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Car thief's shooting 'justified,' DA's review concludes

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An August 28 report by the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office has exonerated the five police officers involved in the February 13 shooting death of a 48-year-old Redwood Valley woman.

Dawn Erika Center was struck by police bullets twice after she aimed a Colt Kodiak .44-caliber Magnum revolver at the officers, according to a police autopsy report.

The shooting took place

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'Paint the Town' gets council go-ahead

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People in Willits may soon be seeing an array of bright, diverse colors on recycling bins, dumpsters, fire hydrants, cement barricades and power boxes. That's because the "Paint the Town" project – initially conceived of by members of Willits Economic Localization (WELL) and others in the community – has been launched officially, winning the unanimous approval of the city council last week.

After seeing the first work for the project – a

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Covelo woman arrested for harboring Fallis

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A Covelo woman suspected of harboring the suspect in the February disappearance of Khadijah Britton was arrested on August 21 at the sheriff's Covelo substation.

Antonia Bautista-Dalson, 20, was taken into custody on a felony arrest warrant while at the substation for an unrelated matter, according to sheriff's Lt. Shannon Barney.

The warrant charging Bautista-Dalson with "harboring, concealing or aiding a principal wanted in a felony" stemmed from "the night we arrested [Britton's boyfriend, Negie Fallis IV]," Barney explained. Specifically,

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Above: Auction items, including the Frank and Ernest comic clipping featuring a Seabiscuit joke, left, and mounted antique tools on ranch-milled and salvaged barnwood, right, will be up for auction at the 2018 Claws for a Cause event, which benefits the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, which helps teach independence and learning through horseback therapy, center.



Above: Willits Rotarians Ann Alumbaugh, left, and Mike Smith, right, pose with Ridgewood Ranch's Tracy Livingston and the replica Seabiscuit stall door which was on display at the 2018 California State Fair as part of the Mendocino County exhibit and will be auctioned off at Claws for a Cause. Below: Howard and Ridgewood Ranch brands marked on antique barnwood will be additional auction items. At bottom: A head stall with a "CSH" plaque will also be available to win.



Claws for a Cause

Annual Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center program fundraiser set for this Saturday at Ridgewood Ranch

For the lucky ticket-holders, a mini trip back in time is coming this Saturday when they will be able to attend the annual Claws for a Cause event at the historic Ridgewood Ranch and enjoy a meal and party at the historic Howard family home.

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Proceeds from this event go to benefit the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, a non-profit therapeutic riding program dedicated to teaching the skill of horsemanship to help enrich and improve the lives of children and adults in the community. The center is located just past the Howard home at Ridgewood Ranch.

Event attendees will get to reminisce and remember the days of Ridgewood when Charles Howard and Seabiscuit lived on the ranch, and even take a part of that history home as several antique and original

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Below, left: Kim Theison shows some balance and stretching exercises under the guidance of Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center's Erin Holzauer, while being led on Freya, by STRC volunteer Joan Whitney. Below, right: This print by Julie Masterson will be up for auction, as well. At bottom: Rotarians and STRC's pose together under the beautiful walnut tree by the riding arena, including, from left, Ann Alumbaugh, Diane Cannon, Freya the horse, Kim Theison, Erin Holzauer and Mike Smith.

Measure B Committee gets Kemper report

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The needs assessment prepared for the Measure B Committee by the Kemper Consulting Group has recommended the county use Measure B funds to construct a psychiatric health facility and, at the same time, financially support construction of the joint crisis stabilization unit and crisis residential treatment facility Redwood Quality Management Company has on the drawing board.

While not directly advising the board of

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Council OKs new city Housing Element

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Housing was a central topic at the Willits City Council meeting last week, with the council approving both a new Housing Element for the years 2014-2019, as well as new amendments to the city's zoning ordinance.

As explained by City Planner Dusty Duley, the Housing Element is an analysis which examines housing needs for those at all income levels in a jurisdiction, as well as strategies to allow development of those

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Cannabis permitting has 'slowed dramatically'

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Second District Supervisor John McCowen acknowledged the county's cannabis program permitting process "has slowed dramatically" in recent weeks but expressed hope the new policies and procedures currently being finalized by county staff will remedy the situation.

"It's obvious permit approval has slowed dramatically with the departure of the previous cannabis program manager," McCowen said recently in a phone interview with Willits Weekly. "It's understandable that with all the changes going on there would be a lull."

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after officers cornered Center on old Highway 101 about one-half mile south of Apache Junction.

