2015 Crop Report: Steady

as she goes

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Mendocino County's agricultural economy grew 3 percent over the value of the 2014 crop, as measured in dollars, according to the 2015 Crop Report. The Crop Report was presented to the board of supervisors at its August 16 meeting by Agricultural Commissioner Chuck Morse.

The total value for all agricultural crops in 2015, including timber but excluding marijuana, was \$221.8 million. The 2014 crop was valued at \$214.5 million.

Wine grapes took a tumble at \$88.2 million, down from 2014 value of \$93.7 million.

Timber brought in a value

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Willits residents held for false

imprisonment Two Willits residents were arrested in the early hours of August 21 after they allegedly held a woman at gunpoint in a Ukiah motel after her boyfriend failed to return with marijuana they

had purchased.

The saga began at about 12:45 am when deputies were dispatched to the 600 block of South State Street in Ukiah, where a 25-yearold woman told them she had been held against her will in a motel room by 30-year-old Theo Corcoran and 22-year-old Malia Linde, according to sheriff's Sgt. Michael Dygert.

The woman said she and her boyfriend had met Corcoran and Linde the previous day at around noon in a motel room in the 1300 block of North State Street.

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Covelo men held in carjacking

Two Covelo men were arrested August 17 after allegedly carjacking a pickup on Henderson Road in Round Valley.

The Sheriff's Office dispatch center was notified of the incident by Round Tribal Housing Valley Security personnel, who had been contacted by the victims after their silver Chevrolet Silverado twodoor, single-cab pickup was allegedly taken by two men who threatened them, according to sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer.

While checking the area, deputies observed a vehicle matching the description of the stolen truck "traveling

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Above, left: Students at Imagination Station have fun on the jungle dome with teacher Juan. Above, right: Teacher Juan and students look for more ready-to-pick squash at the preschool's garden. Below: Some of the Imagination Station students and teachers stand in front of the newly painted exterior, including: back row, from left: Teacher Renee, Cynthia, Kelleigh, Saprina Rodriguez (owner and director), Teacher Juan, Elisha, and Jazmin, and front row, from left: Scotty, Bowdy, Bailey, Grady, Mikey, Eli, Taylor and Genesis.



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Preschool expands thanks to demand for enriching academic learning

Back in 2011, Saprina Rodriguez opened a small preschool in the Willits valley with just five kids under her care. Now, five years later, Imagination Station has boomed into a

Maureen Moore Graphics & Photographress

120-student and 12-teacher business, providing care and education for children age 18 months through fifth grade.

"The demand has been amazing," said Rodriguez, director and owner of Imagination Station Preschool. "We have had more kids on the list than we could accommodate, especially including the summer sessions and after-school hours. So we decided to expand again."

Rodriguez is now in the process of opening the Learning Depot Academy, where kids in grades kindergarten through fifth grade will receive homework support, have a relaxation area, participate in creative art activities, work in the garden, and learn about healthy cooking. The Learning Depot will be open after school until 6 pm and on holidays from 7:30 am to 6 pm. It will be located just a block from Brookside School and provide older students a nice after-school space.

"My vision for the Learning Depot Academy, ideally, would be to have it turn into a tutoring center. We could have

Read the rest of Over on Page 13 **Imagination**



Above, left: Mikey, Teacher Juan, Bowdy, Genesis, Scotty, and Eli check out the garden in the playground at the center. Bailey zips down the slide

KLLG update: Music now on the air

If you're anywhere in the Little Lake Valley and you tune your radio to 97.9 FM, you will hear one of a half-dozen prerecorded music shows coming through the airwaves.

Damian Sebouhian

That music and the voices announcing the station call letters are brought to you by

Reporter damian@willitsweekly.com Willits' own new lowpower community radio station, KLLG.

Because the station is still under construction - in room 10 of the Little Lake Grange – KLLG is not yet broadcasting live. However, the station is currently accepting pre-recorded radio shows of all kinds for review and possible broadcasting.

Cynthia Klick, music director at Humboldt County's KMUD Radio, recently gave a presentation to roughly 20 local programmers-to-be, showing just how easy it is to create your very

home.

All you need is a computer and one of several audio software programs, Audacity, GarageBand,

Hindenburg or MegaSeg. With these software tools, it's easy to drag and drop songs from playlists and create a seamless show.

"It's fun to work with audio in a visual way, where you can actually see it," said Klick. "I find it very organized and easy to understand."

GarageBand, demonstrated how to overlap songs to create smooth flowing transitions and to avoid dead air moments. "You hear how one song will flow into another song?" Klick said. "We call that a segue. Making that sound really good, it becomes an art. Read the rest of

It's easy to do on the computer,

own radio show in the comfort of your more difficult to make it perfect on the board."

> In creating your own radio show, Klick said it's important to break in every 15 or 20 minutes to identify what songs you've just played.

> "Don't go 40 minutes without identifying yourself," Klick said. "It's nice to your audience to identify what you're playing. Assume your audience is switching every 15 minutes. So, with talk shows you need to identify who you're talking to regularly, for those who have just tuned in."

Klick discussed other radio rules of

"Every radio station is legally required to identify themselves at the top of the hour," said Klick. "You have three minutes before the top of the

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Supes OK process to write

ballot statements

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

Supervisors John Mc-Cowen and Dan Gjerde will draft ballot statements in support of measures AH and Al on the November ballot, the board of supervisors decided on August 16.

Measure AI is the county's Cannabis Business Tax initiative, which proposes an array of taxes on the cultivation and distribution of medical marijuana.

Measure AH is an enacting measure associated with Measure AG, which authorizes a half-cent sales tax to be collected to build a mental health treatment facility in Mendocino County.

The board voted 4-1 to appoint McCowen and Gjerde to write and submit

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Supes approve youth and pot policy statement

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Supervisors on August 16 unanimously approved a policy statement on youth and marijuana drafted by the Children's Health Committee, a subcommittee of the Policy Council on Children and Youth and the Child Abuse Prevention Commission.

The foundation of the policy statement, approved by the Policy Council on Children and Youth in May, is the assumption that consumption of marijuana will be prohibited for people younger than 21 years old, no matter what happens various cannabis legalization efforts.

Supervisor Dan Hamburg noted proper use of the

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Supes OK meeting schedule with county commissions

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

At the August 16 board meeting, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve a schedule of meetings with six county boards and commissions.

The meeting schedule board includes joint meetings with the Fish and Game Commission in October 2016; with the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (also known as the Mental Health Advisory

Read the rest of Meeting

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

August Garden Party

To the Editor:

Once again members of Willits Educational Foundation and Willits Rotary Club have joined forces for the annual Garden Party at Phil and Kathy Shuster's place, 1660 Center Valley Road, August 27, 4 to 8 pm.

Volunteers are working feverishly to see that this is the most successful Garden Party ever. A fabulous food menu will include delicious barbecued tri-tip and ovsters, as well as numerous other tastv treats - many freshly prepared in the Shuster kitchen. There will be live musical entertainment from The Bassics, one-of-akind silent auction items, and of course the garden.

Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse also a member of Willits Educational Foundation, recently noted: "We go to the garden parties because they are a large fundraiser that is dedicated to meeting the needs of our young people. All the proceeds from their work go to a variety of improvements that fill in where the district monies cannot stretch far enough to reach.' So, if you haven't bought your tickets yet, now would be the time, available at Cat's Meow, Willits Furniture, Mazahar, or from any WEF or Rotary Club member, or call Kathy Shuster 459-2659 if you need more information.

The live auction could get pretty animated this year when two beautiful electric guitars are placed on the auction block. Bidding will begin at \$500. Both guitars come with certificates of authenticity - one from Sting, the other from Bono of U2 – and are generous donations from George Husaruk. Other live auction items will include three outstanding getaways: A three-night stay for six people at Seahorse Cove Retreat at Big Lagoon in Humboldt County, including a \$200 gift certificate for dinner at the Larrupin Cafe in nearby Trinidad; a oneweek stay at Margie Handley's time-share for eight at the Sedona Summit in Sedona, Arizona, which includes two bedrooms (each sleeping four), a kitchen, and access to swimming pools, hot tubs, BBQs, Wi-Fi, laundry facilities and many activities; and a two-night stay in a lake house for seven with a one-day guided fishing trip on Clearlake for two people.

Just as spirited are the continuously changing bids on silent auction items. Who wouldn't want to bid on limited edition print #38 of the beautiful horse Seabiscuit painted by Marjo Wilson Jensen, a companion Seabiscuit mug, and two adult tickets for a walking tour of his famous ranch? Or, the baling wire art from Marjo Wilson Jensen this one featuring her beloved "Cowdogs." Not to be missed is the 50-year-old white ironstone soup tureen donated by a fan of WEF, a giant wok barbecue, and a golf package for four. Teachers returning to school will appreciate the beautiful craftsmanship in Karen Gridley's stunning sunflower tote bag for carrying books and supplies. There are numerous gift certificates covering everything from car detailing, to spa packages, to passes at the health club, not to mention beautiful gift baskets being created to satisfy every

The Rules: LETTERS

Do you enjoy the excitement of raffle ticket We need a few of you on our core team, in the four-hour Garden Party, as each item is six-month subscription to Willits Weekly, a \$25 Safeway gift card, and gift cards from 1st Nails, Nikos, and Monkey Wrench,

Another added feature to this year's festivities will be wine tasting, presented by Handley Cellars in Philo. \$5 tasting tickets will be sold with other drink tickets, and Cellars' manager Travis Scott will proudly pour for your pleasure.

With just two days left, get your \$20 tickets now! Tickets sold at the gate will be \$25.

> Gail Richards, Willits Educational Foundation

KLLG update

KLLG is on the air. Not fully fledged, but a fledging testing its wings. We've had a soft opening, a momentous event that culminates many months of work. Our grand opening will be October 22, highlighted by The Dirt Floor Band putting on a benefit dance concert at the Willits Arts Center.

Hopefully the hoopla will be legion, huge, splendid, and open the hearts of Willitsians to the advent of their own community FM radio station. Perhaps an airplane will fly by overhead pulling a banner: "KLLG is on the Air! Tune in to 97.9." Posters, flyers, tables. buzz, excitement – KLLG is on the air!

Until then, there is still much work for our community to do to make KLLG real - and sustainable. It takes a community to get a community radio station off the ground from a dream of a few to a reality for all!

Specific timely needs. Besides funds, let's talk about people, personnel, positions on the core KLLG team to make this project fly . to send down roots to keep it alive.

Of course, programmers. Don't worry if you have little experience. We'll mentor you. We've already held two workshops to introduce the basics of hosting a show

want a weekly show. It'd be a collaboration of getting key information into the heads and hearts of citizens who want to know what's happening and find ways to be involved. I'd like to see at least two youngsters create local news shows – sports, current events, community discussions and decisionmaking. We need to see the community from the eyes of our youngest, thinking

Reviews and notices of upcoming presentations at the Noyo Theatre, Willits Community Theatre, and other local venues. KYBU in Covelo, a great station, has a brief weekly program that reports on the newest most interesting offerings from its local bulletin boards. We want a show like that! We need a show that highlights the activities of our local community service organizations and churches.

Think local – what kind of show would empower our community and make it more

drawings? It can be a lot of fun waiting to admin, tech, and programming. I'm looking hear if your number is called throughout for an assistant to the general manager. We need a music librarian, someone to called up. This year, raffle prizes include a organize and catalog our music files, who would help with those automated hours of music. Someone reading this right now is

perfect for that post.

