Billy Hetherington, 707-367-5724 or billybard579@hotmail.com.

Senior Center Lunch Made in Mendocino III

Week of August 26 through August 30

Monday: Chicken Enchiladas

Tuesday: Stuffed Bell Peppers

Wednesday: Teriyaki Chicken Sliders

Thursday: Chicken & Dumplings

Friday: Birthday Turkey

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

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Set Painting Workshop: The Willits Community Theatre offers a five-week workshop on set painting, taught by veteran Gretchen Moore.

Students will learn to work with directors, mix color, apply paint, shade painted objects, texture techniques and more. Students will get to work on the set of the upcoming play, "I and You." Send payment to: Willits Community Theatre, P.O. Box 80, Willits, CA 95490. Sundays in September, 6 pm, beginning September 1. \$50 (\$25 for students). Info: 459-3141.

"Climate Crisis – Local Action Event": Presented by WELL and the Little Lake Grange. "Climate change is the most pressing issue of our time. Stories of the local, private sector, and community leaders across the U.S. who are continuing to take action towards the Paris Agreement goals – regardless of federal inaction. Get inspired. Brainstorm ideas for acting locally!" Film: "Paris to Pittsburgh." Sunday, September 1, 7 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Ongoing Events

Frontier Days: A Collector's Journey: Western artifacts from the Dusty Whitney collection, at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street through October 30. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10am to 4:30 pm.

Art in the Plaza "Under the Umbrellas": vendors selling art, jewelry and other hand-crafted items every weekend from July through September. Behind Gate 77 on East Mendocino Street.

Meatless Mondays: at Roots Restaurant at Adventist Health Howard Memorial, 1 Marcela Drive. "Serving delicious plant-based options every Monday." 7 am to 5 pm.

Collective Care: A Holistic Support Group: Fridays, 10 to 11:15 am. 44650 Highway 101, Laytonville. Holistic community support and information. Children welcome. By donation. www.ninesistersbotanicals.com.

Eight to the Bar with Les Tarr: Radio advice blues programming for tragically hip and twisted. Fridays, 9 pm to midnight. 97.9 FM, KLLG.

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Willits Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club: Mondays, 6:30 upstairs gallery of the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. \$5. Come alone or bring a friend. 707-484-3385 for info.

Little John's Place: Every Wednesday Pool Tournament 12:30 pm, \$5 buy-in. Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5 pm, "we'll buy the pizza, you buy the beer." Thursdays, Pool Tournaments starting at 5:30 pm. 363 South Main Street. 459-5636. www.facebook.com/littlejohnsplace/.

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'Startup Mendocino' Gala

August 25

The "Startup Mendocino" Gala features a chance to vote for the five finalists in the West Business Development Center business pitch competition, entrepreneurs from Ukiah, Fort Bragg and Boonville. Each business start-up finalist will give a five-minute live pitch in front of the audience, in hopes of winning \$20,000 in cash prizes. Tickets, \$10, include entertainment from the Mama Grows Funk band, wine from Frey Vineyards, beer from North Coast Brewery, and pizza from Slam Dunk. Startup Mendocino is a "business bootcamp and pitch competition, designed to spark new thinking about what is possible in Mendocino County through entrepreneurship. Special guest: Isabel Guzman, from the Governor's Office of Small Business Advocate. Sunday, August 25, 3 to 6 pm, Mendocino College Theatre, Ukiah. Tickets: www.westcenter.org/workshops/2019/8/25/startup-mendocino-gala-event

German Conversation Class: Ongoing non-denominational German conversation/book reading class is open to new members (middle to advanced German speakers). No charge, but donations gladly accepted. St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm. Info: Doris Wier, 456-9246.

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

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

Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays 3 to 4:30 pm "Leggo Club" (bring your imagination and start building); 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group" (Self-directed playtime with toys, ages 0 to 4); 2:30 to 3 pm "Storytime" (Books, songs, rhymes and movement, ages 3 to 6); Thursdays 11:00 to 11:30 am "Movement for Kids" (Explore movement and self-expression, Ages 4 to 7); 2:30 to 3:30 pm "Storytime and More" (with coloring and board games); 4 to 5 pm "Teen Advisory Group" (Tell us what you think); Fridays 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Therapeutic Coloring" (Bring a friend and relax with a coloring book); 5:30 to 5:50 pm (Calmng Stretches); Saturdays, 11 am to 12 pm "Promoting Creativity" (A space to create a piece of art or writing for teens and adults); 5:30 to 5:50 pm "Calmng Stretches" for teens and adults; Saturdays: 11 am to 12 pm "Promoting Creativity" (teens and adults); 2:30 to 4:30 pm "Drop-In Knitting" All skill levels. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

Willits Seed Lending Library: Offering information on seed saving and gardening. Seeds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables are free to seed library members; and seed donations are gladly accepted.