Earlier that day, Center had stolen a 2015 Chevrolet Camaro at gunpoint from Thurston Auto Plaza in Ukiah, speeding up Highway 101 toward Willits at speeds of more than 120 mph, according to the district attorney's review.

Willits police officers deployed a spike strip at the south bypass interchange, flattening at least one of the Camaro's tires, but Center continued driving north at high speed. Even after a second spike strip was deployed at the north end of the bypass, the Camaro continued at an estimated 80 mph until Center lost control of the car, which "traveled off of the two-lane highway and down a small embankment, coming to rest just south of a barn-like structure," the DA's review said.

Center then left the vehicle with "a large silver handgun in hand" and "climbed the embankment and crossed the roadway, where she was confronted by Willits Police Sgt. Ricco McCoy and Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Mason. They were quickly joined by Sheriff's Lt. Kirk Mason, Mendocino Sheriff's Deputy Miguel Vazquez, and Willits Police Officer Michael Nguyen.

All the officers had drawn their firearms.

"Ignoring multiple commands to drop her firearm," Center dropped down into a drainage ditch on the west side of the roadway, the DA's report said. While she verbally responded to some

commands being directed at her by McCoy, "some of her words were not loud enough for any of the officers to hear," the report states. Center was however heard to say, "Go ahead,

shoot," and "Go ahead and shoot me."

When told they were not going to shoot her, Center replied, "Fine, I'll do it myself," and "I'm going to shoot myself." With that, she pointed her firearm under her chin and then into her mouth.

According to the DA's report, Vazquez yelled, "Please don't do that, ma'am." Center then lowered her firearm, tapped her leg with it, and fired off a shot in the direction of the ground. Then she raised the firearm so the barrel pointed in the direction of the officers.

Seeing this, the officers, "individually and as a group opened fire on the suspect," the report said. "Without a verbal command to open fire being voiced by any one law enforcement officer, each of the peace officers saw and each perceived the danger from the gun being pointed in their direction," according to DA David Eyster. "The law enforcement officers fired in what the District Attorney deems collective self-defense, meaning self-defense by each individual and collective defense of others. Each of the officers who had opened fire stopped firing when the suspect dropped out of sight and Lt. Mason commanded a 'cease fire.'"

The approaching lawmen found Center laying on the ground on her back, the Colt still in her hand and her finger still on the trigger.

"Though moving," the DA's report said, Center "did not verbally respond to loud commands to drop the gun so we can provide medical aid," nor did she let go of the gun or move her finger off the trigger.

"A second firearm was

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also located on the suspect's person," the DA's report found: a Glock model 23 .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol discovered "in the left cargo pocket of the suspect's pants." The semi-automatic pistol "had a live .40 caliber round in its chamber (making it fire-ready), along with an inserted magazine loaded with eight live .40 caliber rounds."

Nguyen, who had been trained in combat casualty care while serving in the Marine Corps and United States Air Force, was able to render first-responder first aid after Center had been physically disarmed. He continued to perform first aid until ambulance personnel arrived on scene and determined Center was dead.

An autopsy revealed Center had been struck by two bullets. "One bullet – recovered during the autopsy – caused a penetrating wound to the suspect's left neck, moving left to right, backwards and slightly downwards. The second bullet caused a through-and-through penetrating wound of the suspect's right thigh, moving right to left, upwards and backwards," the DA's report said.

"It was the opinion of the pathologist that the suspect's chance of survival was limited to only minutes due to the extent of the damage caused by the gunshot wounds," the report concluded.

Toxicology findings also indicated Center had Prozac and Valium in her bloodstream at the time of her death.

"It is not possible to trace back and conclusively determine which law enforcement officer's bullet or bullets caused the fatality," the DA's review stated. "Nineteen shots were accounted for as having been fired by the five law enforcement officers at the suspect."

The DA's Office said Center's boyfriend said she "had been taking opiates for what he was told was a botched back surgery" and "had also been taking mental health medication."

However, he told investigators, Center "believed the medication was adversely affecting her" and stopped taking her medication.

After that, he said, Center "started to go downhill," and her behavior became more erratic.

The DA's review concluded "It is and was objectively and subjectively reasonable for the three peace officers employed by the sheriff and the two peace officers employed by the City of Willits to defend themselves and open fire on the suspect. The suspect posed an immediate and extreme threat, specifically to the safety of the peace officers seeking the suspect's surrender and to the public in the area of the stand-off."

"Though rare for women," the review concluded that Center committed "suicide by cop," in that she was expressly talking about suicide, manipulated the handgun in a manner ... indicative of suicide ideations, and thereafter pointed her firearm in the direction of ... armed peace officers.