Thanks to so many of you! You've become the founding members. You attended our first fundraiser, "A Fool's Errand," which raised \$1,100. Over 100 of you have offered in-kind donations, and straight-ahead cash (we're sponsored by the Grange, a 501, with an EIN tax number, so your donations are tax-deductible). Our membership program will start soon.

We're setting up our underwriting program, for our local businesses and organizations, so they can affordably "sponsor" shows. Remember: as a low-power radio station our signal only reaches 95490. That means that 100 percent of our listeners are your potential customers. Willits is a town that respects and supports its businesses that support our community and common good!

Many of you have declared your desire to host a show of your own: sports, news, discussion and call-ins, cultural events, poetry and storytelling, meditation, Christian studies, health and medicine, local initiatives and keen debates. Latino. Native.... This is a diverse community; let's celebrate that on the air! So what can you do now, today, to continue the building/ creation process of KLLG?

Contact us if you have an idea for a show or want to join our team: 459-KLLG or www. kllg.org. We are so happening!

Lanny Cotler, general manager, KLLG 97.9

Thanks to cancer survivors

I'm Sharron Kidd along with Liz Gardner. "Survivor" co-chairs for Relay for Life the last two years. We want to thank all the wonderful 58 cancer survivors for on KLLG. And we'll have more workshops participating in the Relay for Life, Willits

News. I'm hoping our local newspapers will Liz and I would like to thank our donors for the survivor raffles, including: Jerry Saunders, the Skunk Train, Les Schwab, Main Street Video, Yokum's Body Shop

it's time for new people to take over as

All good things come to an end, and

be on the Relay for Life planning committee with Kathy Tobin and Jennifer Sookne, who are also leaving after five years. Anyone interested in being on the Relay

for Life, Willits planning committee please call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345. They will assist you. Thank you, Willits, for making this year a success.

> Sharron Kidd and Liz Gardner, "Survivor" co-chairs, Relay for Life, Willits

Gleaners can pick extra produce

To the Editor:

The Grateful Gleaners are looking for gardeners who have more produce than they can use. We harvest your excess and deliver the bounty to Willits Community Services & Food Bank, Willits Daily Bread. the Kids Club, Nuestra Alianza and other local agencies that serve our community.

Please call 367-9759 and leave a message with your name, phone number, the types of fruit, vegetables or nuts you have, and when you think they will be ready (or if the produce needs to be picked right away).

Thank you to our generous growers and our volunteer gleaners who have helped distribute literally tons of healthy food for more than a decade. You have made a positive difference in people's lives!

For more information about our volunteer program, please call 367-9759 It's fun and

Please note that we only take produce that is not sprayed with pesticides or herbicides. Dormant oil sprays and other non-toxic pest and weed control substances are OK.

Grateful Gleaners, Willits

Wood's "Cottage Cannabis Farmers" bill goes to governor

August Wednesday, Assemblymember Jim Wood's "Cottage Cannabis Farmers" bill passed the Legislature and moved to Gov. Jerry Brown's office. AB 2516 will create a new medical cannabis cultivator license category for "micro farmers."

Wood said: "We want to ensure that small medical cannabis growers on the North Coast can continue to do business as this industry moves forward. It is not fair to require the small farmers to adhere to the same standards as larger operations. This allows the California Department of Food and Agriculture to develop regulations unique to small farmer practices.

The new license type 1C, or specialty cottage cultivator license, will be available for farms with 2,500 square feet or less of total canopy size for mixed-light cultivation, up to 25 mature plants for outdoor cultivation, or 500 square feet or less of total canopy size for indoor cultivation, on Liz and I were honored and privileged to one premises. CDFA will issue the licenses to qualified candidates as well as develop the requirements for each license type.

"Last year the Legislature developed the Medical Marijuana Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act in an attempt to address the environmental, public safety and public health issues in the industry," said Wood. "This effort will only succeed if we make it reasonable for current businesses to come into compliance. We look forward to the governor's signature."

The Office of Assemblymember Jim Wood, Sacramento

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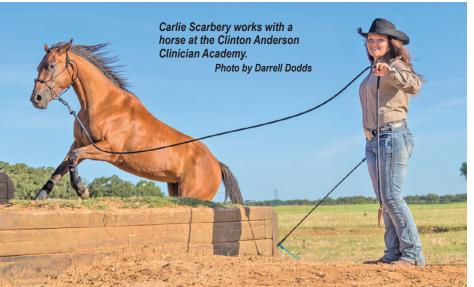
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Carlie Scarbery, 19, of Willits graduated in August from the Clinton Anderson Clinician Academy in Stephenville, Texas and is now a "Downunder Horsemanship" certified method ambassador. Now, she plans to return home and work on her family's ranch. San Vicente. located in the Willits valley. "I'm looking forward to training horses, giving lessons and teaching public clinics until I can save up enough money to go back to the academy and further my education," Scarbery said.

Clint Anderson-certified

Willits' Carlie Scarbery completes equestrian academy and returns home to train

Submitted by Rachelle Wilhelm and the Clinton Anderson Clinician Academy

daughter in the saddle when she was 2, and were adamant about exposing her to good horsemanship practices from the start of her horsemanship career. The Scarberys found the Clint Anderson "method" in 2000, at the beginning of Anderson's career in the United States. While Carlie was familiar with the method, she didn't get serious about it until her dad took on a rescue horse. "That gelding was a handful, and when I saw the results that could be achieved with the method, I wanted to learn as much as I could about it," Carlie said.

Growing up surrounded by horses - her parents own a boarding stable -Carlie knew she wanted to make a living working with horses and helping people learn horsemanship. "When I graduated high school, I looked for horsemanship programs, but couldn't find exactly what I needed for my career until I was watching the "Downunder Horsemanship" TV show and saw the commercial for the academy. I knew that was exactly what I needed,"

During the academy, Carlie took every opportunity she could to add to her



Carlie Scarbery's parents had their knowledge. "I saw myself gain so much confidence. If there's a problem, I know how to fix it now," she says.

As a method ambassador. Carlie accepts horses for training, teaches lessons and small public clinics. "I'm passionate about helping people better communicate with their horses and showing them how the method can help them get results." Carlie Valuable Lesson Learned:

"Break down a lesson if your horse isn't understanding what you're asking him to do. I had it in my brain that you have to get everything good the first day you work with your horse. You don't. You have to pay attention to each individual horse, and if a horse is struggling, you need to break the lesson up so that he understands." Greatest Challenge: "I was a little nervous

about starting a colt in front of Clinton with only 10 days to get the job done. I had started colts before, but I'd spend a couple of weeks preparing them on the ground before getting in the saddle. I knew at the clinic that we would be given horses with minimal handling and would be in the saddle within just a few days. Once the clinic

got underway, I was so focused on my horse and learning as much as I could that my nerves went away. What we were able to accomplish with our colts in 10 days was amazing. I never thought I'd be doing what we were doing by the end of the clinic with a

Favorite Part of the Day: "I loved the early mornings. I tried to get to the ranch between 5:45 and 6 to work m first horse of the day. At that time, it was just getting to be daylight, it was cool, and it was just you and your horse riding around the ranch.'

For more information, contact Carlie Scarbery at 489-8856 or cscarbery@ downunderhorsemanship.com; or visit www.certifiedclinician. com/CarlieScarbery.aspx or www. facebook.com/cshorses.

At left: Scarbery poses with Clinton Anderson at her August graduation.

Photo by Maureen Scarbery



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Newlyweds Eli & Mattie

Mattie Pinon and Eli Owen were married on August 20, 2016 in the redwood grove at Ridgewood Ranch south of Willits. Parents Dan and Annette Pinon and Gary Owen and Nedra Comack proudly witnessed the ceremony, which was officiated by Kathleen Goss and Chuck Persico.

A reception at the ranch followed the ceremony and was filled with family and friends. The bridal party included maid of honor Sandi Short, bridesmaid Dina Pinon Parker, best man Brian Killingsworth, attendant Tom Jones, and flower girls

Sephora Maciel, Eva Pinon, Charlie Pinon and Payton Shull. Ring bearers and Go-Pro wearers included Corgis Chase, Dodge and Kelsie. The bride works as a Department of Maintenance, Operations, Transportation assistant for the Willits Unified School District. and the groom works at the Brooktrails Water Department. The pair plan to honeymoon in Hawaii and live happily ever after at their home in Willits.



Newlyweds Wayne & Beth

Congrats Column

60th Anniversary

Bob & Carol

Congratulations to Bob and Carol Doty of

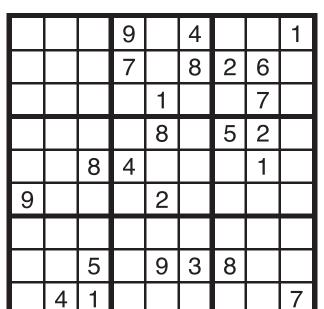
Willits, at left, who recently celebrated their

60th wedding anniversary among family and

The union of R. Wayne Bashore and Bethany Ferretta on August 22, 2016 was a small yet beautiful ceremony at their home in the Willits valley. Sheriff Tom Allman enjoyed being their officiant as their family witnessed. The groom's mother, Gwen Wood of Willits, and the bride's mother, Laura Corben, and stepfather Greg Corben, also of Willits gave their blessings eagerly; it is after all an obvious slam dunk pairing. Wayne an active community contributor, former mayor of Willits, and tireless general contractor, and his bride, Bethany, owner of Completely You Massage, are taking time off ... eventually, just not right this second. The reception on October 8 will be attended by many friends and family.



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18. Greek sophist

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22. Attractiveness

27. The man

36. Woman

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Form of Hindustani

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3. Ring 4. Adam is one

5. Champion Volunteer QB 6. The smartest Ed

7. Fast cats 8. Two-toed sloth 9. __ humbug! 10. Investigator

11. Explosive warhead 12. Wrap

14. Hidden meaning

17. Reciprocal of a sine

47. Mechanical belt

18. Go with pains

23. Prohibited

(abbr.)

24. Blocks

20. Small constellation

25. Home to Boston

30. Promotional materials

31. Plundering and

destroying

35. One point north of

36. Freshwater fishes

34. Provokes

due east

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WILLITS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT has announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program. Each school and/or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free, reduced-price, or full-price mea benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown here are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Children who receive Food Stamps (FS), California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Kinship Guardianship Assistance Pavments (Kin-GAP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits are automatically eligible for free meals regardless of the income of the household in which they reside. Eligibility for a foster child is based on a separate application and solely on the amount of the child's "personal use" income.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Income Eligibility Guidelines - Willits Unified School District for Free and Reduced-Price Meals or Free Milk in Child Nutrition Programs (Effective from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017)

Participants from households with incomes at or below the following levels may be eligible for free and reduced-price meals or free milk:

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| 36,972 | 3,081 | 1,541 | 1,422 | 711 | 52,614 | 4,385 | 2,193 | 2,024 | 1,012 | | |
| 42,354 | 3,530 | 1,765 | 1,629 | 815 | 60,273 | 5,023 | 2,512 | 2,319 | 1,160 | | |
| 47,749 | 3,980 | 1,990 | 1,837 | 919 | 67,951 | 5,663 | 2,832 | 2,614 | 1,307 | | |
| 53,157 | 4,430 | 2,215 | 2,045 | 1,023 | 75,647 | 6,304 | 3,152 | 2,910 | 1,455 | | |
| For each additional family member, add: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| \$ 5,408 | \$ 451 | \$ 226 | \$ 208 | \$ 104 | \$ 7,696 | \$ 642 | \$ 321 | \$ 296 | \$ 148 | | |

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call Loraine Patton at 621-0173 and leave her a message. All changes need to be made by December 1st of this year in order to make the NEW 2017 Directory.

ou can email your information to willitsphonebook@gmail.com o

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The Director of LA Vida Charter School

Ann Kelly

La Vida celebrates 15 years and WASC renewal

La Vida Charter School is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year. Still true to its founding charter, the K-12 school continues to offer a holistic, child-centered, strengths-based program that provides an educational alternative for Mendocino and neighboring counties through a hybrid program of independent study supported

As a member of the Alliance for Public Waldorf Schools, the on-campus program located at Ridgewood Ranch, the "home of Seabiscuit," combines a main lesson and academic classes with a rich array of specialty classes two days per week.

