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Good news, bad news for Little Lake Fire board

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The Little Lake Fire District Board of Directors heard mostly good news about fire preparedness, mostly bad news about county ambulance services, and also got updates on call volume, training, and new firehouse construction at its August 13 meeting.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak was on hand to give the board information about progress emergency access work on the Firco Road up to Poppy, the Willits Creek Trail road, and the

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### Supes OK development of cannabis enterprise zones

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Supervisors on Tuesday voted 4-1 to direct county staff to develop a cannabis enterprise zone plan.

The plan will allow cannabis cultivation plots of between 1 acre and 10 acres, with multi-use facilities, so that several aspects of the cannabis industry would be allowed under one permit, as well as on-site employee housing.

While initially the plan would have restricted the issuance of cannabis enterprise zone permits only

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#### Laytonville man arrested for attacking grandmother

A 28-year-old Laytonville man turned himself in to sheriff's deputies after allegedly assaulting his 82-year-old grandmother.

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office had issued an arreston-sight order for Vance Langenderfer following the August 19 incident at his grandmother's home in the 32000 block of Sherwood in Laytonville, Road according to sheriff's Sgt. Joseph DeMarco.

Deputies were called to the residence just before 4 pm by the woman, who Langenderfer reported had barged into her home yelling and screaming, pushed her - causing her to fall and strike her head on the floor – and smashed

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Above, from left: Training day at Little Lake Fire Department had the substation's lot filled with fire engines and official vehicles. The Hurst E-Draulic Spreader, a battery-operated rescue tool available to firefighters. Several groups of firefighters gathered at the



# Firefighter Fundraiser

### Little Lake Fire Department to hold 93rd annual Open House on Saturday, September 7 at Baechtel Road substation

Come see the temporary headquarters for the Little Lake Fire Department (while they await the building of the new firehouse!) at the Baechtel Road substation during their September 7 Open House event.

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The firefighters and office staff home for now, but that won't delay

funds for equipment, new gear, general maintenance on the engines, and more.

"We're approaching the 10-year mark on lots of the

have made the substation their the 93rd annual event to help raise

engines," said Harry So, secretary for the Little Lake Firefighters Association. "That's when things start to malfunction, and we need to make sure to keep on top of the maintenance."

The Firefighters Association hosts the event, which will run from 5 to 9 pm at 1575 Baechtel Road. The public is welcome to drop in and see the space, take a ride on the antique Muster truck, meet the firefighters, enjoy a hot dog and drink, and enter into the raffle.

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Above, left: Members of the Little Lake Fire Department gather for a photo. Above, right: The Hurst E-Draulic spreader is used to pick up an egg from atop a cone to help the firefighters train on delicate use of the machinery. Below, from left: Training Chief Eric Alvarez, left, talks with Michael Wilder about the hydrologically operated Hurst spreader, attached to the engine. Stacking Solo cups was another test with the Hurst E-Draulic spreader. Raffle items available to win during the Open House include a chainsaw, fishing pole, drill, and gift certificates to local businesses. At bottom: Members of the Brooktrails, Ridgewood and Little Lake Fire departments, who gathered together for a training day, smile for a group photo.









## Huge cannabis project

presented to city council

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The Willits City Council heard a presentation on August 14 on a new proposed cannabis project in town which would include a 50,000-square-foot hemp extraction facility, and also "the world's largest aquaponic cannabis park," according to Warren Bravo, CEO of AquaMed Global.

Bravo explained his remarks and an accompanying letter to the council that the company plans to use sustainable

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### **County to** explore tax measures

for fire, ambulance

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Supervisors on Tuesday directed the county counsel's office and other county staff to work with members of the board's Ad Hoc Committee on Fire Department and EMS Sustainability to further explore and refine concepts in support of two ballot measures to be submitted to the public at some future election.

ballot measure One would ask ¬voters to impose a sales tax on themselves, with the funds

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### Supes change direction on cannabis appeals board

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labyrinthine After negotiations, followed by a proposal that was turned down on a narrow vote, the board of supervisors voted unanimously to direct staff to return to the drawing board and come up with a cheaper, simpler way to create a cannabis business tax appeals board.

The winning suggestion came from county CEO Carmel Angelo, who after an hour-long discussion among board members - during which the supervisors vainly tried to find a formula

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## What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

#### Why no dispensary?

To the Editor:

Can someone tell me why Willits does not have a cannabis dispensary? We have numerous locations in town where you can purchase alcohol and tobacco, but no

I am an 83-year-old Marine veteran of the Korean War. I am still affected by injuries received there. I use medical cannabis to help get me through the day and sleep at

I have to travel 50 miles round-trip to Ukiah to purchase cannabis. As I am on a fixed income and the cost of cannabis is so high, I can only purchase small amounts at a time, requiring many trips to keep me

If anyone knows what is holding up the process, please advise via letters to the editor of Willits Weekly. Thanks.

John Henson, Willits

#### Inappropriate term

To the Editor:

In the August 1 edition of the Willits Weekly, you published an article by Mike A'Dair titled "Potter Valley Project Coalition submits notice of intent" in which he described the local coalition working on the project's licensing as "the Gang of 4," an inappropriate term at best and a libelous one at worst, given that the most common definition of gang is an organized group of Bring your memories and a side dish or perceived possible "conflict of interest."

The Potter Valley Project is a diversion of water from the Eel River to the Russian River with an accompanying power station that provides water and hydropower downstream. The water supply from the project is used for recreation, fire suppression, people, farms, and various aquatic and terrestrial species in both

The coalition A'Dair refers to in his article safeguard our water supply and protect am until 1:30 pm

wildlife habitat for the future. It consists of the Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission, Sonoma Water, CalTrout and the County of Humboldt. Additional interested parties include the Round Valley Indian Tribes, the County of Lake, the Wivot Tribe and others, none of whom are gang-like.

Ensuring the safety and security of our local water supply is a complex issue. This coalition is trying to earn the support of diverse groups with economic, cultural and ideological interests that include wildlife/fish, agricultural, tribal, household, business, recreation, and government. Inaccurate or biased reporting, like referring to the coalition as the "Gang of 4," only makes this process harder.

We are grateful to Willits Weekly for sharing information about this important topic and hope that future articles include information and descriptions that are helpful and accurate rather than harmful to the goal of safeguarding our shared water supply.

> Devon Jones, executive director, Mendocino County Farm Bureau

#### 'Celebration of Life'

Please join us for the "Celebration of Life" for our mom, Louise Harrison. It will be at the KOA Kampground, just west of Willits, on Saturday, September 14, from 10 am to

Jim Harrison, Willits

#### St. Anthony Fall Fiesta

The St. Anthony Fall Fiesta committee held their first meeting and planned the upcoming event which will occur on October 5, 2019, at the Parish Hall, from 11 is working hard to figure out how to am to 3 pm. Food will be served from 11:30

There will be a mariachi band serenading the attendees – always a favorite. Presold tickets will be available after August 30. For further information, contact Flowers by Annette at 459-6588.

Carlin Horger, Willits

#### Measure V

Thank you for your informative and in-depth August 15 coverage of the latest twist in the Measure V story, as it unfolded at the August 6 board of supervisors meeting.

V opinion coming from AG," includes extensive excerpts citing sections of the California Civil Code, the Public Resources Code, and the Forest Practiced Act but no sources are attributed. I'm curious to know whether the sections chosen, almost suggesting a legal construct, represent the reporter's own research, and/or are based on expert opinions or official documents.

To recap, the initial question on August 6 was how much longer, almost three years after the landslide vote in 2016, should the supervisors wait for an opinion from the Attorney General's Office before enforcing Measure V?

By the afternoon of August 6, the head of the AG's Opinions Department had called County Counsel Katherine Elliott to reveal that the AG's office would not, in fact. be offering any opinion at all, due to a

As relayed to the supervisors by county counsel, the "conflict" had to do with "some entities" making "some changes" to a state agency's plans as a result of recent catastrophic California wildfires.

Although unnamed, CalFire is believed to be the "entity" referenced by the AG's office. The "changes" are about the state agency's intent to use herbicides, including Glyphosate and Imazapyr (think hack and squirt) as proposed in their recently released Wildlands Vegetation Management Plan, across some 250,000

acres of state responsibility areas, MRC timberlands are included within SRAs.

The AG's office evidently anticipates lawsuits against this plan, potentially creating a conflict, as the AG would have to defend the state agency.

With one question answered, others arise. Why did the AG's office wait so long to respond and only just now reach this conclusion? Vegetation management plans aren't created overnight. Did the AG change its opinion on V, presumably well underway, to accommodate CalFire? What does that say about the validity of Measure

First, to clarify: the article "No Measure If CalFire uses herbicides to kill unwanted trees (like tan oak), will it also leave them dead and standing? If CalFire does it, does that make it legal or safe? How this agency can harangue homeowners to clear "safe space" to 100 feet from their homes and bemoan the decimation of tan oaks by Sudden Oak Death, while allowing and now themselves practicing the poisoning and intentional leaving of trees to die and dry standing is beyond me.

> It all comes down to the question of what constitutes a fire hazard and therefore, a public nuisance. MRC's attempt to convince the public that millions of dead standing (or down) trees don't increase the fuel load exponentially and aren't a danger is an insult to common sense, a form of gas

> Some, including two supervisors, expect MRC to sue the county if V is enforced, inflicting painful costs and possible loss from the deep corporate pockets. But does it have to come to that?

> The supervisors recently asked PG&E to cease poisoning brush under their power lines, leaving the dry vegetation near the roadway and, instead, to respect the understanding the county has with Caltrans to control vegetation by hand. Other timber companies also abide by Measure V.

Shouldn't the sustainably certified Mendocino Redwood Company just be a good citizen and do the same?

Naomi Wagner, Willits

## Third District Supervisor's Report

By Supervisor John Haschak

Measure V (aka: hack and squirt or the dead standing tree measure) was passed overwhelmingly by Mendocino County voters in 2016 to abate the nuisance created by Mendocino Redwood Company of leaving thousands of dead standing tan oak trees that represent a potential catastrophic fire hazard.

After Mendocino Redwood threatened to sue the county over enforcement of Measure V in 2017, the county requested an opinion on the measure's legality from the California Attorney General's Office. Now, 2.5 years later, the AG's office finally responded that they have a "conflict of interest," so no legal opinion will be forthcoming from Sacramento.

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There are many twists and turns to this saga, but the bottom line is that in 2016 the county counsel approved Measure V going on the ballot, the people voted for it, and it should be enforced. In the interest of my constituents and all the voters of Mendocino County, I will work with my colleagues on the board to see that Measure V is fully

Rather than creating a fire hazard with dead standing tan oaks, I would like to see Mendocino County reduce fire risk by putting native hardwoods to beneficial use. For example, tan oaks make beautiful hardwood flooring as I observed recently in Laytonville at the Long Valley Garden Club. Such value-added products can provide good jobs in our county. Let's manage our resources

PG&E's public safety power shutoffs are looming over every residence on the grid in the county. All services such as gas stations, grocery stores and medical facilities will also be affected. The county will spend \$126,000 on generators and electrical work just to keep the administrative center open. Chief Wilkes of Little Lake Fire Department said that a power shutoff might cause two, three, even four times as many fires due to people using generators in unsafe ways.

The BOS approved sending a letter to PG&E that I wrote with Supervisor Williams requesting reimbursement for that amount and that PG&E stop spraying herbicide on or near our roads. Due to public pressure, Caltrans no longer sprays herbicide in Mendocino County, and PG&E

shouldn't either. The issue arose from sprayed brush left by the roadside and under power lines which is a fire

Negotiations have been completed with SEIU 1021 (which represents most of the county employees) and MCPAA (attorneys). The problem here in Mendocino County is keeping qualified trained employees. Employees will learn the job here, get some experience, and then move on to other higher paying counties since our county employees earn 22 percent less than comparable counties. The result has been a brain drain of talented, knowledgeable employees at considerable cost to the county for constantly training new employees.

I think that this three-year agreement treats our employees fairly and is perceived by all sides as a win, win situation. It will also improve county services by helping retain good, qualified, experienced employees.

Mendocino County has 10 federally recognized tribes; the Third District has three. Supervisor McCowen and I sponsored an ordinance change to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day as the official holiday celebrated on the second Monday of October rather than Columbus Day. Mary Norris, Cahto Tribe chairwoman, said: "We have a chance at righting one of the many wrongs, and just our ability to acknowledge, accept and take steps in the right direction is phenomenal." There were many heartfelt speeches, and the resolution and ordinance changes passed unanimously.

Best wishes to all and be safe.

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# **Opening Day**

The start of Willits Youth Soccer's 2019 season on Saturday featured 26 teams of kids aged 2 through 16

"As much as I love the game, soccer is not just about the game. It's an opportunity to showcase how to be a good person and succeed in life. Hard work, dedication, how to be a leader. Kids learn all of these things playing soccer," stated Saprina Rodriguez, organizer of the Willits Youth Soccer program, sponsor and coach of the Ace Copy Aces.

Along with her Mathew Caine who coaches soccer

at Willits School, she has helmed the youth soccer program for several years. She has taken it from a nascent activity, to a point where it now has grown to 26 teams with over 325 young participants from age 2 to 16. More coaches signed up this year, which mitigates coaches having to work with more than one team.

The annual parade of teams, sponsors and coaches at Saturday's Opening Day for Willits Youth Soccer took over the main soccer field, bordered by the Roots of Motive Power train tracks. Parents waited expectantly to see their children march by with their teams, holding their sponsor

One by one the teams walked in front of Napa. the reviewing area as the parents looked on and took dozens of cell phone photos and yelled encouragement to the young ones whose smiles filled the field. The kids were obviously happy to be there with their friends, sharing the fellowship of young

The coaches are a mixture of interested parents and athletes who have experience playing soccer in high school and college. The competitiveness increases among the older teams, which is not to say that the younger kids are not serious about winning,

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especially toward the end of the season when they become more comfortable about what they need to do on the field.

There is a marked improvement each year as the season progresses, owing to the determination of the kids and coaches. But it is always about having a great time as well as learning the fundamentals of the

"Two things are different this year," explained Rodriguez. "We are going to have a 2-year-old play group. They're going to be doing the kick-off today for the festivities. They meet every week, and they kick the ball around. It's not like regular soccer where you're trying to get the ball in the goal. It's really about feeling comfortable with the ball, getting excited about the game."

According to Rodriguez, the other thing that is different this year is that three more teams are going to play beyond Lake and Mendocino counties divisional soccer. The underage boys team, known as the U-16 team, tried this out last year and took first place in the league. So this year, the U-14 and U-16 girls teams and the U-14 boys will join the U-16 boys in playing teams from Rohnert Park, Petaluma, Windsor and

"There's a lot more commitment." commented Rodriguez, "from the kids and parents and a higher level of play. We have been consistently raising the bar for our players, and all of our squads are full."

Rodriguez considers herself to be a mentor and a facilitator. "For me as a coach, the benefit is the joy I get when I see the smile on their faces, knowing that I made a difference. Coaching pre-teens and

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At top: The ceremony starts with "The Star Spangled Banner" and the presenting of

Above, left: All 26 teams parade for the parents prior to starting the season. Above: Members of the new 2-year-old play group perform the kick-off this year at Opening Day.

At left: A player chases the ball during a post-parade game. Below: Girls have fun dancing the "Macarena" at Opening

At bottom: Two of the under-6 teams open their season with a











methods to produce "the cleanest" council "There is zero chance the cannabis plant on the market, what we call 'beyond organic,' which in turn is used to produce the cleanest CBD oil in the North American

parcel of land into a world-leading cannabis business park," said

He described the aquaponics method of cultivation as "the most sustainable form of agriculture, using 90 percent less water than a traditional soil or hydroponic grow with no need for chemicals or pesticides because it is a closedloop system of water, fish and plants."

"It's a symbiotic relationship between water, plants and fish," said Bravo. "And this is really important because of its efficient use of water. And we all know water is going to be a scarce resource over the next few decades, and anyone not adopting to Duley. sustainable methodology in agriculture is going to be a dinosaur. and extinct soon.