"Her prior goading of the officers to shoot – along with then firing off a shot which reasonably increased the already high tensions at the scene – further supports this finding."

"This matter is now closed and no further investigation has been or will be requested by the district attorney."

County appoints new planning director

Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

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

Dan Hamburg, 5th District supervisor, and current board chair, commented on Schultz's appointment: "Mr. Schultz brings 30 years of municipal government experience in housing, redevelopment and planning. He is enthusiastic to step into a county leadership role and has a commitment to streamlining regulatory processes that will serve our county well in the coming years."

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

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

County sends out 'Cannabis Overlay Zone Community Support Survey'

Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

Work on the county's proposed cannabis overlay zones continues, and draft regulations are being prepared for Mendocino County Planning Commission and Mendocino County Board of Supervisors review.

Michael Baker International, the consultant assisting with this work, conducted four community meetings on July 26 and 27. A summary of the workshop input as well as background materials and maps related to this effort may be found at www.mendocinocounty.org/business/cannabis-permits-and-licenses.

Within this effort, the county will establish regulations for two new types of combining districts – opt-in districts that support cannabis cultivation where it already exists and opt-out districts that would eliminate rights to conduct commercial cannabis operations. Proposed regulations would both guide the creation of future cannabis combining districts and would establish the first opt-in and opt-out districts within the county.

The board of supervisors has determined that strong community support must be demonstrated before a cannabis combining district is established. To measure support, Michael Baker will be conducting a digital survey directed to property owners located inside or within 350 feet of each of the proposed opt-in and opt-out districts. Postcards should have reached property owners of each affected parcel early this week directing recipients to a survey specific to their neighborhood/community, and each postcard will provide a unique code that will allow one survey response.

Currently, opt-in overlay zones are being proposed for Covelo, Laytonville and the Mitchell Creek area near Fort Bragg, and opt-out overlay zones are being proposed for the Deerwood community east of Ukiah and the Woody Glen community southwest of Ukiah.

The county is aware that many properties are occupied by renters/residents rather than owners. The county also recognizes that renters are in most ways equal members of the community; however, for the purposes of land use decisions and either the granting or curtailing of land use rights, it is necessary to consider the property owner's wishes for the use of their property. As such, if you are a renter and either support or oppose creation of a combining district, we encourage you to contact your property owner and ask that they take the few minutes required to respond to our survey.

Comments and questions on the proposed code amendments may be directed to: cannabisoverlay@mendocinocounty.org. Due to the number of messages being received, we cannot respond to messages individually. Messages received at this site are being tabulated and consolidated, and a summary of comments/responses to frequently asked questions will be posted on the county website.

COLUMN | DR. PACE ON THE CASE

The opioid epidemic in Mendocino County

By Gary Pace, MD, MPH

With frightening news continuing to emerge about the opioid use and overdoses in our country, we here at Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency wanted to update our community on the current situation in our area, and what is being done to address it.

How bad is the situation here?

Over 115 people in the U.S. die every day from opioid overdose, surpassing the number of deaths from automobile accidents. Much of the increase in deaths seems to be related to a surge in mixing the very potent Fentanyl with other drugs, which takes users by surprise and can lead to an overdose.

Statistics from the California Department of Public Health and the Justice Department reveal:

- Mendocino County ranks among the top 10 counties in California for rates of opioid abuse, prescription drug abuse, and methamphetamine use.

- Local law enforcement report they are seeing a substantial increase in the quantities of heroin, fentanyl, and methamphetamines coming into the county.

- The age-adjusted rate for all drug-induced deaths in the county for 2017 was 26.2 per 100,000 people, a significant increase from the previous rate of 15.8 per 100,000. During this period, the California rate of all drug-induced deaths was 12.2 per 100,000 people.

- The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office reports that Fentanyl is showing up in a variety of seized drugs the Department of Justice is testing, including marijuana, methamphetamine, and cocaine.

What steps are we taking?

Broad-based coalitions work to reduce substance abuse on the local level. In the fall of 2015, a coalition of concerned community members, medical professionals, educators, law enforcement, community-based organizations, and others formed the Safe Rx Mendocino Opioid Safety Coalition (www.saferxmendocino.com) to take a community approach to decreasing local problems with opioids. This coalition has incorporated the following national Public Health strategies:

- We are limiting access to, and the dependence on pain medications by shifting patterns of opioid prescribing. There has been an incredible success in this arena: Reports from local pharmacies and insurance agencies reveal that opioid prescribing has decreased by over 50 percent since 2016.

