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Summer Expo

To the Editor:

Sparetime Supply had its third annual Summer Expo at the Rec Grove on August 10-12. The Expo is a buying show where our wholesale customers meet our vendors to learn about their products. The show went very well; we filled the hotels in Willits and brought hundreds of people into our community who had the opportunity to enjoy the local eateries and hangouts. Events like this are what allow Sparetime to support many of the community activities throughout the year. I apologize to the people and families that were unable to use the park during our event.

Thank you to everyone involved with the production. I especially wanted to thank Marcy Barry and her crew from Willits Frontier Days for their time and effort to support our event. It was important to Sparetime Supply and me. Thanks to Willits residents and the City of Willits for allowing the use of the Rec Grove. I don't think we could, nor would want to, do it elsewhere. This is a great opportunity to share our hometown with our vendors and customers, and boy do they enjoy it.

Michael A. Griggs Sr., Willits

Poll workers needed

To the Editor:

The Mendocino County Elections Department is currently looking for poll workers in our Willits, Fort Bragg, Mendocino, Little River and Point Arena polling locations for our November 7, 2017 Consolidated District Election.

We also need an inspector and a judge in our Little River polling place due to the retirement of our longtime workers. This would be a great opportunity for service organizations to help their communities. All of our workers receive a stipend from the county for their work.

Please call Gina at 707 234-6808 for additional information. Your help would be greatly appreciated!!

Mendocino County Elections Department

Pampered at HMH

To the Editor:

This community is so fortunate.

To have the new Howard Memorial Hospital, but even more, the people that work there. I recently had a hip replacement surgery done. When there are a large number of people working together, you normally find dissension among them. I didn't see any sign of that – these people work as a team. If a problem arises, anyone close by pitches in to help.

I would like to thank each and every one of them, from the surgeon (Dr. Bowen) to the anesthesiologist, to all the nurses that cheerfully attended to me, to the physical therapists who convinced me I could do what seemed impossible. On my discharge day, Dr. Bowen came in and asked if I was ready to go home. I told him no way. I haven't been this pampered and spoiled my whole life. Can I stay another week? He laughed and said you're ready. By the way, the food is simply awesome. Thank you so much to all the personnel.

Jim Montalvo, Willits

Thank you all for the truck

To the Editor:

I had previously submitted a letter to the editor regarding the Harrah Senior Center's need of a truck for our thrift store. This truck enables us to pick up some of the bigger donated items such as furniture. I cannot stress how critical the thrift store revenue is to our financial stability. It helps fill some of the financial shortfall in our Outreach, Transportation and Nutrition departments. We literally would not be able to keep our doors open and provide these much-needed services without the income generated by our thrift store.

In response to the previous letter, a caring individual who wishes to remain anonymous walked into my office with a check for \$7,000. I also had Cathy Ortiz and John Smoot, both longtime residents of Willits and members of the senior center, come and sit and talk with me about carrying out the wishes of Wellington "Mac" McClellan. Mac was also a member of the senior center for many years. Cathy was a close friend of Mac, and John is in charge of Mac's trust. Mac's only stipulation was the money be distributed to support local non-profits here in Willits. Cathy's mom Bettye Bays and Bettye's father John Bromley helped establish the senior center in 1978. So the senior center was an appropriate place to be the recipient of Mac's generosity and kindness.

I received a check in the amount of \$15,000 from Cathy Ortiz. Cathy and John shared the sentiment that the senior center is such an integral part of the community the donation would help the senior population and honor Mac's wishes. So I began the process of looking for a truck. I quickly realized how much it would cost for a used truck that would fill our needs. I ran into our anonymous donor at Frontier Days and was asked how the process of securing the money for the truck was proceeding. I said I was still looking and was told if we ran a little short to feel free to reach out for additional money.

I found the ideal truck, a used 2016 GMC Sierra 1500 Regular cab long box 2-wheel drive with only 14,853 miles, practically brand-new. Scott Silveira of Silveira Buick GMC gladly knocked about \$1,000 off the price of the truck after I mentioned we were a non-profit. I had the out-the-door costs and made the call to the aforementioned anonymous donor who without hesitation gave an additional \$4,000.

As a non-profit we survive on the generosity and kindness of others. People in this small town of Willits care about their community; they realize the importance the senior center plays in the daily lives of so many people. Individuals donate money and volunteer their time. Last year volunteers donated 39,500 hours of their time. Businesses donate items for our yearly Fun-Ding raffle and other fundraising events. They buy advertising space in our newsletter. People donate household items and shop at our thrift store and look forward to shopping at our Christmas Store every holiday season. The response we receive from the community as a whole is overwhelming.

I would like to give a special thanks to Cathy Ortiz and John Smoot for their donation on behalf of "Mac" and to our anonymous donor who together made it possible for us to purchase the much-needed truck for our thrift store. I would also like to thank each and every one of you who have supported us over the years. You are all making a difference, not only in the lives of seniors but also in the lives of their family members who entrust to us their most precious gifts, their mothers, fathers and grandparents.

Richard Baker, director, Willits Seniors Inc.

An amazing gift

To the Editor:

Dear Bodyworks Gym: I want to thank you for the amazing gift I was given in 2016: the 6-month membership you gave me to continue working on my weight loss. It made all the difference and helped me tremendously. I started working on my weight in 2013 by joining Weight Watchers, which I am still active in. By February of 2014 I had lost 100 pounds, all from just eating better. At that time I could not exercise from the severe back pain I had, and I could barely walk or stand for five minutes at a time. From 2014 to 2015 I had stopped losing weight, I had plateaued, and whether I gained or lost weight, I was always within a couple pounds of the 100 I had lost.

In May of 2015 I ended up needing emergency back surgery, and it turned out to be a complete success, even if I didn't think so at the time. I started to become depressed, and I turned back to food for comfort and ended up gaining 60 pounds back of what I had lost. In January of 2016 I started to focus on what was positive in my life, and then on my weight. I started going to Weight Watchers meetings again and walking.

It was in July of 2016 that I started going to the gym. That is when something amazing happened. Tammy Long of Adventist Health and Hospice Services and Michael Tobin of Bodyworks Gym surprised me with the gym membership. I started exercising, and I still am going to the gym faithfully each week. Exercise was what was missing from my life; it is exactly what I needed and it makes my day have a much better outlook.

Your gym has been a great environment to work out in. Everyone I have encountered there from staff to members has been very friendly and supportive.

In September 2016 I contacted a local personal trainer, Matthew Arlich, to seek guidance to make sure I was exercising with weights correctly – I wanted to be safe. Matthew Arlich is the best and ended up being a great friend, too. I highly recommended him.

I want to thank everyone for all the encouragement, support and love I have received from my friends and family as well as the local community. I especially want to thank my friend Bernadette for talking me into going to Weight Watchers in the first place. To Carol, Mary, Vickie and Laura all of Weight Watchers who encouraged me along the way and have been so supportive. Jackie for being my walking buddy. Dr. Rasha Germain, who did my back surgery and gave me back my life, pain-free. Adventist Health Home Care and Hospice Services for being such a supportive place of work and encouraging LivingWell. Every one of my co-workers who are so supportive. Trudy for being a constant beacon of happiness and support. Matthew for guidance, education and working out with me each week. You became such a good friend. There are so many more people that have supported me, encouraged me, and helped me in some way that the list could go on and on. I sincerely thank every single one of you.

When I started my weight Loss journey I weighed 446.7 pounds, and as of August 14, 2017 I weighed 221.2 pounds, for a total loss of 226.4 pounds. I have lost 50 percent of my body weight. My progress amazes me every day. Thank you for your help in changing my life.

Matthew Hartke, Willits



Above: Tucker's Tech Repair is located upstairs on the north side of Brown's Corner. At right: Tucker the dog graces the company's logo.

Photos by Joanne Moore

Tucker's Tech Repair

New business at Brown's Corner repairs phones, tablets, game consoles and more

Exceptional customer service and customer satisfaction are guaranteed at Tucker's Tech Repair at Brown's Corner.

Tucker himself – customer service rep, business namesake, and dapper border collie/greyhound mix – provides a unique and heartfelt welcome to customers dropping off their precious electronic devices in need of repair.

Technician and business owner Byron Aberle then brings years of experience and education to the task of quickly and expertly repairing that phone, or drone, or game console, or headphones, or other small device.

Aberle and his wife, Codi, came to Willits from Sacramento last June, but they're not newcomers. They grew up here and are glad to be back, bringing big city know-how in the rapidly changing electronics world to their hometown.

Common phone fixes include cracked screens, water damage, charging port replacement, and battery replacement.

Less common fixes are also welcome. Aberle is able to solder very, very small electrical components using a microscope and micro-solder iron. He's certified in

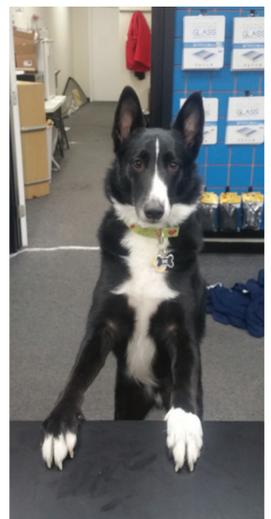
board rework and can fix circuitry in a wide variety of products: think tablet, piano, electronic control module, AC unit... One of his current projects is a gate controller that stopped working.

He agrees with one of his old bosses who had a saying: "If it has an on/off button, bring it on in." He says he'll take a look at anything – "if you have to plug it in."

In addition to bringing over five years of hands-on experience to his work, Aberle has a solid educational background, with one year to go to receive his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering at Arizona State University. After that, he plans on a master's degree and maybe a Ph.D.

Aberle guarantees his work, prices are very reasonable, there's a quick turnaround time, and he will help you decide whether repair or replace is the better choice for you before you spend anything. "It's worth seeing what we can do," he said.

Tucker's Tech Repair is open Monday through Friday from 11 am to 7 pm and Saturdays by appointment. It's located at 1781 South Main, up the stairs on the north side at Brown's Corner. Call 707-518-3241 or go to www.tuckertechnrepair.com for more information.



At right, clockwise from top left: Byron Aberle of Tucker's Tech Repair in his new office at Brown's Corner. Customer service rep Tucker is ready to help with repairs. Aberle at work soldering small things. Tucker loves to greet customers.

Ar left: Ready to help! The front desk at the new office of Tucker's Tech Repair.

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Friendly Posey

Posey is a 1-year-old neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 52 pounds. Posey can be a little shy but warms up quickly and loves playing off leash with all his canine friends. Posey would love a home with a playful canine friend. He also enjoys playing in water, so trips to the river or even a kiddie pool in the back yard would be Posey heaven. Posey has been so patient waiting for his new family to find him and is one of our longest guests. Come down and take this soulful dog out for a walk and see what you think!

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



Sweet Bean

Bean is a very sweet 1-year-old Lab mix puppy who needs the typical guidance that will help him grow into a well-adjusted dog. Lots of exercise, training and love will be just the ticket to make one very handsome young dog into the perfect addition to your family. He loves his toys and chews to play, with so stock up and meet him soon!

For more information on Bean or other adoptable animals, call Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County at 485-0123, check www.mendohumanesociety.com, or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley.

Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

Hung jury in attempted murder case

A mistrial was declared Monday evening in the attempted murder trial of a 28-year-old San Jose man.