He added that the fish used in the system would eventually be donated to local food banks and homeless

Bravo is the founder of Green Relief. Inc. a Canada-based company that was the 28th approved licensed cannabis producer in Canada. He said Green Relief is "the only commercial cannabis producer using aquaponics in the world," a innovative techniques. method it's been using since 2013.

Initially, Bravo said, Aquamed Global's plan was to focus first on the aquaponic cultivation facilities in Willits, but they found a strong market demand for CBD oils extracted from hemp, "and an even higher demand for oil producers that can achieve our levels of purity," which he said can reach as high as 95 percent.

The timeline Bravo laid out during the council meeting plans for a 50,000-square-foot hemp extraction facility to be built this year, followed four 30,000-square-foot aquaponic cultivation facilities, with two completed by 2021 and two by

City of Willits Development Director Dusty Duley brought the business proposal before the council since hemp is not specifically identified in the Willits city cannabis ordinance.

In researching the matter, Duley said he and staff believed hemp was something they could permit through the cannabis ordinance since it is a similar business type. but felt it should be presented to the council.

He noted in his agenda summary report that hemp is technically a form of cannabis, though it contains less than 0.3 percent THC. He also pointed out that in December of 2018 the Hemp Farming Act removed hemp from the "Schedule I Controlled Substances" list and recategorized it as an ordinary agricultural commodity.

"The [city's] zoning code does allow the opportunity when a use is not classified in our zoning code to determine what use group it most closely represents," said Duley. "And then to fit it into that category and move forward with the permitting process otherwise. So, there could be an opportunity to fit this type of development within our cannabis ordinance and run it through that permit process.... [It] isn't uncommon that you would go through an exercise like this."

City Attorney Jim Lance agreed with Duley's assessment, and no one on the council or staff stated an objection to that interpretation, meaning AquaMed should be able to continue with the application process

The only concern unique to hemp that Duley and Bravo both spoke about was the potential for accidental cross-pollination between the hemp plants and other cannabis plants in the area. This could potentially ruin entire crops for local farmers, which is why the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors recently extended a moratorium on growing hemp in the county.

However, Bravo assured the

hemp coming to our extraction facility will cross-pollinate cannabis [non-hemp] crops in and around

He said all the hemp AguaMed "Our goal is to develop a 6-acre will use will come from growers outside of Mendocino County. In addition, hemp suppliers will dry the product, seal it in plastic, and seal it in barrels before delivering it. The seals won't be broken until the hemp is in the lab, which is outfitted with a pharmaceutical-grade filtration

The hemp will then be sanitized in an "alcohol filtration and reclamation system." Lab technicians will be required to go through a multi-step decontamination process before entering or leaving the lab.

All the AquaMed facilities would be located on a 9-acre property on the north side of Baechtel Road east of Baechtel Creek, according

The property is zoned heavy industrial and currently owned by a sister company of VRX Labs, said VRX CEO Charles Vethan, who also spoke at the meeting.

VRX is a company with offices in Willits and Long Beach, according to its website, and Vethan spoke of plans to create a \$2.5 million cannabis testing lab in Willits soon. He said VRX was happy to have AquaMed as a "strategic partner" because of their track record and

Bravo said the AquaMed team is planning to buy a couple acres of the property initially, and lease the rest of the land they need.

He highlighted some of the positive economic impact he expected the project would eventually bring to Willits, including more than 150 jobs paying an average annual salary of \$67,200, and \$85 million in investment money.

He also stated that "myself and the other shareholders have a mandate to use all local contractors for the construction of the [facilities]. Hiring local maintenance technicians to service all of our mechanical systems on an ongoing basis will be implemented immediately postconstruction."

The company plans to only produce and sell medicinal cannabis products and not to pursue the adultuse recreational market, Bravo told the council.

"Currently our proposed use of the extraction facility is to bring high-quality consistent CBD- and THC-based nutraceuticals to the sixth largest economy in the world – California. And then the rest of the country when the laws permit," he

When asked by Councilmember Madge Strong how big the market was for CBD extracted from hemp, Bravo replied it was "massive."

"If you equate the CBD market to an ocean, the water's just kind of swelling now, the wave hasn't even started yet," he said. "So we want to get in here early, we want to make this big – and this is going to be something that North America

He described his team as "a group of seasoned business professionals with major experience in construction, legal, accounting, cannabis oil production, and cannabis cultivation using aquaponics as our methodology.

Councilmember Greta Kanne asked about a statement in Bravo's letter that said AquaMed's plans would be "culminating in the construction of a retail location towards the front of the property."

Bravo responded that retail was "very, very low priority, if at all" in AquaMed's plans, but the company wanted to keep its business options open for the future.

"We will set a standard for hemp production in this state," said Bravo. "You will be proud that we are the good corporate citizens we are and to have us here. Because you'll be able to showcase the way things should be done, bringing our methodologies and our policies from the Canadian legal marketplace to

going to support the county's ambulance providers.

The other proposed ballot measure would extend the transient occupancy tax to private campgrounds. Funds from that tax would be earmarked to support the county's rural fire districts.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Fire and EMS Sustainability consists of supervisors John McCowen and Ted Williams. Before becoming Fifth District supervisor. Williams was chief of the Albion-Little River Fire Protection District.

discussing the sales tax measure to support ambulance service, Williams pointed out that the general situation with regard to ambulance service in the county remains fluid, with many variables.

Williams noted that Adventist Health considering purchasing the Mendocino Coast District Hospital in Fort Bragg, while Coastal Valleys EMS the "local emergency medical services agency" for Mendocino County has proposed increasing its contract rate with Mendocino County by 400 percent, And. he added, the City of Ukiah has withdrawn from the "exclusive operating area" being proposed for most of Mendocino County.

An August 16 letter from the City of Ukiah to the County of Mendocino confirmed the city has withdrawn proposed EOA.

does preclude consideration of a collaborative option with the county if agreement can be reached under an alternate approach," the letter states.

"We don't have a crisis tomorrow, we [had] a crisis five years ago," Williams said. "We've watched this EOA process unfold for the past six or seven years, and now we are back to where we started, only we are probably in worse shape."

Williams explained to Willits Weekly what effect the departure of the City of Ukiah will have on the proposed EOA.

"I don't think it's viable." he said. "Without the City of Ukiah, and the resources they bring, I don't see how an EOA can pencil out."

McCowen reminded board members the county had sent out a request for proposals to operate an exclusive operating area for ambulance service, and that process is still moving

EOA RPF is "The ongoing," McCowen said. 'That process is continuing. Questions have been raised

David Roderick, a board member of the Hopland Fire Protection District, said he and his board supported measures by the board of supervisors to beef up support for both ambulance and fire protection. Roderick believes a collapse of the county's fire-EMS system may be around the corner but not happened yet.

"As Supervisor Williams indicated, this is not [something that is] going to happen: We are in collapse right now," Roderick said. "And being that the fire departments' primary job 70 percent of it, anyway - is EMS, that system is in

collapse right now. "Right now, my district Fire Sustainability Ad Hoc is out of money," Roderick noted. paying

December. It's not because we are not careful with our money, it's because we are underfunded for the job we are asked to do. And we need your help, today.'

A key area of inquiry which the county counsel's office and other county staff will work with the ad hoc committee to clarify is: how much should the tax be? Several times the figure of three-eighths of 1 cent per dollar spent was mentioned. However, McCowen and Williams were unwilling to recommend that figure, and instead suggested it was a figure that should be

Third District Supervisor John Haschak said people in Willits were concerned of 1 cent, because the state has imposed a cap of 2 cents per dollar on what cities can impose on their residents Willits residents, he said, are already paying a local tax add-on of 1.25 cents per dollar, and the addition of another three-eighths of a cent would restrict the ability of Willits to propose any additional taxes on its residents.

Taxes for fire

unanimously approving to direct county staff to continue to explore and refine a sales tax supervisors discussed a proposal to further explore expanding the transient occupancy to include private campgrounds.

suggested that money raised by this tax should be directed to the county's rural fire

June 5, 2018, Mendocino County voters turned down Measure G, which would have extended the 10 percent transient occupancy tax to private campgrounds and RV parks, by a 53.5 percent to a 45.5

reasons why Measure G was defeated was that the ballot initiative did not specify what the money would be used for and, if the county were to specify the money would be used to support rural fire departments, perhaps would voters respond differently.

Williams added that ignoring the collapse of rural fire districts had a hidden cost which was starting to become noticeable.

"That hidden cost is, we have more and more homeowners finding their insurance policies are being cancelled," he said. "And it is not necessarily that insurance companies about it. We'll all know more are just cutting back and deciding that this is a place

"It's based on actuaries looking at the data and finding we are a very poor risk. Saving a community nestled in the forest in Mendocino County, without water sources, doesn't

"So. I see this as beginning to address the homeowner eligibility concern. If we don't do this, we are going to see properties transact as cashonly. Cash-only transactions will lower property values, lower the assessment, and will be a cut to county revenue," Williams warned.

The board unanimously directed staff to continue to work with the EMS/ to explore the transient potential ballot measure.

that would offer the public an appeals board at the lowest possible fee - told supervisors the solution lay in directing the county's privately contracted appeals board hearing officer to hear cannabis business tax appeals.

After Angelo shared the idea, a much-discussed proposal that had been put forward by Second District Supervisor John McCowen failed on a 2 to 3 vote. McCowen's motion would have implemented a proposal offered Planning and Building Services Director Brent Schultz, which would have created a three-person hearing board for cannabis business tax appeals consisting of Schultz, Angelo and the commissioner

The fee charged would have to cover the time of these well-paid county

McCowen's motion would have instituted a tiered fee structure approved on a 3-2 vote on a previous agenda item. Originally, the fee structure about a tax of three-eighths recommended by Schultz was that there would be one fee, at \$1,334, for any appeal of any contested cannabis business tax.

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams argued that fee was too high, especially for the minimum tax for cottage-scale cannabis grows. That tax is \$1,250. So, as proposed by Schultz, the fee to have a hearing before the tax appeals board would have been more than the tax being appealed.

Deputy Executive Officer Darcie Antel suggested a modified fee structure, by which cottage-scale cannabis growers would pay \$667 to appeal the fee, Type cannabis growers (those who grew pot on up to 5.000 square feet and whose annual minimum tax would be \$2,500) would pay \$1,009 for a hearing fee, and Type II cannabis growers (who are growing pot in an area between 5,001 and 10,000 square feet and whose minimum business tax is \$5,000 a year) would pay the full fee of \$1,334.

McCowen amended that proposal so it was even lower. Under his proposal, cottage-level growers would pay \$625. Type I would pay \$1,000, and Type II growers would pay \$1,250 to have a hearing before the appeals board.

But Third District Supervisor John Haschak and Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams steadily opposed McCowen. On the item dealing with McCowen's modified fees, the vote was 3-2 in favor. with Haschak and Williams voting no.

Both Haschak and Williams said the fees were still too high, because Schultz had calculated the fee structure based on the assumption that Angelo, Schultz and the ag commissioner would be sit-Williams noted one of the ting on the hearing board, even though the wording of the resolution establishing that board stated it could be staffed by either Angelo, Schultz and the ag commissioner, or their several designees.

In other words, the fee was based on the assumption Angelo, Schultz and the ag commissioner would be sitting on the board, whereas in reality it would very likely be their much-lower-paid designees.

Haschak suggested the fee be recalculated with the designees sitting on the hearing board instead of the CEO and the two department heads. McCowen resisted that, claiming the county was spending too much time on cannabis issues. He wanted to approve the proposal of having a hearing board comprised of Angelo, Schultz and the ag commissioner, or their designees, at the much-reduced fees he'd already recommended that had already been approved on a 3-2 vote.

"I think what we have in front of us is a reasonable compromise based on what we can do today," McCowen said.

Initially, Haschak moved McCowen's proposal, and McCowen seconded. Then Angelo came out with her idea of putting in the hearing board officer, instead of herself, Schultz and the ag

When Angelo said that, Williams immediately suggested the board change direction and direct staff to come back with a proposal for a hearing body and fee structure based on having a single officer overseeing the hearings, instead of a three-person, highly paid body.

Haschak rescinded his motion, but McCowen, who had seconded it, would not agree to withdraw the motion. McCowen went forward with the motion, which then failed 2-3, with Supervisor Carre Brown joining Williams and Haschak in voting against it. Williams then suggested the board

direct staff to come back with a new proposal, based on the idea of having the hearing board officer hear the appeals of "The county is occupancy tax option as a the cannabis business tax. That motion was approved unanimously









confidence and a relaxed attitude to lead a pack of wellmannered dogs down Main Far left: The inside of Good

Dog Daycare is lined with Astroturf and lots of comfy beds. At left: Owner and operator Chris Zeigler demonstrates Mazie's calm deportment on the treadmill set up at Good Dog Daycare and Social Club.

# Good Dog Daycare

Canine 'social club' on Main Street offers pack walks, behavioral training, and fun for your furry friend

Watching Chris Zeigler, owner and operator of Good Dog Daycare and Social Club, walk with a giant pack of up to 16 dogs at a time is an impressive sight, as many who have seen him around town can attest.

If a dog begins to get too rambunctious, he'll use a select word or two and an assertive body motion to calm the dog Forrest Glver down, and Zeigler and the pack then move happily willitsweekly@gmail.com along their way.

Upon returning to the Good Dog Day Care facility on Main Street, the dogs enter through the door one at a time after hearing their names in roll-call fashion and eagerly wait to get let into the main play yards.

The Good Dog Day Care and Social Club officially opened June 1 at 56 South Main Stree (the former location of the Good's Stamp Shop iust next to the old Rexall building), though Zeigler had already been walking dogs in Willits for about three years.

Among the dog services offered by the business are full-day daycare, half-day daycare, pack walks, behavior coaching, and one-on-one training.

The space at the dog-care facility is around 110 feet long and 30 feet wide, with three play vards separated by gates. One is inside, with a deep, soft Astroturf floor, and the other two are outside, with a large event tent covering one of the outside areas for protection against weather.

"I can use different yards for the various energies and sizes of dogs, or I can leave it all open," said Zeigler. "There are several cameras on the property, so I can keep an eye on dogs in the

"We installed misters for the summer heat and the two mature walnut trees in the backyard provide excellent shade. There are several automated water dishes that supply filtered water in each play yard and inside the building.

yard if I'm inside.

There's also heat and air conditioning available inside, a kiddie pool outside for dogs who enjoy splashing around a bit, and a small studio in the back with treadmills. "Treadmills

can be very beneficial for certain dogs," said Zeigler, who demonstrated with a dog named Mazie calmly trotting on the machine at various speeds. "It can help with many behavioral issues and is also a fun confidencebuilding activity. I also use the house for an extra chillout zone for the dogs.'

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that Zeigler will take the dogs to at a different property owned by the Good family, and he noted the importance of getting the dogs into different environments to walk and play. "I find that when there are different play

In addition, there's another play yard in town

destinations, it is more mentally stimulating and fulfilling for the dog, and me as well," he said. "The same goes for walks – sometimes we walk in town, sometimes the par course in Brooktrails or different nature trails. If the pack is small on a given day, we will occasionally go to Little Darby. It's a real dog's day out."

Zeigler, who began doing dog walking work in 2008 while living in New York, says that much of what has made him successful at it has to do with the energy he maintains while working with

"Walking dogs came very natural to me," he said. "My passion for it developed later in a different way when I realized my energy had a direct effect on how the pack behaved. I had to be relaxed, aware and confident. In this way, the dogs were teaching me how to be my best self and it was the way to make sure the pack is being walked correctly.'

"By this I mean the dogs are calm, ears back, tail in the middle," he continued. "They walk alongside or behind with a loose leash. This is how the dogs truly benefit from the walk – the walk is most fulfilling for them with pack structure because they are pack animals and thrive in that type of environment."

He emphasized that properly walking dogs, especially in a pack, can help make them healthier and





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happier in many ways.

"Since the walk is the most primal activity that we do with our dogs, providing structure and leadership in this way can also help with many behavior issues," he said. "There are several ways I achieve a correct walk but it mostly has to do with energy, body language, and 100 percent consistency. To me, it is a magic feeling to be walking with a pack of dogs."