- Naloxone, an agent that reverses opioid overdose, is being distributed. There have been efforts to get naloxone in the hands of law enforcement and emergency responders, as well as in high-risk locations and with patients. MCHAVN, a local non-profit, has been distributing this medication in the drug-using community for several years. Now,

patients and family members can get it (covered by insurance) with a prescription. The emergency responders in the area either have it, or will be carrying it soon.

- We are increasing the availability of addiction treatment services. Methadone administered at specialized clinics is still used for the treatment of opioid use disorder, but the closest site is in Santa Rosa, and most patients have to go every day for their medication. Suboxone, a replacement therapy, is becoming increasingly available and a preferred approach to treatment. Methadone and Suboxone are called "medication assisted treatment" or MAT. Let's look at what local treatment services aimed at opioid use disorder are available in Mendocino County.

There are a fair number of options for substance use disorder treatment throughout the county. Most are located in Ukiah, and other larger towns where community and tribal clinics are. Trying to get access to care for people who live in rural areas is a big challenge in our county.

SUDT through the Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency offers individual and group treatment for addiction. They do not offer MAT, but will provide other means of support.

Community and Tribal Clinics, Substance Use Treatment: Individual and group counseling is available at many of the clinic sites. Contact them and see if they have what you need. Several of the clinics in the County also offer MAT, with the two largest programs being at Mendocino Community Health Centers in Ukiah, and Mendocino Coast Clinic in Fort Bragg.

Ford Street Project in Ukiah is an outpatient and residential treatment facility for substance abuse. <https://www.fordstreet.org/substance-abuse-treatment>.

Twelve-Step Programs (AA and NA), are available throughout the county to provide peer support.

Hospitals: Adventist Health Ukiah Valley in Ukiah is starting to offer MAT through the Emergency Department for appropriate patients.

Brightheart Health: A telemedicine provider that is starting to partner with some of the local providers to allow more access to MAT services. They can also give care via computer contact from a patient's home. www.brighthearthealth.com.

Conclusions

Even though overdose deaths are an even greater problem in other regions of the country where Fentanyl has become more entrenched, opioid problems are a real issue in our community, with emergency room visits and overdoses at some of the highest rate per capita in California. Fentanyl seems to be moving into our community now, so we are putting helpful measures in place in order to stop this epidemic before it gets even more out of control. For more information, please contact Mendocino County Health & Human Services, Community Health, Education and Engagement, at 707-472-2700.

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According to a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union last year, California ballots went uncounted because elections officials determined the voter's signature on the Vote By Mail ballot didn't match the voter's signature on file. To make matters worse, residents whose votes were not tallied did not get notified and had no way of correcting their action, let alone casting their ballot in an election.

There are a number of reasons why a signature may not match. For example:

- A person may have a disability
- The voter's ability may change or make it difficult to match the

signature because of a shaky hand

- A different member of the household – such as a spouse or a caretaker – may sign

- A voter's signatures can change or evolve over time

- Or the person, such as someone whose second language is English, may be unaware that they have to sign their ballot the same way as it is on file, and sign in the characters of a non-English alphabet.

SB 759 passed Tuesday in the Senate on a two-thirds vote. The bill is now on its way to the Governor's desk.

Attendees at the Willits High School Class of 1968 reunion, from left: Gayle Sanchez Greene, Clydeen Smith Dick, Bob Fairbanks, Stephanie St. Martin Tufts, Keith Dale, Sal Madrigal, John Cinek, Chuck Senter, Linda Camp Barnes, Bruce Burton, Dave Bouthillier, Wendy Whitney Emal, John Wagenet, Sharon Nunemaker, Allen Vanderpool, Steve Snider, Gracie Fridae, Avery Parsegian, Lori Bromaghim Mayo, Mike Smith, Steve Ford, Margaret Freitag Judy, Jim Shelton, and Ruth Ford.



WHS Class of 1968 holds 50th reunion

This past Saturday night saw the smoke lifting a bit, just in time for the Willits High School Class of 1968 class reunion held at Bruce Burton's home. About 24 classmates and their guests, and a few attendees from other classes, enjoyed a great dinner catered by the Willits Lions Club. Classmates relaxed and caught up with each other while

they watched a full "fire moon" rise over the valley.

Dave Bouthillier was the lead for the class reunion arrangements. "To me this was an epic event!" he said. "Once again we were able to meet, share heart-pounding and fond memories, and laugh and celebrate one another's lives and great accomplishments."