While the jury deadlocked, 11-1, on the attempted murder charge, they did find Ryan Joseph Maxstadt guilty of assault with a firearm on a California Highway Patrol officer, including a finding that Maxstadt had personally used a firearm in the commission of the assault. They also found Maxstadt guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Dan McKeel
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The jury foreman announced the 12 jurors "were deadlocked and unable to reach a unanimous verdict," on the attempted murder charge just before 6 pm after a four-day trial, said Mendocino County DA David Eyster, who prosecuted the case, in a post on his "Mendocino County District Attorney" Facebook page. The jury was split 11-1 in favor of finding Maxstadt guilty, the DA said, and Judge Ann Moorman declared a mistrial on that count.

A date for a new trial on the attempted murder charge was expected to be set Wednesday.

Maxstadt was arrested in Willits on December 20, 2016, after leading Ukiah police and state traffic officers on a high-speed chase up Highway 101 that reached speeds of up to 100 mph.

Willits Police Department officers deployed a spike strip at Highway 20 and Walker Road, flattening the Kia sedan's tires, but failing to stop the vehicle. Just north of Holly Street, he pointed a handgun out of the driver-side

window and fired multiple rounds at pursuing officers. The Kia continued north for a short distance before Maxstadt abandoned the car and ran into a nearby creekbed.

Sheriff's deputies used a K-9 dog to track Maxstadt, who was found approximately 100 yards north of his car, in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

Maxstadt, the Sheriff's Office reported at the time, "refused to comply with orders by deputies, or to show his hands." The police dog was deployed and bit Maxstadt "multiple times," holding him in place until deputies could take him into custody.

Maxstadt was treated for his injuries at Howard Memorial Hospital, and then booked into Mendocino County Jail on multiple charges.

The chase began after the Sheriff's Office received a call regarding mail theft from a resident on Robinson Creek Road in rural Ukiah.

Deputies located one package of stolen mail in a home in the 2200 block of South State Street, and arrested 24-year-old Amanda Delvalle on suspicion of possessing stolen property, violating probation, conspiracy, and mail theft.

They identified Maxstadt, a wanted felon, as the driver of the vehicle seen stealing the mail. Deputies and Ukiah police officers began searching for the Kia in the greater Ukiah area, and just before 7:30 p.m. found it near Talmage Road and Hastings Road.

When officers tried to stop the vehicle, Maxstadt fled and the pursuit began, with state traffic officers joining the chase up Highway 101.

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identity has not been made public, "was found violently beaten and unconscious," McCoy said.

Medical aid was rendered, and the victim was immediately flown to an out-of-town hospital for treatment. The victim's current condition remains unknown.

WPD officers said the suspects allegedly assaulted the victim for several minutes before police arrived.

Both Flanagan and Vaughn were arrested on suspicion of attempted murder and booked into county jail.

The Willits Police Department is asking anyone who was in or around the Highway 20 park at the time of the incident, and who may have information, to call 459-6122.

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

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8 board meeting, when 62 persons addressed the board, or the August 22 board meeting, when 35 persons spoke.

Most of those who spoke during the two meetings called for significant changes to the ordinance, including provisions that cultivation permits can be transferred to new property owners, or that persons who have not cultivated before in Mendocino County may get permits to cultivate cannabis on rangeland.

Under the current version of the ordinance, permit transfers are limited to family members or trusts only, and expansion of new cannabis cultivation into rangeland is prohibited, except in special circumstances.

Instead of addressing these major issues, the changes proposed by supervisors on Tuesday appeared to be "policy work" changes that cleared up internal inconsistencies within the ordinance, or closed loopholes.

In some cases, the changes incorporated into the ordinance seem to liberalize the measure in relatively small ways.

For example, the deadline for applying for a permit for phase one of the ordinance was changed from December 31, 2017, to June 30, 2018. Language stating that permits for a mixed-light or indoor permit "shall" include a representative from the Department of Planning and Building Services was changed to "may" include a representative from planning and building. Language specifying a limit on the amount of wattage of artificial light that may be cast on any square foot of cannabis grown indoors or using a mixed-light method was removed.

In the definitions section (10A.17.020), the board decided daycare centers and youth centers are to be added to the definition of "youth-oriented facility." In 10A.17.030, the section dealing with exemptions to the ordinance, language was clarified to state that the limit for an exemption given to a qualified patient or patients per legal parcel is 100 square feet. The next subsection was clarified to state that the maximum total area in which a primary caregiver or caregivers can grow cannabis for qualified patients on one legal parcel is 200 square feet.

A new subsection, 10A.17.080(B)(5), was added, stating: "Persons eligible to apply for a permit during phase one may apply for a different and/or larger permit type in subsequent years, subject to all the requirements of this chapter."

The board agreed to include "time out" language for cannabis cultivators taking a break authored by Supervisor John McCowen into the ordinance. The addition occurs in section 10A.17.080(B)(2)(d). The old language stated, in effect, once you are out, you will always be out. But new language allows for a one-year timeout period every five years.

Here is the old language: "If a permit is granted pursuant to this paragraph (B) (2) in these zoning districts, any future revocation or lapse in renewal of such permit shall extinguish the ability of any person to obtain a permit for such cultivation site."

The new language adds the provision, "except not more than once every five years the person qualified to apply for a permit to cultivate on such site may file a notice of non-cultivation with the Department of Agriculture."

Compliance plan

Supervisors also refined Section 10A.17.100, which regulates how permits are to be issued. Previous language stated: "If, during the pre-permit site inspection, violations of any building, health and safety or other ordinance or

regulation are discovered, the applicant shall be required to submit a written plan to remediate the violations at the earliest feasible date, but in no event later than one year after the issuance of the permit. Said plan shall be signed by the applicant, approved by the relevant enforcement agency or agencies, and compliance with said plan shall be a condition of the permit."

The new language states: "Discovery of any violations of any Mendocino County Code during the permit application process will be treated in a similar manner to violations that are self-reported during an active amnesty program, that is, the violations will still need to be corrected, but any investigative or penalty fees associated with an after-the-fact county permit will be waived.

"If the violations are directly related to a phase one permit application, and/or if it is discovered that the permit would authorize a particular use for which a separate permit is required, but has not yet been obtained, the applicant shall be required to agree in writing to a compliance plan prior to issuance of the permit. Failure by the applicant to agree in writing to the required compliance plan shall be grounds for denial of the permit.

"In no event will more time be given to correct all violations and/or submit a complete application for each required permit than one year after the date of the issuance of the permit.

"After the applicant has signed the compliance plan ... the Agriculture Department may issue a permit restricted as indicated in the compliance plan, so long as no other barriers to such issuance exist. Failure to abide by the compliance plan shall be grounds for permit termination or non-renewal, pursuant to Section 10A.17.040."

After the board had gone over the changes proposed by staff, discussion opened to include other areas of the process of cannabis regulation not included in the revisions.

McCowen said he thought it would be important to come up with a protocol for determining whether applicants could be deemed in some way to be in "good standing." Such good standing would be the county's best effort to comply with state requirements that, before obtaining a state permit, growers of medical cannabis must first have a county permit.

The permitting process in Mendocino County is glacial. After Tuesday's meeting ended, Interim Commissioner of Agriculture Diane Curry told Willits Weekly the county has, since May 4, received exactly 700 applications for permits, but has issued only three.

In a memorandum to supervisors written early Tuesday morning, McCowen noted: "It is foreseeable that not all qualified applicants will be fully permitted by the time state licenses become available."

McCowen offered as pre-conditions of a status of "good standing," the submission of a complete application, completion of an initial site review, and no glaring issues that appear to jeopardize the issuance of a permit."

McCowen also said he wanted to open the process of revising and refining the cultivation ordinance to the public, preferring the working group model over that of establishing a cannabis advisory board. "I do believe the conference call/working group approach will be more flexible, fast-paced and effective than the appointment of a more formal committee dealing with multiple issues," McCowen wrote in his memorandum.

Supervisors Georgeanne Croskey and Carre Brown also liked the working group model better than an advisory board.



Above, left: Willits Charter School for the Arts and Science on Main Street sure knows the art and science of growing giant sunflowers! On the left in the WCS garden is gardening teacher Gwyn Ware; in the center is WCS graduate Josh Wear; on the right is ninth-grader Jasmyrn Rosado. Thanks, Director Jennifer Lockwood, for sending in this great photo. Above, right: Sunflowers given away as starts by Chris Hardaker of the 1,000 Sunflowers Project, now in bloom. At left: Saprina Rodriguez of Imagination Station Preschool poses with the sunflowers she planted in front of the school's colorful facade on East Commercial Street this summer. Rodriguez said she decided to plant these sunflowers as a way to be part of the Willits community, and to further community spirit – plus her students liked sunflowers! – Submitted by Paul Jacobson, 1,000 Sunflowers Project

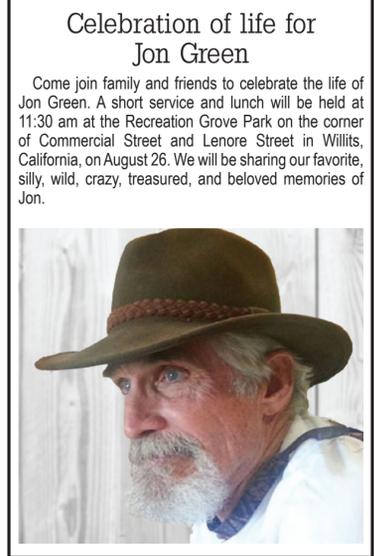


Sunflowers bloom around Willits

Willits Economic Localization's 1,000 Sunflowers Project has inspired businesses and locals to plant sunflowers around town – and with the end of the drought, there's been plenty of water for these thirsty, giant blooms. Leave your sunflowers up at the end of the season, and their oily, nutritious seeds will attract seed-loving small birds to your garden.

Chris Hardaker, one of the organizers of WELL's 1,000 Sunflower Project in Willits, died on Saturday, August 19. Hardaker brought sunflower starts to the Willits Farmers Market to give away earlier this summer. The photo below, center, is one of the beautiful results, posted on a Facebook thread about his passing, by friend Becky Button who wrote: "This is one of the sunflowers he gave us blooming at my house." 🌻 🌻 🌻

Button noted that on Saturday, September 2, at 2 pm, there will be a memorial gardening activity at the Brooktrails Community Garden where Hardaker was a founding member. Community members will plant perennials in Hardaker's honor, share stories, and make mosaic stepping stones. The public is welcome to attend the memorial.



Celebration of life for Jon Green

Come join family and friends to celebrate the life of Jon Green. A short service and lunch will be held at 11:30 am at the Recreation Grove Park on the corner of Commercial Street and Lenore Street in Willits, California, on August 26. We will be sharing our favorite, silly, wild, crazy, treasured, and beloved memories of Jon.

Below, left: Shawna Reese, pictured at left with Mariposa's current sunflower garden, is the floor manager at Mariposa Market. Reese says the sunflower display in the beds outside the store right now is the best floral arrangement she's ever seen at Mariposa. Reese was inspired to plant some sunflowers at her home. Mariposa owner Mary Anne Trevey decided on the sunflower display after reading about WELL's 1,000 Sunflowers Project. She said it seemed like a really cool idea to help beautify Willits. Mariposa Market has been in business in Willits since 1979, and has been at its current location at 500 South Main Street since 2009. – Submitted by Paul Jacobson, 1,000 Sunflowers Project.