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

Soroptimist International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets the second Tuesday at 4 pm and the third Tuesday at noon each month at St John's Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

Weekly Life Changes Discussion and Support Group: Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 am. In the Conference Room at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Every Wednesday at AHHM's Roots Restaurant, 1 Marcela Drive, 6 to 7 pm. Register today: 540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 15010 Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm. Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Teens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: "Mendocino Sheriff's Activities League" on Facebook or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Tuesdays, 8 pm: "Wabi Sabi" with host Mitchell Holman, formerly of It's A Beautiful Day ("Whitebird") features different artists every week. Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Laytonville Farmers Market: Mondays, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44470 Wilks Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.



Photos by Ree Slocum

At left: The 5:30 am Jazzercise class: Lisa Bowles, Angella Ostrowski, Laurie Bozzo, Instructor Amy Foster, Katrina Hall and Trisa Hall pose for a photo. Below: The dancers incorporate some balance in the dance routines. At bottom: Jazzercise is based on jazz dance movements like this one, which could be from the 1957 Broadway musical, "West Side Story."



Jazzercise Classes

Morning – and early morning! – workouts give Amy Foster's dance students a boost for the day

When Amy Foster moved to Willits in 2016 she couldn't find a Jazzercise class in all of Mendocino County. She'd been used to the rigorous dance workouts during her class on Cobb Mountain that helped her feel uplifted and in better health during her life in Lake County.

She was on her way to certification when the Valley Fire happened in 2015 and interfered with her plans. After moving here, she finally pursued becoming a certified Jazzercise instructor by auditioning for certification. She reached her goal in 2018 and started classes on May 15 this year.

For some, Jazzercise conjures up visions of women and men dancing in rows with legwarmers, dancer's tights and leotards. From its beginnings in 1969, the dance party's workout attire and music have morphed during those 50 years. The music is choreographed from current top 40 songs that have a strong beat, some with catchy lyrics.

Jazzercise blends dance with Pilates, yoga, kickboxing and strength training. Some of the benefits of the 55-minute workout are strengthened muscles, more flexibility, more endurance and energy, and elevated moods that can last

throughout the day.

Foster offers low-impact modifications to the mix of moves and cardio-dances for those who want them. "We talked about that," she said. "Most of the women have been coming for awhile, and they know to 'drop the hop,' and instead of skip, they march. It's about getting your body moving."

A group of mostly teachers in Willits gets up before the crack of dawn to make it to Foster's 5:30 am Jazzercise class at the Willits Grange. At the end of the workout, they head home to shower and then to tackle classrooms full of children.

What gets them up and out with commitment if not enthusiasm alone?

"I feel like it changed my life," said Laurie Bozzo. "I'd just retired and I went through a winter of sitting around and, since taking Amy's class, I can actually bend and move around again."

Read the rest of **Jazzercise** Over on Page 16

LEGAL NOTICES

WW235
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0523
The following persons are doing business as Family Tree Creative Arts, Rain and Maya Ceramics, 3359 Ridgewood Road, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: P.O. Box 1949, Willits CA 95490.
Registered owners: Maya Maki Youngstrom and Rain Youngstrom, 3359 Ridgewood Road, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: P.O. Box 1949, Willits CA 95490.
This business is conducted by a married couple.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 22, 2014.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 24, 2019.
/s/ Maya Maki Youngstrom
Publication dates: 8/15, 8/22, 8/29 and 9/5/2019

WW236
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0536
The following person is doing business as Wild Woman Visionary, 427 McKinley St., Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: P.O. Box 1028, Willits CA 95490.
Registered owner: Kristin Lewis, 427 McKinley St., 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 29, 2019.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 29, 2019.
/s/ Kristin Lewis
Publication dates: 8/15, 8/22, 8/29 and 9/5/2019

WW238
NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provision of the Civil Code.
The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 6th day of September, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at GLENMARK SOUTH, 1788 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490, County of Mendocino, State of California the following:
Jennifer Harrison A08
Joe Herrera G14
Temple Hightower B32
Pablo Vigren E95C
The goods are described as: Artwork, antiques, misc. furniture and misc. totes.
Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and the obliged party.
Glen Green
Bond-#70784656
(707) 459-4628
Publication Dates: August 22 and September 5, 2019

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Jubal Chilson 211
Jubal Chilson 220
April King 112
April King 114
Shannon McMerlin 142
The goods are described as: Car parts, furniture, misc. totes.
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Publication Dates: August 22 and September 5, 2019