Zeigler said he hopes to offer dog boarding and overnight care at a different location sometime in the future, but for now is happy to focus on the services offered in town. He offers discounts for regular customers and multi-dog families, and can sometimes arrange for pick-up service depending on location and time constraints.

"I want to make it affordable enough and also bring awareness to the importance of bringing a dog for pack walks and socializing purely for the sake of the dog," he said. "The benefits of regular socializing and walks in a controlled environment can do wonders for a dogs wellbeing. My goal is to help make that experience possible for dogs and their people.

Regular hours for Good Dog Day Care and Social Club are weekdays from 8 am to 6 pm. You can reach Zeigler at 707-841-1941, or email him at chris@gooddogdaycare.club.

You can also find the business on Facebook and Instagram: @gooddogdaycareandsocialclub.

Register now for SPACE





Email: willitsweekly@gmail.com



Above: Chris Zeigler takes a baker's dozen of dogs out for a wall on the town. Below: Dogs of a variety of breeds and sizes enjoy each other's company in the play yard out back.



SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

Agape **Bible Church** Willits,CA 95490 Where love is first and the Bible is central Sunday Services: 9.15 a m - Bible Class adult & children

> ww.agapebiblechurch.com **Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church**

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Awana: Tuesday, 6:15 p.m

Info? 707-459-1905

803 Coast Street P.O. Box 489, Willits Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m Pastor, Bill Nobles Information: 456-9668 VERYBODY IS WELCOM

ckankar: The Path Spiritual Freedor Sound of Soul events Membership Discourses

piritual Discussions CK Light & Sound Service Call 707-456-9934 **Grace Community** 

Church Celebrating Life In Christ 25 Hazel Street, Willits lult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m offee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church - 11 a.m. Mid-week Bible Studies Potluck every 2ND Sunday

459-3106 St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church 61 W. San Francisco Ave

Alan Klier, Lead Pastor

Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Bandanadam Mass times: turday confessions - 4:45 p.m Saturday Vigil - 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass -9:00 a.m. English 10:30 a.m. Spanish

We welcome All Walks of Faith St. Francis **Episcopal Church** North Main Street, Willit

707-459-3066 hurch Services/Communi & Sunday School - 10:00 a.m Healing Prayer 3rd Sunday ALL ARE WELCOME The Rev. Betsy Bruneau

St. John Lutheran Church Karl Bliese, Pastor

Church Service: Sunday 10:00 to 11:00 Bible Study/Sunday Schoo following the service. (707) 459-2988 24 Mill Creek Drive ALL ARE WELCOME

Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church 399 W. Mendocino Avenue 707-459-5714 Sabbath School - 9:15 a.m. Worship Service - 10:45 a.m

4th Sabbath of every month

family potluck at the school 22751 Bray Road, Willits Willits United Methodist Christ centered, progressive churc ALL ARE WELCOME

286 School St. (at Pine)

ev. Rosemary Landry, pastor Worship Celebration Sundays - 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School - 10:45 a 1 459-2855 Facebook: www.facebook.co

you want to be included in this column please call: April Tweddell (707) 972-2475

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#### Thursday, August 29

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, August 29, 3 to 6 pm. Greens and veggies, fresh strawberries and summer fruit, tomatoes, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. Jams and jellies and savory preserves, fair trade chocolates, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, Willits-roasted coffee, tea,

fire cider, crafts, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

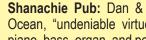
Willits Community Bike Ride: Gain comfort using the new downtown bike lanes. A quick safety lesson followed by a ride to practice road skills! 5 to 8 miles long. Bring helmets and water bottles. A few helmets available. Bring your kids! Thursday, August 29, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Recreation Grove Park.

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

THE WILLITS WILD BUNCH

WILLITS

Bike Night: Willits Wild Bunch is hosting a Meet and Greet at Scoops Deli, 110 North Main Street. Thursday, August 29, 6 to 8 pm. "All bikes invited. A gathering of all motorcycle riders in the area. Burgers and hot dogs provided by Scoops at a minimal fee." Nonriders are invited, too. A 50/50 raffle will help raise money for local youths and youth groups.



AT THE MOVIES

'Dora and the

**Lost City of Gold** 

The Story: Comedy action adventure in English

with a few Spanish words mixed in featuring

Dora the Explorer. Dora (Isabela Moner) grew

up in the jungle, and now her parents want her

to go live with her primo (cousin) Diego (Jeff

Wahlberg) in the city and attend high school.

Dan Essman Elena (Eva Longoria) and

in search of the fabled Lost City of Gold. But

Dora's parents are not hunting for gold, no, they

are explorers driven by the thrill of discovery. Of

course there are bad mercenaries who will stop

at nothing to find the Lost City, but all they want

is to steal all the gold for themselves. Action,

quick sand, poison frogs – it's all thrills and fun.

My Thoughts: Isabela Moner (who was so

strikingly good in "Instant Family") plays Dora

with so much high energy and contagious good-

hearted joy, that I am officially in awe of her acting

ability. Her broad smile through pretty much the

whole movie was genuine, it never ever looked

forced, and she made me want

to smile back at her. This movie is

certainly for young teens and kids 12

and under. And I believe they will refr

mucho (laugh a lot). Though the flick

is for kids, I enjoyed it immensely.

even the fart jokes and the well-

intentioned poop jokes are aimed at

overcoming embarrassment about

Parents: This is a good movie for

children with solid values, such as

water is more important than gold.

Also, it has a great message about

having positive attitudes. And your

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his

reality attenuated by the wisdom of the

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It's deliberately educational

bodily functions.

kids will laugh.

imagination.

Meanwhile, Dora's mother

father Cole (Michael Peña)

disappear into the jungle

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

#### Friday, August 30

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

Willits High School Football: Season opener. Willits vs. McKinleyville: JV game (Head Coach Matt Moratti) starts at 5:30 pm; varsity game (Head Coach Brandon Norbury) starts 30 minutes after JV game is complete. Maize Field at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street.

Auditions for "Twelfth Night": Willits Community Theatre is holding auditions for William Shakespeare's romantic comedy, "Twelfth Night," on two consecutive weekends. Friday, August 30,

> 7 pm; Saturday August 31, 2 pm; Friday, September 6, 7 pm; and Saturday, September 7, 2 pm. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. Casting for 14 speaking parts and more than a dozen non-speaking parts, including male cabaret dancers. Ages 15 to 40. The show rehearses from mid-September, performed November 1 to 17. Info:

Director Billy Hetherington, 707-367-5724 or billybard579@hotmail.com.

Shanachie Pub: Cosmic Family Band "is here to play music and extend Peace, Love, and Positivity." Friday, August 30, 9 pm. Visit: www.facebook.com/ Cosmic-Family-Music-128751681189230/. 50B South Main Street.

#### Saturday, August 31

Quilty Pleasures Quilt Show: Labor Day Weekend, Saturday August 31, 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday, September 1, 11 am to 4 pm. Quilt raffle, themed basket raffles and quilts on display and for sale. Annual festive outdoor event behind The Fat Quail, 44550 N. Highway 101, in Laytonville. Info: 707-984-6966. All proceeds go toward scholarships for Laytonville graduating

Auditions for "Twelfth Night": DJ Earthdancer: Ecstatic Dance Saturday August 31, 2 pm. See August 30 listing for details.

Claws for a Cause: Willits Rotary Club, the Redwood Empire Lions Club and the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center present this annual fundraiser for the Seabiscuit Therapeutic

Riding Center. Saturday August 31, 5 to 7 pm. At the Howard House on the historic Ridgewood Ranch. Guests will enjoy an evening of fine dining prepared by Chef Adam Celaya (Adams featuring prepared by the Willits

**Senior Center** 

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Week of September 2

through September 6

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Harrah Senior Center

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Tuesday: Tuna Noodle

Labor Day

Casserole



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September meeting features guest presenter Ron Moorhead, executive director of the Willits Chamber of Commerce. Moorhead, a certified instructor for the "Refuse to Be a Victim" program developed by the National Rifle Association, will present a condensed version of the RTBAV seminar, concentrating on travel and business safety. "The RTBAV program is not about firearms," Moorhead said. "It is, however, about personal safety, which is the most important aspect to refusing to be a victim. It is far better to avoid criminal confrontation rather than having to defend oneself. NCWIB is a program of the Chamber of Commerce that gives businesswomen an opportunity to network and discuss the various pm. 55 and older, \$6.50 issues of being in business in a rural community. Meetings are held per meal, under 55 only \$8 on the first Wednesday of every month from 8:15 to 9:15 am at the worldwide. Free, but space is limited. Info per meal. Includes soup, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. All Mendocino and reservations: Suzanne at: 456-9676 Visit: County women are welcome to attend. Admission is free for Willits Chamber of Commerce members, first-time attendees and guests. A 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: \$5 donation is requested from non-chamber members, which includes a light breakfast snack.

### Food Bank needs produce donations

vegetables and fruits that can be spared by local

gardeners to help us feed the hungry. We have been running low for several weeks and would very much appreciate community help to provide nutritious, healthy food for our needy population in Willits and outlying areas. Any amount would be very much appreciated. Willits Community Services and Food Bank is located at 229 East San Francisco Street; for more information, please call

> - Willits Community Services and Food Bank

> > Mail: P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490

## What's Happening Around Town

Rotary Club. Live auction with Sheriff Tom Allman to: Willits Community Theatre, P.O. and Rachel Britten, Tickets \$80, available at Willits Box 80, Willits, CA 95490, Sundays in Furniture Center and DFM Auto Repair in Ukiah.

"Made in Mendocino III": Willits Center for the Art's September show features handmade items of furniture and wooden accessories from the Mendocino Coast Furniture Makers, and paintings by Willits artist Robin Coomer. Opens Saturday, August 31, 6 pm for members, and 7 pm for the public. Through September 29. Gallery hours: the local, private sector, and community

Wednesday to Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. 71 East Commercial Street. 459-1726. Visit: www. willitscenterforthearts.

Arkam Falls "is a based trio inspired by all your favorite '90s rock Saturday, August 31, 9 pm. Visit:

www.facebook.com/arkamfalls/. 50B South Main

#### Sunday, September 1

"Cultivating Self Sufficiency": A School of Adaptive Agriculture class on how to "Grow More of Your Own Food." Learn to compare and select crops which provide nourishing

filling calories, and store and yield well. Pre-registration required \$25. Sunday, September 1, 9:30 to 11:30 am. School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101. Tickets and info: www.schoolof-adaptive-agriculture.org.

Mendo is bringing DJ Earthdancer to Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, Sunday, September 1.

Yoga at 10 am, dance 11 am to 1 pm. Quilty Pleasures Quilt Show: Sunday, September 1, 11 am to 4 pm. See

> August 30 listing for details. **Set Painting Workshop:** The Willits Community Theatre offers a five-week workshop on set painting, taught by veteran Gretchen Moore. Students will learn to work with directors, mix color, apply paint, shade painted objects, texture techniques and more. Students will get to work on

> > 'Refuse

to Be a

Victim

September 4

Women in Business's

County

September, 6 pm. beginning September 1. \$50 (\$25 for students), Info: 459-

"Climate Crisis – Local Action Event": Presented by WELL and the Little Lake Grange. "Climate change is the most pressing issue of our time. Stories of

leaders across the U.S. who are continuing to take action towards the Agreement Brainstorm ideas for acting

locally!" With speakers Eileen Mitro of Climate Mendocino and Shelly Ryan of Climate Reality Project. Film: "Paris to Pittsburgh." Sunday September 1, 7 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

### Monday, September 2 Happy Labor Day!

#### Tuesday, September 3

Tightwad Tuesdays: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the

Theatre Noyo for all ages, all showings. week's Tightwad Tuesday movies are: "Dora the Explorer," "Angry Birds 2," "Good Boys" and "The

Art of Racing in the Rain." Visit www.noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for show times. 57 East Commercial Street

Otter Swim Team Registration: Are your kids

interested in joining the Willits Otters? Registration is set for Tuesday, September 3, starting at 5 pm, at the Willits City Pool, at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street.

CULTIVATING

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Lady Wolverines High School Volleyball: Willits vs. Fortuna, with JV game (Coach Julie Goyke) starting at 4 pm, and the varsity game (Coach Jon Jessup) starting at 5 pm. the set of the upcoming play, Willits High School Gym, "I and You." Send payment

#### **WELL Presents Climate Action Event** Free Film: Paris to Pittsburgh

What We Can Do Locally



Sunday, September 1st, 7pm

"Navigating Difficult Conversations": The Avenues to Wellness speaker series "Navigating presents, Difficult Conversations, with presenter Samuel Senerchia who has practiced Zen and Aikido for most of his life, studied Somatic Coaching and CoActive Coaching, and led for youth groups and men focused on building dignity, safety

and purpose. Tuesday, September 3, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Donations appreciated. Info:

#### Wednesday, September 4

"Refuse to Be a Victim": North County Women

in Business's September 4 meeting features Willits Chamber of Commerce director, Ron Moorhead, a certified instructor for the "Refuse to Be a Victim" program developed by the National Rifle Association. Moorhead will present a condensed version of the seminar, concentrating on travel and business safety. Wednesday September 4, 8:15 to 9:15 am, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Free for

Willits Chamber of Commerce members, first-time attendees and guests. A \$5 donation is requested from non-chamber members, which includes a light breakfast snack.

Willits High School Soccer: Preseason game, Willits vs. Fortuna: Boys (Coach Martin Rodriguez) at 4 pm. Willits High School Soccer Field, 299 North Main Street.

### Thursday, September 5

Willits **Farmers** Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, September 5, 3 to 6 pm. See August 29 listing for

September 6 **Auditions** "Twelfth Night": Friday, September 6, 7 pm. See August 30 listing for details.

Friday,

## Saturday, September

**Roots 37th Annual** Festival: Steam will and as up for its Steam

8 at the Roots facility on East Commercial Street. Historic train and logging equipment, featuring free train rides and steam locomotives, a steam shovel, steam rollers, stationary engines, and tractors. Watch out

for the infamous bandit Black Bart and his gang - they've been at it again, robbing trains Saturday, September 7, the annual Members Appreciation Barbecue at 4 pm with locally raised pork, lamb and beef (\$15 adults/\$6 kids) with live music a silent auction and raffle. And don't miss the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, set up in the Recreation Grove along with the Shifters Car Club

Sunday, September 8, the antique machine show continues with steam roller printing. You can try your hand at print-making and say you did it with an antique steam roller! At the Roots facility, 420 **East Commercial Street** 

Garden Tour: Native American Cornucopia at Green Uprising Farm, 2301 East Hill Road. "See beautiful Hopi Blue, Painted Mountain and Abenaki corn (flour and flint), squash, beans, guinoa and potatoes. An homage to the farming genius of the indigenous people." Saturday, September 7, 9:30 to 10:30 am. Info: 707-216-5549, homesteadingsara@

Auditions for "Twelfth Night": Saturday, September 7, 2 pm. See August 30 listing for details.

Lake Firefighters Fundraiser: Support your local volunteer fire department at the 93rd Annual Firefighters Association fundraiser, Saturday September 7, Little Lake Fire Substation, 1575 Baechtel Road, 5



50/50 raffle. Visit www. littlelakefiredepartment com or call 459-6271 for info. Sunday,

## September 8

**Roots Steam Festival:** at the Roots facility on East Commercial Street and the Rec Grove. See September listing for details.

Dirty Cello: Willits

Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane, Sunday, September 8, 2 to 4 pm. "Dirty Cello brings the world a high-energy and unique spin on blues and bluegrass, cello like you've never heard before, gets your heart thumping and your toes tapping! Fickets in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street 24/7 800-838-3006 and at the door until sold out.



#### Made in Mendocino III **Opening August 31**

The Willits Center for the Arts presents. "Made in Mendocino III," featuring handmade items of furniture and wooden accessories by the Mendocino Coast Furniture Makers and also paintings by Willits artist Robin Coomer, which explore

the concept of landscape nostalgically. In addition, Michael Steffen shows his artistry with wood. Mark Adley is designing and installing the show, after his much-praised current pottery show. Opening Saturday, August 31, 6 pm for members, and 7 pm for the public. 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery

Sunday, 1 am to 5 pm.