Below, center: One of the sunflowers given as a start by Chris Hardaker, now in bloom.

Below, right: Thanks to Debi and John Vau who sent in this photo of a row of sturdy, lovely blooms growing in their sunflower garden in Brooktrails.

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Thursday, August 24

“The Cannabis Hour”: “Kids and Cannabis” will be the topic, with guest Amanda Reiman, MSW, PhD, cannabis and drug-policy expert and educator, and current head of Community Relations for Flow Kana, a branded cannabis distribution company working with small farmers in the Emerald Triangle. How do you talk to your children about cannabis? Does just say no work? Are Emerald Triangle kids at special drug risk? With host Jane Futcher. Thursdays, August 24, 9 am, on KZYX Radio, 91.5-FM. Questions at 9:40 am: 895-2448.

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

Willits Center for the Arts August Show: Last chance this weekend to see the iconic images of saints and angels by artists Marco Donner and Sue Ellen Parkinson in their show, “In the Realm of the Spirit.” Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. Info: visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

Hot Topics in Diabetes: Howard Hospital’s Clinical Nutrition Manager Annie Frassinello talks about “Garden Fresh Cooking,” Thursday, August 24, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Seabiscuit Conference Room, Howard Memorial Hospital, 1 Marcela Drive. RSVP: Dietitian’s Office: 456-3132.

Friday, August 25

Open House & Reception: Baechtel Grove Middle School has been refurbishing their gym. “Join us to celebrate and see the newly improved gym ... promote Willits pride and a healthy lifestyle.” Refreshments will be served. Friday, August 25. 5 pm. Tom Tilton Gymnasium, Baechtel Grove Middle School, 1150 Magnolia Street. Info: 459-2417.

Opening Game WHS Football: Home game to start the season: Willits High School versus Ukiah High School. Friday, August 25. No gate fee. JV game at 5:30 pm; varsity game at 7:30 pm (Varsity Head Coach Chris Bickford).

Youth Poetry Night: “Behind the Mic” open mic poetry reading at Brickhouse Coffee at the corner of Main Street and Commercial Street. It’s called “Youth Poetry Night” but people of all ages are invited to perform: read poetry, prose, play music and sing. Hosted by Tristan Cockrell. Friday, August 25 from 7 to 10 pm.

Shanachie Pub: Gun Hill Royals, “Their sound is a melting pot of many styles ... country waltzes to rug cutters.” Friday, August 25. 9 pm. \$5 cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



Gun Hill Royals

Saturday, August 26

“Customer Appreciation Day” at Mariposa: 38th Anniversary Celebration of Mariposa Market, selling organic natural foods since 1979. There will be food preparation demos, live music, a “Prize Wheel,” and food. Everyone invited.

Saturday, August 26, 10 am to 4 pm. 500 South Main Street.

“Quilty Pleasures”: the annual free outdoor quilt show by the Long Valley Outdoor Quilt Show, Saturday, August 26, 10 am to 4 pm, and Sunday, August 27, from 11 am to 4 pm, behind the Fat Quail Quilt Shop, along Highway 101 in Laytonville. “With 70 quilts [a few for sale] entered in the show this year it will be worth the trip to Laytonville just to see all of the color and pattern floating on gentle breezes in the sun.” On Saturday (only) Ron Crane will display his collection of antique washing machines. Raffle tickets on sale for the 2017 quilt plus themed baskets. All proceeds from raffle ticket sales go toward scholarships for Laytonville High School graduates. Raffle drawings will be on Sunday afternoon; no need to be present to win. Info: 984-6966 or visit http://thefatquail.com.



Hank’s Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or gluten-free, Beeler’s Quality Bacon, organic eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. Live music! \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Extra: sides of organic fruit and Amish organic maple syrup. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street.

Crawfish Boil in Laytonville: 11th annual food and music festival features crawfish, authentic jambalaya, pulled pork, goat, chicken, lamb, and oysters, plus other culinary treats. Music by Johnny Sketch and the Dirty Notes, Lost Bayou Ramblers, Ray and the Revelers, and more. Festival proceeds to improve Harwood Park, the health center, the rodeo grounds, local radio station 105.1 FM, and others. Tickets: \$100. Available at The Big Chief in Laytonville or at the gate. Sunday, August 27. Laytonville Rodeo Grounds. Info: the Big Chief at 984-6770.

Crawfish Boil in Laytonville

Sunday, August 27

The 11th Annual Crawfish Boil in Laytonville will be rocking once again! Gates open at 1 pm and festivities go until 10 pm this Sunday, August 27 at the Laytonville Rodeo Grounds. Chefs will prepare crawfish, authentic jambalaya, pulled pork, goat, chicken, lamb, and oysters to be served along with other culinary treats. Music provided by Johnny Sketch and the Dirty Notes, Lost Bayou Ramblers, Ray and the Revelers, to name a few. This year’s proceeds from the fundraiser will go to improving Harwood Park, to the health center, rodeo grounds, local low power FM station 105.1 and others. Tickets are \$100. Includes all food and entertainment. Please no dogs. Call the Big Chief at 707-984-6770 for tickets and information.

– Ree Slocum, Willits Weekly

Free Bridge Lessons

Start Saturday, September 2

“Beyond Basics” for bridge players who would like to spruce up your game, review what you already know, or just to meet new friends. Nine weeks beginning Saturday, September 2, 10 am to noon. Baechtel Creek Village Community Center. (Behind Grocery Outlet at the end of Alder Lane turn at Lumberjack’s Restaurant, 1700 South Main Street.) Information: Donna 459-9035.

– Donna Vaiano



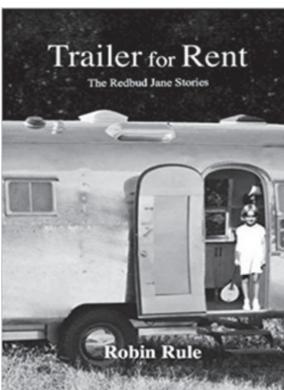
Robin Rule

“Trailer for Rent” Book Reading at Willits Library

Thursday, September 7

On Thursday, September 7 from 6 to 7 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, Robin Rule, award-winning local poet with four books of poetry published, is celebrating a new collection of 30 short stories, “Trailer for Rent: The Redbud Jane Stories.” It is young adult book about the methods an 11-year-old trailer girl uses to combat poverty, parental alcoholism, child abuse, and hunger. Redbud Jane refuses to lie down and just give up. She finds a way out of each of her problems of injustice, bigotry and people who have no sense or motivation to step out of ignorance. She is a one-girl circus, and she tries to put a smile on your face no matter how tough your problems are. There will be a book signing following the reading. Refreshments will be served.

– Dan Essman, Willits Weekly



Robin Rule

What's Happening Around Town

“Quilty Pleasures”: Final day for the Long Valley Quilters annual free outdoor quilt show at the Fat Quail Quilt Shop in Laytonville. See Saturday, August 26 listing for more details.

Tuesday, August 29

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week’s Tightwad movies: “The Dark Tower,” “Kidnap” (Halle Berry), and “Leap” (animated feature about a ballerina). For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Wednesday, August 30

WHS Soccer Games: First home games of the season, Willits High School versus South Fork High School. Wednesday, August 30 at WHS. Girls game (coach Tatiana Cantrell) starts at 4 pm; boys game starts at 6 pm.

Thursday, August 31

Dan Chesser’s 90th Birthday: “Dan is 90. Come celebrate with him. Everyone welcome for cake and celebration.” Thursday, August 31. 4 to 7 pm. At the new John’s Place, 377 South Main Street.



Wendy DeWitt

Shanachie Pub: Wendy DeWitt returns to the Pub with a night of booty-shaking blues and boogie. Thursday, August 31. 8 pm. \$5 cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, September 1

Free Back-to-School Clothes: the Mendocino County Youth Project will be providing free back-to-school clothes for middle-school and high school students in Willits. Friday, September 1. 1 to 5 pm. 30 San Francisco Street. Info: Aurelie Clivaz: 489-1258.

WHS Football Home Game: Willits High School versus Ferndale High School at home. Friday, September 1. No gate fee. JV game at

5:30 pm; varsity game at 7:30 pm (Varsity Head Coach Chris Bickford).

Shanachie Pub: Burnside from Sonoma County plays originals, soul, folk, indie and American. Friday, September 1, 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, September 2

Free Bridge Lessons: “Beyond Basics.” Bridge players who would like to spruce up their game, review what they already know, or just to meet new friends. Nine weeks beginning Saturday, September 2. 10 am to noon. Baechtel Creek Village Community Center located at the end of Alder Lane behind Grocery Outlet at the end of Alder Lane. Info: Donna 459-9035.

“Claws for a Cause” Benefit Dinner: Willits Rotary Club, South Ukiah Rotary, Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, and members of the Redwood Empire Lions Club dinner & auction “Claws for a Cause.” Maine lobster & filet mignon, appetizers and dessert by Adam’s Restaurant. Wine tasting by Barra. Music by Ed Reinhart Band. Proceeds to benefit the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center. Tickets: \$80, available at Willits Furniture, or call Erin Holzhauer 391-3873. Saturday, September 2. 5 to 9 pm. At the historic Howard House on Ridgewood Ranch, 16200 Highway 101. To make a contribution or be one of the event sponsors. Contact: Diane Cannon, board president, Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center: 489-8372, or Mike Smith, Willits Rotary Club event coordinator: 972-2471.

“Maintaining Inner Light – A Seven Year Journey”: Opening reception for the September show at the Willits Center for the Arts, Saturday September 2, 7 to 9 pm, features the enigmatic and brilliantly colored wall sculptures of String Creek artist Nancy McHone, plus the jewelry of Megan West McHone, MVMDesigns.com. Appetizers by Chef Marie Blancas. Wines by Naughty Boy Vineyards from Potter Valley. Saturday, September 2. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-1726.

Shanachie Pub: Traptoon Network, a three-DJ event including heavy bass, lighting, a fog machine, and a danceable vibe. Saturday, September 2, 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

COLUMN | At the Movies



“The Dark Tower”

The Story: The good guys sometimes win, but evil never really dies. The first Stephen King movie of 2017. This is an action flick with monsters ... supernatural monsters from outside the Universe. There is a Boy. The Boy has bad dreams. He dreams of a Tower. He dreams of a Man in Black who wants to destroy the Tower. He dreams of a Gunslinger who is the guardian of the Tower. No surprise ... the dreams are real.

My Thoughts: The “Dark Tower” does what it’s supposed to do. It entertains. I loved it. It’s based on a series of Stephen King books. It’s not the books. But movies rarely are. If you amuse yourself by reading critics, you will most probably avoid this movie. On the other hand, if you read me you will be bewildered because I contradict the critics. Like the heroic Gunslinger, I go my own way. Maybe I’m a hero. The critical establishment casts shade on Matthew McConaughey. He plays a really bad man and makes you want to kill him. That’s good acting. Idris Elba is the Gunslinger who’s world-weary, who’s been beaten down by so much evil. He is suffering. You feel for him. Again ... good acting. And there is the Boy

played by young Tom Taylor. He’s a buddy, you root for him. So ... whom should you believe? Those outsiders, those supernatural monsters from outside the Universe of common decency? Or me Dan your neighbor, the defender of all that’s good and kind.

Parents: Mothers and fathers are killed. Don’t bring your little ones. This flick is not for children. Teens and up.