Willits Unified School District
Willits Unified School District has announced an amendment to its policy for serving meals to students under the [National School Lunch / School Breakfast Programs] for the 2019-2020 school year. All students will be served lunch and breakfast at no charge at the following sites:
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For additional information please contact:
Willits Unified School District,
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CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO BIDDERS
PROJECT NO. 2019-08
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for:
The work shown on the project plans entitled:
CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROJECT PLANS
For:
Maple Pump Station Project - Project No. 2019-08
Construction of a new 12' x 12' concrete masonry block pump house with a concrete slab foundation and concrete pump pedestal, tying in a new water line by hot tapping, abandoning old water pipe, trenching in approximately 110 feet of new water pipe made of PVC, polyethylene, ductile iron, and brass pipe, trenching in 160 feet of new electrical conduits, placing pumps into the new pump house, adding new valves and fittings into the new pump house, and grading and construction of a new gravel driveway.
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City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California &
The work described in specifications books entitled:
CITY OF WILLITS - BID BOOK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CITY OF WILLITS - PROPOSAL PACKET CITY OF WILLITS - AWARD PACKET
For:
Maple Pump Station Project - Project No. 2019-08
IN
City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California
will be received by a designated representative, of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 10 a.m., September 5, 2019, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, of the City of Willits, located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California.
Bid forms for this work are included in a separate book entitled:
Proposal Packet For:
City of Willits
Public Works Department
Maple Pump Station Project - Project No. 2019-08
Example award forms for this work are included in a separate book entitled:
Example Award Packet For:
City of Willits
Public Works Department
Maple Pump Station Project - Project No. 2019-08
THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$90,400
Key Dates:
• Pre-bid Meeting: August 23, 2019, 9:00 a.m. (on site)
• Final Questions from Bidders: August 28, 2019
• Final Addendum Issued: August 30, 2019
• Bid Opening: September 5, 2019 10 a.m.
• Project Start: Estimated September 30, 2019
• Project length: 30 calendar days
Interested bidders should contact the following in order to obtain a complete copy of the Bid Book, Proposal Packet, Award Packet, Contract, General Provisions, Special Provisions, and Project Plans:
Brandy Sanderson
City of Willits
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(707) 459-7143
A non-refundable fee of \$50.00 will be collected for each set that is obtained from the City of Willits.
Plans and specifications are also available for review at the following Builders Exchange offices:
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Responsible bidders shall submit to the City complete, executed copies of all required documents listed in the Bid Book, at the time and place, and in the manner specified above. All project bonds must be presented under sealed cover and include one of the following forms of bidder's security: cash, cashier's check made payable to the City, certified check made payable to the City, or a bidder's bond. The amount of bidder's security provided must equal at least ten percent (10%) of the total of the bid price for the base bid and any additional contract items listed in this notice. The successful bidder must then submit to the City complete, executed copies of all required documents listed in the Award Packet, within fourteen (14) calendar days after receiving the written Notice of Award, from the City Engineer, of the City of Willits, of the award of the project. Bidder's Security of any successful bidder that fails to do so will be forfeited to the City. Such required documents include, but are not limited to, a payment of labor and materials bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount payable by the terms of the project contract and that satisfies the requirements of California Civil Code Section 3248, and a performance bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount payable by the terms of the contract. All project bonds must be executed by an admitted surety insurer in accordance with applicable law and acceptable to the City.
Pursuant to Section 1773 et seq. of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD>, and also from the City of Willits, Public Works Department, located at 380 E. Commercial St., Willits, CA 95490. The Federal minimum wage rates for this project that are predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor may be examined at the offices described above. Addenda to modify the Federal minimum wage rates, if necessary, will be issued to holders of the Bid Book. Future effective general prevailing wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates.
Attention is directed to the Federal minimum wage rate requirements in the Bid Book. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher of the two rates. The minimum wage rate for project requirements and to inform subcontractors of project requirements and material supply opportunities. Bidders' attendance at this meeting is not mandatory, but recommended. Minutes from the meeting will be distributed in an addendum on Wednesday, August 28, 2019.
Bids are required for the entire work described herein and the successful bidder will be required to furnish all materials, equipment, labor, transportation, light, power, water, and services required to accomplish all improvements shown on the Project Plans, whether specified and/or implied or required to attain the completed conditions contemplated in the design, by the Engineer.
All work shall conform to the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, or State of California, Department of Transportation, Standard Plans and Specifications, current edition and all work must be done in accordance with the Bid Book, Technical Specifications, Proposal Packet, Award Packet, Contract, and Project Plans for the:
Maple Pump Station Project - Project No. 2019-08
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Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions submitted after bid opening, will not be treated as a bid protest.
CITY OF WILLITS: s/Cathy Moorhead, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk
DATED: 8/15/19
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Above, left: Attendees at the 2018 Willits Educational Foundation's Summer Gala.

Above, right: Rick Williams, Shawna White of Pavlov's Garage, and Mike Tobin stand behind the WEF sign at the beer bar last year.

Summer Gala

Annual fundraiser for arts, music and libraries in Willits schools set for Saturday

Submitted by Jenn Drew, for WEF

The 2019 Summer Gala, formerly known as the Garden Party, is happening this weekend in Willits, Saturday, August 24, from 4 to 8 pm. Tickets will be for sale at the gates for \$30. Danny and Allisha Mihelcic have opened up their home, 19941 South Main Street, for the second year in a row to hold this great fundraising event, hosted by the Willits Educational Foundation and the Willits Rotary Club.

Everyone attending will receive a thank you wine glass or pint glass. Hearty appetizers, BBQ oysters, tri tip, and fresh farm chicken salad will be served, along with many other yummy treats. The cash bar will feature Lemon Drops and Cowboy Margaritas.