# hours: Wednesday through

#### Willits Library Open House September 19 The Willits Library will hold an Open House highlighting the library's many programs and services available to the local community. Free and open to all ages. See what your local library has to offer! Light refreshments served. ECSTATIC DANCE September Thursday, 19, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. September 1st Info: email Willits Librarian Nicole Bird at birdn@ Earthdancer mendocinocounty.org or call the library at 459-5908. Sunday 10:00AM -1:00 PM Labor Day **Picnic**

# September 2

Democrats of Mendocino County and the Inland

Mendocino Democratic Club present the "United with Labor BBQ." Todd Grove Park, Monday, September 2, 11 am to 3 pm. BBQ burgers, dogs, bean burgers and chicken, grass fed/organic. Donation at the door. Zero waste event; bring plate, cup, utensils for yourself. Potluck salads and desserts Speakers include Senator

Mike McGuire, Assemblyman Jim Wood, and various candidates running for local office. Entertainment by Paula Samonte, the Raging Grannies, and others. Beer and wine for sale. Water is free (No plastic bottles; bring a cup). Booth space & volunteering - call Helen 707-367-0250.

- Submitted by Democrats



# THE MONTHLY SPEAKER SERIES

of Mendocino County

### EMPOWERMENT EVENTS **BODY TALK** ENERGY THERAPY Allowing Soul's Voice in Bodymind Healing SPEAKER: HOLLY BARNARD, CMT Sept 11th, 2019, 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm At Cultivate Wellness Studio, Little Lake Grange Room 4, 291 School, St. Willits, CA 95490 Free admission, donations will be shared with the speaker. Please arrive on time as courtesy to the speaker.

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#### Healthier Living Workshop Starts September 10

Avenues to Wellness (a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation) is hosting another free six-week Healthier Living Workshop, starting Tuesday, September 10. This workshop teaches how to self-manage chronic diseases such as: arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, and chronic pain. You will learn how gentle exercise, nutritious eating, and relaxation techniques can help. Sessions focus on goalsetting, problem solving, and strategizing ways to reduce pain, fatigue, anxiety and stress. It offers ways to deal with the difficult emotions that can be part of having a chronic condition, including how to talk with your family, friends and doctors about your health. Created by Stanford School of Medicine and Kaiser Permanente 30 years ago and taught avenuestowellness.org.

- Submitted by Avenues to Wellness

### 93rd annual Little Lake Firefighters Association Fundraiser

September 7 Support your local volunteer fire department at their 93rd annual Firefighters Association fundraiser, Saturday, September 7 at the Little Lake Fire Substation, 1575 Baechtel Road, from 5 to 9 pm. Suggested donation \$10. Raffle with many great prizes, including a Traeger Smoker donated by Coast Hardware, \$200 gift certificates from Commercial Tire & Auto, welder's hood from Ukiah Oxygen Company, fishing pole donated by Northwest Sporting goods, chainsaw donated by Willits Power, bottlekeeper from Monkeywrench, \$200 Giants gift card with \$50 gas card, haircut and style by Liz Goforth, Tori Potter, and Jessica Kohler, gift certificates from 101 Drive In, John Ford Beef, Brickhouse Coffee. Separate raffle (separate tickets) for 7MM-08 rifle donated by Coast Hardware and a 50/50 raffle. If you got tickets in the mail, be sure to get them in the mail, or drop them off! Visit www.littlelakefiredepartment.com or call 459-6271 for more information.

#### Music in the Park Starts September 12

Thursday, September 12 to October 3, 6 to 7:30 at Recreation Grove Park. The "Falling out of Summer" free concert series features: September 12: Snaps For Sinners, saucy swing ensemble hellbent on making people dance and have a good time, while also delivering a Americana

powerful progressive message that inspires empathy and altruism." September 19: The Real Sarahs, "rising stars in the west coast distinguished themselves as skillful harmony singers and evocative songwriters, with an organic sound that enchants and uplifts the spirit." September 26: Funkacillin, "five Mendocino County musicians who wanted to represent the edgier side of funk. They incorporate rock and soul into their repertoire, while keeping the music fun and danceable!" October 3: The Johnny Young Band, "country roots, with a rockin' soul, they deliver a highoctane mix of country, rock and pop favorites guaranteed to set any

dance floor ablaze.

Delicious food from the

Willits Lions Club and

Taqueria Ramirez.

# **WELL Presents Climate Action Event**



What We Can Do Locally Speakers: Eileen Mitro of Climate Action Mendocino Shelly Ryan of Climate Reality Project



Sunday, September 1st, 7pm At Little Lake Grange, 291 School St., Willits

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# 'Ready, Set, Go'

Sherwood Firewise convoys out Sherwood Road north

Sherwood Firewise Communities finished up two meetings last week with a convoy out Sherwood Road north, for those interested in exploring that exit route at the top of the hill that goes out to Highway 101 south of Laytonville.

Mark Barnes At the August 22 meeting.

Firewise discussed the "Process to Prepare for Evacuation." the second prong of their three-prong "Ready. Set Go" strategy to prepare Brooktrails residents in case of fire or other natural disasters now or in the future.

Following a program overview on Thursday evening, Third District Supervisor John Haschak gave an update on emergency access routes, sirens and fire cams. In a telephone statement to Willits Weekly the day before, Haschak said of the Firewise group: "I think they are doing a great job, and they're really involving people to make the community safer and aware of what needs to be done. I'm very much appreciative of their efforts goggles. to be safe as a community.

In his update Haschak told the assembled group that Firco Road had been cleared by CalFire down to the old mill site north of Willits. At present they are looking to clear the North Coast Railroad lines for ingress and egress, as well as the Willow Creek

A tabletop meeting of leaders the hospital, the county Office of Emergency Services, and other related entities is scheduled for next week. The focus will be on

Signage for evacuation will consist of sandwich boards to be placed in strategic places as directional markers. The mobility of the boards is due to the fact it is unknown which direction a fire may be coming, thereby altering any evacuation routes. The sheriff's vehicles have been fitted with emergency evacuation sirens, which is supplemented by sirens on spotter aircraft in the sky.

In a video on Facebook featuring the distinctive "high low" sound of the new emergency sirens, Sheriff Tom Allman describes them as "a new way for the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office to notify you that an evacuation is imminent, that it's time for you to

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gather your family and safely evacuate vour house.'

A large portion of Thursday's meeting was dedicated to Go Bags and what experts recommend each bag contain. It is further advised that each member of a family have their own bag - and that includes pets. The litany of recommended items to be included in each bag is extensive and can be found at www. ready.gov. Though most of the items recommended rely on common sense, provisioning these bags can

For example if a home has multiple cars to be used in evacuation, each car should have a walkie-talkie in case they get separated in the confusion of evacuation. Just a few of the other recommended items include: spare batteries or a solar charger for cell phones and radios, a respirator or mask (the N95, available at most hardware stores), a small fire extinguisher, a DC battery charger, leather work gloves, and full coverage

Maps of Brooktrails streets with road legends are available at the Brooktrails Township Community Services District office. It was strongly urged that residents plot at least two alternate routes out of their neighborhoods to evacuation routes. Practicing these routes is also highly

Sherwood Firewise organizer Doreen Blumenteld addressed the three levels of evacuation notification: Evacuation Order, which means "leave now"; Evacuation Warning, which means "leave as soon as coordinating these agencies into a possible"; and Shelter in Place. Each cohesive group in the advent of any level requires a different checklist and on both sides of the road. A quaint evacuation procedures.

> It is important for residents to use social media and other contacts for these notifications. You can register for emergency alerts on your phone or via email at Nixle (www.nixle.com) or with the Sheriff Office (www.mendosheriff. com). For a comprehensive list go www.sherwoodfirewise.org to register for any or all of them including SafetyNet. One of the most unusual is Flightradar24. This app will show you a radar screen of a fire from a spotter plane and its location relative to your position. It is a bit tricky and needs some finetuning to set up, but is well worth the trouble.

Saturday morning "Set" The meeting began with a recap of the previous meetings and the three-step approach to fire safety and emergency evacuation. When the question was put to the large audience as to how many had assembled and made ready Go Bags, the show of hands was almost unanimous. Mickey Fernandez directed the group on the organizational approach called "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," and the success she had achieved. After lunch at noon, a smaller group got

It was a beautiful day for a road trip. Clear blue skies and an excited group of 16 travelers were ready to head north up the potential Sherwood Road evacuation route. The proposed route would take the convoy all the way out Sherwood Road to its conclusion at Highway 101 just south of Laytonville. Broken into two groups, each group had walkie-talkies, simulating an orderly evacuation. At points during the excursion, the lead group would report back to the following group any problems or change in direction.

Sherwood Road north.

At 1:15 pm, the caravan set off from Brooktrails Golf Course with five cars and a 25-foot RV. As you move north on Sherwood the scenery starts to change dramatically, from the orderly streets and clusters of homes and apartments in Brooktrails proper to large pasture lands, scattered homes, and a distinctly rural feeling.

The First Gate. Second Gate and Third Gate roads off Sherwood marched by in orderly progression. The road was smooth, and the sights of bucolic Mendocino County were awesome. Rolling hills browned by the summer's sun stretched away wooden bridge allowing only one lane of traffic to pass at a time crossed Rowes Creek. As serious as the simulated evacuation is, the convoy was also a wonderful trek through nature's beauty

Soon the road switched from smooth pavement to washboard dirt roads, which got narrow and curvy through the last segment of the route. The vehicles raised clouds of dust on the rough and often bone-jarring road, no matter what speed the convoy was traveling at. Switchbacks and blind corners became the norm, but in no

Read the rest of Firewise

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At left, above: The group of convoyers assembles outside the Brooktrails Community Center after the morning Sherwood Firewise meeting. At top: The group stops to work on communications between the vehicles. Above: This 25-foot RV was one of the vehicles on Saturday's convoy out Sherwood Road north. Below: This part of Sherwood Road is passable but dusty. Further below: Sherwood Firewise organizer Keith Rutledge acts as a flagger to help convoy vehicles merge into the highway traffic. At bottom: Directional sign showing the Sherwood Road cut off to Highway 101, or back down to Willits









#### The rest of Fundraiser

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Several prizes will be available to lucky winners: a Traeger Smoker donated by Coast Hardware, \$200 gift certificates from Commercial Tire & Auto, welder's hood from Ukiah Oxygen Company, fishing pole donated by Northwest Sporting goods, chainsaw donated by Willits Power, bottlekeeper from Monkeywrench, \$200 Giants gift card with \$50 gas card, haircut and style by Liz Goforth, Toriev Potter, and Jessica Kohler, gift certificates from 101 Drive In, John Ford Beef, and Brickhouse Coffee.

Tickets for the raffle are \$10 each and will be available to purchase at the event. Tickets were also mailed out directly to homes, and those can be brought in during the event.

A separate 50/50 raffle for a cash prize will also be held; tickets for that drawing are \$2 each and will be available to purchase at the Open House.

"We invite everyone to come by and say hi during the event," said So. "Hope to see you all there!"

While still working on details for the Open House, So, along with firefighters from Brooktrails Fire Department and the firefighters from Ridgewood Ranch and other members of the Little Lake Fire Department, attended part one of two training sessions at the substation Tuesday.

"We're focusing on vehicle extraction training," said So. "Today we're working on familiarizing ourselves with the equipment, its location on the rigs, and looking for solutions to potential problems that we can solve now, as opposed to when we're out on the scene."

One of the tools is the Hurst E-Draulic Spreader. This is a battery-operated version of the hydrologically operated Hurst spreader that is also found on the engines. The battery-operated version allows the firefighter to use it without the cabled restraints of the engine-powered model and move it into more remote areas or further from the engine when needed.

While still heavy, the E-Draulic version must be used with gentle finesse, and Tuesday's training tasked firefighters with guite a challenge: move red Solo cups and stack them across the floor, and even more impressively, pick up an egg and move it from the top of a cone to another without shattering the shell.

"We want to be sure everyone feels confident using the tools, being able to cut safer, know when to stop gripping, and know the spacing restraints with the rescue equipment said So. "This is the first time for some of the firefighters to handle the E-Draulic spreader, and we wanted to give them time to practice with it in training."

In February of 2020, So will have completed three years with the department and enjoys serving his community with the around 40 other members of the association.

"I joined the military, and after that, I wanted to fill the void that was left to contribute to my community," said So. "I joined the department because I had already served my country, and now I wanted to serve my community."

to call 459-7777 for more information.

Firewise

way diminished the beauty of the countryside

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As the convoy arrived at Highway 101, they faced a dangerous right turn onto Highway 101, merging into fast-moving traffic. Sherwood Firewise organizer Keith Rutledge set up a safety cone, and flagged each car into the traffic when safe entry was assured. Returning to the Brooktrails Community Center at 2:25 pm, the entire exercise took a little over one hour.

Convoyer Jeanne Wolfe said it was her second time taking on the Sherwood Road north evacuation route. She enjoyed the experience and said: "I'm comfortable with the route, but I'm worried about my car being so low to the

Barbara Schora, a new Brooktrails resident, was happy about the convoy. "I'm new here, and there are not a lot of landmarks. I'm glad we did it. That is an ugly turn onto 101, and it needed the cones and flagging.

All in all, Sherwood Firewise provided an educational tour of Sherwood Road for those who may need it for evacuation in the future.

#### Planning and Building issues cannabis report

The Mendocino County Cannabis Unit has issued or approved 244 cannabis cultivation permits as of August 20, according to information released recently Mike A'Dair by the county's Department of nike@willitsweekly.com

Planning and Building Services.

The unit has received 1,429 permit applications and has denied 61. Another 131 applications have been withdrawn by applicants.

Some 926 applications are currently

In a recent report to the board of supervisors, Planning and Building Director Brent Schultz said that, of those 926 applications, 856 are sitting in limbo because applicants have not provided signed paperwork from either the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, or from the California Water Board, to the county's cannabis unit.

Schultz said there were two ways of resolving the paperwork problem. Either applicants who have received completed and signed-off documents from Fish and Wildlife or the water board need to get those documents to the cannabis unit, or the state agencies themselves need to forward copies of those documents to the cannabis unit.

Schultz said the 70 applications received by the county which have Fish and Wildlife or water board approvals, but which have not yet been issued or approved, are either in planning review, building review, environmental review, are negotiating compliance programs, or are in the live scan process with the

Schultz noted his department would be issuing more permits soon.

### New data shows insurance is becoming harder to find as a result of wildfires

Submitted by the California Department of Insurance

SACRAMENTO — New data collected by the Department of Insurance shows insurance is becoming harder to find for those in high wildfire-risk areas as a result of recent wildfires. The data reveals there was a 6 percent increase in insurer-initiated homeowner policy nonrenewals in CalFire state responsibility areas from 2017 to 2018, while zip codes affected by the devastating fires from 2015 and 2017 experienced a 10 percent increase in insurerinitiated non-renewals last year.

"We are seeing an increasing trend across California where people at risk of wildfires are being non-renewed by their insurer," said Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara. "I have heard from many local communities about how not being able to obtain insurance can create a domino effect for the local economy, affecting home sales and property taxes. This data should be a wake-up call for state and local policymakers that without action to reduce the risk from extreme wildfires and preserve the insurance market we could see communities unraveling.'

The data provided by insurers also revealed the availability of homeowners insurance dropped in high-risk counties. From 2015 to 2018, the number of new and renewed homeowners' policies fell by 8,700 in the 10 counties with the most homes in high- or very high-risk areas.

These same counties saw a steady increase in new FAIR Plan policies during that timeframe, growing 177 percent, compared to only a 4 percent increase for the five counties with the lowest risk. The FAIR Plan provides insurance coverage as a last resort for homeowners who are unable to find coverage in the voluntary Nearly 57 percent of new FAIR Plan policies

are now written in state responsibility areas, which is up from 47 percent in 2015. Data shows there has been a 49 percent increase in

surplus lines policies in state responsibility areas between 2015 and 2018. Surplus lines policies insure against a financial risk that is too high for a regular insurance company to take on.