This year's afternoons will host music and drama classes preparing for the fall musical, "Bonnes Maniéres, A Medieval Quest for Polite Behavior," American Sign Language, Handwork, Painting, Field Science in the out of doors, a STEAM class for homeschool- only students (Science, Technology, Engineering and children's growth into maturity physically, socially, morally and, Math), Computer Science, and Hummingbird Robotics for junior especially, in spiritual aspects. high and high school.

In the spring additional specialties will include Yoga, Wet Felting, Grid Beam Construction and Bee Keeping. High school on-campus

electives include Chain Maille Jewelry, Marketing (a new book Read the rest of of community stories), Survival Techniques, History through Over on Page 14 Kelly Seabiscuit, Drawing, Art History and Appreciation, and Designing

The Principal of Adventist Čhristian **School of Willits**

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Adventist Christian School of Willits is a small one-room school accepting applications for enrollment that has the highest academic standards while learning more about

We are committed to its students and their families. Our school is accredited and employs highly trained professionals. The school is open to grades 1-8 and because of its small size, it allows for greater one-on-one time with the teacher.

All of the fundamental classes are taught: Math, English, Science, Social Studies as well as Bible, Handwriting and Music. These classes allow for the development of the whole person. When working in a one-room school, students may be paired with someone of a different age and therefore they have an opportunity not found in a public school classroom: They learn how to interact and associate appropriately with students who are older and younger.

There are openings available for the 2016-2017 year. For more information. please call 459-4333. We look forward to hearing from you.



Robert and I love you, boys. Have a great year! XOXO Tyler Vesey: Senior at WHS. Carson Miler: Freshman at WHS. Nikolas Miler: 6th grade LMS.



Paetyn Smith, first day of Pre-K at Brookside School. Same school her Dad, Grandpa, and



Kayden Paullus going into 4th grade at Blosser Lane, and MaKenzie Hansen going into her first year of high school at



We can't believe our baby is a big girl now and starting TK on Monday! We wish you the very best first year of school, Tinley. Love, your Mom & Dad.

The Principal of Grace **Christian Academy**

Richard Whipkey

On Tuesday, September 6, Grace Christian Academy will begin its fourth year serving the families and children of Willits. Our school, located at 25 Hazel Street (behind Flyers Gas Station), serves students in kindergarten through third grade. We emphasize a basic education with students reaching toward and achieving real skills in every important area of preparation:

• Reading with understanding and discernment!

Writing to communicate clearly and with a sense of meaning!

• Arithmetic – not just crunching numbers but understanding! • Understanding the history of our world, country and culture!

Growing in scientific knowledge and skills (and health)!

· Developing skills and expression in the arts and humanities! We actively strive to work with the parents as they guide their

Grace Christian Academy is a Christian ministry based on a Biblical faith; the Bible is used as part of our curriculum; practical instruction in leading a responsible, caring, loving and compassionate lifestyle is integrated into all subjects. Our goal for this year and for every year is for each student to rise in maturity, understanding and wisdom to contribute to our communities.

The goals for our students can be summarized this way: Every student would discover and recognize the facts, learning to decide whether a statement is true or not; to understand in the larger context how truth and facts fit together; and to grow in an ever-increasing wisdom of how to apply these realizations for life choices which are truly best for ourselves, our communities and for all the others we impact.

If you would like more information about Grace Christian Academy, our program, our fees and our ministry to this community, please call the office at 459-3106. We are still



Community wishes

for new and returning students for the 2016/2017 school year!

See more photos on pages 10 & 16



day of school. Me and your dad are so proud of you! You're



Ella and Alissa Randrup Swinney, first day of kindergarten.



Garrett Campbell: Mendocino College. Your dad and I are so proud of you. Reach for the stars and we can't wait to watch you play college baseball. XO.



grade and first day of teacher



sister Jaidyn Dusky, all ready to start 4th grade! We love you. Cheyenne, Mom and Garret <3



William England IV, Baechtel Grove, Grade 6.



4th member of the family to be going to Brookside. Sorin Bryant 1st day of kindergarten!

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Above, from left: Grant Forrester holds up his new schedule. Parents and kids file into Baechtel Grove Middle School on the first day of school, Monday, August 22. One of the school bus drivers, Bobbi Lippmann, smiles from the driver's seat. Danielle Barry checks in with Principal Maria Munguia on the first day of school. Below from left: New students crowd around the schedule table. Below, right: A new student receives her new schedule from Jeannie Patereau.







Above: Laura Sleeper, human resources director for WUSD, BGMS Principal Maria Munquia and staffer Jeannie Patereau. Below, left: Librarian Tina Ellis smiles in the doorway. Below, right: Students wait to board bus 10.

Baechtel **Grove Middle School**

Back to School at

Monday, August 22 marked the first day of school for Willits Unified School District students, and those moving in to sixth, seventh and eighth grades were picking up schedules, hugging parents "goodbye!," and hugging friends "hello!" as they made their way around the campus.

"We're off to a great start!" said Jenni Wyatt, secretary at Baechtel Grove Middle School. "We're looking forward to a successful 2016/2017 school year!"

Keep up to date with BGMS by visiting http://bgms.willitsunified.com/.



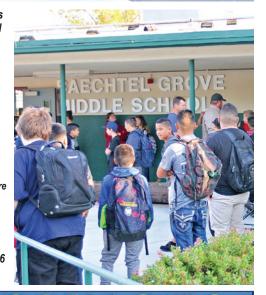


Above: Danielle Barry gets out of the truck, ready and excited for her first day of seventh grade. At left: A new batch of students pose together in front of the school on Monday.

At right: Students wait for school to start.

Photos by Maureen Moore

See more photos online: http://photographress. zenfolio.com/btsbgms2016



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- Science Based





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The Waldorf School of **Mendocino County**

Into our 45th year, The Waldorf School of Mendocino County continues to strive towards providing an integrated, age-appropriate, safe and inspired education to each of our students. Our dedicated staff and faculty continue to improve every aspect of our school.

Our administrator, Spring Senerchia (a WSMC alumni), is using her personal passion for Waldorf education to reinvigorate our school, hiring new administration and faculty members, and building a larger and more professional board of directors. Among recent improvements, we have moved our office to a larger building that can accommodate our full administrative staff and also provide space for meetings. Our efforts to remain engaged and relevant to upcoming generations of parents have driven a complete new website revision, offering a wealth of useful information, as well as an expansion of our use of social media through Facebook and

We continue to recommit ourselves to providing an authentic, independent Waldorf education, balancing and integrating the intellect and emotions, mind and body, function and beauty. Our committed teachers aim to graduate self-motivated, emotionally intelligent, and compassionate students, who excel in reading, writing, and arithmetic, and also enjoy exposure to many cultures, subjects, crafts and places, allowing them to explore the world while also finding their unique place in it.

Our beautiful, leafy campus sets the stage for learning. inviting students to experience the world with their senses. The campus is nestled on a wooded hill covering three acres, with gardens, fields and playgrounds right outside the beautiful classrooms, each of which allow in plenty of sunlight.

The distinctiveness of Waldorf education lies in how the children are taught. Waldorf teachers intentionally create an ideal learning environment, resulting in students who are engaged and excited to come to school.

The first day of the 2016/17 school year is Tuesday, August 30; and "Beautification Day," to get ready for school, is set for Saturday, August 27, at the school campus, 6280 3rd Street, in Calpella, from 9 am to 2 pm. Check us out at www. waldorfmendocino.com or call us at 485-8719



The Principal of Willits Elementary **Charter School**

Kara McClellan

WECS Year 5: 'A Focus on Science'

The Willits Elementary Charter School is a free, public, K-5 charter school for Willits and other local school district students. Our goal is to give our students the tools to develop integrity, compassion and confidence through inquiry-based learning. Our challenging academic program also includes Spanish language development, outdoor and physical education, and the arts. Our first day of school is Monday, August 29, beginning at 8:30 am. The WECS faculty looks forward to welcoming our many returning families and all of our new students!

WECS offers brunch and hot lunch each day. Free and reduced-price lunch is available through the National Student Lunch Program. We are committed to wellness for our students and our meals focus on whole grains, proteins, fresh fruits and vegetables. WECS has quality, low-cost before- and after-school programs. Parents of enrolled students interested in the after-school program should sign up at the WECS office between 9 am and 4 pm each

weekday before the Read the rest of first day of school.

McClellan

A letter from ...

The Director of Willits Charter School



Willits Charter School is a free, public school for the Arts and Sciences, serving students in grades sixth through 12th. The mission of Willits Charter School is to enable students to reach their fullest potential by providing them with a highquality, personalized education in a safe and supportive environment. We strive to inspire students to embrace their curious, creative nature and be selfmotivated, competent, lifelong learners. We encourage students to become productive citizens who respect themselves, others, community, diversity and the environment.

It is an honor to begin my third year at Willits Charter School. I continue to enjoy the collaboration and ever-changing environment where we strive to provide the best education for our students. I look forward to the 2016-2017 school year, where I get to visit classrooms that are energized with an exciting combination of creativity, high energy and deep learning.

It is an exciting time here at WCS as we undergo many changes to our facility, our academic program, and our Arts programs. We are installing brand-new turf in September. Although sports are not a huge focus for WCS, it is our goal to provide our students with a high-quality field for our P.E. programs. Our next phase of beautification for our backyard is to install a new basketball Read the rest of

Over on Page 14 Lockwood



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Beverly Draudt, FNP-C Family Practice

Ms. Draudt is a board-certified family nurse practitioner and specializes in caring for patients of all ages. She has many years of experience in women's health.



Kimberly Silva, FNP Family Practice

Ms. Silva is a board-certified family nurse practitioner who treats many conditions and provides a widerange of services including, sick visits, annual physical exams and management of chronic diseases.

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Thursday, August 25
City Streets & Alleys Workshop #2: The City of Willits holds a second community workshop to hear your foodback on the

your feedback on the revised conceptual designs for Streets and Alleys Connectivity Study. Please attend this workshop to share your thoughts on the preferred concepts 5:30 to 7:30 pm presentation starts at 6 pm. Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street. The Downtown Willits Streets and



Main Street in Willits

Alleys Connectivity Study seeks to achieve the following goals: Beautify and enhance downtown provide better accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists; maintain parking and provide loading zones for downtown merchants; encourage local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility; improve public gathering spaces in downtown; improve traffic safety and visibility for motorists and improve lighting, wayfinding signage and landscaping throughout downtown. Info: Contact Dusty Duley, city planner, at planning@willitscity.

"The Nerd": 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. Closing weekend for this "hilarious farce" by Larry Shue, which "has since been a Broadway hit and a top-grossing American play in London's West End. It is a play for all ages, with its bright oneliners, indelible action, reliable pacing and hidden surprises." Directed by Jason Edington, with an all-star cast. Runs through August 28, Thursday at 7 pm for \$10, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm for

\$15, and Sunday matinee at 2 pm. Advance tickets are available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out.