Sheriff Tom Allman will be joining us again this year, as auctioneer. This year's live auction will have some really wonderful items. We have stays at two different vacation homes up for auction, a beautiful elk picture taken by Natalie Campbell in a handmade redwood frame created

by her mom, and a donated Yeti ice chest, filled with some great items, and a redwood picnic table donated by the Parlin Fork Conservation Camp. Not to forget the once-a-month delivery of Kathleen Lewis' famous homemade cookies.

We'll also have a silent auction with many fabulous items donated by the community. Everyone will be able to get up and sing and dance with a great local band, Pavlov's Garage.

All the money raised will be going back to the Willits Unified School District, for the arts, music and library programs in all the WUSD schools. Last year's event raised \$30,000.

We would like to invite everyone to come and help us kick off the 2019-2020 school year by raising money at this fun Willits event. Tickets are still available at Cat's Meow for \$30. For more information please call Wendi Kvasnicka at 354-0755 or Jenn Drew at 354-1670.



At left: Raylan Bartow imagines himself taking control of Pete Swanton's plane at Willits Airport Day. Below, left: Bill Wilson, Public Works superintendent for the City of Willits, and Deputy City Manager Cathy Moorhead manage the event. Below, right: The south side of the Ridgewood Grade can be seen from the antique biplane.



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The rest of WECS

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order to focus, they can go to a circuit station, do the activity and come back refreshed and focused. Students in other schools have reported that it allows them to get over frustration and to come back to class re-energized and ready to learn.

WECS continues to offer strong science, music, art and Spanish programs. WECS has quality, low-cost before- and after-school programs. We also continue to offer free reading and math support for struggling students and many after-school enrichment clubs for our older students (including guitar, dance, science, yearbook, student council and more).

WECS is a free, public, K-5 charter school for Willits and other local school district students. Our on-site classes are full with wait lists. However, we have several openings in our Independent Study program that blends home-based learning with on-site activities. Led by Becky Button, a veteran teacher with a Montessori background, a master's degree in teaching, and outdoor education experience, the WECS Independent Study program offers weekly on-site mixed-age classes as well as home study curriculum.

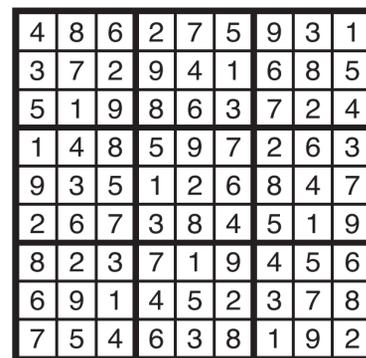
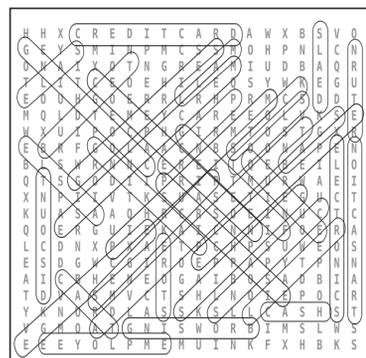
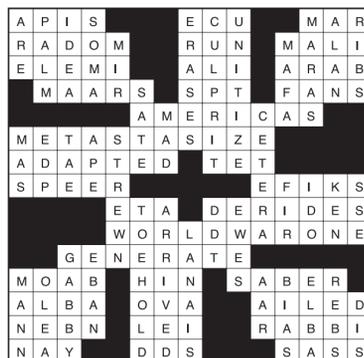
Button describes her program: "Independent Study is a wonderful place to engage in project-based learning. I love diving deep into students' interests and using the flexibility independent study provides to really explore topics that are meaningful to them."

Some independent study projects include students becoming "Citizen Scientists" and recording bird migration data for Cornell Ornithology labs, weekly STEAM challenges (using science, technology, engineering, art, and math to solve real-world problems), gardening and cooking units, and field trips throughout the community. Students in the Independent Study program are also able to attend the after-school program and take part in clubs.

Please call 459-1400 or visit our website at www.willitselementarycharter.com if you have questions or would like to learn more about this year's independent study program. Parents who are interested in enrolling their child for the 2020-21 school year should submit applications before April 30, 2020 to ensure that their child is included in our lottery.

As always, our goal is to give our students the tools to develop integrity, compassion, and confidence through inquiry-based learning. We look forward to another great year!

The morning then moves to a presentation of the day's lesson. Waldorf teachers are free



At left: The Willits Charter School's 2019 soccer team, the WCS Sasquatches, pose in their new soccer uniforms.

At left, below: La Vida high school students enjoy a nature walk.



The rest of La Vida

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coast in the 18th century. Students will also visit the 19th century tall ship, the Balclutha, in San Francisco. Sundials and human sun clocks will be studied, created, and permanently installed in the spring as well.

La Vida is pleased to announce that its charter was renewed for five more years by the Willits Unified School District. As described in the school's mission statement, La Vida Charter School exists to broaden the educational choices and opportunities for children and families who live in Mendocino County and surrounding areas, through independent study, home schooling, and Rudolf Steiner-inspired holistic teaching methods.