– Jenny Senter

OBITUARY |

Lori McNerlin (Strong)

Lori Michele McNerlin (Strong), 58, passed away peacefully in her home on August 17, 2018 in Willits, California. She was born February 1, 1960 in Palo Alto, and was raised in Santa Cruz by her mother and father, Linda and Ralph Strong. She moved to Willits when she was 16 years old and graduated from Willits High School in 1978. She was a mother and a homemaker for 22 years.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Jason Strong, and her daughter, Kaley McNerlin. She will be missed by her three daughters, Molly McNerlin, Clare McNerlin, and Sarah McNerlin, her brother, Jeff Strong, her mother, Linda Strong, and her father, Ralph Strong, as well as many cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. Her magnetic personality and love for everyone around her will forever be remembered in our hearts. A memorial will be held at 2 pm for all her family and friends, on Saturday, September 1, 2018 at Recreation Grove Park in Willits.

OBITUARY |

Bob Asbury

Robert "Bob" Lewis Asbury of Laytonville died at age 77, on Friday, July 27, 2018 at Enloe Medical Center in Chico, California after a long battle with Crohn's disease. Bob is survived by his wife of 41 years, Dorothy; three children: Tonia, Jamin and Jonathan; and their extended families: William Asbury, Fran Asbury Barbanica, and Donna Lanza.

Born in Davenport, Iowa, he later moved to Millbrae, California for most of his adolescent and teen years. As a child, he learned to play the accordion and many other musical instruments, but his favorite instrument remained the piano. He was very athletic, playing football and baseball and highly regarded as a star athlete on all of his teams.

Bob is a veteran of the Vietnam war, where he served in the 3rd RRU APO 143 US ASA (United States Army Security Agency), earning the Purple Heart, AFEM, and MUC (Meritorious Unit Commendation), and likely other commendations that are sealed by the NSA due to actions in the Special Forces. He served with distinction in the Army Security Agency branch for three years and 20 days, including counterintelligence operations.

For much of his adult life, Bob continued to recant tales and memories of his actions in Vietnam, and enriched many of us in the pursuit of freedom and democracy. He was influential in the community of Redwood City, writing for several newspapers and then as a public relations spokesperson for the San Francisco chapter of the NFL (National Football League) Alumni. After retirement, Bob really enjoyed coaching young boys and girls in soccer, baseball, basketball and football in both Redwood City and Laytonville.

Graveside services were held Friday, August 4 at Laytonville Cemetery. An additional memorial gathering will be scheduled in Laytonville for family and friends. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.



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OBITUARY |

Riley Moore

Riley Lewis Moore of Willits passed away August 20, 2018 at the age of 73.

He was born in San Saba, Texas, on May 15, 1945, to Rufus Lewis Moore and Annie Evalena "Tomme" Moore. He married his beloved Jody Moore October 13, 1965 in Torrance, California. Riley worked 40 years as a water treatment plan supervisor, Zone 7, Alameda County, California. In his spare time he was an avid Texas Hold 'em poker player, and enjoyed sci-fi movies.

Riley was preceded in death by his parents, Rufus and Annie Moore. He is survived by his loving wife, Jody Moore; daughter, Janet (Irene Durigan) Moore; siblings: Anice Price, Dorice Knight, Robert Moore, Roy (Dian) Moore, Richard (Jan) Moore, and Roger (Twila) Moore; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Services will be held September 15, 2018 at 11 am at the Porterville Church of Christ, 1000 North Newcomb Street, in Porterville, California.

Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

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Thursday, August 30

Willits Farmers Market: At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music, Thursday, August 30, 3 to 6 pm. Summer veggies, including heirloom tomatoes, local meats and local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread, gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted iced coffee, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Taco Dinner Fundraiser: A benefit for Baechtel Grove Middle School's Youth Football and Cheer programs, Thursday, August 30, starting at 4 pm. Taco Ramirez, at the corner of Blosser Lane and Franklin Avenue, in front of the recycling center. Please see a board member to purchase dinner tickets. Walk ups welcome. \$15, or 4 meals for \$50. Meal includes: 4 tacos, one each of Spicy Pork, Steak, Chicken and Fried Pork, rice/beans, chips and salsa.

Shanachie Pub: Dennis Chrisp. "It's only rock and roll but you know you like it! This show will be Dennis Chrisp & special guests playing old school rock and roll, rockabilly, psychobilly, blues and Bakersfield country!" Thursday, August 30, 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Friday, August 31

Chamber Mixer at the Grange: Willits Chamber of Commerce holds a mixer on Friday, August 31 with the Willits Grange to celebrate their 80th birthday. "Come and enjoy this family-friendly event from 4:30 to 7 pm. Kids are encouraged! There will be a light food spread, drinks, and snow cones.