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



Ongoing Events

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

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

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

Final days for August show “In the Realm of the Spirit” at the Willits Center for the Arts featuring iconic images of saints and angels by Willits artists Marco Donner and Sue Ellen Parkinson. 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11 am to 6 pm. Those interested in volunteering to be a docent, can call the art center at 459-1726.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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‘Mental Health: Up Close and Personal’

Tuesday, September 5
“Mental Health: Up Close and Personal,” with Willits residents Jed Diamond, Tom Allman and Gary Martin, set for Tuesday, September 5, is the first of a series of discussions on mental health issues in our community and how we can solve them. Presented by the Avenues to Wellness speaker series. 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

“In an effort to de-stigmatize the issues of mental illness and open up candid discussion, these three prominent community members will speak personally about their experience related to mental illness. Jed Diamond and Gary Martin will talk about how mental illness has affected their life, how they broke denial and their path to wellness through treatment. Tom Allman will share his experience of losing his brother to suicide and the mental illness he sees on our streets every day, as sheriff of Mendocino County.”

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Mariposa Market Anniversary
Saturday, August 26

Mariposa Market, the Willits center for organic natural foods since 1979, is having their 38th anniversary annual “Customer Appreciation Day” from 10 am to 4 pm, Saturday, August 26, 500 South Main Street. There will be food preparation demonstrations, live music, a “Prize Wheel,” and food. Everyone invited.

2017 Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival
September 9 and 10

Roots of Motive Power’s annual September steam-up is set for Saturday, September 9 (starts at 9 am) and Sunday, September 10 (goes through 4 pm) at the Roots of Motive Power facility at 420 East Commercial Street. “This is our big one-time-a-year steam-up. If you only come to one of our events, this is the one. Plumes of steam and the shrieks of steam whistles will fill the air as a variety of steam-powered equipment – everything that runs – is fired up. Our big Bucyrus Erie steam shovel will be out back digging on the dirt pile along with the bulldozers. The Heisler locomotive will be pulling the riding cars and giving rides to the public.” My good friend; kid friendly! Roots’ famous BBQ is back this year, at the Rec Grove Park, featuring beef, lamb and pork, along with many different salads. Raffle and live auction after the BBQ. Visit http://www.rootsofmotivepower.com for more information on one of Willits’ truly unique organizations.

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Senior Center Lunch
Week of August 28 through September 1
Monday: Hot Open Faced Turkey
Tuesday: Beef Stew
Wednesday: Pasta Carbonara
Thursday: Pineapple and Baked Ham
Friday: Chicken & Dumplings
Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entree, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.



Above, from left: Apprentices working at Live Power Farm in Round Valley, Mirjam from Germany, behind, and Tanvi from India, in front, were at the commons to view the eclipse on Monday. Fifth-grade teacher at Round Valley Elementary School Hannah Scherzer brought her class and the viewing instruments they made to see the eclipse. Josh Bennett, library associate at the Round Valley Library, thoroughly enjoyed the awesomeness of the eclipse. Erika Molnar, from Ithaca, NY, was in Covelo to take part in John Marshall's indigo-dying class. She said she was impressed by and enjoying the Covelo community.

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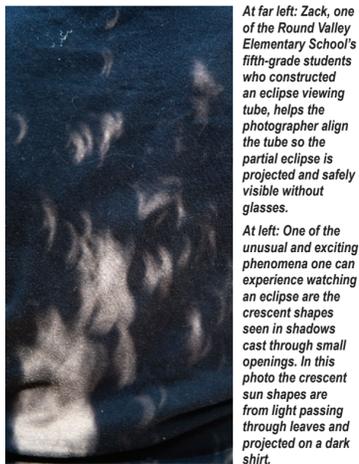
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At far left: Zack, one of the Round Valley Elementary School's fifth-grade students who constructed an eclipse viewing tube, helps the photographer align the tube so the partial eclipse is projected and safely visible without glasses.

At left: One of the unusual and exciting phenomena one can experience watching an eclipse are the crescent shapes seen in shadows cast through small openings. In this photo the crescent sun shapes are from light passing through leaves and projected on a dark shirt.

Solar Eclipse

Enthusiastic sun watchers gather at the Round Valley Library Commons

Josh Bennett, library associate at the Round Valley Library in Covelo, took his love for astronomy and turned it into a community event on Monday as the sun was slowly being covered by the moon in a pathway across North America – and the Covelo Library Commons. Close to 50 people – including the fifth-grade class from the Round Valley Elementary School – donned the approved glasses, looked at projected-eclipse images, read provided materials, and talked with one another about this amazing phenomenon. The eclipse peaked at 10:14 am – when people saw the sun only as a small crescent – and the moon finished passing over the sun at 11:34 am.

A solar eclipse takes place when the moon moves in front of the sun and slowly blocks the light hitting the Earth. A total eclipse is an unusual event where – for two minutes – the moon totally blocks the sun.

At the Covelo Commons on Monday, people experienced the moon covering about 83.4 percent of the sun's light at the peak. The closest viewing places to see "totality" for this eclipse were in Oregon. A total eclipse is a magical time where day becomes dusk, birds are known to quiet, and other animals become still and noiseless. One can feel the awesomeness that humans have felt for eons – some wondering what they'd done to the gods to make them angry.

People all over the world chase eclipses to re-experience the magic and wonder of a full eclipse. Covelo didn't boast a full eclipse, yet people from different states and countries were at the Commons to view the eclipse. In addition to Covelo community members, there were people from Ukiah,

Willits, New York, Germany and India. Internationally known textile artist John Marshall was teaching an indigo-dyeing class to some non-local students, and two apprentices with Live Power Farm from Germany and India were there. All took time to view the celestial event.

Amongst some of the first to get to the Covelo Library Commons to view the eclipse were schoolchildren. Round Valley Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Hannah Scherzer brought her class and the viewing instruments they made to see the eclipse. Zack, one of the fifth-grade students who worked on the viewing tube, helped the photographer align the tube so the partial eclipse was projected and safely visible without glasses. Using one of the viewing boxes from the fifth-graders, the library's Bennett placed blueprint paper in the back, projected the eclipsing-sun crescent on the paper, and will later process the paper in water to see the image.

Bennett, who hosts other astrological gatherings at the Round Valley Library, got the idea to have a large eclipse event from an email announcement from the American Library Association. Bennett followed the link to the Great American Eclipse website, where they had reams of information and certified viewing glasses for sale. Bennett applied through the library for the glasses and was sent 1,000 – way more than needed for Covelo! He was happy he could give them to other libraries in the county library system. For the Monday eclipse, he'd given away over 100 pairs to locals and saved about 50 for the viewing at the Commons.

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a special one-half-cent sales and use tax on retail transactions for five years, and one-eighth cent thereafter in perpetuity, raising an estimated \$6.8 million annually for the first five years and \$1.7 million annually thereafter.

A previous attempt in November 2016 at raising the sales tax to provide funds to build or rehabilitate physical mental health facilities, Measure AG, won by 66.22 percent of the vote, but failed to gain the required super majority.

The official language for Measure B will be: "To provide funding for mental health care and facilities in Mendocino County to diagnose and treat mental illness and addiction, shall a transactions and use tax of one-half cent be enacted for five years, and thereafter reduced to one-eighth cent, with annual audits and a citizen's oversight committee to ensure funds are properly spent, and a requirement that funds cannot be taken by the state and spent for other purposes?"

Some local elections that usually happen in November of odd-numbered years have been postponed for a year, thanks to a new state law that allows local jurisdictions to consolidate elections to even years to save money.

Other races don't have more candidates than open seats, so the county board of supervisors will appoint incumbents or new candidates who filed paperwork for the seats in lieu of holding an election. Three incumbents serving on the Brooktrails Township Community Services District have filed for the three open seats, so supervisors will be appointing Brooktrails incumbents Ed Horrick, Tony Orth and Rick Williams to serve another term.

The Little Lake Fire Protection District board has two long-term seats and two short-term seats open, and with four candidates filing for the seats, supervisors will be appointing Tom Herman and Skip Lucier to the long-term seats, and Nancy Stipe and Arnie Mello to the short-term seats.

Supervisors will also be appointing members to the Covelo Community Services District, the Covelo Fire Protection District, the Long Valley Fire Protection District, the Laytonville County Water District, and the Round Valley County Water District, due to not enough candidates having filed to hold an election.

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the transfer of cultivation permits to people not part of the grower's immediate family, or the inclusion of rangeland onto the list of zoning districts upon which the cannabis cultivation by new growers can legally occur after 2020.

After the public spoke, the board returned to putting finishing touches on the first revision of the ordinance, addressing such as issues as: how is one to measure the 1,000 feet which must intervene between a grow site and a "sensitive receptor," such as a school, church or youth-oriented facility, or whether tree removal would disqualify a person from getting a cultivation permit, and under what conditions would tree removal be compatible with receiving a permit?

The hint came after the public had spoken, and after board had adjusted the cultivation ordinance to its satisfaction.

Board Chairman John McCowen asked his colleagues if they had any additions to the changes to the ordinance county staff and the board supervisors had already made.

Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey told McCowen she wanted to talk about transferability. McCowen replied, "I certainly don't want to go there today."

Then McCowen asked Supervisor Dan Hamburg if there was anything that he wanted to add to the list of discussion topics. Hamburg was not physically present at the meeting. Instead, he was attending the meeting by telephone while on vacation in Dunsuir.

"I agree with Supervisor Croskey that we need to further address the issue of transferability," Hamburg said. "I don't believe we should go there today, or in this go-round with the amendment, but I want to remind anybody who is listening to us that this is not the last rodeo.

"We are going to continue to be looking at the ordinance," he said, "and I think there are a lot of other issues that need to be further hashed out. Those include track-and-trace, the treatment of cottage industry, the overlay issue, the whole issue of buildings and Class K, and ADA and ag exempt, provisional permits, rangeland, and whether an annual permit should be required.

"I think there are a lot of issues, and whether we deal with them through an advisory board or through working groups, or through a cannabis unit – I don't know which is best – I do think we need to find some way that we can get these issues hashed out and brought back to the board."

Many of the 100 or 150 people in the supervisors' chambers standing and silently waving little signs that said, "I support." No board member present at the meeting – including Croskey, McCowen and First District Supervisor Carre Brown – said they disagreed with Hamburg.

Supervisor Dan Gjerde was absent from the meeting, by pre-arrangement.

Earlier in the meeting, McCowen had said he favors creating small working groups that can evaluate and make recommendations on aspects of the board's attempts to regulate the cannabis industry. Which means that, sometime in the future, the full board likely will consider many of the topics mentioned by Croskey and Hamburg, perhaps after being discussed by a working group.

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of Anna Marie Borges, who lives on or near Robinson Creek Road, southwest of Ukiah. At the August 8 board of supervisors meeting, Borges identified herself as "the evil landowner" whose large cannabis grow sparked a wave of opposition by residents in the Woody Glen neighborhood. Since mid-July, a dozen or more Woody Glen residents have complained to supervisors about negative impacts on their lives, lifestyles, peace of mind and property values by what they term an out-of-control, unpermitted marijuana grow.

Although not forthcoming with any details about the bust or the contents of Borges' permit application, Interim Commissioner of Agriculture Diane Curry confirmed on August 22 that Borges was the person whose cannabis crop was destroyed by Fish and Wildlife on August 10.