The school's board and staff are passionate about serving students who need alternatives, such as those living at a distance, or focused students that need time and space for their artistic pursuits, or for students without vaccinations or with health challenges, or for families desiring to homeschool.

Serving kindergarten through 12th grade, and tuition-free, the La Vida faculty helps support personally created educational pathways for each student, often combined with the optional two-day Steiner-inspired onsite program – Monday and Tuesday for elementary students,

The rest of Waldorf

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raised thousands of dollars for their upcoming trip to the nation's capital. In addition to being leaders for younger students on our verdant campus, they bring the spirit of revolution (to be studied this year) to our campus. It is gratifying to see the expression of their hard work as they embody what is best in Waldorf curriculum.

Our beginning of the year enthusiasm includes extra excitement as this year Waldorf education worldwide is celebrating our centennial! We invite everyone to join us on September 19 at 5:30 pm, for a birthday celebration. Our short program will include student performances, open classrooms, birthday cake, and the planting of a peace pole in honor of International Peace Day.

Based on the insights of Rudolf Steiner, the Waldorf approach to education is a vital and dynamic process designed to develop free, confident human beings who have the creativity, discipline, and moral strength to meet the challenges of our changing world. These capacities were relevant in post World War I Europe, and they remain important today.

What does Waldorf education look like? For 100 years, Waldorf teachers worldwide have greeted their students each morning at the door with a handshake. Upon entering the classroom, students and teachers gather their thoughts and focus to begin their day with a verse. This same morning verse is spoken by thousands of students in different of languages around the world in a conscious act to begin learning together.

The morning then moves to a presentation of the day's lesson. Waldorf teachers are free

and Wednesday and Thursday for high school. Fridays are for tutoring and special classes. As a member of the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education, the La Vida faculty attend annual summer trainings in Waldorf methods in order to bring culturally rich, dynamic, holistic learning experiences to the students in the onsite program.

La Vida is located on the beautiful and historic Ridgewood Ranch, home of Seabiscuit the legendary race horse. The school is privileged to utilize the 5,000 acre ranch for field excursions in science, main lessons and physical education. A special focus study on birds and their language will be a special focus in science. High school students care for and benefit from an herb garden in a La Vida signature course, "Herbal Studies."

State of the art technology experiences are also offered at La Vida. This year students will make a pinball machine in "Humming Bird Robotics" and will program remote-control car-like devices called "The Finch." A special science course utilizing Virtual and Alternate Reality technology in the ZSpace computers will occur in the winter.

For more information, call 459-6344.

to design and create their own lessons to best cultivate the capacities of each student. Art, music, drama and handcrafts permeate the teaching of all academic subjects: language arts, social studies, math and science, allowing children to learn with all their senses. Waldorf students in the first through eighth grades create their own textbooks based on the information presented and research done on their own. These Main Lesson books are fashioned with care, handwritten in cursive, and illustrated.

In today's media-saturated world, some senses are overstimulated (sight and sound), while others are under-stimulated (proprioception, touch, warmth). The holistic nature of Waldorf education and the inclusion of less-traditional classes – woodworking, gardening, string music, clay modeling, and visual arts – enliven the full faculties of students.

Not knowing what work our graduates will ultimately do, WSMC prepares students for life. We build capacities for the future. These are just a few of the highlights of what makes Waldorf education unique.

We love to show off our campus and offer tours on most Wednesday mornings. The Waldorf School of Mendocino County is celebrating its 48th year as a leader in Waldorf education. WSMC offers education from pre-school through eighth grade, with after-school care available. WSMC is currently accepting applications for the 2019-20 school year. We will also be offering our Roots and Shoots parent/toddler program, starting in September. Please contact us at 485-8719, enroll@mendocinowaldorf.org, or visit us at www.mendocinowaldorf.org.

The rest of WCS

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while we cleaned, weeded, moved furniture, and got the school ready for our students, faculty, and staff!

Willits Charter School for the Arts and Sciences has been fortunate in that we have been attracting new faculty and staff members who will not only help our students achieve academically but will also help us grow our programs. In true WCS fashion, we are so fortunate that we attract educators who are skilled in both their content areas and in the arts!

This year we welcome artist and mathematician Angela Lau to teach eighth-grade through 12th-grade math and College Prep Art to our high school students. Angela is a talented painter and is excited to teach our high school students new techniques. She has previously tutored many of our high school students in upper level math. She graduated from UC Riverside with a BA in Pure Mathematics and Business Administration.

We are also excited to have Melody Ulrich join our team as our Special Education teacher. She is a highly skilled teacher who has shared her talents through programs at the Mendocino County Office of Education. She graduated from Humboldt State University with a degree in Art Education/Fine Art.

We welcome Patrick Bryant as our new sixth- and seventh-grade math/science teacher. Patrick graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a degree in Anthropology. He has been working in our sixth- and seventh-grade classrooms for the last year and is so excited to transition to the classroom teacher. He has incredible skills in the area of Wilderness Survival and will be teaching that program.