Behind the Mic: Youth Poetry Night. The second year anniversary version of this open mic poetry and music event will be at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, Friday, August 31, 7 pm. This is a free event for all ages. Hosted by MC Radioactive. "Speak Your Mind."

Family Movie Night: Hosted by Grace Community Church, 25 Hazel Street, Friday, August 31, 7 pm. "This Friday, we are watching an oldie but certainly a favorite, "Robin Hood," 1973. We will have goodies at an affordable price. Bring your low-back chairs and blankets and enjoy a movie outside and under the stars on the big screen."

Shanachie Pub: Animal Weekend and Weird Year. Animal Weekend "is a 4 piece with a chick on bass & a chick on drums, along with Cody, on guitar, who grew up in Willits." Weird Year "is a Lo Fi Rock Band with indie styling and blues roots." Friday, August 31, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, September 1

"Art in the Plaza": Saturday, September 1, 9 am to 4 pm, and continuing every weekend through September. Come see local artists and artisans – free – in the congenial plaza behind Cafe 77. Info: www.artintheplaza.com. Umbrellas are permanent

on site to provide shade and backdrop. Spaces are available for artists to sell their handmade goods. Info: Morgan Rex at 841-0913 or see the application online.

John Haschak Campaign Event: Saturday, September 1, 2 to 4 pm. Learn about John Haschak, candidate for 3rd District supervisor. Ask questions, get involved. For RSVP and directions contact: supejh2018@gmail.com or phone 707-513-6166. "All welcome, donations accepted, fun times for all. Casual atmosphere • Refreshments • Great conversation."



easily recognizable, and has all its card text intact. (i.e. don't just write the name of the card on a plains and call it good.) Gateway Games, 395 South Main Street.

Claws for a Cause: A benefit for the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, Saturday,



"Made in Mendocino": The September show at the Willits Center for the Arts, featuring 20 Mendocino County quilters, featuring the work of Holly Brackman, opens Saturday, September 1, with an artists' champagne reception that opens at 6 pm for WCA members and to the general public at 7 pm. This is an opportunity to meet the artists and hear them talk about their work. "This visually stunning textile show is a collection of quilts from local quilting artists and will be displayed in both the downstairs Art Gallery and upstairs in the WCA Great Room." The show will run until September 23 at the WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-1726. willitscenterforthearts.org. Gallery hours, Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm.

Shanachie Pub: Mobay Prodygal. Formerly known as Ras Soulah, this Montego Bay native "is a consummate poet and has given birth to a lyrical style without compromising the message." Saturday, September 1, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, September 2

Bingo: Sunday, September 2. Doors 10 am, snack

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bar 11 am, games begin 11:30 am. Minimum buy-in \$10. Lunch special: hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, chili, chips and desserts. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. 459-6826.

Monday, September 3
Happy Labor Day!

Tuesday, September 4

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies, "Crazy Rich Asians," "Mile 22," and "The Happytime Murders." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Shanachie Pub: Hannah Jern-Miller. "Guitar/harmonica player, and singer, bringing her smooth blend of folk, blues, bluegrass, and vintage rock music to the world for over 15 years." Visit <http://hannahjermiller.com/> Tuesday, September 4, 7 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Twining Time: Join Twining Time – John Wagenet and Anita Blu – on the first Tuesday at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. "Folk/Country/Americana Roots, plus new and old favorites as well as original music. Polished 2 and 3 part vocal harmonies, acoustic guitar and keyboard." Info: 459-1598. Visit <https://twiningtime.weebly.com>, "Twining Time" on Facebook, or www.reverbnation.com/johnwagenet.

"Compassionate Communication Skills for a Heathy Family": Avenues to Wellness presents Samuel Senerchia, Somatic Coach. "Understand how the struggles of marriage and parenthood can create an opportunity for growth and serve to deepen relationships. Senerchia offers tools to apply in real life that strengthen family ties." Free to the public. Information: 456-9676, atwforhealth@gmail.com, avenuestowellness.org. Tuesday, September 4, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.



Hayley Schmidtke

She will share information about Visit Willits and the upcoming Willits Fest." Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Wednesday, September 5, 8 to 9:30 am. \$5, free for chamber members and for first-time attendees.