"The Nerd": 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, August 25 listing for more details.

Friday, August 26

"The Nerd": 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, August 25 listing for more details.

Slam Poetry Night: Live at the Brickhouse, 3 South Main Street. "Speak Your Mind!" Returns Friday, August 26, 7 pm. Free. All Ages.

Sponsored by Mendocino County Youth Project

Shanachie Pub: classic rock and blues cover band, Stone House Band, formerly known as Black Iris Band. 9 pm. featuring players Todd veteran Brayton, lead vocal, drums; John Coughlin, lead guitar, vocals; John Chambers, bass guitar, backing vocals; and Joe Munch, guitar. 50

August 27th 6 - 7:30 PM

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South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, August

Mariposa Market Customer Appreciation Day: Mariposa's 37th Anniversary Party, from 9 am to 6 pm, on Saturday, August 27 at Mariposa Market, 500 South Main Street. "Join us in celebrating 37 years of bringing great food to Willits. We will have special discounts at the register (15 to 37 percent per customer), product demos, food demos, music, and raffle items all day

'Quilty Pleasures': the free

FRIDAY AUGUST 26TH THE BRICKHOUSE

7PM—FREE—ALL AGES SPEAK YOUR MIND

Quilt Show behind the Fat Quail Quilt Shop, 44550 Highway 101, Laytonville, is set for Saturday, August 27, 10 am to 4 pm, and Sunday, August 28, 11 am to 4 pm this year. Quilts on display and for sale, raffle for a quilt and themed raffle baskets, demonstrations. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details. Info: www. thefatquail.com or 984-

> 'A Garden Party': a benefit for Art, Music & Libraries in the Willits Unified School District, hosted by the Willits Educational Foundation.

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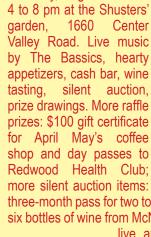
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live auction items: two-nigh stay at the Catfish Slough in ake County with a guided shing trip or maybe the Stinggned guitar. Advance tickets 320 (Willits Furniture, Cat's Meow, Mazahar); at the gate \$25. Info and tickets: Kathy Shuster (459-2659), John Cross (485-2274), or Warren Lewis (459-4429).

Fresh Local Ling Cod **Dinner:** St. Francis Episcopal Church hosts a Fish Dinner on Saturday, August 27 from 6 to 7:30 pm, at the Parish Hall of St. Francis Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street Featuring fresh local ling cod, caught by Dick Perrone, out of Timber Cove, who is also handling the cooking

one Night Only!

Saturday

Four on the Floor

August 27 Doors open 7pm

BrickHouse

Coffee

duties: deep-fried in a special batter. Also, rolls coleslaw and a variety of salads, and ice cream on

a stick for dessert. Tickets are \$25 in advance (at Cat's Meow); \$30 at the door; \$10 for kids to age 12. Take home meals available. Funds raised by this dinner will be used to support several local Four on the Floor at

Brickhouse: An evening of acoustic music from local musicians of the Willits Farmers Market Band, Saturday, August 27, at Brickhouse Coffee, on the corner of Main



One of the two celebrity-signed guitars up for auction at the 2016 party.

night only! Doors open at 7 pm; show starts at 7:30. \$5 cover. This group, "Four on the Floor," Richard "Tootreese" Jeske, on guitar and vocals; Loren Herz-O'Brien, Willits High student who plays a fantastic flute; Dennis Hadley, pumping out amazing accordion sounds, and Yanahay Hooper, brilliant acoustic bass. Limited seating. Come early or

10th annual Laytonville

Crawfish Boil is set fo

Sunday, August 28 from

to 9 pm at the Laytonville

cooking and four bands

To benefit Laytonville

and ambulance service

Tickets, \$100, are limited

and available at The Big

25 listing for more details.

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Grounds

Chief, Long Valley Feed, and Mendo Sun Market

"The Nerd": Closing show: a 2 pm matinee at

Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, August

three age groups: 12 and under, 13 to 17, and 18

and over. English, Western, showmanship, trail,

and Hunter Hack classes will be offered. Classes

are \$4.99 each, and a \$5 post entry fee will also be

applied. Refreshments and lunch will be available

on the premises. Spectator attendance is free, and

the public is welcome to come and watch the event.

Info: Kathryn at 489-6565 or willitsjrhorsemen@

Tuesday, August 30

Library Coloring Club:

Want a little color in

your life? Then by

all means, come

to the library! The

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show in the Junior

series is set for

Saturday, August

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Willits Frontier Days

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Riders

"The Nerd": 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, August 25 listing for more details.

bring your own chair!

Shanachie Pub: J & J Jazz, 9 pm. J. Funk on keys, and Joyce Funk on vocals, featuring Todd Brayton of the Stone House Band

on drums, performing jazz standards and original jazz music. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194. Johnny Sketch & the

Dirty Notes: classically trained New Orleans band visits Laytonville, to play at the Crawfish Boil on August 28 (see listing) and at Boomers Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, on August 27, with Rory Danger the Danger Dangers and the Wild Mendohoulas JSDN's "irreverent funk is cut with rock riffs, a Gypsy

Klezmer flare, a Latin tinge courtesy of a hardhitting horn section, and a wild sense of humor. Featuring Johnny Sketch on

guitar, electric cello, and lead vocals; Busta Gnutt on bass and backing vocals; Dirty Johnny on drums and backing vocals Johnny Rico on trumpet and flugelhorn; and Sage Rouge on saxophones. 9:30 pm. No cover Tickets at The Big Chief, Mendo Sun Market, and The Feed Store. Visit www. johnnysketch.

Sunday, August 28 'Quilty Pleasures': See Saturday, August 27 listing.

annual Laytonville

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial a Library Coloring

Johnny Sketch & the Dirty Notes:

Club, every Tuesday at 6:30 pm for ages 14 and riding lessons to improve the lives of those who are up. "We've got the crayons and the paper – you bring the imagination." challenged physically, developmentally, socially and emotionally. Dinner features live

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. Call the theater for this week's Tightwad movies. For showtimes: www. noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Wednesday, August 31

Mendo College Community Welcome BBQ & Open House: Starting the 2016/17 school year with a Wednesday, August 31 BBQ & Open House from 4 to 6 pm at Mendocino College's North County Center, 372 East Commercial Street Students, families and the general public are all welcome to come by. Info: 459-6224

Lamprich Medical Office Building **Sneak Peek Tour:** of Commerce hosts special sneak peek tour of the Jann Lamprich Medical Office Building at the Howard Hospital campus off East Hill to 7:30 pm. See the

Howard Foundation offices, Howard Pharmacy (soon to open), Redwood Medical Clinic and Outpatient Rehabilitation. Tour the building and visit with the staff, providers and physicians.

Charles Langes

Lamprich Medical Office Building

Saturday, September 3

Senior Center Labor Day Flea Market: 8 am to 2 pm at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Hot Dogs & Root Beer Floats. Vendors wanted: Call Lucy at 459-6826.

> Claws for a Cause: Willits and South Ukiah Rotary Clubs host this fundraiser to benefit the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding formerly known as TRAIL a therapeutic riding program dedicated to providing therapeutic

Prevention Week

Storyboard Tour

September 6 and 7

Manzanita Services, 286 North School

Street. Also in Ukiah, Point Arena, and

Fort Bragg. The event features the display

of a collection of personal stories, art work,

and expressions of those who have been

affected in some way by suicide ... as an

opportunity to open discussion about the

warning signs of suicide. In addition, there

Maine lobster and filet mignon, and is set for Saturday, September 3, 5 to 9 pm, at the charming Charles Howard House patio and lawn at Ridgewood Ranch

home of Seabiscuit south of Willits. Plus live music by The Bassics appetizers, local wines, beer, live and dollar auctions, site tours and a heartwarming video. Tickets, \$80 per person, are available at Willits Furniture Center. 775 Central Avenue in Willits.

459-4224, and at the Mendocino Book Company, 102 South School Street in Ukiah, 468-5940. If you would like to be an event sponsor or if you would like to make a donation, please contact Willits Rotarian Mike Smith, 707-972-2471, or South Ukiah Rotarian, Beth Schwarz,

707-391-7049.

Shanachie Pub: House of Wrongs Krew DJ Night. First Saturday of every month, 9 pm, "All forms of House Music from 1996 to the present concentrating on deep, funky & groovy tunes, with some Latin & Jazz undertones as well as Electro." 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-

Sunday, September 4

"One. Two. Three - Dance!." an intimate evening of contemporary dance solos, duets and trios, "a vibrant display of movement," including new work and old favorites, presented by Willits dancer Eryn Schon-Brunner, with guest choreographer/dancers Rebecca Levy (artistic director, Jacksonville Dance Theatre), Kara Starkweather (Mendocino Dance Project), Jenn Logan (Jenn Logan Dance, Los Angeles), Tara Ford (Willits Dance Academy), Carly Taylor and Malanie Katz. 7 pm, Sunday, September 4. Tickets, \$15, are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street in Willits, on line at brownpapertickets.com, and by telephone any time at 1-800-838-3006. The Willits Community Theatre Playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane. just one block west of Adam's Restaurant and Nikos Gyro Shop in downtown Willits.

COLUMN | At the Movies

'Kubo and the Two Strings'

The Story: Kubo is a one-eyed Japanese boy who Daniel Essman has magical powers. His nightmarish grandfather, the moon god, stole Kubo's

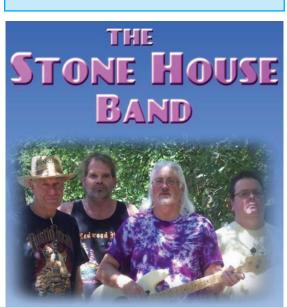
missing eye and wants to steal the other one. In order to protect himself and his mother. Kubo sets out on a guest for a sword that cannot be broken, impenetrable armor and an uncrushable helmet. The flick starts in mystery on a stormy sea; strange beginnings have unimaginable

My Thoughts: This movie is a fairy tale with Shinto rituals and traditional Japanese values of respect for ancestors and duty to one's family. It has fabulous events. It has action. It has horror - and some silly fun. I was captivated by the characters and warmly surprised by the outcome. Knowing nothing, I walked into the theater. I left the theater feeling well satisfied and emotionally touched - it was 90 minutes well

Parents: Solid values of respect and caring for parents and courage in the face of terror. Fine for children. Ten and up sounds about right. There are younger ones who might find some of the events emotionally difficult, specifically, the death of Kubo's

Note: 95 percent positive from the critics at Rotten Tomatoes. When they overwhelmingly like a movie, they can be trusted – which means "when they agree

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



Stone House Band plays Shanachie Pub on August 26

'Quilty CLAWS FOR A CAUSE Pleasures' September 3, 5-9pm at Ridgewood Ranch



Pleasures," is almost here! Come to serve our community. Laytonville and join in the festivities. Fat Quail Quilt Shop, 44550 Highway needs to be picked right away). 101. Along with quilts of every size you will also find wall hangings, pillows and special works entered in our challenge category this year. Ribbons are awarded to the quilt artists that you vote as your favorites while viewing the show. This will also be your last chance to purchase raffle tickets for the lovely quilt pictured here (all proceeds go toward scholarships are on Sunday afternoon – no need to and weed control substances are OK. be present to win. There will also be quilts for sale.