An August 18 story in the Press Democrat, "Raids of Emerald Triangle marijuana farms could threaten industry's legal compliance," by staff reporter Julie Johnson, quotes Department of Fish and Wildlife Officer Lt. Chris Stools as saying the raid took place "because they suspected a well was diverting water from a nearby creek."

The Press Democrat story said Fish and Wildlife officers eradicated all of Borges' crop, nearly 200 plants, which she valued at \$350,000.

Curry said she was "really surprised" by the Fish and Wildlife action. "The person [whose crop was destroyed] was in the application process," Curry said. "I had recommended that a Fish and Wildlife biologist look at the well. It was my understanding that the applicant would be able to come into compliance. They were doing everything they could to come into compliance with us."

"When they were busted, I was really surprised. I thought, these were not applicants who should have been busted," Curry said.

In response to the Fish and Wildlife enforcement action, board of supervisors Chairman John McCowen, sometime prior to August 22, wrote a letter to John Laird, secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency, which oversees the operation of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

"The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors is concerned that recent activities by the CDFW may prove counterproductive to our efforts to bring cannabis cultivators into a regulated system.

"Environmentally damaging practices and illegal water diversion, whatever the intended purpose, must be stopped," McCowen's letter stated. "But we question the necessity and advisability of heavy-handed summary eradication of small-scale cultivation operations that are in the permit process.

"We are very concerned that actions of this type will have a chilling effect on the willingness of cultivators to apply for permits. We strongly encourage that consideration be given to those small-scale cultivators who are actively attempting to comply with the requirements of our regulatory system."

However, at the start of Tuesday's board meeting, McCowen withdrew his letter from consideration, while Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman and Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster were in the room. Allman commonly attends at least a portion of the board of supervisors meetings, but Eyster's presence in board chambers was unusual.

Contacted by Willits Weekly, Allman explained why he was in the board room that morning. "In the third paragraph and in the fifth paragraph of McCowen's letter, there was language that was inflammatory," Allman said. "What he was saying was, we, the board of supervisors, are asking you not to take enforcement action against

people who are breaking the law.

"I personally didn't think that was the right thing to do, because that is the county stepping in and telling Fish and Wildlife how to do their job. I would be offended if Fish and Wildlife stepped in and told me how to do my job.

"And so, I didn't want Mendocino County to step in and tell them how to do their job. The letter was not appropriate, and I was prepared to stand up there and say that to the board of supervisors," he said.

Allman added he had spoken to DA David Eyster the night before, and that Eyster, too, was there to give the supervisors an earful.

Asked why he chose to withdraw the letter from consideration by the board, McCowen said: "I thought it was a good letter, but the top law enforcement officials in Mendocino County did not have the same opinion. Rather than have the letter be a time-consuming diversion, I chose to withdraw it so we could get on with the work of revising the ordinance."

After the letter was withdrawn, supervisors moved on to consideration of revisions to the medical cannabis cultivation ordinance. Deputy county counsel gave a review of many of the changes being proposed, and then McCowen asked the public to speak.

Twenty-nine people rose to address the board, many of them focusing on what they claimed are major deficiencies of the ordinance.

Then activist Glaser came to the podium. "See, what I don't get from you is that you understand that peoples' lives are at stake here, ruined by this long, long, drawn-out process. What you can't seem to understand is, what we need immediately are provisional licenses, Mendocino medical marijuana licenses that cover us for cultivation, processing, transportation, distribution and sales, and let us pay, as independent contractors, our taxes.

"The busts, the raids going on, with people who were in the permit process, are unacceptable. I hear, Mr. McCowen, that you had a letter today, to Fish and Wildlife, asking them to lay off, and you withdrew that letter and I want to know why....

"The people who were raided over the past couple of weeks already spent money on permitting and compliance and now they have nothing," she said. "Do you understand? Do you understand what it's like to lose your entire livelihood for a year? Do you? Those plants are cut! Why can't Fish and Wildlife, why can't the sheriff, why can't the DA go in and issue a citation – something civil – give them a ticket?"

"Have you ever been busted? Have you ever been raided? Have you? Do you know what it's like to have soldiers come to your property, to terrify your children, your grandchildren, yourself? Do you know what it's like to have PTSD from being raided? Do you have any idea?"

McCowen told Glaser her time was up and she had to sit down – Chair McCowen has been strictly enforcing a three-minute limit on public comment for any one speaker.

But Glaser continued: "You are here to protect us. We elected you to protect us and nurture us, so you're telling us we have to come here and deal with all this compliance and deal with all these permits? I'm gonna bust you!"

At this point Glaser opened her gown to expose most of her bosom, upon which was written, "Breasts Not Busts," and chanted the slogan a couple of times.

McCowen called for order. Glaser said the slogan a few more times, and left the hall. The next speaker, Kate Marianchid, came to the podium, and after Marianchid, four more members of the public got up to speak, bringing the total of those who spoke on the topic of marijuana to 35.

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available, compared to 578 in 2015 and 512 in 2014.

Those figures include eight murders, 55 forcible rapes, 64 rapes and nine attempted rapes. Three forcible rapes and three rapes occurred in Willits in 2016, down from four each in 2015 but up from one in 2014.

"The good news," says Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster, "is that Willits remained steady, with no increase in violent crimes and a healthy decrease in property crimes." The report shows a 15.6 percent decline in property crimes in Willits in 2016.

Ukiah, he noted, "experienced a small decrease in violent crime, as well as a decrease in property crimes, in 2015-2016 from the prior reporting year, while violent crime in Fort Bragg jumped more than 27 percent and property crimes rose almost 27 percent."

The Department of Justice's inaugural use-of-force report, required by recent state legislation, covers incidents that caused serious bodily injury or death. There were 782 such incidents in California in 2016, including 328 that involved the discharge of a firearm, according to the agency.

Only two occurred in Mendocino County, according to DOJ data, one during a call for service and one during a crime in progress. One of those use-of-force incidents occurred in Willits, and involved a suspect and two police officers.

Of the use-of-force on civilians by peace officers statewide, 39.9 percent featured the discharge of a firearm, with more than three-quarters of the shots hitting their target, the DOJ reported. Of the use-of-force received by officers, about 10 percent involved the discharge of a firearm, with almost nine out of 10 shots missing their target.

Some 174,701 violent crimes were reported statewide in 2016, an increase of 4.9 percent from 166,588 violent crimes in 2015. Last year's total is 15.4 percent higher than the violent crime tally in 2014.

Mendocino County property crimes dipped slightly, with 1,444 being reported compared to 1,449 in 2015 and 1,546 in 2014. This continued a downward trend from 2010, when 1,518 property crimes were reported. The highest property crime rate occurred in 2013, when the DOJ tallied 1,851.

"The DOJ report indicates residents living in unincorporated areas of Mendocino County experienced an almost 6 percent increase in violent crime, and an almost 7 percent increase in property crime, which cumulatively adds to increases reported for 2014-2015," Eyster said adding that most "law enforcement activity in Mendocino County happens through the Sheriff's Office."

He also noted the State Department of Parks and Recreation experienced "a whopping 66.7 percent increase in property crimes during the 2015-2016 reporting period!"

Statewide, violent crime in California increased 4.9 percent last year, Eyster said, and has "increased over 15 percent since 2014."

He lays the blame squarely on the state's experiment with "realignment," which began in October 2011, and "prohibits more than 500 types of felons from being sentenced to state prison."

Instead, he says, individuals convicted of one or more of those 500 crimes must be kept in county jail and dealt with locally.

"This continues to be an example of saving money at the state level by forcing the counties and cities to spend from their more limited budgets," Eyster charges.

"Jail credits were also significantly increased," he added, "so that those being punished – whether in the county jail or state prison – are back out on the streets a lot sooner."

Then in November 2014, voters approved Proposition 47, which downgraded numerous drug and theft felonies to misdemeanors, Eyster says. "These Proposition 47 offenders are not even arrested and taken to the jail these days; it now is a matter of 'catch-and-release,' meaning they are briefly detained, given a citation, and sent about their business – which often means continuing to do the same old thing all over again after police move on and leave the scene."

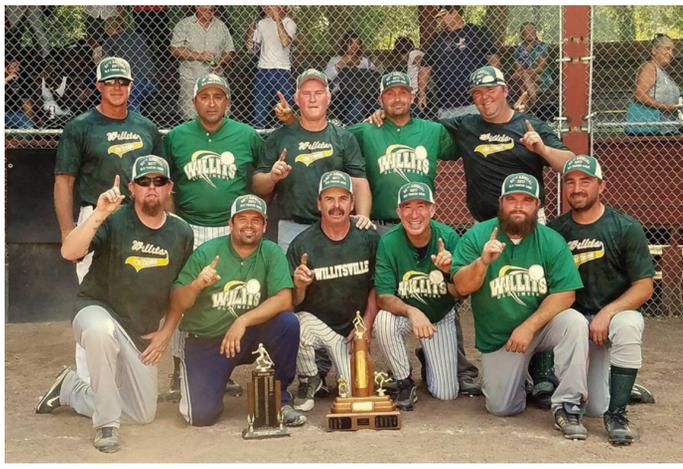
In November 2016, voters approved another new set of laws (Proposition 57) that focused on "further expediting the release of inmates serving time in state prison," Eyster noted. "The first inmate committed to state prison from Mendocino County to be granted expedited release is, of course, a serial burglar."

As of August 21, the state Board of Parole Hearings has issued six "nonviolent parole review" decisions for inmates serving state prison commitments from Mendocino County, the DA reports.

The three inmates granted expedited release to date include Crystal Sue Aikens, David Matthew Andrews, and Donald Gordon Powell.

Three other inmates have been denied expedited release: Larry Pewee Commander, Steven Gene Hensley, and Jeremy Lee Simms.

However, Eyster notes, while an inmate "denied expedited release has the right under the new rules to appeal the decision denying expedited release, the district attorney and victims have been denied by the new rules a like right to appeal a decision granting expedited release."



Above: Congratulations to the Willits team at Saturday's 80th annual Old Timers Baseball Game, who beat the Laytonville team 13-8. Willits roster: Jeremy Sneed, Calvin Tolman, Mike Lopez, Tyler Sizemore, Ricky Yadon, Cody Sizemore, Luis Leon, Josh Colvard, Jimmy Bobst, Phil Colvard and Sunny Garza.

Above, right: Starting Laytonville pitcher Mike Matlock hurls the baseball on Saturday. Matlock, a longtime participant in the Old Timers Baseball Game tradition, said this year's game would be his last.

At right: First-time Laytonville Old Timer Corey James takes a turn at bat. James scored Laytonville's first run, after getting on base with a single hit.

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Above, left: The bronze statue by Stan Watts of Frank R. Howard and his puppies. Above, right: Jann Lamprich cuts the red ribbon to officially open the Lamprich Center.

Below, left: Colonel Michael Howard presents the new statue of Frank R. Howard as Edie Ceccarelli and Jann Lamprich look on. Below, right: Edie Ceccarelli enjoys a moment in the air conditioning.

At bottom, left: Colonel Michael Howard continues his presentation after the unveiling of the lions statue. At bottom, right: Amy Ford receives flowers and thanks for her work in overseeing construction of the hospital.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Lamprich Center

Howard Hospital dedicates new health center and unveils bronze statues

The Lamprich Center dedication and the unveiling of two new bronze statues at the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital last Thursday was a celebration of history, both living and past, and of the local connections to both. It was also about visionaries and their plans for the future for the hospital and the hospital campus. There were really two dedications at the one August 17 event: the statue unveilings and the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Lamprich Center health services building, housing the Redwood Medical Clinic, the Howard Pharmacy and the office of the Howard Foundation.