The new data does not yet measure the full impact of non-renewals of homeowner policies linked to the devastating 2018 wildfires, including the Camp, Carr and Woolsev/Hill fires. Since California law requires insurers to give a 45-day notice before a non-renewal and these wildfires occurred near the end of the vear, the effects of these fires on the insurance market would likely appear in 2019 data and possibly beyond.

In recent weeks, Commissioner Lara has met with local leaders in counties affected by wildfire risk, and the Department of Insurance continues to pursue ideas to reduce risk to our communities through mitigation and stronger consumer protections.

The State Responsibility Area (SRA) is the area where the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is responsible for the prevention and suppression of wildfires, which excludes lands within city boundaries or in federal ownership. On November 7, 2007, CAL FIRE shared a map of the SRA fire hazard zones, which CDI conjoined with a map of ZIP codes to identify the ZIP codes either partially or completely in

The California Department of Insurance, established in 1868, is the largest consumer protection agency in California. Insurers collect \$310 billion in premiums annually in California. Since 2011 the California Department of Insurance received more than 1,000,000 calls from consumers and helped recover over \$469 million in claims and premiums. For more information, please visit the Department of Insurance website at www.insurance.ca.gov. or call the Consumer Hotline at 800-927-4357.

#### New interim public health officer for Mendocino County The county is also pleased to announce Doohan's new role as interim public health

Dr. Karen Smith will be contracting with the

former Governor Jerry Brown in 2015 to

serve as the state public health officer

and has a long history of county public

health leadership, most recently serving as

health officer and public health director for

Napa County. She has expertise across

all aspects of governmental public health,

including emergency medical services and

Smith, along with Health and Human

Services Agency Director Tammy Moss

Chandler, will be working closely to support

development of a local EMS agency.

Submitted by the Mendocino County **Executive Office** 

The Mendocino County Board Supervisors is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Noemi Doohan as interim public health officer. Doohan joins Mendocino County with over 15 years of experience in the medical field.

She will join a team of seasoned local physicians who will continue to oversee core public health needs during this time of transition. Doohan has been a health and human services partner in the work she has led with Adventist Health Ukiah Vallev's Street Medicine Program, Family Medicine Residency Program, and the initial funding and implementation of the Safe Haven Clinic

COLUMN | Medicare Notes

Anyone interested in learning about joining the Little Lake Fire Department, purchasing raffle tickets, or contributing in other ways to the department is welcome to check out www.littlelakefiredepartment.com or Create your personal **Medicare account** 

By Greg Dill, Medicare regional

Would you like for a family member or caregiver

to be able to call Medicare on your behalf? Would you like a way to store all your health

records in one place online, so you can quickly share them with a new doctor or other healthcare How about an easy way to print a new

Medicare card if you lose yours? Or a quick way to see what preventive health services, like cancer screenings and vaccinations, are available to you? You can do all that and more by creating a free,

secure MyMedicare.gov account. To create an account, go to MyMedicare. gov. You'll be asked to provide a username and

password. You'll also need to enter your Medicare number as it appears on your red, white and blue

Medicare card.

Once completed your online registration, you can sign in to MyMedicare. gov and start using the site. Medicare will mail you a confirmation letter containing the password you created, in case 3. Click "Medicare Authorization to Disclose

you list the address that Social Security or the Railroad Retirement Board has on file for you.) We'll also send a confirmation email if you gave us your email address during registration.

MvMedicare.gov is available in English and

Once you have created a MyMedicare.gov account, you can: Check your Medicare claims as soon as they

are processed

 Find your eligibility, entitlement and preventive service information.

 Check your Medicare health plan and prescription drug enrollment information.

 View your Part B deductible information. Manage your prescription drug list and other personal health information.

 Create an "On the Go Report" that allows you to print your health information to share with your healthcare providers.

So how do you authorize Medicare to discuss your records and benefits with a family member or caregiver?

Medicare can't give personal health information about you to anyone unless you give permission in writing first. To do this, sign in to your MyMedicare.gov account and fill out form CMS-10106: "Authorization to Disclose Personal Health Information.'

You can fill out and submit the form online by following these steps:

. Navigate to the "My Account" tab. 2. Click "Authorized Representative."

you forget it. (Make sure Personal Health Information form."

county to further support development of for a permanent health officer later this fall. local public health services in Mendocino "We are fortunate," commented Chandler on Doohan's appointment, "that Dr. Doohan Smith was previously appointed by

is joining our solid group of physicians who support our core services, and I look forward in working with both Dr. Doohan and Dr. Smith on the transition of public health leadership in Mendocino County." Commenting on her appointment,

officer. HHSA expects to open recruitment

Doohan stated, "I look forward to serving as the county's interim public health officer, supporting our county during this critical time and helping prepare for the future."

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

4. Enter the requested information and click the

"Continue" button. Or you can print and mail Form CMS-10106

If you have Original Medicare, you can check your Medicare claims as they appear in your MyMedicare.gov account. Just sign in and follow

1. Click on the "Claims" tab. From there, you can view claims that have been processed in the past 15 months.

2. Select the type of claim and then the appropriate date range from the list.

3. Click the "Submit" button to begin the search 4. After you search, select any of the blue claim numbers to see additional details.

Why is it important to check your Medicare claims? Because it helps protect both you and Medicare against fraud. The sooner you see and report inaccurate claims, or claims for services you never received, the sooner we can stop

Advantage (Part C) plan, or a prescription drug (Part D) plan, you can't view claims for these plans on MyMedicare.gov. Call your plan for more information about a claim

Keep in mind that if you're in a Medicare

For more information on MyMedicare. gov, go to www.mymedicare.gov/helppages/ gettingstarted/register/

If you don't have a MyMedicare.gov account, you can still check your Original Medicare claims by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and using the automated phone system.





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Bulldozers. Below, left: The J.D. Redhouse Flaming Narwhals under-12 team parades their

At left: Tim King

Construction

coaches the Garmai

Below: The 101 Trailer & RV Warriors under-10 team smiles for the camera

At bottom, left: A player chases the ball during a post-parade game. At bottom: Ella Garman. Katelyn Germann and Alisandra Manzo of the Ace Copy Aces smile in uniform.

Photos by Mathew Caine









Soccer

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teenagers, I'm not just their coach. I'm their role model when they're in trouble, when they need a support system," she said.

"When you're playing any sport," Rodriguez continued, "it becomes like your second family. These people are here when you're going through a tough time. When you start with kids from a very young age, you can make connections and show them what a positive influence can look like.

According to Rodriguez, around age 12, soccer can really become a serious passion for some kids. Some play all year round, including summer leagues and indoors at Baechtel Grove gymnasium in the winter. There is a spring league at Baechtel, too, April through May.

The enthusiasm for soccer was well in evidence at the Opening Day parade. The eagerness to play could easily be seen. Especially with the 2-year-old play group, whose team members had to be restrained from running up and kicking soccer balls during the presentation of the flag.

These kids are ready for a fun and competitive season. "Soccer is alive and well in Willits." concluded Rodriguez. "We want the area to know that Willits is here to compete."

#### Willits Youth Soccer 2019 teams

This list shows Willits Youth Soccer team sponsor, team name, age group of players, and coaches.

Toy Depot; "Romping Rugrats"; 2-year-old playgroup; Lorenzo & Ashley Rodriguez

Willits Taco House (newest team); 3-year-old play group; Amanda Garnet & Monique Owen

Little Lake Grange; "Mega Ball Kickers"; U-6; Lindsey Bowlds & Sean Payne

Family Tree Service; U-6; Shelby & Damian Geremia

Adventist Health Howard Memorial: "Kickstarters": U-6; Brittany Tymn & Johan Henckell Old Mission Pizza; U-6; Shane Topolinski & Dave Smith

Imagination Station; U-6; Jennifer Lutge & Elena Roberts

DripWorks; "Dragons"; U-6; Jordan Eads & Anna King

GreenStone Landscapes; U-8; Johan Henckell & Scott Herman East Hill Veterinary; "Pups"; U-8; Lindsey Bowlds & Sean Payne

Baechtel Creek Clinic; "Hotrods"; U-8; Amy Hopkins & David Smith Jordan Eads Photography;

"Winners"; U-8; Jordan Eads & Steven Quinliven Lopez Auto Glass; "Crystal Beast"; U-8: Angie Potter

Buttercups Boutique; "Bears"; U-8; Savannah & Jordan Laughlin Willits Pulse Fitness;

"Toothless Dragonz"; U-10; Kati & Jake O'Rear ImagiNative Custom Creations;

"Greenbeans"; U-10; Jennifer Lutge & Steven Silveria

Savings Bank; "Avengers"; U-10; Juan & Blanca Carrillo

101 Trailer & RV; "Warriors"; U-10; Josh Swearengin & Sarah Coon

Cantua Insurance Agency; "Redwoods"; U-10; Euriel Paniagua & Travis Hunter

Willits Mini Storage; "Hammerheads"; U-10; ugust Roat

Collicott Construction; "Heat"; U-12 Girls; Michael & Amber Holeman

J.D. Redhouse: "Flaming Narwhals"; U-12 Boys; Tim King & Miguel Jimenez

Napa Auto Parts; "Toxic Blueberries"; U-12 Boys; Sam Reiter & Chrystina Patterson

Garman Construction; "Bulldozers"; U-14 Boys; Jake O'Rear & Guy Vaccaro.

Sparetime Supply & Lopez Auto Glass; U-14 Girls; Saprina Rodriguez & Jaime Wilkes

Ace Copy; "Aces"; U-16 Girls; Saprina Rodriguez & Jaime Wilkes

## Board

going to the airport.

Primrose Road, Exley Lane, and Willits KOA

"road system." "I did a tour of the Firco Road last week and what they're doing there is incredible," Haschak said. "They're clearing 100 feet on each side of that road going from the old mill up there north of town. It just winds its way up to Poppy, and then there's another branch that they cleared

"They had the inmates working, and it's almost parklike," he said. They're leaving trees that are over 10 inches in diameter. They're chipping everything, and it's a thing of beauty."

The road's use in an emergency situation would be primarily as ingress for emergency vehicles and as a firebreak, but Haschak added: "If the sheriff deems they need to get people out, they'll use it that way."

"It's actually a really good firebreak," said Fire Chief Chris Wilkes. "If you call it access or emergency egress then other standards come into play. However, if a real emergency strikes, we could use it however we choose."

Haschak also had a report on the Willits Creek Trail and what might need to be done to improve it for emergency access.

get in there with emergency equipment," he Primrose Road and Exlev Lane to the KOA

"It's looking like it can be used right now to

area is also on Haschak's fire readiness agenda. "I've been able to reach, probably five out of the seven owners ... and they're positive. We're

going to do a tour next week," he said. "I'm glad to hear you're working on the Primrose area," said Wilkes. "That's a recognized side for a major disaster in our

Wilkes had a less positive outlook, however, when discussing what might happen in the event of a PG&E public safety power shutoff.

"Our staff and general consensus is, yes, shutting off the power could save PG&E from litigation down the road when a fire comes from their line," he said. "But I'm going to go out on a limb, and say I bet we quadruple our fire danger with the folks that are going to be dealing with generators that have no business messing with generators.

"We can see it now. They will be improperly hooked into electrical panels ... they'll be hot fueling them," he said. "There is good generator information on the PG&E website. We've been turning people to that.'

He also said people have been calling, asking "if the fire department has a generator" for public use.

"We can't offer generator service or anything of that nature," Wilkes said, adding a public safety power shutoff is not itself an "emergency," and the "couple of big generators," the district had would be for use in actual emergencies that might occur during a shutdown ... "like if the hospital generator didn't work."

Also with respect to emergency response in our area. Wilkes spent a considerable amount of meeting time describing the current sorry state of ambulance service.

He began with state law, under which the county and a North Coast nonprofit called Coastal Valleys EMS Agency are responsible for developing and implementing emergency medical services in the county.

Bureaucratically, it's somewhat complicated, but those details are not important to an understanding of the dismal picture Wilkes

First, some history

"We used to have, back in the day ... at least at the start of my career, we had one ambulance," Wilkes said. "It was in Willits. It was always available to us. We knew all the crews.

"And then things started changing," he said. "Transfers [from facility to facility] started becoming more prevalent, and [the ambulance] wasn't capable of handling the number of transfers that were coming out of local hospitals.

"So local hospitals decided to reach out to other counties to bring in ambulance service to run these transfers, and the ambulance service they brought it was called Verihealth, [which] was owned by a gentleman named Gary Tennyson ... [and] was a [Sonoma County] grassroots company," said Wilkes.

"When Gary owned Verihealth, we had two ambulances. They also placed a paramedic up in Covelo that would respond with the Covelo ambulance, [so] they could make Covelo's BLS [basic life support] ambulance an ALS [advance life support] ambulance, which was nice," he said. "At that time, Ukiah had three Verihealth ambulances, plus they had Ukiah Ambulance. So. there was an overabundance of ambulance service. We had all we needed.

"Gary sold out to a Danish company called Falck. When that happened, we immediately saw the paramedic pulled out of Covelo. Then one ambulance in Willits went from 24 hours to a 12-hour ambulance. They pulled an ambulance out of Ukiah," said Wilkes. "As time went on, they pulled the 12-hour ambulance out of Willits, and there's still no paramedic in Covelo."

Currently, "we're trying to pull it off here locally with one," he said. "And keep in mind, that for many months now that one is constantly being drug to Covelo ... constantly being drug out on transfers."

Transfers pay well, and Wilkes made it The rest of clear they are the call of choice for ambulance companies

"It's become abundantly clear to me ... that the last moment, Supervisor Ted Williams the private ambulance companies would rather

"We get to level 0 daily [no ambulance available] ... not for long periods of time, [and] level 1 or 2 or 3 is very, very common," he said.

The county, in cooperation with Coastal Valleys, has responded to the situation by establishing an area called the inland corridor, which they call an "exclusive operating area" north to south from Piercy to Hopland and east to west from Covelo to Anderson Valley in which an exclusive contract to operate an ambulance service will be offered.

Requests for proposals to fulfill the terms of the contract must be submitted by September 3, approval of a contract by the board of supervisors is scheduled for January 2020, and implementation for July 2020.

So, the problem should be solved soon,

For two reasons: when developing the RFP, input from locals with expertise was consistently disregarded, and also, a recent Ukiah City Council decision might undermine the entire

"I would say that none of our voices were heard in the process of developing the RFP. I'm the technical advisor for the selection committee, and I can't get a single return email from the executive office at the county in response to any questions," said Wilkes. "We can't even get a 'we're not allowed to give you that information' ... [we're] literally falling on

"They won't talk to [Laytonville Fire Chief] Sue Carberry; they won't talk to [Anderson Valley Fire] Chief [Andres] Avila," both of whom run an ambulance service, Wilkes said.

"Originally when the RFP was being built, Chief [Jim] Little from Laytonville and Chief Avila from Anderson Valley were on the committee. After multiple meetings ... none of their concerns were being addressed. It was useless for them to be there," he said. "The county and Coastal RFP based on that. It doesn't necessarily meet

"They have the largest population base, make your money."

So, even though Wilkes would like the stability important to see how that plays out."

mess," he said. "Just in the first half of this year we've increased our call volume almost 100 based on medical aids that our volunteers ... are going to because of the ambulance problem.... We're at call 481 today. In 2012 we had 500 calls for the whole year.

cost to me is the time away for our volunteers them and their employers out."

"Our department, when it comes to rescue. I wouldn't want anyone else," said Wilkes. "Our skills and tools ... there's nothing better.'

He said there had been "multiple over-the-

250 or so feet," he said. "The mother had a pretty major head injury and our guys ... came up over the hill with mother strapped in there, and that baby strapped to her, and she's holding

the department's volunteers so effective and skilled. Training Chief Eric Alvarez described last month's schedule to the board – an "active shooter drill" at the hospital, a six-engine Pine Mountain drill to "triage structures ... find hazards, and ... identify water sources ... [and] ladders training.'

Even though construction is "a couple of it out to bid in the spring."

From Page 1 Zones what it's done by having that restrictive to land holdings of 100 acres or more, at

type of regulation on cannabis, and so l encourage you to actually look at this and explore what this could do." Monique Ramirez was one of the

few speakers who pointed out some of the possible negative consequences of creating pot mega-farms. Ramirez said she was speaking on behalf of the Covelo Cannabis Advocacy Group, a group that she founded.