This year we have two special guests on Saturday, August 27. Ron Crane will once again be showing his fabulous collection of antique washing machines and related items. Norma Branson will be our second guest on Saturday showing a historic signature quilt made by the women of Branscomb in the early 1950s. Each woman made a square and embroidered her name in the center of the guilt. They gathered at the Women's Club, which is still standing across from the Branscomb Store, to hand quilt the squares together. The quilt is now owned by Mark Person who has kindly allowed it to be displayed at our show. Norma will answer questions about the quilt and give more of its history. She hopes anyone with photographs of the houses or town of Branscomb to bring them along to share with her.

So drive north, south, or across town to meet us at the show. We look forward to seeing you! Info: www. thefatquail.com or 984-6966.

the Fat Quail Quilt Shop Info: 459-9194.

Got fruit or veggies to donate?

The Grateful Gleaners are looking for gardeners who have more produce than they can use. We harvest your excess and deliver the bounty to Willits Community Services & Food Bank, Willits Daily Bread, the Kids Club, Nuestra Alianza and other local agencies that

Please call 367-9759 and leave a message Saturday, August 27 from 10 am to with your name, phone number, the types of 4 pm and Sunday, August 28 from fruit, vegetables or nuts you have, and when 11 am to 4 pm, outside behind the you think they will be ready (or if the produce

Thank you to our generous growers and our volunteer gleaners who have helped distribute literally tons of healthy food for more than a decade. You have made a positive difference

program, please call 367-9759 It's fun and Please note that we only take produce that

For more information about our volunteer

for Laytonville High grads) and our is not sprayed with pesticides or herbicides. themed raffle baskets. Raffle drawings Dormant oil sprays and other non-toxic pest

- submitted by the Grateful Gleaners



Pato Banton Monday, September 5

Live and direct: Reggae by Pato Banton and the Now Generation at the Shanachie Pub: "Positive vibrations abound with a beat to keep a message that is food for the mind and soul."

NOT JUST COWBOY POETRY AT EMANDAL PRESENTS PIANO, PIZZA, POETRY AND PIE! A BENEFIT FOR WILLITS LIBRARY & WILLITS DAILY BREAD

SATURDAY. SEPTEMBER 24, 2016 EMANDAL - A FARM ON A RIVER WENDY DEWITT A PIANO PLAYER NICK WARWICK A POET DUST IN MY COFFEE A BAND 3 P.M. CONCERT SILENT AUCTIONS LIVE AUCTION WOOD FIRED PIZZA FARM ART FLIP APPLE PIE ICE CREAM WHISKEY TASTING BEER TASTING EMANDAL.COM

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to Thriving Youth'

Tuesday, September 6

Avenues to Wellness presents "Traumatized Youth to Thriving Youth: And How We Get There," a presentation by Aurelie Clivaz and Carter Grissom: "Learn the latest research on trauma. Understand how trauma causes health problems in later life. Why is this relevant to everyone? How can adults have Closest to the pin contest. Info: Donna at 459-2752. more effective interaction with youth?" Clivaz "has been working passionately for 8 years, as a youth advocate with the Mendocino County Youth Project. She was a high-risk youth who survived and learned to thrive through the served. Info: 456-9676.

will be a brief presentation on suicide prevention. Info: Robin Meloche, MHSA coordinator, 707-472- 2332 or melocher@ co.mendocino.ca.us.

Golf Tournament Saturday, September 17

The Willits High School Boosters present their 4th annual Golf Tournament, on Saturday September 17 at the Brooktrails Golf Course, 24860 Birch Street. Registration 8 am; tournament begins at 9 am. Four Person Scramble/Shotgun Start. \$35 (includes green fees), lunch and a drink ticket; \$20 for members of Brooktrails Golf Course. All proceeds to benefit Willits High School athletic teams/clubs. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes.

'Generations'

Opens September 2 at the Art Center

September's show at the Willits Center for the Arts, work she has done in our community. Carter "Generations," opens Saturday, September 2 with a reception Grissom has been working for MCYP for over 4 from 6 to 8 pm. "Three artists from three different generations: Competition annually attracts unlimited micro & home vou on your dancing feet, while Pato delivers years. His experience as a troubled teen allows Tristen Santana Cockrall-Castro is an "Art Under Twenty" artist. brewers and tasters. Grillmasters will be facing off for him to connect and help teens from an honest. His body of work mostly consists of spray paint art. Morgan the taster's choice award, and the public's job is to Visit www.patobanton.com. With Emerald position. This year he celebrates 11 years of Rex, who has been working with metal for over 35 years, also enjoy them all and vote for your favorites! (Not a bad Triangle locals Mendo Dope, with Daniel and sobriety and has a strong passion for helping includes in his sculptures glass @ water. Most of his works are job!) Winners of the competitions receive a plaque, Bryan Eatmon, aka "Old E" and "Bleezy." Visit others with their dreams." Tuesday, September three-dimensional. Pete Onstad is a generation or two older barbecue equipment, Mateel shwag and more. www.mendodopemusic.com Tickets \$20 in 6 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Willits Center for than Morgan and is an oil and acrylic painter of landscapes, Entertainment will include Cliff Dallas & The Death advance (at the Pub or Main Street Music). 50 the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Free to the figures and abstracts." 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Valley Troubadours, plus more to be announced. To - submitted by South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. public; donations appreciated; refreshments Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. More info: 459-1726 sign up as a contestant and for more information, call or www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

Steam-Up September 10 and 11 Roots of Motive Power their big once-a-year steam Mendocino County Behavioral Health &

4th annual Suicide Roots of Motive Power

up weekend, starting on Saturday, September 10 at 10 am and ending on Sunday, September 11 at 4 pm. At Recovery Services presents the 4th annual the Roots facility, 420 East Commercial Street. "If you Suicide Prevention Week Storyboard only come to one of our events, this is the one. We County-Wide Tour and Presentation, have everything that runs fired up for the weekend. September 6 to 8. The event is scheduled Our big Bucyrus Erie steam shovel will be out back in Covelo from 3 to 4 pm Tuesday, digging on the dirt pile along with the bulldozers. The September 6 at Yuki Trails Human Heisler locomotive will be pulling the riding cars and Services Conference Room, 23000 giving rides to the public."

Henderson Road, and in Willits, from 11 Below: The Kelly Springfield steamroller, the newest addition am to noon Wednesday, September 7 at to the Roots roster of restored machinery.



Calling All Brewers & Grillers!

SoHum Beer Fest & BBQ Smoke Off

Brewers and grillers are gearing up for Mateel Community Center's 8th annual SoHum Beer Fest & Barbecue Smoke Off on Sunday, September 4 from 4 to 8 pm. Held at the Mateel's Hall & "Back 40" in Redway, featureing micro and home brew tastings in a free commemorative tasting glass, as well as your choice of BBQ and side dishes. Yum! The Beer the Mateel office at 707-923-3368

Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047 **Email:** willitsweekly@gmail.com **Mail:** P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490

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1st Day of the 8th Grade! Don Donahoo is going to slay this



Brayden Sylstra's first day back as a Mendocino College Duckling, and Nicole Sylstra's



Calleigh Jade Ann Wear, first day of second grade. She is ready for a great day!



Ella and Katelyn – good luck



Here are my kiddos! Claire, 8th Kaili is super excited for grade and Cole, 5th grade.



Sheridan Wood – here we go ... 6th grade middle school. Here comes more attitude.





Mckenzie and Victoria.



Layton and Maddy ~ Happy first day of school for this freshman and 6th grader! We love you both so very much! You will rock it this year! Love, Dad, Mom and little brother, Baron,



WHS junior and freshman



Aidan McKinnon is so

kindergarten.

excited about his 1st day of

same school, look out Baechtel

Grove, Taylor and Tanner Drew

Clayton and Georgia McGaw,

ready for the first day of

school. 5th and 2nd grade.

First Day of Kindergarten,

Room 7, Ms. Rescina.

kindergarten!

Landon's first day of 4th

Mason, 7th grade.

Malayna, second grade.

work continue to shine! Love,

Alyssa (8th Grade) and Torin

(4th Grade) Fraser.

Your Greatest Fans.

grade, and Emma's first day of

are coming your way!!

Brodey, 2nd and Charley, 5th. So very proud of you girls! Here's to another fantastic year!



Brothers together again at the First day of Preschool and first day of Senior year. We are so proud of you girls! Love, Dad

Egypt, all ready for her first

Elementary!

day of 1st grade at Brookside



of kindergarten! He's ready to learn and looking forward to a fun year.

Ashtan Weeks and Jordan

Fryman, 1st day of 6th and 7th



Eric Hensley, Jr. and Mrs. Gonzales, on his first day of



kids are leaving.

sisters.

Hailee Lopez's first day of 4th



Junior Year Here I Come, Cody Kodan Fryman, first day of fifth Pedersen, Willits High.



Maelie. 1st grade and Garin. 3rd grade, ready for a great school year!!



Madison Lawrence, KINDERGARTENER!!



Tate Campbell, sophomore LHS (with Nikolas Miler) Have a



Wow where did the time go? How can you be a Senior? I love you Riley, love, Mom.





Aubree and Keegan Wagoner. First day of TK and first day of preschool.



Kevin and Jacob Arms on their first day of school. "Saving the universe one school day at a



First day of school! Jacob, 6th grade, Jaden, 2nd grade, and Mason, preschool.



Horses fed, and on my way to Have a great 4th grade year, first day of seventh grade.



Jack Buckingham, 6th grade



Zandria and Arabella Mondo's 1st day back to school! We school. Animals are sad their love our girls, mom & dad.



Look out 5th grade! Robert and Steven Husarek.



McKenna Buckingham & Kyla and Trenton, first day of high Hendry, 9th grade, wearing school. Have fun and do great. their WHS Cheer Rally uniforms for 1st day of school.



first day of 3rd grade! Friends

Spencer and Maddax Kendrick.

since they were born.

Miranda Swearengin follows in the footsteps of her father, uncle and aunt before her, as she prepares for day one of seventh grade at Baechte





Cersencia, first day of 3rd grade, and Jayden, first day of



Little sister's first day of kindergarten and big sis's 2nd grade! All smiles! Kaydance and Kamran Lopez.



Happy first day of fifth grade Love, Mom & Dad.



Wyler, age 4, transitional



Sakora A. Scott, BGMS 8th



grade this year, his first year at Blosser with Mrs. Bowers.



Tanner Brewer, Kindergarten, Brookside Elementary.



My big little man! Aiden's favorite color today is yellow. He wants to be an emergency back hoe operator and help people when he grows up.

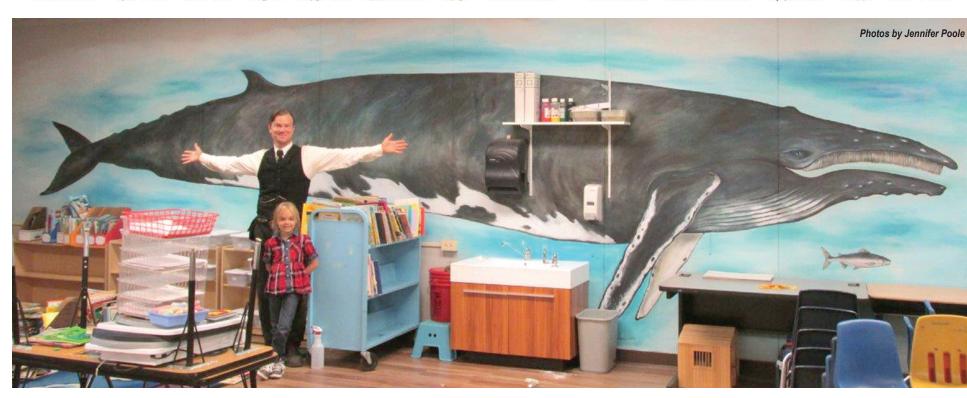


Teo Labus. The sign says "My boy is off to 8th grade! Time to chew some pillows!"