Margie Handley, president and chair of the Howard Foundation, introduced the key speaker, Colonel Michael Howard, great-grandson of Charles S. Howard, the founder and chief financial supporter of the hospital in the days of its inception. "Mike says every day is a gift from God and any day you're not being shot at is a good day," Handley said. "Colonel Howard, it is an honor to have you here today, and we thank you for your continued interest in our hospital and your most generous gifts."

Colonel Howard told the story of Charles Stewart Howard, his great-grandfather. A cavalry veteran in the Spanish American War, Howard returned to utilize his immeasurable sales skills in helping to get the Buick Company on the road to success, just after the turn of the century, along with visionary Willie Durant, who went on to form General Motors. In 1919, Howard parlayed his success in the automobile industry into the purchase of a property which became Ridgewood Ranch and enabled him to create a place to follow his first love, horses and racing.

"The 16,000 acres of rolling hills and picturesque pastures, clear lakes and abundant timber," Howard told the attendees, "is where the Howard



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in Laytonville to Buster's Burgers and Brew in Willits.

The original trophy has a permanent home at Geiger's Market.

Prior to the game, longtime Laytonville player Mike Matlock talked to the crowd about his father Dick Matlock, who passed away earlier this month. To honor Dick, following the game was the 1st Annual Dick Matlock Home Run Derby; the winner was Johnny Bertalucci.

"Some of you are former colleagues. Some of you are former parents, students... Probably students of parents," he said. "And for those who are students of parents, you probably heard from your parents that dad usually started the first day of school, and some of you haven't forgotten it, mad on the floor, lock on the door." The crowd chuckled.

"Dad truly enjoyed serving in this community, and he not only was involved in a number of clubs, but he also was of service. Service at Harwood Park... I can remember probably getting in his way. Picking up nails behind him, making messes that he had to clean up. He truly loved his community, and he loved this event."

He then led the crowd into a moment of silence.

When Matlock was up there speaking about his father, it seemed he was also, in a way, saying goodbye himself, to the event that he loves and has been a part of for so many years. There had been talk that this would be his last year playing. When asked, the starting Laytonville pitcher acknowledged that it indeed was true.

"I enjoy being with friends and family and being at this event, but the body is just sharing with me no more," he said. "I want to enjoy it later on in life. I've used this body up over the years pretty good."

Deber Dodd, who has been instrumental throughout the years in keeping the event alive, says that for a while there it was questionable if the tradition would be able to continue.

"It was a really good event when we were all growing up," said Dodd. "There's so much going on now, it just got harder and harder. We used to go 40 and over, and now we are 30 and over. We had to lower the age to keep the event going. But what the managers do is they try and play all their older guys in the beginning."

Dodd's almost 70-year-old father Dennis, whose baseball emblem is on the roof of Harwood Hall from when he hit a homerun there back in his day, was on Laytonville's roster again this year and the oldest player on his team. He walked in his solo at bat in the fifth inning.

"I'm very proud of Loren Ray [Laytonville team manager] and Josh Colvard [Willits team manager] for taking over the teams, and now in their second year carrying on the tradition," said Deber. "It was tough and go for a few years, but it looks like this event is ready for 80 more."



Above, from top: Using one of the viewing boxes from the fifth-grade class, Josh Bennett placed blueprint paper in the back, projected the eclipsing-sun crescent on the paper, and will later process the paper in water to see the image.

Children, from left, Airini, Evie and Jen, with adults Rebecca Helm and James Ast were some of the first to get to the Round Valley Library Commons to view the eclipse Monday.

Eclipse watchers in Covelo, from left: Justin, Maia, Alexander Decater, Kelli Berman and Bonnie Spark.

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Deber did not play in the game for the fourth straight year, due to a foot injury, however, he found his way into the announcer's seat in the third inning, and seemed to feel right at home. His witty remarks and stories about players amused everyone.

"He's a natural," said Joel Firks, who began the game announcing. "I can't compete with that," he chuckled.

Gratitude goes out to the Lions Club for BBQing such good burgers and hot dogs and also to the Lioness Club for all the different kinds of salads they made.

Willits lead-off hitter Jeremy Sneed led the game off with a base hit. Mike Lopez and Tyler Sizemore also got a hit in the opening inning, however Laytonville pitcher Mike Matlock was able to get out of it unscathed.

Ricky Yadon, who pitched seven innings for Willits, got out his first five batters faced before giving up two runs in the second inning.

Corey James, playing in his first Old Timers game, scored Laytonville's first run, after getting a single, and then was brought home off Johnny Bertalucci's hit. Steven Comer also scored after singling.

Matlock went three up, three down in the second inning, however, Willits bats came alive in the third inning, and they began belting out the hits. Five of the first six batters in the inning got a hit. Four runs were scored that inning for Willits, and they led Laytonville 4-3 after three innings.

In the top of the fourth inning, Willits had four consecutive hits, leading to three more runs, and that was when Matlock bent down and kissed the mound and walked to the dugout. His time was done, that was it. And there would be no return next season.

He got a standing ovation as he waved his hand and bowed his head going into the dugout.

Beagle Taylor relieved Matlock and was finally able to get out of the inning, trailing Willits 7-3.

Willits scored two more runs in the fifth inning and led 9-3. The score would stay that way until the bottom of the seventh inning when Laytonville rallied for five runs. It was now just a one-run game.

Willits gave their lead a small cushion in the eighth inning, scoring one more run. Josh Colvard's double batted in Luis Leon who got on base with a single.

The game clincher came in the top of the ninth inning. Willits led 10-8 heading into the final inning. Sneed, Tolman and Lopez all got on base. Sneed got thrown out at third thanks to Bertalucci's strong arm. Tyler Sizemore came to the plate and hit a three-run homerun to put Willits ahead 13-8.

It was the second year in a row that Sizemore has homered in the game with his mom, and longtime supporter of the Old Timers event, June Sizemore in the stands.

And so, the trophy will move to Buster's. If the pattern continues, then Laytonville will reclaim it next August, since it will be an even year.

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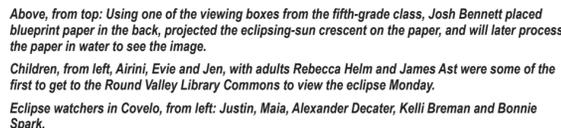
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The August 21 eclipse had been well publicized in the national media, so Bennett knew that Monday's event would appeal to many. "People are going to be really excited Monday morning to see something that sounds pretty spectacular," he said. Families, adults and children all mingled together sharing resources: glasses, information, homemade or class-made viewing devices, ideas, wonder and excitement.

The next total eclipse in North America will take place on April 8, 2024. The path of that year's total eclipse will start in Maine and run south through Texas and Mexico.

For more information about upcoming solar eclipses, including worldwide, visit www.thegreat-american-eclipse.com - note that Frey Winery from Redwood Valley is a partner in the website.

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At left: Jann Lamprich, left, watches as Margie Handley speaks after the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Below: Arnie Mello, executive director of the Howard Foundation, addresses the crowd.

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family established a sanctuary retreat. It was at Ridgewood that the Howard family would get away from the hustle and bustle of city life in San Francisco (where Howard had a successful auto business, partially thanks to having some of the very few workable vehicles following the great earthquake). Ridgewood was the ideal location to oversee his business empire."

Charles had four sons, Charles II, Lindsey, Frank and Robert. "With a father who raced early model Buicks as a part of a highly successful marketing strategy," continued Howard, "and two older brothers who were also driving, Frank was surrounded by automobiles, speed, challenges and excitement."

This led to disaster for the adventurous Frank. On May 9, 1926, Frank snuck out a Model T flatbed ranch truck and proceeded to practice cutting corners, a racing maneuver taught him by his father. "The vehicle rolled off the side of the road at Ridgewood into one of the canyons. Frankie was crushed under the vehicle and died shortly after," said Howard.

Dr. "Doc" Babcock, town physician of Willits, watched his friend, Howard, mourn for his son throughout 1926. "As Doc was a wise and understanding man, he saw this time of mourning as the Howard family's need for healing. It was also an opportunity to turn personal tragedy into a blessing for the community," explained Howard. Babcock convinced Charles Howard to honor and immortalize Frankie by building a badly needed hospital in Willits in the memory of Frankie.

The statue, unveiled by Amy Ford, who spearheaded the building of the new facility as project manager, depicts a young Frank R. Howard with a dog and three puppies, reflecting Frankie's deep love of dogs, especially puppies.

The bronze sculpture by Stan Watts "symbolizes to the patient that there is a path forward, that there is hope," explained Jason Wells, CEO of HHM. The statue is a three-dimensional depiction of the painting by Mary Curtis Richardson which hangs in the lobby of the hospital.

The next statues to be unveiled were bronze lions, which are replicas of the white lions at the entrance of the original location of the hospital. To Wells, they symbolize the strength of the treatment available at the new facility: "The lions bring the courage, and Frankie and the puppies bring hope."

Handley also honored new hospital project manager Ford, who explained that she is leaving now that her project has been fruition. "I came to the hospital in 2007. My whole job has been to build this new hospital. I hope it feels warm and comforting to people as they come in through the doors. It was meant to feel like Willits as much as a hospital could."

The festivities then moved to the Lamprich Center, named in honor of Jann Lamprich, who has worked at the hospital since 1952, first in billing and then working her way up to hospital administrator. She moved to the Howard Foundation in 1987 where she has been ever since. After words by Handley, Wells and Arnie Mello, executive director of Howard Foundation, Lamprich thanked the crowd. "I don't really know how to thank everybody," she said. "It's just been a lifetime of joy. And I can't express how lucky I've been. The hospital itself has always been very precious to me. It still is."

The red ribbon was cut by Lamprich, and the center, which has been operating for several months, was now officially open.

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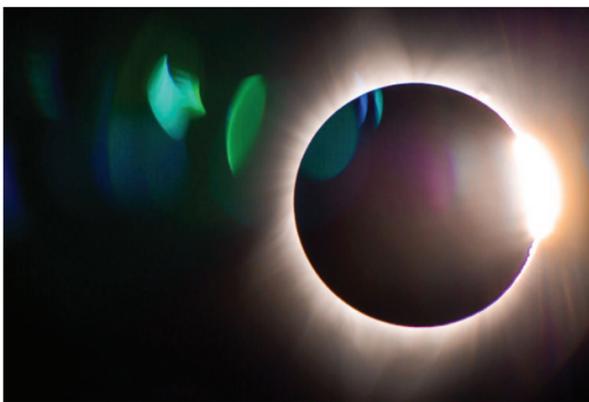
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Above, from left: Faculty and staff of Willits Charter School all take a moment from setting up their classrooms to check out the eclipse on Monday, August 21. (Photo courtesy Jennifer Lockwood)
A handful of Willits Elementary Charter School kiddos check out the eclipse, including, from left, Kadie Balthrop, Cayleigh Balthrop, Ezra De La Fuente, Xavier De La Fuente and Audrey Sherf. (Photo courtesy Hollie Woodhouse)



The rest of
Totality
From Page 1

5 am, the rangers started letting people in, and Pham and Vu got set and ready to capture the moment of the eclipse, which peaked there at 10:20 am.