"Unless priority is given to farmers." and not to those with deep pockets, how will this really help everyone?" Ramirez asked. "This model just perpetuates the larger companies to continue expanding that secure a cannabis enterprise

"It will mean those larger companies upwards of \$100,000 for the permit. Ten will essentially be sourcing material of these permits would be needed to from themselves, and not from the community of farmers, since the main companies that are advocating for this hold the distribution and cultivation licenses currently. This will only divide our community, not bring us together.

> "These zones will definitely create jobs, but how many independent farms will be lost in that process?... Why would farmers want to give up their

done by the Ad Hoc Committee for the "I think this discussion needs to keep **Economic Development of the Cannabis** happening and I am looking forward to Industry, comprised of supervisors hearing more," Ramirez said. "It's good. Williams and McCowen. Third District I feel everyone has their perspective Supervisor John Haschak cast the lone and their angle, and we all want to be successful in our businesses. And our By its vote, the board seemed to be group wants to promote that. But we bowing to the dictates of capitalism, have to be careful on how we promote which provides, in the words of Swing that, how we scale up, and how it's going

> explained why he would be voting against the plan.

"One thing I think we are all lacking in all this is the data," Haschak said. "We forward?"

Haschak referenced numbers given to him at the August 20 board meeting, when Planning and Building Services Director Brent Schultz told supervisors the cannabis unit had 926 permit applications under review and had 227 "active permits." From that, Haschak calculated roughly 1,100 permit applications have been submitted to the county. Including applications that have been withdrawn or denied, the current number is 1.429.

many loopholes that might develop that it is really going to undercut those 1,100 people who have already applied, that are trying to live within the structure of the cannabis ordinance as it has been developed. So, we are looking at limiting this to people who currently have permits or people who are currently seeking

"You know, we can't fool ourselves," Haschak concluded. "The money is going to come in from other counties, from other states, from other countries. that is going to be able to manipulate the system. And we are going to be played.

"So, I don't support this," he said.



several items in the house.

Langenderfer also threatened to shoot Langenderfer, deputies said, "was

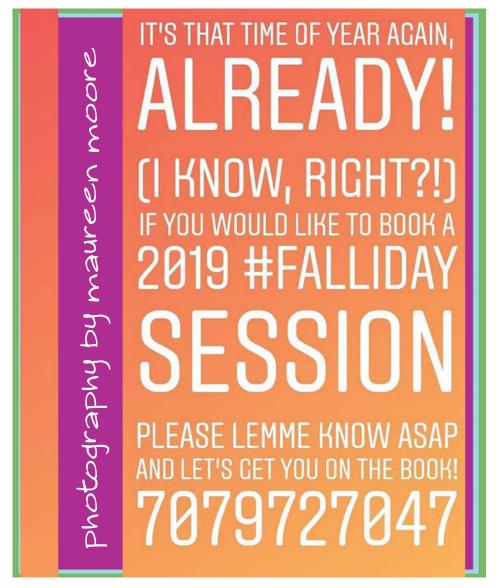
leading to the "arrest-if-located" order. The woman, who said she was not feeling well after the incident, sought

On August 22, just before 1 pm, Langenderfer surrendered to deputies at the Sheriff's Office Willits substation.

He was arrested and taken to county jail on suspicion of elder abuse likely to cause great bodily injury or death. Bail was set at \$50.000.

A complaint will be forwarded to the district attorney for consideration of charges of making criminal threats and

release from the Mendocino County Hunter said. "I've seen the impact of the Sheriff's Office. last couple of years in the county, and





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do a transfer than go to a 911 call. They don't care what the drawdown is to the system. If there's a transfer available that's the one they

Not necessarily, according to Wilkes.

Valleys took a Santa Rosa model and built an

The problem presented by Ukiah, Wilkes explained, is a result of a very recent decision by the Ukiah City Council to "opt out" of the whole process.

Wilkes said. "Ninety percent of call volume for emergency medical service is in the greater Ukiah area. If an ambulance company wants to provide service in Mendocino County, where do you think they want to provide that service? They'll provide it in other places as long as they have got it in Ukiah because that's where you

Ukiah's decision to pull out, he thought, would "kill the whole thing."

of a contract, saying "even if it's not better, you know what you have ... certain ambulances and response times that need to be met," he favored "a tactical pause in the process ... especially with Ukiah having their issues. It's going to be

Meanwhile, the "ambulance service is a

The increase in calls also has an impact on the district's "bottom line ... fuel bills and maintenance," said Wilkes. "But the biggest from their jobs and their families. It's burning

Burn out or not, they're still the best.

bank rescues on Route 20 in the last month," and described a particularly harrowing one. "A mother and a 1.5-year-old over the bank

on to that thing, and that's what it's all about." Regular training is a good part of what makes

And there's been delays, but soon the district will have a new firehouse worthy of its collective

months behind even the updated schedule ... [we're] looking at submitting plans to the city in three weeks," said Wilkes. "We recently completed the hazmat inspection [on the existing buildings, and] we're looking at putting

asked Supervisor John McCowen to amend his motion and allow cannabis enterprise zones as appropriate, "based on the environment." McCowen agreed with that change. McCowen's direction to "minimize hoop-houses

system, McCowen's motion noted.

zone permit would be expected to pay

finance the environmental impact report

Supervisor Williams said the county

would be required to file with the state

to change the ordinance to allow these

Williams told the board an EIR

to support creation of cannabis

enterprise zones would likely cost in the

The proposal came out of work

that's got shall get / them that's not, shall

During public comment on the item,

speaker after speaker took the podium

to say they wanted to be able to grow

of Green Brothers Incorporated. "These

are multimillion-dollar companies,"

Green said, adding that some of them

have investments approaching a billion

dollars. "Off of 10,000 square feet,

for us to compete against these large

conglomerates is nearly impossible.

because I can't make my cost of

production low enough to what they can

"It is imperative for us to grow at 1

acre, maybe up to 4 acres. Ten acres is

new, I haven't heard about that. We have

to be very careful about these cannabis

Green's brother and business partner,

Aaron Green, gave supervisors an inside

scoop on the demand to produce high-

volume product in the cannabis industry.

industry in this county, let all the

cultivators in this county have the ability

to expand," Aaron Green said. "Ten

thousand square feet is a cottage grow.

I know you guys don't consider it [that

way], but for us to compete with the

rest of the state, 10,000 square feet is a

very difficult thing. When I go to sell my

product - and I go to a larger company

that can actually have the funds to

actually buy my product, and we engage

with them - as they realize that I can only

supply them with 10,000 square feet of

"I can't produce enough product to get

them to stay engaged with me because

I'm not a big enough piece of the pie to

Dennis Hunter, founder of CannaCraft,

which owns and operates the Emerald

Farms Dispensary in Hopland, told

supervisors he welcomed the possibility

of expanding to up to 10 acres of

cannabis cultivation in Mendocino

County. Doing so, he said, would allow

his company to secure raw materials

year to supply our products," Hunter

said. "Right now, most of that comes

from other areas of the state. I'd love to

see that economic impact come back to

Northern California, back to Mendocino

"When we look at what this would

mean for the local economy, 10 acres

of canopy would mean 80 full-time

employees, another 80 part-time

employees. Our company would be in

the top 30 or 40 employers in the county,"

"We use about 220,000 pounds a

product is coming out of this county.

supply them," he said.

"If we want a successful cannabis

enterprise zones," Green said.

neighborhood of \$1.2 million.

dissenting vote on the item.

Mendocino County offers.

while promoting sun-grown cannabis. And the ability to obtain one of these mega-permits would be limited to those who are already in the county's permit The plan, at this point, appears to provide that people or businesses

while smaller farms are left behind.

independence to go work for a company?

Era jazz singer Billie Holiday: "Them to impact everybody in the end."

Prior to the vote, Supervisor Haschak

cannabis on up to 10 acres. Many hear people have to go to other places speakers detailed the problems they to get the flower, the product, and we have encountered, having to grow a also heard there are something like 900 commercially competitive crop on 10,000 permit applications being held up. Until square feet, the largest cultivation permit that gets worked out, how can we make real, educated decisions on moving "We are competing against companies like Raw Gardens and companies like Select Extract," said Mark Green, CEO

"If we do this, I believe there are so

permits in Mendocino County.

The rest of

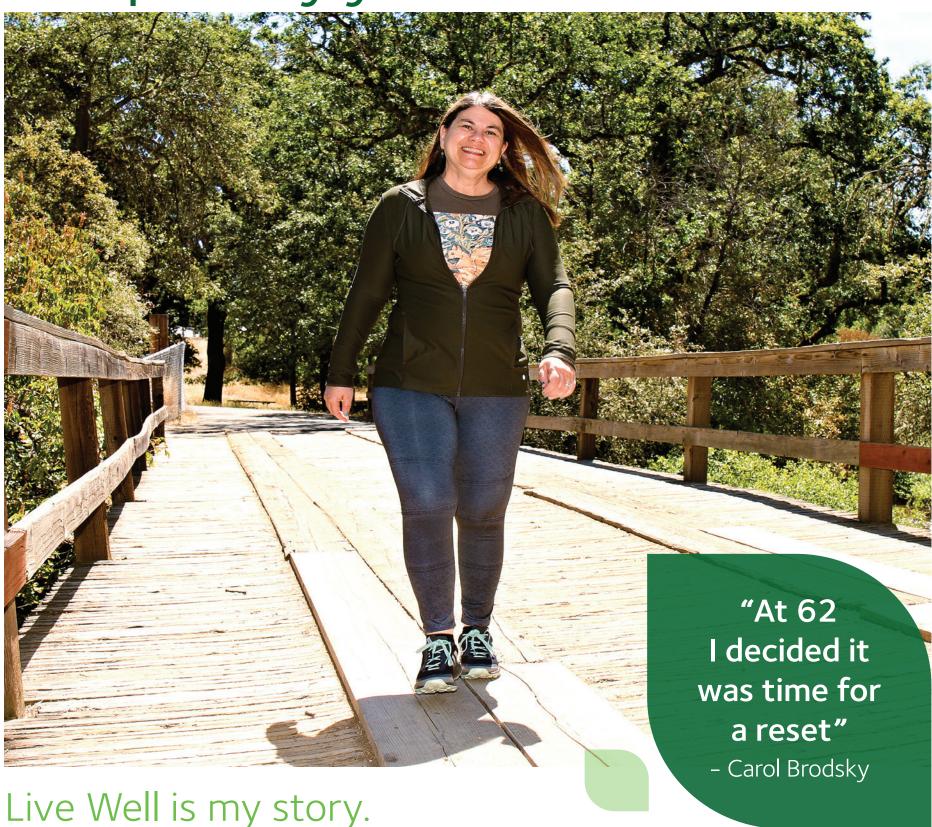
canopy, it doesn't matter how good my told woman

> upset at the [woman] for obtaining a restraining order against his wife." Deputies searched the area and Langenderfer's residence, but were unable to locate him, DeMarco added,

medical treatment "at a local hospital."

criminal vandalism, DeMarco said. This report was based on a press

## Inspired by your conviction





Carol Brodsky was emerging from a stressful period in her life. She had been caring for her aging mother for many years as well as looking after her own children

and grandchildren. Life became even more stressful when her partner was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Carol had given all of her physical and emotional energy to others, leaving her personal health behind

After a routine visit with her nurse practitioner, Ann Ebiner, she decided it was time to focus on her own health. That same week she joined Live Well. "When I walked in to my first Live Well appointment, I was relieved to see Jan Woesner, NP. I thought this is cool, this feels like family." Jan worked with Carol to develop a plan to help her meet her health goals. This plan included time

with a personal trainer, registered dietitian and a counselor. Jan also ran tests and assessments to determine any health issues that might need to be addressed. She found a Vitamin D deficiency. Luckily, there was an easy fix that instantly brought Carol more energy.

"My time with Jessica, LCSW really made a huge impact on my journey. She brought my brain into the process. She helped me realize that my body is impacted by my mental health."

Carol had suffered from PTSD, insomnia and exercise induced stress, all burdens that had kept her from reaching her health goals in the past. Jessica Cowan, LCSW helped her cope, and even heal from her previous trauma. She gave Carol the tools she needed to sleep better, so her body had the energy it needed to complete the Live Well program. Carol also spent

many sessions with Ryan Veness, Live Well's Personal Trainer. He worked around her previous back injuries to help her improve her physical health. "Ryan gave me small steps that were manageable with my lifestyle."

Carol also shared her experiences working with Karen, Live Well's registered dietitian. "Karen never judged me. She gave me easy to follow tips, like always having healthy food with me, so when I was out and about it was easy to make healthy food choices."

Today Carol is putting herself first. She has a new-found sense of energy and is better managing her stress and anxieties, living a healthier and happier life. She continues her Live Well journey through the maintenance program. She can call and visit the providers at Live Well anytime for continued support and advice.

### Your Live Well team



Dr. Micheal Young **Program Director** 



**Ryan Veness** Fitness Coach

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Jan Woesner, NP



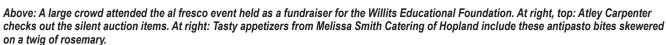
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## Summer Gala

Big hearts helped to raise over \$55,000 for Willits **Educational Foundation during** annual dinner and auction

"I travel all over the county and I see the generosity. I have never seen generosity like I did tonight," said Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman, auctioneer for Saturday evening's Willits Educational Foundation Summer Gala. "The show of how much we love our teachers is beyond anything I can express in words.

Mathew Caine Features Writer

"If there is another teacher who hears of this night, and they don't work for the Willits district, they need

to apply," Allman exclaimed after the frantic and furious bidding was completed, as all the attendees were catching their collective breath.

To say that this year's Summer Gala fundraiser to support art, music and libraries in Willits Unified School District was a success would be an understatement of epic proportions. By the time the sponsorships, silent auction, gate receipts, raffle tickets, drink sales, and proceeds from the live auction were tallied, the event had brought in over \$55,000 to support WUSD teachers in supplying the tools they need in order to provide the best education possible.

"We almost doubled the amount we brought in last year [\$30,000]," stated WEF's Jenn Drew, organizer for the Summer Gala event. "When we were adding up the receipts last night, I had to stop for a moment for a reality check and make sure I wasn't dreaming. This is going to be hard to beat next year."

The proceeds will go to Willits High School, Baechtel Grove Middle School, Blosser Lane Elementary School, Brookside Elementary School, Sherwood Elementary School and Sanhedrin High School in amounts determined by the number of students at each school.

As each attendee entered the backyard of Danny and Allisha Mihelcic, who graciously allowed their shady yard to be enjoyed by hundreds of diners and auction participants for the second year, they were given a choice of a logoprinted beer or wine glass to keep as a memento of the evening.

After passing through the gates, people could use their drink tickets at one of the bars and find a seat at the tables decorated with sunflower bouquets. They could then sample some of the tasty appetizers provided by Melissa Smith Catering of Hopland and load their plates at the salad and roasted chicken bar manned by Willits High School students.

Many people also chose to wander by the tables containing the many prizes provided by businesses and individuals of Willits of mostly artistic and quirky and / or useful objects. There was also a raffle table containing the items they could win by purchasing tickets for \$1 or \$20 for their height in tickets. Third District Supervisor John Haschak, with his tall frame, was very popular as a standin for some of the shorter raffle participants.

The specialty bar, supported by Sparetime Supply, was ably manned by Kevin Kvasnicka, as he expertly mixed the ingredients for his "Cowboy Margaritas," a delightfully sweet and potent mixture of tequila, beer, 7-Up, and limeade. He also offered Lemon Drops as an alternative made of vodka, lemon juice, Triple Sec and syrup, served with the rim dipped in lemon juice and sugar. There was also a wine and beer bar, with deft handling by Rotary members Shawna Handschug, Lydia and Jenny Senter, Alyson Bailey and Cici Winiger.

Members of the Willits Future Farmers of America handled the grill duties, grilling tri tip and oysters, which were served with butter and garlic and distributed amongst the attendees by friendly FFA servers. The dessert table offered brightly colored cupcakes and cookies.