Haileigh and Victoria

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At top: Artist Malakai Schindel and his daughter Elvia show the scale of the whale at Willits Elementary Charter School: in real life, humpbacks can be up to 60 feet long. Above: First-grade teacher Ashkan Nahreini, Elvia and Malakai Schindel pose with the whale painting. Below, from left: Last year's redwood forest mural in the kindergarten classroom. The humpback's blue eye, his baleen and a beautiful salmon. Schindel with the hawksbill sea turtle

Willits Elementary Charter School

First-grade classroom gets new mural painted by Malakai Schindel

First-grade students in Mr. N's classroom at Willits kindergarten classroom door, with a great horned owl Elementary Charter School will meet a new friend perched on a branch above, and a waterfall to the when they start school next week: a huge North right. Pacific humpback whale painted on their classroom

The mural by Willits artist Malakai Schindel also includes a salmon and a hawksbill sea turtle - with more sea creatures to come later.

The whale is painted with non-toxic, non-VOC

acrylic paint directly on the canvas panels that make

up the schoolroom. First-grade teacher Mr. N – aka Ashkan Nahreini – was inspired to find the funds to commission Schindel to paint the whale after enjoying the forest scene the artist painted on the kindergarten room walls

at WECS last year. Redwoods and ferns frame the

One boy in the kindergarten class last year, Schindel said, loved the redwoods scene so much he asked his parents to let Schindel paint his own bedroom at home just like his schoolroom – a project which the artist was pleased to do.

Schindel specializes in natural scenes - also see the mural of St. Francis on the side of the St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall - but he can paint scenes in any style desired, including high tech or comic book scenes.

Reach him at 541-401-9174.

- Jennifer Poole







Willits Charter School

Getting ready for focus on arts and sciences in 2016/17

Willits Charter School teachers and staff pose for a group photo Monday, as they gathered to get ready for the new school year. They began with a training in "Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports" presented through the Mendocino County Office of Education. Staff enjoyed a lunch of homemade pizza and a salad with vegetables from the school garden. Students begin their first day of school on Monday,

At left: Front row, kneeling, from left: Sienna Reno, Ceramics and Art instructor; Billy Hetherington, Drama teacher and school counselor with his son Phoenix: Michel Chenelle, English and Social Studies teacher. Front row, left to right: Gaea Reid, Math and Science teacher; Erin Vaccaro, Science teacher and college and career counselor; Charlie Widner, culinary instructor; Melissa Miles, Language Arts and Social Studies teacher; Gwyn Ware, Gardening teacher; and Candace Addington, teacher's aide. Back row, left to right: Gabee Permenter, teacher's aide; Jennifer Lockwood, WCS director; Cassie Hefte, teacher's aide; Wendy Copperfield, library coordinator; Scot Lamon, Special Education teacher; Dylan Foley, Student Leadership president; Erin Mendoza, Choir teacher; Chris Wood, Math teacher; Kate Craig, Independent Study and Social Studies teacher; Jason Erlick, business manager; Lisa Shore, P.E. instructor; and Jillian Anderson-Rano, Spanish teacher and teacher's aide.



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Willits Youth Soccer

Saturday was opening day for the popular sport's fall season

Over 300 local youth and their families, along with a host of volunteers, gathered at the East Commercial Street ball parks Saturday to kick off another season of Willits Youth

Damian Sebouhian

According to veteran WYS organizer Martin Rodriguez husband of WYS president

Saprina Rodriguez – there are 27 youth soccer teams in Willits alone, that all participated in the popular event.

"There are seven travel teams and 20 regular teams that are starting in-house," Rodriguez said of the league. "The travel teams play here and in Ukiah, Konocti, Laytonville and Lakeport.

The teams are divided by age groups and range from as young as 3 up to 14, with fun and exercise the primary

"This is a rec league," Rodriguez said. "We don't keep track of records. The players learn the basic skills. We don't emphasize scores, and there's no standings."

After age 14, youth can "graduate" to the world of competitive soccer

"After the season is over, we have try-outs and go competitive," said Rodriguez. "We go to the Founders Cup or the Nationals Cup in Sacramento, and we play teams from all over Northern California. I've entered a team in tournaments for three years in a row."

Youth Soccer is big all over Northern California, according to Rodriguez.

"Each league has 20 or more teams," said Rodriguez. "When you combine four or five leagues, that's at least

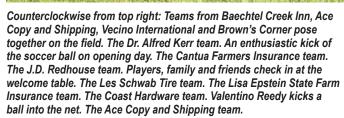
With so many youth involved, WYS is in constant need of volunteer support.

"We're always looking for volunteer coaches, people to help out with the fields, the netting, concessions; there's an immense amount of work that needs to be done,"

The WYS league 2016 season started on August 20 and will end the weekend before Halloween.

To get involved, contact Saprina Rodriguez at 354-2539 or saprinarodriguez@gmail.com.





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Imagination | From Page 1

accredited teachers, assistance with homework, focused tutoring and really make it a place for learning," explained

But the core of her business centers around the Imagination Station Preschool crowd, offering socialization and academics to children aged 18 months through 5 years. Imagination Station is year-round and focuses on handson and creative activities, encouraging communication, increasing vocabularies, and teaching kindness and emotions with a culturally and economically diverse group.

Helping the parents connect with one another to help build camaraderie as well as support and guidance for one another is also important for Rodriguez; "Muffins with Mom" and "Donuts with Dad" offer parents a chance to get together, talk about the kids, learn about each other, and continue the community spirit at home.

"We have a wide range of ethnicities and lifestyles with our students, and with our teachers, too," noted Rodriguez. "We have even had non-English speaking children attend and were able to help them learn the language and increase their vocabulary."

The Imagination Station vocabulary has seeped its way into many current and graduated students' home lives, too.

"We're big on encouraging the students to decide for themselves if they're making good choices, as a way for them to learn to self-assess," explained Rodriguez. "We often ask them 'are you making a good choice?' and even off campus, I'll see students in, say, the grocery store, and they'll run up to me and give me a thumbs up and report: 'I'm making good choices today!' It's wonderful."

To learn more about Imagination Station or the Learning Depot Academy, contact Rodriguez at 459-6543.

WPD Activity Report

August 13 to August 19 Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue

The officers of the Willits August 17 Police Department handled 210 incidents in this sevenday reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

August 14

7:50 am: LEONARD, Michael (32) of Springfield, Missouri was contacted in the 700 block of South Main Street and issued a citation for an active Humboldt County warrant.

7:55 pm: Officers responded to a reported disturbance in the 300 block of Railroad Avenue. During their investigation, it was alleged that GRUBB. (23) of Willits was in an altercation with the victim. During Grubb altercation, choked the victim. Grubb was arrested pursuant to 243(e)(1) PC (Domestic August 18 Battery).

August 16

7 am: Officers contacted STEPHENS, Tony (37) of Willits while camping in the 1400 block of South Main Street. Stephens was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 HS) and in violation of the terms of his probation (1203.2(a) PC), and issued a citation.

6 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Blosser Lane and, as a result of their investigation, arrested BRADSHAW, Ryan (34) of Willits pursuant to 243(e)(1) PC (Domestic Battery).

11:55 pm: WILSON, Jason (37) of San Luis Obispo was contacted in the 500 block of South Main Street and arrested pursuant to an active San

7 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street and contacted LOPES, Anthony (46) of Willits. During their investigation, officers determined Lopes had arrived at the location by driving while under the influence. Lopes was placed under arrest pursuant to 23152 VC (DUI)

pm: Officers responded to a disturbance at a business in the 1700 block of South Main Street, where they contacted LINCOLN, Eric (54) of Covelo. Officers determined Lincoln was unable to provide for his own care due to his level of intoxication and placed him under arrest pursuant reportedly pushed and to 647(f) PC (Public Intoxication).

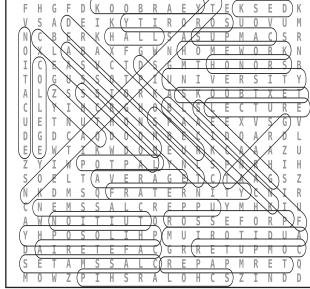
10:30 PAEYENEERS, Zachary (32) of Willits was contacted during a traffic stop in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road and issued a citation for an active Mendocino County warrant.

August 19

12 pm: SCROGGINS, Melody (39) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Kawi Place and arrested pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

12:40 pm: Traffic collision in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

3:45 pm: DAHLUND. Kevin (47) of Ukiah was contacted during a traffic stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation pursuant Jose Police Department to 1203.2(a) PC (Violation of Probation).



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at the mill of \$83.7 million. This includes a stumpage value of \$338 per 1,000 board feet and a logging and hauling cost of \$350 per 1,000 board feet. The total cut in 2015 was 121.7 million board feet, or roughly a quarter of the cut in 1989 and half the average cut of the years 1991 to 1999 (243 million board feet).

Pears experienced a 32 percent increase in crop yield in 2015, and sold for an improved price, for a 50 percent increase in cash value over 2014. The total value of the pear crop in 2015 was \$17.3 million; as compared to \$11.5 million

Pears are, however, a relatively small crop in this county. In 2015, a total of 1,339 acres of farmland were in pears. That's just 7 percent of all acreage in fruits and nuts. Wine grapes, at 17,403 acres, make up 90 percent of the county's total fruit and nut acreage

Livestock was down - \$11.8 million in 2015 compared to \$13.2 million in 2014. The number of cattle sold at auction declined from 9,700 head in 2014 to 8,300 head in 2015. Meanwhile, the number of cows living in this county increased, from 16,800 in 2014 to 17,000 in 2015. According to Agricultural Commissioner Chuck Morse, this is because, after several years of diminishing herd size, local ranchers felt it was time to maintain or increase herd size.

In a separate phone conversation with Willits Weekly, Morse explained ranchers were feeling a need to increase herd size during 2015 because it was the third year of crushing drought and they had already reached their low herd size threshold.

'There's a threshold level they don't want to go below," Morse said. "I'd say at the beginning of 2015, after three years of drought, a lot of ranchers were at that level. They didn't want to go below that, and so fewer animals were sent to auction so the ranchers could start rebuilding their herd

Willits Weekly asked Morse if and when he would start including statistics on marijuana production in the county's crop reports. Morse said that would happen when he received direction from the California Department of Food and Agriculture to do so. He noted the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act, passed by the Legislature last September, defined marijuana as an agricultural product. He also noted MMRSA declared the state of California will start issuing permits to grow medical cannabis on January 1, 2018. Morse said those two things might induce the director of CDFA to tell the commissioners of agriculture from the agricultural counties in the state to start including statistics on marijuana production in the crop reports for their respective counties.

"It could possibly happen. Likely? I wouldn't say it was likely. But it could happen," Morse said.

The total area in agriculture held steady in 2015, relative to 2014. The amount of rangeland was exactly the same in both years, 355,000 acres. It was also exactly the same for non-irrigated pasture, at 363,000 acres for both years.

Irrigated pasture shrank by 500 acres relative to 2014: 3,500 acres in 2015 versus 4,000 acres in 2014. Fruit and nut production shrank only slightly in total acreage, moving from a total of 18,714 acres in 2014 to 18,650 acres in 2015.