Pham has been shooting landscapes and night-sky images since 2016 with his Canon 7D camera and regularly shoots with his favorite super wide-angle lens, a 10-20 mm Sigma. However, he was set with his long 300 mm lens to get an up-close view for this special event.

"The eclipse was so special," Pham said. "At that moment, you could feel how powerful the sun is, even as it was being covered by the moon. The most amazing moment was when 'totality' happened; it created a ring of light surrounding the entire moon. Everyone was cheering at that moment."

"I want to encourage the young people of Willits to travel and enjoy nature," Pham continued. "Even if it's just in your backyard of Mendocino County."



Above and below: BGMS students observe the eclipse during their first day of school.

Photos courtesy Tessa Ford



Above, left: Image taken just after eclipse totality at 10:21 am in Redmond, Oregon.

Photo by Miranda Driver Photography

Above, center and right: Crescent-shaped shadows were evident everywhere dappled light was found: through the trees, center, or the holes in a colander, right.

Photos by Maureen Moore

At left: This photo of the eclipse and reflection was captured with a smartphone, while looking through a welding lens. The photo was taken on the outskirts of the Laytonville area, Monday morning.

Photo by Carol Anderson

Above: A welding helmet cast a green hue on the otherwise orange eclipse.

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A Must Read Essay on Charlottesville

By John Pavlovitz, North Carolina pastor and blogger



As a writer and pastor, my job is to weave together words so that those words will hopefully reach people in their deepest places; to frame the experience of this life in a way that is somehow compelling or creative or interesting, causing them to engage with the world differently than before.

But there are times when to do this would be actually be a disservice to reality, when any clever wordplay would only soften the jagged, sickening truth; when clever turns of phrase might succeed in obscuring the horrid ugliness in front of us.

Sometimes we just need to say it without adornment or finessing. What we've watched unfolding in Charlottesville, with hundreds of white people bearing torches and chanting about the value of white lives and shouting slurs, is not a "far Right" protest. When you move that far right, past humanity, past decency, past goodness—you're something else.

You're not a supremacist, you're not a nationalist, and you're not alt-Right.

This is racism.

This is domestic terrorism.

This is religious extremism.

This is bigotry.

It is blind hatred of the most vile kind.

It doesn't represent America.

It doesn't represent Jesus.

It doesn't speak for the majority of white Americans.

It's a cancerous, terrible, putrid sickness that represents the absolute worst of who we are.

No, naming it won't change it, but naming it is necessary nonetheless. It's necessary for us to say it—especially when the media won't, when our elected leaders won't, when our President won't. It's necessary to condemn it so that we do not become complicit in it.

This is our national History being forged in real-time, and to use words lacking clarity now would be to risk allowing the ugliness off the hook or to create ambiguity that excuses it. And yes, there are all sorts of other ways that racism and privilege live and thrive; ways that are far less obvious or brazen than tiki-torch wielding marches. There are systemic illnesses and structural defects and national blind spots that we need to speak to and keeping pushing back against, and we will.

But in moments that are this clear, when the malignancy is so fully on display—we'd better have the guts to say it.

White people especially need to name racism in this hour, because somewhere in that crowd of sweaty, dead-eyed, raw throated white men—are our brothers and cousins and husbands and fathers and children; those we go to church with and see at Little League and in our neighborhoods. They need to be made accountable by those they deem their "own kind." They need to know that this is not who we are, that we don't bless or support or respect this. They need white faces speaking directly into their white faces, loudly on behalf of love.

Though all of us can eventually trace our lineage back to oneness, all carrying a varied blood in our veins—the surface level differences matter to these torch-bearers. They value white lives and white voices above anything else, and so we whose pigmentation matches theirs need to speak with unflinching clarity about this or we simply amen it.

So I'm saying it.

We are not with you, torch-bearers, in Charlottesville or anywhere.

We do no consent to this.

In fact we stand against you, alongside the very beautiful diversity that you fear.

We stand with people of every color and of all faiths, people of every orientation, nationality, and native tongue.

We are not going to have this. This is not the country we've built together and it will not become what you intend it to become.

So you can kiss our diverse, unified, multi-colored behinds because your racism and your terrorism will not win the day.

Believe it.

This piece was reprinted with permission from Pastor John Pavlovitz's website, "Stuff That Needs to Be Said," at www.johnpavlovitz.com.

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 15. Proverb
 16. Urban gym
 17. Midway between northeast and east
 18. La ___ Tar Pits
 19. Go out to eat
 21. Oral allergy syndrome
 22. Where some are put
 27. Spiral galaxy
 28. Lethargic
 33. Integrated circuit
 34. Let your mind wander
 36. Midway between north and northeast
 37. Nomadic palace
 38. Posted
 39. Trouble
- CLUES DOWN**
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 2. Former Secretary of State
 3. River in Belgium and France
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 9. Pet detective Ventura
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 14. Ancient wonder
 17. Electronic data processing
 18. Autocratic
 20. Defunct European organization
 23. Removed flesh
 24. Indicating silence
 25. Commercial
 26. Chap
 29. Farm state
 30. Chief research officer
 31. Poked holes in
 32. Chutes and ___
 35. What cows say
 36. A desert in southern Israel
 38. Isaac's mother
 40. Sodium
 41. Absence of effort
 42. A way to articulate
 43. Greek god of war
 44. Midway between east and southeast
 45. Run batted in
 46. The longest division of geological time
 47. Public broadcaster

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

August 14 to August 20
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 203 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

August 14

12:04 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

6:27 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

9:03 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.

9:11 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:04 pm: MORRIS, Dena Darlene (55) of Redwood Valley was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to misdemeanor 11550 H&S (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance) and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

3:26 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

7:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

August 15

1:02 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of South Humboldt Street and East Mendocino Avenue and issued a warning.

2:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

4:27 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

4:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

4:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

6:07 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Bush Street.

August 16

1:03 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

2:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

2:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

8:29 pm: BORUP, David Kay (49) of Willits was contacted in the 1500 block of South



David Kay Borup of Willits

Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to felony 11350 H&S (Possession/Purchase for Sale of a Controlled Substance), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), misdemeanor and felony, and on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

11:35 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

August 17

1:13 am: WALKER, Ali Shaun (40) of Fort Bragg was contacted near the intersection of West Mendocino Avenue and South Main Street. He was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

8:38 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Baechtel Road.

11:19 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main Street.

12:19 pm: NICHOLAS, Daniel Raymond (61) of Ukiah was contacted in the 100 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

12:20 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of South Main Street and Commercial Street.

3:01 pm: FRUGE, Megan Layne (21) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of Pine Street following a disturbance. She was arrested pursuant to misdemeanor 273.5 PC (Corporal Injury) and on charges of domestic battery.

4:49 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

6:02 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 21000 block of Poplar Avenue.

9:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

August 18

6:55 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of East San Francisco Avenue and South Main Street.

1:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 21000 block of Baechtel Road.

2:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of Sherwood Road.

5:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.

8:29 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

8:40 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

10:04 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

Read the rest of WPD | Over on Page B7

LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE CALLS

August 16 to August 20
by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

08-16-17 (Sherwood Road)

Requested to assist ambulance on scene. Fire personnel assisted medic unit with lifting patient from residence to ambulance for transport. Eight firefighters responded for service.

08-18-17 (Highway 101, mile marker 39)

Responded to a reported vehicle fire. Fire had been extinguished prior to our arrival; fire was suspected to have started in the engine compartment of the vehicle. Nine firefighters responded for service.

08-19-17 (North Main Street)

Requested to assist ambulance on

scene. Fire personnel assisted medic unit with removing patient from residence as well as loading patient into the ambulance. Little Lake Fire provided one emergency medical technician to assist the medic unit during patient transport. Fourteen firefighters responded for service.

08-19-17 (Highway 20, mile marker 23)

Responded to a two-vehicle traffic collision. All occupants were cleared by medical staff at scene. Fire provided one lane traffic control. Twelve firefighters responded for service.

Read the rest of LLFD | Over on Page B7



A letter from ...

The Principal of La Vida Charter School

Ann Kelly

La Vida Charter School welcomes the Train Singer, virtual reality labs and new teachers.

Student satisfaction surveys for La Vida elementary students state that Gary Martin's Art Appreciation class is their favorite class. Retired art gallery owner and Willits resident Gary Martin has made it his life's mission to expose students to the masterpieces of the world. Once a month he makes a pilgrimage to the schools of Willits and Laytonville, bringing his nuggets of gold projected in Power Points accompanied by stories of dreams, challenges and transformations.

Extrapolating on this successful model, this year La Vida is honored to host another Willits celebrity, Greg Schindel, the Train Singer, once a month, to lead the students in songs that will entertain and inspire. Working with students is nothing new for Schindel, as he worked in the Willits visual and performing arts department for over 20 years. He continues to perform on the Skunk Train as he has for almost 30 years, as well as musically lead the congregation at St. Francis Episcopal.

Schindel's brand of train-singer Americana will serve as an added bonus, providing a musical foundation for the fall play, "America's Tallest Tales," a musical. Students will act and sing about characters from America's folktales, such as Paul Bunyan, Bess Call, Pecos Bill, Annie Christmas, John Henry and a host of others.

Virtual reality computers are the excitement for the high school. La Vida used the "College and Career Readiness" grant to purchase 10 Zspace virtual reality computers. They will be used as labs for biology, world history and art in the on-site program. Students wear special, yet simple, glasses and use a stylus to penetrate or pull objects out of the computer. The school wishes to entice students to take higher-level, university-approved college prep courses by

A letter from ...

Adventist Christian School of Willits

Ruth Witzel, below, the new principal and teacher at the Adventist Christian School of Willits, has been working as an educator in small schools for 35 years, bringing a wealth of experience and ideas to her classroom.



Hands-on learning is a key component to her teaching style. Witzel's goal is to recognize each child's individual learning style and developmental level so that each student will have an enjoyable and positive experience getting a solid base for future learning. In her classroom, students are on task and actively engaged in a wide variety of activities.

Witzel has her California state teaching credential, as well as a credential in Special Education from Sonoma State University. She enjoys camping with her family, gardening, reading, learning new things, and looks forward to taking classes every summer.

Our school feels extremely blessed to have such a dedicated and talented teacher on our staff. All of the students will benefit greatly. If you would like to join or check out our esteemed school and meet our awesome teacher, we are located at 22751 Bray Road. Our school telephone number is 459-4333.

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A letter from ...

The Principal of Willits Charter School

Jennifer Lockwood

Willits Charter School is a free, public school for the arts and sciences, serving students in grades 6-12. The mission of Willits Charter School is to enable students to reach their fullest potential by providing them with a high-quality personalized education in a safe and supportive environment. We strive to inspire students to embrace their curious, creative nature and be self-motivated, competent, lifelong learners. We encourage students to become productive citizens who respect themselves, others, community, diversity and the environment.

It is such an exciting time here at Willits Charter School as we undergo many changes to both our academic program as well as to the school's facility. We have continued our backyard makeover by adding a new basketball court and a new volleyball court. As our school continues to grow, we have expanded our main office as well as increased the office staff to better meet the needs of our families. A huge thank you to all of the families that came to our successful Beautification Day to help clean up, do repairs, and generally get the school ready for our amazing faculty, staff and students.

Constantly increasing and updating our technology is of the utmost importance for the success of our students. All teachers will be using Google Classroom as well as a variety of other online platforms. We have added Chromebook carts in all of the classrooms in addition to our computer lab. We are also providing the option to our 11th- and 12th-graders to check out Chromebooks to take home with them.