Thursday, September 6

"The Cannabis Hour": "Fire and Farmers: Cannabis Growers Tell Their Stories. On July 27, cannabis farmer Daniel Morford of Heartrock Mountain Farms in Potter Valley nearly lost his home and farm in the Mendocino Complex fire. And one year ago, farmer Ashley Oldham lost her home and nearly lost her life in the Redwood Valley fire. Both farmers will join host Jane Fletcher on the

next Cannabis Hour to share how the fires have affected the lives, and they'll offer some tips on how property owners can prepare for fire if and when it comes." New time: 11 am, Thursday, September 6, on KZYX Radio, 91.5-FM. Find the archived show at <http://jukebox.kzyx.org/>.

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

Friday, September 7

Shanachie Pub: Buck Thrifty: "Santa Rosa's hot jumpin' bluesy swingy band, brings a night of merriment, music and dance." Visit <http://buckthrifty.com/> Friday, September 7, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.



Saturday, September 8

Flea Market: Harrah Senior Center is looking for vendors for their September 8 Flea Market which will take place in the parking lot at 1501 Baechtel Road, 8 am to 2 pm. Space fee \$25.

Roots of Motive Power Festival: "The weekend after Labor Day, Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9, Roots steams up for the 40th year in a row. Historic train rides and old logging equipment demonstrations, featuring: steam locomotives, a steam shovel, steam rollers, stationary engines, and tractors. Watch out for the famous bandit Black Bart. Saturday, September 8, our annual Appreciation Barbecue begins at 4 pm (\$15 adults/\$6 kids). Live music, silent auction and raffle. And don't miss the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, in the Rec Grove, along with the Willits Shifters Classic Car Club. Sunday features Steam Roller Street Printing. Our 1924 Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller will be making linoleum prints. You can try your hand at print-making." Roots of Motive Power, 420 East Commercial Street.



A fundraiser for Grange stage lighting. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

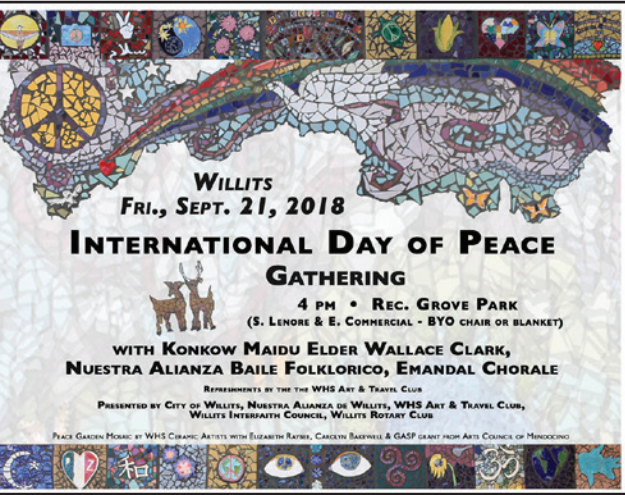
Sunday, September 9

Roots of Motive Power Festival: Sunday, September 9, ROOTS steams up for the 40th year in a row. See Saturday, September 8 listing for details.



Willits 4H Enrollment Night
September 10

The Power of Youth. Willits 4-H Youth Development Program offers a wide variety of projects for children 5 years and up. "We are dedicated to community service and learning by doing." September 10, 6:30 pm, Blosser Lane Elementary School. Enrollment online: cemendocino.ucanr.edu/4-H_program/. Email: willits4club@gmail.com or call Melissa Aguilar 707-513-7177.



Senior Center Lunch

Week of September 3 through September 7

Monday: CLOSED for Labor Day

Tuesday: Salmon Cakes

Wednesday: Country Fried Steak

Thursday: Sticky Chicken with Plum Sauce

Friday: Mushroom Ravioli

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

Ongoing Events

Brooktrails Golf Course: Monday, Wednesday (Friday, 8 am, Senior League, Age 50 and over. Lifetime membership \$10. Green fees extra. Thursday, 5 pm, Working Man's Scramble with \$12 green fees, \$5 buy in, cash prize for 1st place. Drink and snack provided. Saturdays, 8 am, "Sweeps" utilizing NCGA handicaps. Sundays, 5 pm, free golf for kids, 5 to 18, with paying adult. For times and information: 459-6761. 24860 Birch Street.

"Art in the Plaza": Saturdays and Sundays through September. Come see local artists and artisans – free – in the congenial plaza behind Cafe 77. Info: www.artintheplaza.com. Contact Morgan Rex at 841-0913 or see the application online.

Social Dancing: Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. No partner required. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Club atmosphere in which the participants teach each other swing, salsa and other types of partner dancing. Collaborative play.

Ridgewood Ranch Tours: The Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation Saturday tours include: vintage Seabiscuit film footage, stud barn, mare barn, carriage house and Howard House (built in 1905). Reservations suggested but not required; children under 11 free, \$20 for non-Mendocino residents, \$10 with proof of Mendocino County residency. Reservations or info: seabiscuit@instawave.net or 707-391-3872.