The crop reports states there were 4,249 acres of land in organic agricultural production in 2015, not counting 11,596 acres of organic pasturage. Including the pasturage and fields used for organic grain production, 15,856 acres in the county are cultivated organically. That's 2.14 percent of the total acreage under cultivation, excluding timber and marijuana.

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Board) in December 2016; with the Health and Human Services Advisory Board in January 2017; with the retirement board in March 2017; with the Museum Advisory Board in May 2017 and with the Library Advisory Board in



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SEDATE

Doing the right thing matters:

Station graduates, including Jocelyn, Taytum, Estelle, Abby Carter, and Luciano. Below. left: A summe trip to San Francisco Exploratorium with Imagination Station students. The kids also walked the Golden Gate Bridge and, on a separate trip, visited the San Francisco Academy of Sciences. Below right: Celebrating graduation with some hula hooping: Kyra,

Swinney, Eli Soria, Gracie Orozco, Hailey Licea, Jaysea

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Sophia Whitman, Sorin Bryant, Stella Arkelian, Taytum Wake,

Imagination Station's graduates of 2016

Congratulations to the graduating preschool class of Willits' Imagination Station. A ceremony was held on Friday, August 19, during which 42 students – now on their way to kindergarten accepted diplomas in front of family and friends.

Graduates included: Aaron Madison, Abigail Hoggatt, Adella Carter, Alyssa Swinney, Aubree Wagoner, Ava Rose Smilgys, Brandon Fischer, Callie Ray, Carter Bennett, Carter LeClair, Daniel Ramsey, Connor Raymond, Courtney Grooms, Ella



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La Vida is also celebrating its six-year

renewal of WASC-CDE accreditation (Western

Association of Schools and Colleges with the

California Department of Education). WASC

accreditation is especially important for high

school transferability to colleges and other

schools. La Vida offers over 200 independent

study classes, including over 80 Career and

Technical Education classes, and over 30 have

the University of California "A-G" subject matter

certification. New classes include a Museum

Studies Class, History through Drama and

Transformation is the theme for the year

reflecting new efforts to improve student

performance. Powerful images of transformation

will be displayed, such as dragons, who shed

their skin, and the phoenix, who is reborn from

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and Building from Nature.

Media Literacy.

The rest of

century learning.

Lockwood

Up-to-date technology is so

important in our ever-increasing

global society. While last year we

updated our entire infrastructure to

handle new computers and faster

internet, this year we replaced

its ashes, as well as images of metamorphosis

like butterflies and dragonflies.

New changes for the year include a household portal for parents and students to report learning progress every week. Mathematics will now be taught on-site with practice at home rather than the reverse. A new 15-minute "Brain Builder Block" of movement and brain integration therapy will be introduced after lunch. The onsite program has changed its daily

schedule. Now grades 1-8 will be on campus Monday and Tuesday, with kindergarten and high school on campus on Wednesday and Thursday. Fridays will host tutoring, and the STEAM class for homeschool-only students.

For a small school, La Vida has a relatively large faculty of talented and compassionate individuals.

All teachers are returning, and some new

Barbara Last, Cody Dooley, Leslie Wieland, Alexandria Curry, Fawn Bassett, Michael Charnes, Mana Young, Larry Cole, George Hedgepeth, Karen Walsh, Suzanne Farris, Lynne Buske, Angela Lau and Marty Wolff. We are welcoming for the first time Debra Snow teaching Art, Joseph Haggard teaching Environmental Design, Tim Easterbrook teaching Wet Felting, and Kary Fernandez bringing "Art with Heart." We are welcoming back Calligrapher Jerri-Jo Idarius, Art Historian Gary Martin, and Grid Beamers Phil and Richard Jergensen.

specialty teachers are joining. Returning are

Photos by Saprina Rodriguez

Current openings are primarily in high school. La Vida will serve non-vaccinated students in homeschool only if there is space. Orientation, which is required, is August 25 for high school. More info: Call 459-6344, or visit www. lavidaschool.org and "La Vida Charter School" on Facebook

exceed the "a-g" courses required Studies. We also welcome Charlie for admission into college. This year, our board voted to continue to set up our students for success by raising the academic bar for grades. Beginning this year, no student will

all of our old Macs with new pass classes with anything below Chromebases. Through Google a C. We believe that all students for Education, Google Classroom, can achieve the highest grades and the exchange of student work possible with proper academic supports in place. We continue to using Google Docs, our students can benefit from a school fit for 21st provide support classes for students that struggle, free tutorials with credentialed teachers after school, As experts in the field of and Friday enrichment classes for education and child development,

our gifted learners. we understand that students will rise WCS is adding some extremely to the occasion when we maintain high standards and expectations of talented staff in the 2016-2017 them. We ask that our students hold school year. We are excited to high expectations of us as educators bring in Melissa Miles from San and positive role models as well. Francisco to teach our sixth- and Last year our board voted that seventh-grade students in the our high school requirements will areas of Language Arts and Social

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Student Lunch Program and cooks brunch and lunch for our students right here on campus. We offer new Culinary Arts courses where students will learn a variety of culinary skills and fundamentals of cooking such as food safety, Knife Skills 101, preparation and organization, development of palate, stocks and sauces, and

other important cooking principles. School begins on Monday, August 29 at 8:25 am. We still have openings in a few grades, so please don't hesitate to call for a student application. Please note that we have wait lists for both seventh and eighth grades - it is important to not wait to apply to our middle-school program. We sincerely look forward to meeting new families as well as greeting our returning students. We will see you soon!

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405 East Commercial Street Willits: 459-1400 willitselementarycharter@gmail.com www.willitselementarycharter.com

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We also continue to offer free additional reading and math support for struggling students and many enrichment clubs for our

older students (including guitar, dance, science, yearbook, student council and more!). Teachers continue to

collaborate and find ways to "stack functions" while incorporating themes across subjects. WECS has always had a commitment to science and the inquiry process. This year, teachers are creating overarching, science-based themes that will be woven throughout the day over the course of weeks, months, or even the school year. These themes will be reflected across lessons, for example influencing vocabulary lessons in Spanish, word problems in math, or choices of reading and writing topics.

We continue to refine our performing and visual arts programs. Our visual program is taught bilingually by our Spanish teacher and core teachers. Spanish/art teacher Rachel Alvizo notes: "This year, I am really looking forward to collaborating more fully with our music teacher [Tyler Balthrop, aka "Mr. B." to incorporate the area of the world or artist we are focusing on during music. For example, when we study Frida Kahlo, we could also explore music from early 20th century Mexico, or Irish music when we are looking at Celtic artwork. I am hopeful that the music will also help inspire and influence our students when

Although our classes are currently full, parents are encouraged to call 459-1400 or visit our website at www. willitselementarycharter. com as we continue accept applications. Parents of students who will enter kindergarten in 2017 should be sure to submit applications before April 30, 2017 to ensure that their child is included in our lottery. As always, we are so grateful to the Willits community and all of our families for their support and ideas. We look forward to our fifth year of serving

legislative platform the county sends to the state Legislature and the U.S. Congress

The policy statement has six points.

policy statement would be as part of the

Marijuana marketing targeting youth should be prohibited, the policy statement affirms. Marijuana companies should not sponsor sporting and entertainment events. There should be no free samples or giveaways of cannabis products, and no promotion of marijuana use on radio. television, in print media or on billboards.

Retail marijuana products must include a cautionary statement that reads: "This product is not intended for consumption by children and adolescents under the age of 21 and is unsafe for pregnant women."

Marijuana products, such as edibles and beverages, should be clearly labeled with potency information, may be sold only in opaque, child-proof packaging, and be accompanied by the mandatory distribution of educational materials regarding the risks of accidental ingestion by children or household pets.

Indoor and outdoor marijuana gardens and marijuana retailers should not be allowed within 1,000 feet of a school, a licensed child care center or home, a recreational facility, a playground, or a park.

Public events that include the promotion

The rest of Ballot | From Page 1 a ballot statement in support of Measure

AH, and voted 4-0 to direct the two to write and submit a ballot statement in support of Measure Al. In both instances, Fifth District Supervisor

Dan Hamburg was the fly in the ointment. Hamburg cast the lone vote against Measure AH, and recused himself from considering any agenda item concerning the cannabis business tax.

Hamburg said he believed he had a conflict of interest regarding the cannabis issue because he has a family member who grows marijuana.

Although Hamburg did not specifically address the contents of Measure AH at last week's meeting, he found numerous flaws with Measure AG. He referred to a report prepared by the county executive office and presented to supervisors July 19, which estimated operating a mental health facility of the kind envisioned by Measure AG could cost the county \$4.8 million a year.

"The report we asked for raised a lot of questions in my mind," Hamburg said. "This is a one-page initiative that talks about spending \$40 million. I don't think we've resolved a lot of the issues brought up by

Later in the discussion, Hamburg was more specific about what was lacking. "You all feel this 11-person panel, along with the board of supervisors, is going to make wise decisions on how to spend this money," he said. "I see we have a lack of a coordinated body of expertise in mental health systems, in planning, in organization and in budgeting. I don't see that [expertise] ... on the panel this board is going to come up with, because they are going to be political appointments made by us. And I don't see it on this board, because none of us are mental health

"I'm being asked on the basis of a one-page initiative, to [support] a \$40 million [initiative] that could well cause the expenditure of general fund dollars and, at the very least, will cause the diminishment of the chances we will run a sales tax initiative to fund some things that are very close to my heart.

"I feel like I am being asked to buy a pig in a poke," he said. "I don't see the level of detail in there for something as big as this."

But Redwood Quality Management Company Operations Manager Camille Schraeder disagreed. "I think it's an appropriate initiative and can go a long way to support what we need to do," she said "There are multiple conversations happening now on how we enable ourselves to do what we have to do, with or without this initiative. This initiative makes it far more possible."

Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman also spoke in support of the initiative, of which he has been the major proponent, reminding supervisors the numbers in the executive office report were questionable because the analysis assumed the county would staff the facility.

"What we have isn't working," Allman argued. "And we have a situation where we have a group of citizens who have said, 'Let us tax ourselves so we can do better.' Who are we to say, we don't want to do that because we can't afford it? I don't think we are in that position. We are not in that position because you are driving the boat. You get to decide who staffs it."

County CEO Carmel Angelo spoke in defense of her office's report and tried to indicate a way forward.

or sale of marijuana should have an identification process to verify that all who seek entrance into the event have met the legal age of admittance.

A portion of local tax revenue, and a minimum of 20 percent of the state tax revenue generated from wholesale or retail pot sales, must be used for local and statewide prevention activities, including public awareness campaigns focusing on the impacts of cannabis on youth, pregnant women and the developing brain, on the risks of second-hand smoke, on the legal implications of marijuana use by youth, and on the potential adverse impact on youth on their future life opportunities.

The board talked about the policy statement for at least 15 minutes, focusing on the last point, which deals with how local marijuana tax revenues are to be spent.

Supervisors John McCowen and Carre Brown favored the statement requiring the board dedicate at least 20 percent of cannabis tax revenues to prevention activities, but Supervisor Hamburg argued putting those words into the statement would tie the hands of future boards of supervisors.

Board Chairman Dan Gjerde offered the compromise of "a portion of local tax revenue and at least 20 percent of state tax revenue generated...," and the board agreed the compromise worked.

"The dollars in the report we talked about - the \$4.8 million - that was based on having a facility that was, one, county-operated. and two, the full buildout of everything we have talked about," Angelo said.