Last year we increased our high school graduation requirements so that all students must complete and exceed the "A-G" courses required for admission to a four-year university. This year we are adding more AP classes for our students, including AP U.S. history and AP environmental science. We also added Spanish III, calculus, and an English language development course for our English language learners to our class list. We are constantly amazed at how our students will rise to the occasion when we ask them to achieve at the highest levels. All ninth-graders will take a college course here on the WCS campus and receive college credits.

For our middle-school students, we will be implementing the successful math program Engage NY. This is a math curriculum that is aligned to the college- and career-readiness standards, and will help us meet our goal to raise the math expectations for our students. We also developed our class schedule so our seventh- and eighth-graders can begin to develop their high school portfolio by taking courses such as Algebra I and Spanish I and II. We are very proud of our middle-schoolers who are academically ready to begin to meet high school requirements. In addition, in all grade levels we will be switching to a "Mastery Based Grading System," where we grade students on achievement toward the standards rather than points toward a grade.

We are providing an even wider variety of electives during the week, as well as adding more Friday Academy courses. We are so excited that Tyler Balthrop will be instructing our students in an intermediate / advanced guitar course as well as a "Rock Band" course on Fridays. We are adding a new art instructor named Jazzminh Moore. She has extensive art experience and received her masters of fine arts at California State Long Beach. We also welcome new office assistant Codi Aberle, who is excited to join our staff, as well as our new teacher's aides Kendall Anderson, Shannon Hanson, Vanessa Hernandez and Leea Joi.

School begins on Monday, August 28 at 8:30 am. We sincerely look forward to meeting new families as well as greeting our returning students. Continue to enjoy your summer, and we will see you soon!

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Happy back to school Samantha!



Bobby Washburn, first day of kindergarten.



Katelyn Germann and Ella Garman in 7th grade.



Haileigh Gregg, 7th grade and McKenzie Gregg, 10th grade.



We have a junior (Camryn) and a preschooler (Grace).



At right: Schools of Hope tutors Lisa Doster and Cherie Johnson with Lillian, center, a first-grade student at Frank Zeek Elementary.



Callie & James Brown WHS freshman & junior class of 2019 & 2021.



Paxton Scott: First Day of T.K. Pax ran right into class: so excited and energetic!



Alysa Colvard on her first day of school as a 6th grader at Baechtel Grove.



Wishing our boy Carter LeClair an epic 1st grade year! Love you buddy!



Eric Colvard on his first day of school as a sophomore at Willits High School.



Help a Child Learn to Read

'Schools of Hope' program adds new schools in Mendocino County

Education is the cornerstone of individual and community success, and reading is a core building block. Yet in Mendocino County, less than 25 percent of third-graders are reading at grade level. Those students who continue to struggle with reading into adulthood are likely to have trouble finding and keeping a job with a livable wage and health benefits.

The success of this program depends upon volunteers willing to work one-on-one with students for 30 minutes a week. Those who wish to tutor more than one student may do so provided they are able to commit an additional 30 minutes of volunteer time per student. Training and materials will be provided so tutors can feel confident.

Is it successful? An evaluation of Schools of Hope by Sonoma State University in 2014 found that first- and second-grade students who received tutoring showed reading proficiency growth between 28 percent and 50 percent higher than non-Schools of Hope students who started with similar scores.

An information and orientation session will be held in Willits on Thursday, August 31 at 1 pm at the Willits Library. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer or hearing more about the program should plan to attend. NCO is located at 413 North State Street, Ukiah. For more information or to RSVP for an orientation/information session, please call the NCO Volunteer Network at 462-1959 or email Joan Reynolds at jreynolds@ncoinc.org.

- submitted by North Coast Opportunities



Bailey, today is your first day of kindergarten! Mommy is so proud of you!! I hope you make a lot of new friends in Mrs. Racina's class! I wish you the best and hope you have a great first day! We love you Bailey!



Ella and Alissa Randrup Swinney 1st grade.



Luke's in 4th grade! Looking way too handsome!



We have a 7th grader (Aden) and a 1st grader (Josiah).



Gracie, Colby, and Charlie. 6, 3, and Charlie Rose Leon, 5.



A letter from ...

The Waldorf School of Mendocino County

The Waldorf School of Mendocino County is joining with over 1,000 other schools worldwide to prepare for the 100-year anniversary of Waldorf education. In 1919, Rudolf Steiner founded Waldorf education for the working-class parents of the Waldorf-Astoria Cigarette Factory.

Along with factory owner Emil Molt, Steiner recognized the dangers inherent in the strict state education system, which focused on creating citizens obedient to the increasingly rigid fascist state. In contrast, Waldorf education sought to impart meaning, purpose, beauty, and academic excellence, all still relevant today, as we again slide toward narrowing conformity and commodification of human thought and life.

Life is about more than just conforming to the dictates of the economy. It involves passion, imagination and joy. This realm of the emotions and senses is often left behind in modern classrooms, reinforcing the alienation and lack of connection in modern society. In addition, children are routinely forced to tackle subjects inappropriate to the developmental stage of their brains.

At the Waldorf School of Mendocino County, we aim to bring the heart into the learning experience. Children do not just learn to obey, but to understand and care deeply for whatever endeavor they are currently exploring, in an age-appropriate time and manner. A sense of connection with the subject matter, and with each other, leads to inspired action and a sense of responsibility for the world. This is not just a world to inhabit, but a world to create.

Starting in preschool, children are invited to explore their physical and social environments in emotionally warm and safe surroundings. Their creativity is cultivated through an abundance of unstructured play and stories, along with simple crafts, painting and music. At the same time, they learn to take care of themselves through cooking and cleaning chores. In first grade, children are introduced to letters and numbers through stories, forming an emotional connection that helps make reading, writing and arithmetic a living experience. Through the grades, care is taken to ensure that math is understood intuitively, and not just followed by rote.

Every part of the curriculum is integrated, including music, creating a living whole and nurturing connections. Students learn much about the basic processes and technologies surrounding them, as well as practical skills, so that they leave school as empowered participants in the world around them. Much of their education occurs outside, encouraging a connection with the nonhuman world from which we evolved.

The Waldorf movement is the largest and fastest-growing alternative and nonsectarian education system around the world. This growth is occurring organically, from a felt need for something different. In its 45th year, WSMC is currently accepting applications for the 2017-18 school year, from preschool to sixth grade. We will also be offering an expanded Roots and Shoots parent / toddler program in the fall. Please contact us at 707-485-8719 or enroll@mendocinowaldorf.org, or visit us at www.mendocinowaldorf.org. This year's starting date is Tuesday, August 29.



Maelie, 2nd grade & Garin, 4th grade.



Nora started kindergarten today, and she is really excited to be in the clown classroom at Brookside.



At top, left: Playing music is an important part of a Waldorf education. At top, right: Learning about acorns at the Waldorf School of Mendocino County. Above: Picking produce at the Waldorf School garden.



At right: 2016 Mendocino County Arts Champions receiving recognition last October. Nominations are now sought for 2017.



Nominations sought for Mendocino County Art Champion awards

The Arts Council of Mendocino County is now seeking nominations from the entire community for the 14th Annual Mendocino County Art Champion Awards. Art Champion awards will be made in the following four categories: Business Champion for the Arts; Individual Champion for the Arts; Artist Champion; and Educational Champion.

Nominations are due by September 8. The awards will be presented before the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors in October. A public reception to honor the Art Champions will immediately follow the awards presentation.

The Art Champion awards are annually presented in October to coincide with National Arts and Humanities Month. National Arts and Humanities Month is a coast-to-coast collective celebration of culture in America, dedicated to giving millions of Americans the opportunity to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives and encourage them to begin a lifelong habit of active participation. To learn more about National Arts and Humanities Month, visit the website for Americans for the Arts at www.americansforthearts.org or the website for the California Arts Council at www.cac.ca.gov.

Last year's arts champions were: Savings Bank of Mendocino County (Business); Debbie Bowles of The Fat Quail Quilt Shop in Laytonville (Individual); Elliott Little (Artist); Pavlos Mayayakis (Educator); and SPACE (Arts Organization).

To submit a 2017 Mendocino County Art Champion nomination form, to review the award criteria, or to see a list of past winners, go to the website of the Arts Council of Mendocino County at www.artsmendocino.org. You may also request to receive a nomination form by email or mail by calling 707-463-2727.

- Submitted by the Arts Council of Mendocino County

Free Back-to-School Clothes

Friday, September 1

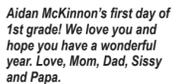
Willits Mendocino County Youth Project will be providing free back-to-school clothes for middle-school and high school students on Friday, September 1 from 2 to 5 pm at 30 San Francisco Street in Willits. Info: Prevention & Early Intervention North Inland Program & Signs of Safety Coordinator Aurelie Clivez: 489-1258.

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30 San Francisco St., Willits
(first studio on right)
For more info please contact:
Aurelie (707) 489-1258
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Aidan McKinnon's first day of 1st grade! We love you and hope you have a wonderful year. Love, Mom, Dad, Sissy and Papa.



Jerett is very excited to be back at school and make new friends! Good luck pal. Mom, Dad and brother love you!



Brayden Sylstra Dolphin at Mendocino College Child Development Center.



Nene and Triniti.



I would like to wish Jessalyn Harwood a great year as a first grader and Averi Bulcke a great year in the green triangle class!!! You both will do great. Love, all your family.



Cole Moyle 6th grade and Claire Moyle (Case-Brackett) 9th grade.



The Drew boys are heading back to school! Super proud of both boys Tanner heading into the 7th grade at Baechtel and Taylor into 9th grade at the Willits High!



We would like to say we love and believe in you boys! Happy first week of kindergarten and 3rd grade Jonas and Jedediah Swarengin. Love, Mom and Dad.



Hailee Lopez 5th grade.



Nicole Sylstra, fourth grade.

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Movie Times for 8/25 thru 8/31 This Week's Tightwad Tuesday Titles are in RED - All tickets: \$5

School Year 2017-2018 Public Media Release for Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Willits Unified School District is announcing its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. Each school and/or the district/agency's central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party on request.

Meal applications will be sent to all households with a letter informing parents or guardians of the availability of free and reduced-price meals. To apply, complete one application for all children in the household and submit to the school for processing. Additional copies are available at the school office. Households may submit an Application at any time during the school year. Information provided on the Application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school officials.

Children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals if their household income is less than or equal to the Income Eligibility Guidelines identified below, which will be used to determine eligibility for meal benefits. These guidelines are effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Free and Reduced-Price Scales

Household size	Free Eligibility Scale for Lunch, Breakfast, and Milk					Reduced-Price Eligibility Scale for Lunch and Breakfast				
	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Week	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Week
1	\$ 15,678	\$ 1,307	\$ 654	\$ 603	\$ 302	\$ 22,311	\$ 1,860	\$ 930	\$ 859	\$ 430
2	21,112	1,760	880	812	406	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
3	26,546	2,213	1,107	1,021	511	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727
4	31,980	2,665	1,333	1,230	615	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
5	37,414	3,118	1,559	1,439	720	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024
6	42,848	3,571	1,786	1,648	824	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
7	48,282	4,024	2,012	1,857	929	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
8	53,716	4,477	2,239	2,066	1,033	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471
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