Last but not least, we are bringing on a WCS alum as a paraprofessional in our classrooms, Monica Grossman. After graduating from WCS, Monica moved on to Mendocino Community College and then to Sonoma State University, where she was on the Dean's List and in a few Honor Societies.

We continue to grow our alumni on our faculty/staff, and it's so rewarding for our veteran teachers to have former students working in their classrooms. A fun fact is that all three of our new teachers and our new paraprofessional are current/former parents of WCS students!

Another exciting change to our program is a new middle/high school math program called "Big Ideas Math." Upon request by teachers, students and parents, we made a decision to use a rigorous, college prep curriculum that is not only textbook-based but combines discovery learning with direct instruction. We will still use online resources, but students will have a textbook to refer to.

Big Ideas Math was referred to us from the educators at Redwood Academy in Ukiah, and we are thrilled to make the change. Although online math has its place, much research has been done that shows students learn better from books rather than online – especially in the area of mathematics.

Willits Charter School's food program has become so popular we now serve to three different schools! Students in our Culinary Program are learning valuable information in the areas of cooking, growing food that can be used in our kitchen, and how to run a business. Our food program is led by Katie Lacy and her amazing staff.

In addition to the growth of our Culinary Program, we are also adding Robotics to our elective programs. We will be using Vex Robotics kits in our classroom; we are excited to see this program get started and how far the students take it.

We are also proud to continue our new sports program that includes soccer and cross country running, as well as the wide variety of electives we offer such as Ceramics, Theater Arts, Radio Production, Drawing and Painting, Gardening, Rock Band, Music Ensemble, Computer Science, Choir, and much, much more.

Our first Friday of the school year will begin with an all-school field trip to Big River Beach. This is a special day where we engage in team-building activities, eat delicious food, play fun games, and get to know all of our new students.

If you are interested in enrolling at Willits Charter School, please contact our office at 459-5506 or print out an application from our website www.willitscharter.org and bring it in. We look forward to seeing all of our students on the first day of school, Monday, August 26!

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Go: Saturday, August 24, 9-12
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All meetings are held at the Brooktrails Community Center.
Attend any or all of these meetings
Contact info@sherwoodfirewise.org for more information.

At right: Haylee, Everly and Matt Gernert check out one of the airplanes on display at Airport Day.

The rest of Airport

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demonstrate their model planes' agility and flight capability. Some of the models were quite large, with 3- to 4-foot wingspans.

One of the more attractive and historical aircraft on display at this year's air show was the shiny silver-colored 1942 BT13, owned and flown by Rene Vercruyssen. After being turned down for a fighter-plane contract in World War II, the company that made the BT13s attained a contract to produce these planes as trainers for the Air Corps and Air Force.

At one time there were several hundred of the aircraft being used in the training of over 5,500 cadets. Vercruyssen named his plane after Cornelia Clark Ford, a pioneering female aviator who gained some notoriety as one of the first pilots to see the approaching Japanese at Pearl Harbor when she was on a training flight. She rushed back and warned the base. She ended up in the Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots, aka WASPS, who during the war transported planes from the manufacturers to the bases. She crashed and died while transporting a BT13 to an airbase in Texas.

The Willits Airport is owned and operated by the City of Willits, managed by City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra, Deputy City Manager Cathy Moorhead, and Public Works Superintendent Bill Wilson. The airport has been in its current location since 1964, when it moved from Commercial Street, where the Willits Skate Park is now.

The city is taking bids at the present time to update the 3,000-foot runway to allow for larger aircraft. The airport is utilized by several firefighting entities during fire season, including a fire spotter co-op and CalFire, as well as the REACH medical helicopter and others.





At left: Ronny Lee Spence plays a classical guitar, one of his favorite instruments to play. Below: A worksheet teaches kids to read musical sign language.



Above: Mikey Gillespie gets the feel of a guitar as Spence and his granddaughter, Egypt, look on. At right: Mikey Gillespie imagines himself as a rock star. Below: Egypt Spence follows simple tablature for the piano.



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to provide a base for further learning.

Spence got his start in music at an early age. His first instrument was a "plastic crank-up guitar that had a little handle on it." His musical acumen soon became evident, and he joined the musicians union at the tender age of 10 as a flamenco guitarist, playing on TV in a mariachi outfit.

"My first recording session was in Houston, Texas in the '70s," Spence said. "Then I came out to California and I worked on the road for a little while and was in Los Angeles in the mid-'80s. In 1982 I was working for a band called the Busboys.

"They had this idea to take their surplus of songs and start another band with another record deal. They ran auditions with Arista Records with a nightly slew of guitar, bass and drummers trying to get this gig. I ended up in a band with cream-of-the-crop, hand-picked musicians of the LA music scene of the time. We opened all the Busboys' shows." Spence spent much of his time in Los Angeles as a studio musician, playing a myriad of instruments.