"Should the initiative pass, and we are looking at the buildout, the commission will begin to meet. But - and I agree with Supervisor Hamburg on this – we are going to need expertise. And we don't have it. We don't have it in the county system, whether it's my office or anywhere else. We will need assistance. We will need management and we'll need consultants on how we get licensed. There's a lot of things we'll need, but one thing we will have will be the money."

There was less discussion on the ballot statement in support of Measure AI, the county's Cannabis Business Tax initiative. McCowen asked his colleagues if he could put language into the ballot statement that would ask voters to vote no on Measure AF. also called the Heritage Initiative, a rival 60page measure on the November 8 ballot, which proposes to regulate the cultivation, transportation and taxation of cannabis in Mendocino County. Measure AF was placed on the ballot through a petition campaign organized by the Mendocino Heritage Initiative Committee.

McCowen's proposal opposition from other board members.

McCowen said it was important for the board's Measure AI to defeat the Heritage Initiative, arguing if the Heritage Initiative defeated the county's pot tax initiative all the elements of Measure AI would disappear.

Board Chairman Dan Gjerde pointed out Measure AF does not contain enabling language, such as is contained in Measure AH, the measure that states how the mental health tax will be collected and held, and suggested perhaps Measure AF was not a functionally valid initiative for that reason.

County Counsel Katharine Elliott disagreed with McCowen and with Gjerde. She said, first, that in her opinion, Measure AF was a legally valid initiative because it came from the people, and didn't need to have the kind of enabling language that the state Board of Equalization requires for initiatives that come from governmental bodies. If approved, the Heritage Initiative could become law, but to become effective law, it would need an enacting section.

Elliott then said it was possible - if the Heritage Initiative were to get more votes than Measure AI – that some parts of Measure Al could be fused with the Heritage Initiative to make the Heritage Initiative capable of collecting the taxes that it proposes to levy on the cannabis industry.

The ultimate disposition of what would survive, she said, would likely be determined

"When you have two competing measures, one wins and the other loses," Elliott said. "When one gets knocked out, it would go to the court to determine what part of the losing measure remains, because both have severability clauses. "So, it could be if the Heritage Initiative

were to pass, and ours not - but we have some language on how those taxes were to be gathered, and we have some minimums [i.e., minimum taxes], and the Heritage Initiative does not – it could be that the court could decide those two elements could stand together," Elliott said. "That's for a court to decide, and I wouldn't make that determination, but that's how it could occur."



Far left: Malia Linde Left: Theo Corcoran

possessing a controlled substance.

Corcoran was also arrested on suspicion

of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

possession of ammunition by a prohibited

Linde was held in lieu of \$35,000 bail:

This report was based on a press release

40 minutes: modified, shorter UP (e.g.,

"This program is underwritten by Willits

Redwood. Next time you're in there, please

thank them for supporting our community

radio station. KLLG - Willits Hometown

49:45 minutes: sign-off, also known in

Bruce Burton, Willits mayor and owner

of Willits Redwood, donated lumber for the

The KLLG Radio-Active Group meets

every Monday at 5:30 pm at the Little Lake

Grange, Room 10. Volunteers are needed.

To get involved, call 459-5554 or Lannv

KLLG members include program

manager Michelle Cummins, promoter Dan

Ramsey, and engineer and station builder

Interested programmers are asked to fill

KLLG's next event is a class called "How

to Produce a Music Show (pre-recorded,

live, or hybrid)" on Thursday, September 29,

from 6 to 7:30 pm at Little Lake Grange.

out an online application, to be found at

construction of the KLLG studio walls

radio as an "extro."

Cotler at 367-1812.

Roger Wilson.

http://kllg.org/.

person, and violating probation.

Deputies later saw Corcoran sitting in a from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

Both were taken to county jail.

Imprisonment

The woman said Corcoran gave her vehicle in the motel parking lot, a loaded .32 caliber pistol on the seat next to Linde. boyfriend money to purchase marijuana and waited in the room for him to return, Dygert After detaining them, deputies searched the couple's motel room and found .32 caliber said. When the boyfriend failed to do so after several hours, the woman attempted ammunition and illegal drugs to leave, but Linde and a pistol-brandishing Corcoran and Linde were arrested Corcoran prevented her. on suspicion of false imprisonment and

The woman remained in the motel room, fearing she would be shot if she attempted to leave," Dygert said

That evening, the two bundled the woman into a vehicle and went in search of the boyfriend, but she managed to escape while Linde and Corcoran were distracted and ran into a nearby grocery store, where she met Corcoran is being held without bail. her boyfriend and called 911.

The rest of KLLG | From Page 1

hour and three minutes after the top of the hour [to identify the station]."

While Klick encourages programmers to identify songs played in a set, she warned it is currently illegal to pre-announce songs other than the one you're about to play.

This law came about in the 1980s to discourage pirating, when people would put in a cassette tape and record their favorite upcoming songs.

"At the bottom of the hour, it's not legally required to identify the station, but it's kind of a good practice," Click said. "We call that a 'short ID.' We also give the time and temperature at the bottom of the hour."

Lanny Cotler, founder and general manager of KLLG, has organized a basic show structure and philosophy for any interested radio programmers.

For a one-hour show, Cotler suggests the following structure:

 Top of the hour: main station ID. • 10 minutes: underwriter's plug (UP).

• 20 minutes: public service announcement

• 30 minutes/bottom of the hour: a softer.

Carjacking | From Page 1

turned east onto Henderson Road "due to high speeds.'

Deputies followed the pickup to a Henderson Road residence, where John Carl Hoaglen, 31, and Iran Lee Hoaglen III, 34, jumped out and fled into the home.

Deputies "cleared the residence and nearby fields in an attempt to locate the subjects," but were unable to find the men, Cromer said.

California Highway Patrol officers and additional deputies were summoned and are being held without bail

at a high rate of speed south on Crawford pickup being driven by the Hoaglen brothers Road," Cromer said, losing traction as it as the stolen vehicle. They also provided descriptions of the thieves that matched the Hoaglens, both of whom were currently on

> parole from state prison. After continued searching, the Hoaglens were found and arrested in the 23800 block of Howard Street, and the victims were able to identify them as the carjackers, Cromer

> The Hoaglens were taken to county jail on suspicion of cariacking, conspiracy to commit a crime, and violating parole. They

This report was based on a press release The victims were able to identify the from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.



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Camryn and her cousin Austin Willcutt - now and then, below.





First day of preschool!!

Thank you to **EVERYONE** for sending in the huge number of school photo submissions!



Julia Johnstone, Isabel Guttierrez, Caitlyn Forrester, Jamie Johnstone, Camryn Christensen. These girls have been the best of friends since the day they started Willits Christian Preschool, and all the way through their last year at Willits High School.



And she's off to middle school! We love you, Kiera.



Toto, a 1-year-old male who entered the shelter on July 26, is an adorable and playful little terrier mix. He's an

energetic little pup, weighing 9.4 pounds, who is extremely curious about people and his surroundings. Toto loves

to play fetch with tennis balls and go on walks. He would make a great companion dog, or for a family with no children. Toto seems to do well with other dogs.

you think Toto would be the perfect dog for you, please stop by the shelter and meet him today! The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and 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 more of the wonderful adoptable animals, please visit www.

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Above: Students at the 2016 Art Camp, front row, from left: Pakali, Ely, Addison, Alyxandria, Mia, Sylvana. Back row, from left: Audrey, Karen Sue, Sydney, Kiely and Haley, with artist and art teacher Ann Maglinte at right.

Kid's Art Camp at the Art Center

Recently the Willits Center for the Arts was filled with the laughter of children doing movement and singing songs, creating art, working with each other, and having fun exploring new art materials. This summer's Kid's Art Camp, taught by artist and art teacher Ann Maglinte, had students ranging from age 7 to 12. "To have a whole week of mornings devoted to art is such a great experience," Maglinte said, "because many projects can be enjoyed and accomplished, and everyone really forms a community of friends that all learn and help each other."

Watercolor painting, chalk pastels, paints, ceramics, making papier mache planets, silk painting, creating glass magnets and exploring the art of the great masters were some of the art projects the children experienced. "I could not have had this art camp without the help of my friend, Karen Sue Judson. She is a very accomplished artist that is always ready to help and assist in any way she can," Maglinte said. "I am looking forward to offering the art camp again next summer."

- submitted by Kid's Art Camp

Far left: Haley holds her hand-painted portfolio, in front of some studies she did of chalk pastel apples. At left: A display of papier mache planets made by art students. Below: Students work hard on their planets.

Photos submitted by Kid's Art Camp







Back to School Healthy

How to keep your students in tip-top shape for learning

By Cecilia Winiger, for HMH

Schools officially opened this week in Willits. But besides new friends, new teachers and lots of things to learn. unfortunately back to school also means lots of germs and lots of sniffles.

That's no different this year, says Kim Silva, family nurse practitioner at Redwood Medical Clinic.

Silva says she starts seeing kids passing around infections around this time of the year because of the change in temperature as school starts in late summer and transitions

into early fall. It's also when kids start passing viruses, and she treats them for fever, vomiting and diarrhea. Colds, allergies and congestion also become a common theme. "It's about the same time that flu season starts, as well," adds Silva.

Flu shots

While flu shots are not included in the required immunizations to enroll in school, Silva says it's always a great idea to get the kids a flu shot.

"According to the Centers for Disease Control, an average of 20,000 children under the age of 5 are hospitalized because of flu complications and approximately 100 die each year as a result of the flu," she explains. "The single best way to protect children from the flu is to get them vaccinated each

Some kids have a higher risk of complications from the flu, such are those aged 6 months to 18 years who have chronic health problems such as asthma, diabetes, or epilepsy and those who have kidney and liver disorders.

Handwashing is key

Silva says another good way to prevent the spread of infections and viruses is washing your hands and encouraging your kids to wash their hands, too. "Regular handwashing, particularly before and after certain activities, is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting

sick, and prevent the spread of germs to others," she shares. "It's quick, easy and very effective."

Keeping them healthy all year-round

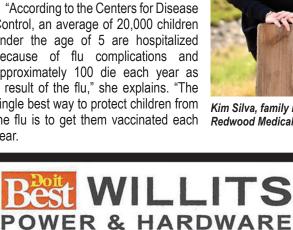
A healthy diet, exercise and adequate sleep are also great ways to keep kids healthy for school, says Silva.

"Students need lots of rest so they can focus and have enough energy for school. The CDC recommends that schoolage children get 10 to 11 hours of sleep every night, as sleep deprivation lowers the immune system's ability to fight off infection," she explains.

Diet is just as important. A good night's sleep followed by a healthy breakfast will help kids have enough energy. Foods rich in vitamin C such as tomatoes, oranges and broccoli and other green leafy vegetables also help in warding off the sniffles.

"Regular exercise during childhood and adolescence also helps build healthy bones and muscles, helps control weight, and reduces anxiety and stress," concludes Silva.

As a family nurse practitioner, Silva specializes in caring for the whole family: men, women and children. She offers a wide range of services, including preventative medicine, such as vaccinations and annual physical exams; management of ongoing chronic illnesses and treatment of medical conditions. Silva is now accepting new patients at the Redwood Medical Clinic, located at 3 Marcela Drive, Suite C in Willits. To schedule an appointment, please call



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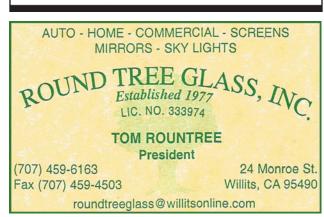
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