Finally, it was time for the main event, the live auction, where the bidding became fast and furious, exciting, slightly insane, and totally off-the-rails. Prior to starting, Sheriff Allman asked all the teachers in the yard to stand up so that the other attendees could thank them with a rousing round of applause.

The first item up for bid was a large branded cowhide. "We sell a lot of hamburger at auctions. This is how the





Above: The Future Farmers of America volunteers helped out at the gala. At left: Willits High School volunteers serve up chicken, rolls, and an assortment of salads. Below, left: Rotary Club bartenders Cici Winiger, Lydia Senter, Shawna Handschug and Alyson Bailey serve drinks at the beer and wine bar. Below: Pavlov's Garage provides the live musical entertainment at the Summer Gala.



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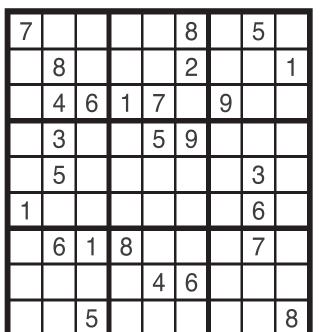


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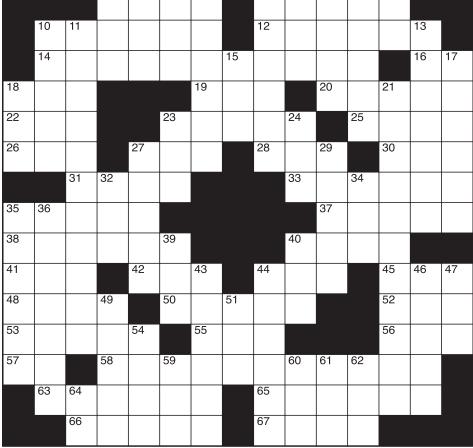


#### HOW TO SUDOKU

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



AGE	CORDS	HARNESS	POISON
ALARM	CURIOUS	HAZARD	PROTECT
ALARMS	DANGER	HEAT	SAFETY
BABYSIT	FALLS	HOUSE	SCALDING
BATHTUB	FENCING	LATCH	SLIP
CAREFUL	FIRE	LOCKS	SNAGS
CARSEAT	FURNITURE	MOBILE	STAIRCASE
CHILD	GATES	MONITOR	TIPPING
CHOKING	GUIDELINES	OUTLET	WATCHFUL



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- 14. Five & dime pioneer
- 16. Public prosecutor
- 18. Actress Farrow 19. Household god (Roman)
- 20. Indian dresses 22. Misjudge
- 23. Actress Zellweger
- 25. Remove flour lumps 26. Obtain
- 27. Modeled
- 28. Juan, Francisco or Antonio
- 30. Indian territory, Daman and \_
- 31. Owl sound 33. A slab of stone or wood
- 35. Of the largest continent
- 37. Napped leather 38. Spoke wildly
- 40. Comically strange
- 41. Fed

- 42. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 44. Snakelike fish 45. Bishop's official seat

- 48. Bash Falls, N.Y. 50. Bay Area Eating Disorders Assoc.
- 52. Driver compartment 53. Emitted coherent
- radiation
- 55. Radioactivity unit 56. Former CIA
- 57. And (Latin) 58. Disintegrate 63. "Desperado" band
- 65. Makes into law 66. Attentiveness
- 67. Skillful hand movement
- CLUES DOWN 1. Point midway between
- W and SW 2. 2011 animated macaw
- movie A word element meaning nitrogen
- 4. Shot Coasts
- 6. Hill (Celtic) 7. Decays 8. Hebrew dry measure 9. Venice river
- 10. Ablaze 11. Duskiness

13. Enlightened

Ryan

21. "Alien" director

24. A way to ingest

27. Sound units

32. Cereal grass

23. Long-tailed rodent

29. Relating to the nose

34. Sticky or hot-cross

40. Indian corn genus

44. Flowed in contrary

47. Point that is one point

directions

S of due E

51. Organ of balance

54. Proofreading symbol

59. CNN's founder Turner

61. Airforce of Gr. Britain

62. A subdivision of a play

64. Exclamation of surprise

60. Smallest whole number

49. Shrub fence

46. Comforts

39. Apply with short strokes

35. Productive land

36. Englut

43. Stroke

15. Unnaturally pale 17. Acutely insightful and 18. "French Kiss" actress

Commercial Street

## WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT **POLICE LOG**

August 19 to August 25

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police

seven-day reporting period. **Summary of Active Investigations** 

#### August 19

8:46 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of West Van Lane and Muir Lane.

and Arrests

10:59 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

3:01 pm: NEAGLE, Richard Jay (39) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

8:03 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

#### August 20

9:08 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of North Main

9:22 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main

9:30 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Franklin South Main Street.

12:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of East Valley Street and Railroad Avenue and issued a warning.

3:37 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

10:37 pm: CARLSON, Michael Dean (33) of Covelo and SEIGLER, Christine Odell (47) of Ukiah were contacted in the Street. 800 block of South Main Street following a report of panhandling. They were both arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

#### August 21

6:11 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Franklin

7:47 am: VARGAS DURAN. Daniel Antonio (26) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Oak Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 11594 H&S (Failure to Register as a Controlled Substance Offender), 273.5 PC (Domestic Corporal Injury), 211 PC (Robbery), 591.5 PC (Damaging a Wireless Communication Device), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and misdemeanor charges of domestic battery.

12:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 20000 block of North Highway 101

2:52 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South

2:54 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

#### August 22

4:58 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

11:32 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

12:11 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of East

11:43 pm: ESTRADA HERNANDEZ, Department handled 285 incidents in this Galdino (41) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 (A) VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol) and 23577 VC (Refusal to Take Chemical Test).

#### August 23

2:33 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation near the intersection of Wood Street and School Street.

3:45 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Gregory Lane.

7:53 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:57 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 16000 block of North Highway 101. 3:24 pm: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 800 block of South Main 3:27 pm: Officers responded to a report

of trespassing in the 1700 block of South 4:06 pm: Officers responded to a report

of panhandling in the 1700 block of South 4:58 pm: Officers responded to a report

of illegal camping in the 1700 block of 9:38 pm: Officers initiated a missing

person investigation in the 100 block of

#### August 24

East Mendocino Avenue.

3:21 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1700 block of

5:16 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of School

9:10 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Maple Street.

9:54 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of South Humboldt Street and East Mendocino Avenue.

5:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

10:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

11:25 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

#### August 25

8:33 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1700 block of

3:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

7:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of South Main Street.

8:03 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

11:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 100 block of Laurel Street.

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Above: Winners of Willits Furniture's Ugly Sofa contest, from left: Third-place winner Justin Kaufman, second-place winner Jennifer Sanders, and, accepting for first-place winner Marley Wells, her friend and nominator, Ethan Montoya.



Above: This beautiful hand-crafted quilt will be raffled off at the Labor Day weekend quilt show at The Fat Quail in Laytonville.

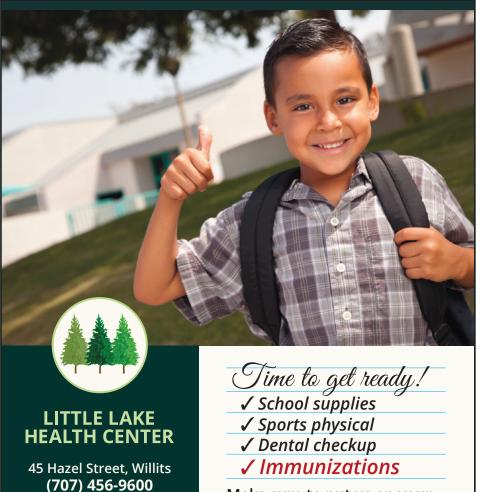
## 'Quilty Pleasures' in Laytonville

"Quilty Pleasures," the annual free guilt show in Laytonville is set for Labor Day weekend, Saturday, August 31, from 10 am to 4 pm, and Sunday September 1 from 11 am to 4 pm.

The Long Valley Quilters show is hosted by The Fat Quail Quilt Shop, 44550 North Highway 101. The festive outdoor event is behind the shop, and features a raffle of a beautiful handmade quilt and themed raffle baskets, as well as quilts on display and for

All proceeds from the show go toward scholarships for Laytonville graduating seniors. Please call 707-984-6966 for more information. See you at the show

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## The Ugliest Willits Furniture Center holds

Willits Furniture's Mike Smith displays the graphic for the third-place winner in the Ugly

on this," exclaimed Ethan Montoya, who

contender for the Willits Furniture Center's Ugly Sofa contest. Mathew Caine It was indeed, an extremely

nominated his friend, Marley Wells, as a ceremony at the store.

couch, the first-place winner, achieving beauty in its decrepitude.

The contest arose from Willits Furniture owner Mike Smith's crews, who would discover some pretty run-down sofas when delivering the new ones to homes in the area. Smith enlisted the help of Alyson Bailey's company, Edify, in order to organize and publicize the event.

Thirteen couch entrants were trimmed down to five of the best/worst, and the went home with a 20 percent off coupon for public was invited to vote for their favorites.

contest for ugliest couch "Not even a dog would want to sleep After approximately 200 votes, the top three winners were announced in an August 17

> As mentioned previously, the first-place winner was Marley Wells, who won \$900 to be used towards a new couch at Willits Furniture and 50 percent off anything in the store. Ethan Montoya, who nominated her, received 40 percent off anything in the store. Second place was won by Jennifer Sanders, who was nominated by her sister Lyndsey Park. Sanders was given a \$300 discount on a new sofa and 30 percent off anything else; nominator Park received 30 percent off. Third place was won by Justin Kaufman, who got a \$200 discount for a new sofa and 20 percent off anything in

the store; Kimberly Zurn, his nominator,

anything she wanted to buy.

## **Grateful Gleaners**

Local volunteers can pick your extra fruit and distribute to local nonprofits

Willits Grateful Gleaners and Gleaner volunteers have been busy this week harvesting pears from an orchard at the Golden Rule Ranch. In their 13th year, the group responds to calls from Willits tree and orchard owners who have fruit that is nearing harvest readiness. After the harvest, fruit is then distributed to local non-profits serving those in need. If you've got fruit, call and leave a message on the Gleaner message machine at 707-367-7391.

- Submitted by the Grateful Gleaners

Below: A truck-load of pears picked by Grateful Gleaner volunteers this week, which will be



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gets her face painted by makeup artist Tiffany from Tiffany's Family Circus, Above: Priscilla and Bob Gaston of Gaston Forge & Design stand in front a wall packed with their metal

At left: Vicky Titus from Laytonville, one of the young at heart,



Above: Michelle Peñaloza vrites a personal impromptu

Below: Kevi McGraw and Ryan Ericson of Fairbanks Farms in Covelo proudly display their rainbow of produce for sale at the festival. People walk along the street in Covelo to view the Classic Car Show. Cherilyn **Evans of Ancient Alchemy** sells pure essential oils. Alma Hardy Tetteh imports beautiful bags, baskets and jewelry from

Photos by Mathew Caine

blackberry slushes, blackberry pie, green tea with blackberry, and blackberries with ice cream, but it is much more than just a gastronomic delight. Fifty-four vendors, mostly local, offer a myriad of Covelo arts, iewelry, wooden carvings, natural stones,

balms, environmental information, soap, and custom-created poems. This year, the 37th annual celebration, the festival had a new redwood arbor which helped to shade the inner of the two circles of vendors, the materials

but most of the regular cast of characters

were in attendance at this quirky, artistic,

informative and innovative festival, 15

miles northeast of Laytonville in the town of

multi-ethnic town is transformed into a place

of multiple activities – art, dance, athletics

(coed baseball tournament and old-timers

baseball), dinners, a car show, and a ton of

The centerpiece for the weekend is

the annual Covelo Blackberry Festival, a

celebration of all things blackberry, like

fun things for families to engage in.

Mathew Caine

nathew@willitsweekly.com

Covelo, situated in

For two days each

the Round Valley.

for which were generously donated by Mendocino Redwood Company and other lumber companies. In the center of the two concentric circles is the stage kiosk on which local talent performs for the festival-

On Saturday, the first day of the festival, Willits percussion group, Mystic Sol, traveled the beautiful Highway 162 to perform in the morning, as well as the Dennis Chrisp Band from Laytonville.

Entering the festival grounds, it seems the layout, giving the area an intimate and friendly feeling, but there is much to see American radio network. and do as one ventures into the circles.

Just outside the main area were two vendors. Shannon Gibbs' Healing Earth Soaps and Michelle Peñaloza's selling handcrafted herbal creations along personalized poetry stand, setting the with crochets and herbal vinegars. Betsv stage for the delights to be found within. Gibbs' soaps exude a soft and welcoming aroma. She was a Covelo resident who Alma Hardy Tetteh, a woman of Nubian now lives in Willits.

Peñaloza creates poetry on the spot, based on prompts and the desires of the attendees. She is never constrained by subject. She has some of the poems pinned up on her board, like this one: Wonders lets his wood tell him what it "Round Valley: People don't believe it until they're here: it's actually round, mountains brought many samples of their solaron all sides. Fog rests in the valley like a powered decorative yard art. Bob and bowl of milk. You can live here for 20 years Priscilla Gaston of Gaston Forge & Design and still meet new people. Here, you can showed their eclectic collection of delicately stand in the middle of a complete circle, the cut metal works, some serious and some red tail hawks riding thermals above you, the little lizards moving concentric around

the valley that is felt by the residents. They area and in their arts.

Blackberry Festival MC Mickey the love the remoteness, the roundness, and Clown was off in England making merry, the patient pace of life.

Blackberry

**Festival** 

Covelo hosts 37th annual celebration with art.

music and gastronomic delights

Inside the circle, the first thing one sees is whoever is performing at the moment. On Sunday morning, an invocation was being offered, asking for people to not buy into politics and negativity. "Politics: poli = many, and ticks = bloodsuckers," the presenter affirmed. "My last song will be for the workers, the volunteers, the radio people. When humans come together we are powerful beings. Take the blinders off in your mind, body and spirits to show how powerful we are. We have energy."

Many of the booths offered information on efforts to preserve the environment, campaigns to restore the natural beauty and wildlife of the county, and cannabis lobbying. You could also learn about the Friends of the Round Valley Library, a hub of the arts in the Round Valley, a place to meet and convene, have weddings, display visual arts, and more.

The Blackberry Fest is also a place of performances, with live music and children's entertainment like Mario Wilson's Cotton Dandee. The Friends of the Eel River informed the attendees of their efforts to create a reasonable accommodation with various groups involved in the potential future of the Potter Valley hydroelectric

One can also learn about KYBU, Round Valley's radio station, run entirely by volunteers. They recently purchased a generator to keep them on the air during disasters, thanks to the generosity of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and the Community Foundation of Mendocino County. The station subscribes to Pacifica Radio, which enables them to broadcast such shows as "Democracy Now." Being in much smaller than it actually is, due to a valley with seven native tribes, they also subscribe to Native Voice One, a Native

> Among the artistic vendors were Gypsy Moon and Wild and Wise, a partnership of Uma Hinman and Vashti O'Donnell. Williams creates jewelry from Californiasourced stones for her Dreamtime Jade ethnicity, imports brightly colored bags. baskets and jewelry from various locations in Africa, helping to employ the village

> wants to be. Chuck and Jody Ostrander rather whimsical.

That the Blackberry Festival is in its 37th year is a testament to the pride that the In this poem, one can feel the love of residents of the Round Valley have in their



# **Anniversary Party**

Levenson

picture of her

younger self

in a collage

of photos

spanning

Mariposa's

history. Far

right: Simone

River shares

photos with

Market owners

Mariposa

Mary Ann

finds a

From produce stand to thriving grocery... Mariposa Market celebrates 40 years in business

On Saturday the front of Mariposa Market on Main Street in Willits was surrounded by tents offering product samples from some of the store's Northern California vendors and sheltering Ree Slocum festive and fun activities.