The Musicians Institute taught Spence how to teach as well as how to play, and he has taught in Willits for about 20 years. "I've taught a lot of kids here," he said, "some of whom have gone on to become professional musicians." He has the musical knowledge to teach almost any instrument, but especially likes guitar, drums, bass guitar, vocals, ukulele and harmonica.

Spence believes that music has a profound impact on the development of young minds. "There's something called 'spatial reasoning capacity,'" he explains. "Music divides space and time. It's also basically a foreign language. By learning this extra language, which is also a physical language, you go from your brain to your fingertips or to your vocal cords to express yourself.

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beginning in 1995.

Given the current financial climate, Willits Unified's credit rating, and conservative assumptions with respect to changes in assessed value of district property, he provided the board with a range of choices for total bond amounts and associated tax rates. Each scenario assumes four separate bond issues with a repayment of the full amount authorized in 2055.

A \$30 tax rate per \$100,000 of assessed value supports a total offering of \$13 million; a \$40 tax rate \$16.75 million; a \$50 tax rate \$21 million; and a \$60 tax rate supports \$25.25 million.

With respect to choice of rate, "the question is, which one?" said Westerburg. "I think we can get by on \$30."

Bauer pointed out that knowing "how the community feels about a tax rate" would be an important factor in choosing one, and the only way to get that information was to conduct a survey.

In fact, the first step in his recommended timeline for board action was an "independent survey by an independent consultant ... whose sole job is as a statistician to give you the facts."

He emphasized that the consultant chosen not be "tied to anyone's firm" whose fees are dependent on the sale of the bonds so as to avoid the possibility of bias with respect to the survey's results.

"We may do a survey and find the vast majority of people are not supportive and then say that's not an option ... don't do it," said Westerburg. "I think we need to at least get to that point. Honestly I have a hard time with not finding out where we're at. Let's get the results. Let's find out."

"As a board, we have to make a decision fairly quickly here," he said. "I've been very clear on my position. I hear nobody likes the 'B word' in Willits. I would rather lose 100 to one than do nothing, because it's my obligation to make sure we have quality facilities."

"I don't think selling the need to fix the facilities is difficult at all. The need is fairly obvious," he said. "We've got to get off the stick. We're either going to do it or not to do it."

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Above: Robyn Holden, left, talks with Rose Mehtlan, new North County Center operations supervisor, about her math class. Below: Holden shows her book for her math class this semester at Mendocino College: Quantitative Literacy.

color of the leaves dotting the college grounds.

Rose Mehtlan will serve as the college's new operations supervisor at the North County Center this fall. She moved to the college from Willits High School, where she has spent the last 16 years working in a variety of jobs, including attendance secretary, registrar and administrative secretary.

In her new role with Mendocino College, Mehtlan will be scheduling class courses, handling the day-to-day onsite services, and acting as the first point of contact for the faculty. She will also monitor enrollment, assist in developing the budget, and work with the team to make great experiences for the staff and students of the college.

"I'm very excited for this new opportunity, and look forward to seeing new - and familiar! - faces," said Mehtlan.

One such returning face is that of Robyn Holden, a continuing student who is currently enrolled in Math 178: Quantitative Literacy.

As a math tutor, Holden likes to continue her education, making sure she is up-to-date and ready with the answers to help those seeking tutoring.

"I enjoy taking classes at Mendocino College because it's here in town," laughed Holden. "I do some on-

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the County of Mendocino) were subjected to genocidal policies that often deprived them of their ancestral lands, their freedom and their lives; and sought to eradicate [their] language, culture, social and family ties.

However, the proclamation continues, "numerous tribal governments and entities have survived in the area ... and have worked to preserve and revive traditional tribal practices and disseminate knowledge of them to the wider community; and Mendocino County recognizes and values the many contributions, both historical and contemporary, made to our community through indigenous peoples' knowledge, philosophy, culture, art and labor."

The county says it wishes "to formally recognize, honor and celebrate the thriving diverse tribal governments, entities and cultures of the indigenous peoples' of this region."

Supervisors read the proclamation twice, once in the morning, at the beginning of the meeting, and again in late afternoon. Especially during the late afternoon, there was quite a bit of emotion in the room, as native people came to the podium to thank supervisors for adopting the proclamation.

"I want to thank all of our ancestors, that survived, so that

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Department for their response. "Our fire department is one of the most wonderful agencies," he said, "they're volunteers, and they are top-notch - WPD is top-notch, too, but I just wanted to give them a shout out for their help today."

"PG&E worked safely and as quickly as possible to squeeze the line" - a 2 inch plastic gas line hit with a backhoe - "and stop the flow of gas by 1:15 pm," PG&E's Parrish said Wednesday afternoon. "PG&E is now making repairs to the line in order to restore gas service. Gas service to nine customers will be impacted during this time."

"We ask customers that, for their safety, please do not attempt to relight the pilot lights. PG&E will do that when the repairs are made."

Parrish said PG&E will "continue to investigate how this happened," and noted: "The safety of our customers, crews and communities we serve is our most important responsibility."

location classes, but also enjoy taking classes online, too."

Holden sang the praises of the college's math teacher, Michelle Snider, whose class she always looks forward to.

Online and weekend classes are another way for students who wish to attend school, but are unable to fit the regular weekday classes into their calendars. The new Weekends to Success program is being geared specifically towards helping with this situation.

A selection of classes are being offered as on-site or hybrid online/on-site classes on Fridays and Saturdays to help busy students achieve a 12-unit, full-course schedule, with minimal or no interruption to their regular work days.

English Composition, Religions of the World, Intro to Public Speaking, Astronomy, and Astronomy Observation are all offered at the North County Center this semester.

English Composition teacher Steve Hellman also offers a traditional English 200 class on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 12:50 pm at the center, and his students gathered for a photo op Wednesday morning (see front page) to help Willits Weekly kick off this week's Education Edition.

Hellman, in cheery spirit, offered a hint of some extra credit to his students who were up for representing the class, much to their enjoyment.

Small-town colleges are not only great fun to attend, keep you near your family, friends and home town, and allow you to continue attending school with previous classmates, they're also packed with qualified instructors, caring staff, and a community support system all working for the common goal of further education, all for a fraction of the price of larger schools.

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Ada Stephenson, a member of the Cahto Tribe in Laytonville, added: "I've been fighting my whole life. No matter where I was, whether it was Alcatraz, Florida, Georgia, New Mexico, when Columbus Day came, I stood with the frontline people to oppose it, because we considered Columbus Day a day of national mourning. We still do. Today, it will be a good day..."

"The reason I wanted to speak is because of all the darkness that we've grown to," Stephenson said. "We've lived it. We are the history of Mendocino County. Every tribal person in this room, their families, their grandparents. We are the legacy. And today we start anew. And with that, I want to thank each and every one of [the supervisors] for coming forward. It's a progressive thought." Third District Supervisor John Haschak, who with Second District Supervisor John McCowen was one of the sponsors of the proclamation, addressed the assembly.

"It was asked of me, what do we do next?" Haschak said. "I would love to continue on with next steps in this process. The schools - there are so many schoolteachers out there who would love for people to come talk about Indigenous Peoples' Day, and culture and everything. "So please reach out to the schoolteachers in our communities," Haschak said.

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Jazzercise

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"I feel like I have more energy and don't drag through the day anymore," added Angella Ostrowski. "And I can think better and get more done in my day."

Each participant fully enjoys Foster as an instructor and the community that's being created as a whole with these classes. "Amy's really enthusiastic and fun and encouraging. She's always positive, even if I'm turning the wrong way or having directional issues," said Lisa Bowles, eliciting some chuckles.

Katrina Hall said: "My sister and I came on a whim and didn't think we were going to stick with it. The more I come, the easier it gets, and now I can sing along with the music because I know what I'm doing." Hall's sister, Trisa Hall added: "It's just gotten easier and easier, and I've gotten more stamina and confidence. We've got a strong community. It's nice to have all these ladies supporting me."

"I'm passionate about Jazzercise!" said Foster. "It's my workout, too. It's a little community, and you start to build relationships with people because you see them every day. You get to know them and care about them. We just have women right now, and it's a wonderful support group."

Foster's Jazzercise classes are offered at the Little Lake Grange, Room 9, 291 School Street, at 8:45 am Monday through Friday and at 5:30 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call her with any questions at 707-472-9016.

To find out more in general about Jazzercise, "the original dance party workout," visit www.jazzercise.com.



Photos by Ree Slocum

Above: Angella Ostrowski, left, laughed heartily with instructor Amy Foster and Lisa Bowles as they goof around after receiving T-shirts for their class participation for their first 10 days in a month of classes. Below, left: Hand weights are used to muscle-tone the upper body. Below, right: The scene in front of the Willits Grange at 5:30 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. At bottom: This group of women, made up of mostly teachers, enjoys the early morning workout together with Jazzercise instructor Amy Foster.



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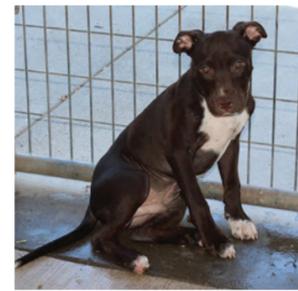
Like all puppies, Blossom is adorable, sweet and precious. This little girl is very playful, and she loves, loves, loves her toys! Blossom is very social and enjoys dressing up on occasion. Blossom is a 3-month-old spayed female mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 15 pounds. Come to the shelter and visit all of our canine and feline guests, and get yourself some puppy slurps!



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Puppy Charlie

Charlie is one of our recent crop of puppies this summer to thrive in foster care! His foster family and, I might add, the foster family dog, all gave him rave reviews! In spite of the serious face in this photo, he is a very happy, playful guy that is quick to learn and easy to love! Sounds like he has it all, so don't miss out. Come down and introduce yourself to this little spark of sunshine. We have adoption applications ready and waiting just in case!



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