There could be no doubt that there was a party at

the market, appreciated by many locals and travelers,

Cindy Sanborn and dry 40thanniversary party, and crowds of lighthearted goods manager Kevin Copperfield. people were engaged in conversations, sampling foods and drinks, and trying other store-related products, Below, far right: Massage therapist Hara Kahn was while rifts from live musicians entertained the crowd busy at the event offering and children's faces were painted chair massages for party-

At top, left: Genevieve

enjoys a sample of the

who has been shopping

at Mariposa for 25 years,

attends with his son, Mike

Above: People come and

go, eating and buying all

40thanniversary party.

Below, right: Taking a

the camera are cashier

few seconds to pose for

day Saturday at Mariposa's

At top, right: Will Gardener,

juicy watermelon.

some new to the market and others who've shopped there since 1979, when it was a simple produce stand.

The event was well-advertised on social media, in Willits Weekly, and on the Mariposa bulletin board. The store's organic focus, carefully chosen local produce and products, curated gift section, delicious deli offerings, friendly staff, and all-around visual beauty have been delighting an international crowd for years.

Most of the time, the inside of the market was a little bit quieter. Every aisle had a table for people to sample goodies. The deli eating area became a three-table smorgasbord of platters, plates, and tubs of delicious foods prepared by chefs in the market's kitchen. It was a magnet for people hungry for more of what Mariposa

> Market is known for. In 1979 Mary Ann Trevey and her husband, Michael Trevey, bought a small fruit and vegetable stand off of East San Francisco Street in Willits. They had no idea what their lives would look like in the future. Trevey had helped out the previous owners, and she told her husband: "This is

> > When the owners decided to sell it to them for \$1,500, though they could barely afford it, the Treveys jumped at the opportunity. The price included a produce cooler and a connection with a grocer in Santa Rosa where they could get produce twice a week.

They also bought and helped harvest melons, corn and other vegetables from farmers in Potter Valley. It didn't take long before customers wanted other items like milk, eggs and bulk food items, and the little produce

"It was a day-to-day kind of thing. We didn't have any money and no way to invest, so we just said, 'We'll just get up and go to work every day. As we make money, we'll spend it.' That's what we did, so we never had any debt for a long, long time.

The business outgrew the produce stand, and they moved it to 600 Main Street in 1996, where George's Geodes and Gems is currently located, just across the parking lot from the current Mariposa Market. The Treveys took the cooler from their vegetable stand and bought other equipment for the new store. It was a spacious alternative to the cramped vegetable stand. At first they rented, and then eventually bought the

Little did they realize that from the market's humble beginnings, it would one day be the full-spectrum health food and grocery market it is today: an oasis of organic and locally produced foods for locals and travelers.

During those early years, Trevey could live her dream of being physically active in her business. Early on she liked how a mentor had managed his busy grocery store business by being hands-on. "He swept the floors and helped the customers," Trevey said. "I told Michael, 'That's the kind of boss I want to be. I want to be handson and out there working with everybody.' And that's how I did it for many years.

"Now I can't do that. It's been 10 years since we moved to the new store, and it's more sophisticated now. It's no longer a mom and pop store," she said a bit wistfully and added: "But I love the adventure! I always have. There's always something new to be involved

Mariposa Market, located at 500 South Main Street in Willits, is open 8 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 6 pm Saturdays, and 9 am to 5 pm Sundays.











Bolton-Ast, Ensley George, Emily Ellickson-Brown show up to support Covelo radio station KYBU. At left: Chuck and Jody Ostrander show off their solar decorative yard

Above: Louisa









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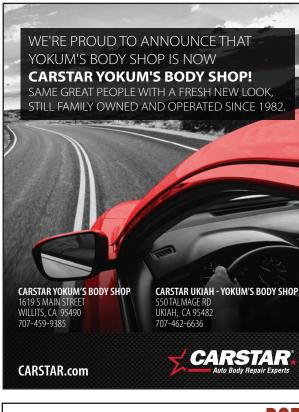
Gracie's First day of Middle School. 6th grade BGMS.



We hope you have the best year ever. We are so proud of the person you are becoming. Fallow your dreams and reach for the stars, you got this Baylee!! Love Mom and Dad



The Drew boys off to there first Kali & Judah Kristiansen 4th & day of school and tay is the 1st Grade at Willits Elementary new bus driver. Charter.



Next Week:

T: Chapter 2



Arianna's first day of 2nd

grade We love you and hope

you have a great school year.

Love Grandma Juanita and

Galilea Lopez, 8th grade &

Zahyr Lopez, 7th grade at

of Love Mom and Pa

WCS. Wishing you an amazing

year. So proud of you all. Lots

Romeo Lopez 12th grade at San Hedrin. Wishing you an amazing year. So proud of you all. Lots of Love Mom and Pa



Eric and Maci my excited 2nd



Aubree's first day of 2nd grade We love you and hope you have a great school year. Love Grandma Juanita and Grandpa



Caleb's first day of preschool!



Kassius Lopez, 5th at WECS.

The rest of

Gala

come, this item sold for \$500.



Miss McClelland Blosser Lane 3rd Grade.

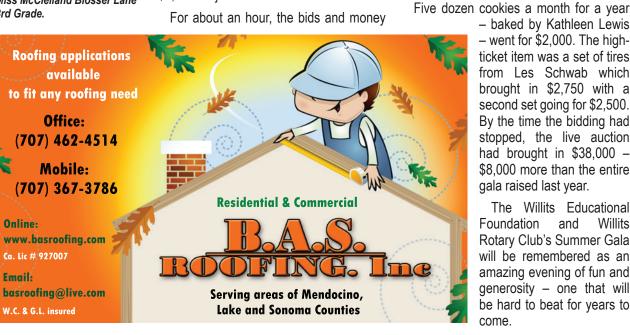
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\$5,600 for just those four items.

Allman. Foreshadowing the excitement to

In addition to items up for a straight

auction, there were four bottles of fine

liquor to be auctioned, with each winner of

one of the bottles getting a chance to win

a Yeti cooler filled with a myriad of gifts.

The bottles went for \$1,000 for Don Julia

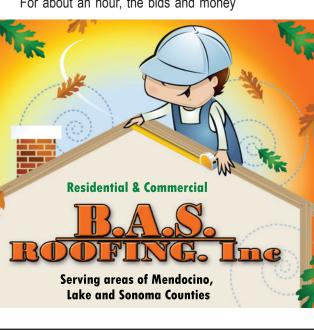
tequila, Grey Goose vodka for \$1,000,

Bombay Sapphire Gin for \$1,100, and

Crown Royal for \$2,500 - that's a total of

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hamburger is normally wrapped," quipped and donations kept flowing for items such as



Foundation and Willits Rotary Club's Summer Gala will be remembered as an amazing evening of fun and generosity - one that will be hard to beat for years to

Above: Summer Gala organizer Jenn Drew holds

the raffle bucket for Daniel Hosford to pick a ticket.

23 tons of rock from Northern Aggregates

to be delivered anywhere in Ukiah, Willits

or Laytonville. This item went for \$1,050

but Allman was not done. He sold three

more of the same item for \$1,050 each,

raising \$4,200 for the four loads of gravel.

A three-night stay for six at the Sea

Horse Retreat went for \$1,750. Allman also

sold two of his overnight stays at the new

wing of the Mendocino County Jail - before

it opens - for \$1,000 each. "Most people

- baked by Kathleen Lewis

- went for \$2,000. The high-

ticket item was a set of tires

from Les Schwab which

brought in \$2,750 with a

second set going for \$2,500.

By the time the bidding had

stopped, the live auction

had brought in \$38,000 -

\$8,000 more than the entire

The Willits Educational

gala raised last year.

pay this to get out of jail," mused Allman.

#### THE ANGRY BIRDS THE ART OF RACING DORA AND THE **GOOD BOYS** LOST CITY OF GOLD **MOVIE 2** IN THE RAIN (PG) 1 hr 49 mins Fri: PG) 1 hr 43 mins 8:00pm 5:45 & 8:15pm Fri/Sat:

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## **LEGAL NOTICES**

Fun Riley

playful. This guy is fun! During his evaluation.

Riley really wanted to meet a group of children

who were in the shelter lobby. This playful dog

would love a home with a canine friend who

is as playful and energetic as he is. Riley is a

1-year-old neutered male Shepherd mix who

The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant

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other wonderful adoptable animals here, please

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through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Please give us a call at

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Gorgeous Olivia

mix who checks most of the boxes for what

most people want in a dog. She's gorgeous,

playful and smart. In addition, she has lived

with dogs, children, and adults in her previous

home – all of which have helped her to develop

into a happy, active animal. She knows a few

commands ("Come," "Sit," "Lie down"), has had

some leash training, loves to play catch, and

loves to go swimming. Walking skills make her

fun to take out, and her curiosity was obvious as

she showed her immediate interest in the agility

course. It's hard not to fall in love with her on

first meeting - black Labs will do that to you!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino

County is located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood

Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday

Better hurry, she's a winner!

Olivia is a sweet, gentle 2-year-old black Lab

Not only adorable, but Riley is also very

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0523 The following persons are doing business as Family Tree Creative Arts, Rain and Maya Ceramics, 3359 Ridgewood Road, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: P.O. Box

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

This business is conducted by a married couple. The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 22, 2014. Statement filed with the

Mendocino County Clerk-Recorde on July 24, 2019. /s/ Maya Maki Youngstrom

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#### **Fictitious Business Name** Statement

2019-F0536 The following person is doing business as Wild Woman Visionary, 427 McKinley St., Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: P.O. Box 1028, Willits CA 95490.

Registered owner: Kristin Lewis. 427 McKinley St., Willits, CA This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 29, 2019. Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 29, 2019. /s/ Kristin Lewis

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

#### Yes! Willits Weekly can run your legal ads! Deadline is end of day Monday!

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#### **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

UNDER DEED OF TRUST LOAN: CR202712/O'LEARY OTHER: 91214101 TS #- 19079-FF NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED.\* \*PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE Section 2923.3(a). THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT, BUT TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/29/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT

NOTICE is hereby given that REDWOOD TRUST DEED SERVICES, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by DAVID J. O'LEARY, a single man, recorded or 8/4/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-16919 in Book--, Page-- of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MENDOCINO County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 5/17/2019 in Book--, Page--, as Instrument No 2019-05397 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 9/25/2019 At the main entrance to the Mendocino County Courthouse, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482 at 10:00 AM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described:

As more fully described on said Deed of Trust, excepting therefrom that portion of said land as shown in the Partial Reconveyance recorded 09/28/2010 as Instrument No. 2010-13595 A.P.N.: 103-050-15-00 The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 22801 Bray Road, Willits, CA

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the undersigned within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$125,018.33.

In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right

Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the ired by said Deed of Trust, advances with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note(s), fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust.

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#### **CITY OF WILLITS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Willits Planning Commission at its regular meeting on September 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., to be held in Council Chambers, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, will conduct a public hearing on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard:

Minor Subdivision #MLD 19-01

APPLICANT/OWNER: Eric Mehtlan REQUEST: Minor Subdivision of a 2.17± acres parcel to create a 1.69± acre parcel and a 0.48± acre parcel.

LOCATION: In the City of Willits, lying on the west side of Sequoia Street, 268 feet from its intersection with Redwood Avenue: located at 310 Sequoia Way; APN 005-243-02 and 006-010-01. Note: APN 005 243-02 and 006-010-01 make up one legal parcel. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This project is exempt from the

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15315 and 15332. These Categorical Exemptions pertain to Minor Land Divisions and In-Fill Development, respectively. Your comments regarding the proposed project are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the Willits Community Development Department, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 10,

Additional information regarding the above noted item may be obtained by calling Willits City Hall at (707) 459-4601, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Oral comments may be presented to the Willits Planning Commission during the public hearing. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Willits Community Development Department or the Willits Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimon

/s/ Michelle Johnson, Assistant Planner for the City of Willits Publication Date: August 29, 2019



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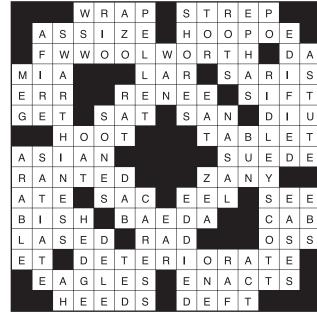
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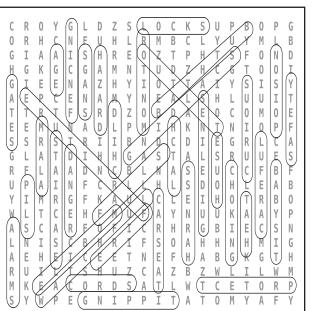
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3 car garage. Open floor

plan, walk-in master

dryer included. No pets.

\$2,000 a month plus

\$2,500 deposit. Call or

leave message: James

shower.

refrigerator,

707-354-1456.

at 459-9228.

dishwasher,

washer

#### Help Wanted **Event Spaces** Available AH-Home Health

Hospice is looking to fill Event spaces available the following positions: at the Willits Center for full-time: RN and PT and the Arts! • Great Room part-time or per diem: Classroom • Ceram-OT, ST & HHA. Call ic Studio For inquiries H/R Trudy at 707-456email manager@wil-3230 or apply online at litscenterforthearts.org adventisthealth.org. or call 459-1726. For additional information visit: www.willitscenterforth-

#### Jazzercise Classes in Willits!

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

#### Multi-Family Yard

ancient, universal name for God. This sacred word can spiritually uplif Aug. 31st and Sept. people of any religion 1st, 9-3. Golden Rule culture, or walk of life Mobile Village, 16100 It is freely given – a gift N. Highway 101. beyond measure. Love Ridgewood is love. And you are that Ranch, follow signs. HU is the Sound of Soul Information? Call April Vintage clothing (small sizes), reg. 972-2475 or visit: www clothing (large and furniture, med.) household, telescope Apple TV. Flexsteel Brown Leather couch

## Office Space

(excellent condition),

fishing gear, and

for Rent large space 3400'. Several small offices 100' & 270'. Call Megan 972-8776.

#### 'Please the Bees'

for Rent

month, includes water

& garbage. Close to

Safeway in Willits, Call

Tony (707) 510-5895.

See at "http://www.

**SEWING AND** 

**ALTERATIONS** 

Seamstress and Sewing

Teacher

Barbara Carlon

Visit my webpage:

Seamqueen.blog

707-367-6182, Willits

Trailer Space for

oaknvine.net/tp"

sedums

annuals

For Sale PASTURE for rent Devi's "Please the \$125/mo. ready Aug.1st Bees" flower and plant '65 T Bird \$8K very sale! I will have many good condition, single perennials, owner Runs beautifully succulents. COMPOSTING TOILET, and herbs for sale until unused new (I ordered the end of August, at the wrong one, I paid 363 Boscabelle Ave., in Willits. 707-459-6284 \$2,600, but costs over \$1,000 to send back) . for you \$1K. Call Bobbie

#### RV/Trailer Space Space for RV's and Freezer Empty? Trailers \$425 per

We can help! John Ford Rancher's Choice Box- 50 pounds: steaks, roasts, and ground beef. Now \$325 (\$6.50 per pound). Natural ranch-raised grass fed beef, no hormones or antibiotics. Call 459-

5193. Leave a message.

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

fruitgroup95490@yahoo.

HR at ktuttle@svrcasi-

no.com. Signing bonus of \$100 and if referred

a referral bonus of \$100.

House trailer space for 1 person in Covelo for rent, on beautiful Help Wanted 30 acre private ranch, \$350/month, includes Marketing Manager, Ca-

trash, water and septic. sino Controller, Cage/ Call for details: 707-Vault Lead, Cage/Vault 272-6354. Cashier, Cook/Cashier, Drop/Count (p/t). Fulltime, various shifts, weekends, Salary: DOE, with benefits, preferred, Yard Sale: Friday 8/30 but not necessary, and Saturday 8/31, 9 am gaming experience. Applications can be found at www.svrcasino.com Sherwood Valley Casino Admin. Office or e-mail

#### to 2 pm, at 229 Bonnie Lane, Willits - furniture, concrete finishing tools, and much more.

Yard Sale

Four-day yard sale at 101 Nancy Lane. September 5th - 8th, Thursday-Sunday, 9 am to 4 pm. A big variety of items for sale!

Yard Sale

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR







cancel or alter any promotion with

little or no notice

100 Kawi Place, Willits

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707-459-7330