Willits Summer Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 to 6 pm at the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music and Video. Summer veggies, local meats and local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music; the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

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

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

Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group: Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

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

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

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

Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Play Group," and 3:30 to 5:30 pm "Lego Day" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Story Time." Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

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

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

"Drop-In Knitting Circle: Every Saturday of the month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your own projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in." Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or lotus3@earthlink.net.

Soroptimists International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza in reserved room, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. However, there are NO MEETINGS in July or August. Meetings will resume in September. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

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

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

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm. Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Tweens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

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

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

Patriot's Day

September 11

Patriot's Day Ceremony: the annual "Remembrance" ceremony sponsored by the Willits American Legion Post 174, honoring local firefighters, law enforcement and first responders, and commemorating the valiant efforts that occurred on 9-11-2001. This year, the ceremony will be a joint effort between Willits High School and the American Legion, as Willits Post 174 will conduct a brief (15 minutes maximum) ceremony on Monday, September 11 at 12 pm in the parking area in front of the main high school building. "Please join us as we pay tribute to those who died and those who gave so much on that 'day of infamy' and the following days." Note: Parking for the public is available at the north end of the school parking lot; also, seating is not provided due to the brevity of the ceremony.

AT THE MOVIES



"The Happytime Murders"

The Story: This comedy is an oddity. Think "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" criss-crossed with "Basic Instinct" featuring a private dick right out of "Maltese Falcon" as made by and performed by the Jim Henson puppet brigade. The flick presents a world co-inhabited by real people and real puppets (who are also people). It seems a psychokiller is offing puppets – blasting their fluffy puppet heads right off with shotguns, assault rifles and handguns. "The Happytime Murders" stars Melissa McCarthy, Maya Rudolf and Elizabeth Banks, plus a wide array of fabulous puppets.

My Thoughts: First, I enjoyed the flick. I laughed. The humor runs the gamut from off-color to down-and-dirty to outright raunchy (including a graphic recreation of the Sharon Stone leg-crossing scene from "Basic Instinct" which should allow readers a clear idea of this flick's sensibilities). There are some serious gross-out moments.

Parents: Rated "R" for "riddled with raucous sex jokes." It is absolutely not for children.

Older teenagers and up.

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



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The Mendocino College North County Center, 372 Commercial Street is still taking applications for certain classes; Introductory Psychology, Jazz Dance, Career Planning Success, Beginning ESL, Beginning Computer Skills, Company Officer 2B: General Admin and Company Officer 2C: Fire Inspection. There will be a "Welcome Back BBQ," Tuesday, September 11, 4 to 6 pm. "Come join us for a tasty meal and learn more about the North County Center." Info: 459-6224; www.mendocino.edu.

At right: Many of the folks who came by to get their faces painted and to make signs for the upcoming pool day gathered for a group photo at the Willits City Park. Far right: Jenna's make-up and her very own ghoulish fascinator helped complete the zombie look.

SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

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'You're walkin' dead if you do drugs'

Zombies walk downtown to promote drug take-back event on September 8

By Cici Winiger, for Adventist Health Howard Memorial

Children and adults alike dressed up as zombies and took over downtown Willits on Friday, August 24 to help spread the message about the Drug Take-Back Day and Pool Party happening on Saturday, September 8.

Participants in the "Zombie Walk" said they hoped to catch people's attention to raise awareness about the drug epidemic and also to promote the event so that the community finds out how they can do their part to protect our children and youth from drug addiction.

Buffey Wright, program specialist for Safe Rx Coalition, a collaborative group working to find ways to address the opioid epidemic in Mendocino County, shares that the goal of the walk was two-fold, to bring awareness about the impacts of drug addiction and to promote the upcoming drug take-back event.

"We wanted to show that when people abuse drugs, they are not too far from looking and feeling like zombies; their appearance drastically changes, and they start having significant problems processing information and thinking clearly."

Wright says the drug-take back event is a step

in the right direction. "It may be a small step, but it is a start. Information is powerful. The more we can inform the community about this crisis and the effects of opioid dependency, the more they can be part of the solution. And if all of us were doing our parts in our own small ways, together we can make a huge impact."

To be held on Saturday, September 8, the drug-take back event is a family-friendly event with a pool party at the Willits City Pool, from noon to 5 pm to allow families of all ages to participate and get informed while also having fun.

Sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial, the Safe Rx Coalition and the Mendocino County Youth project, the event also aims to collect unused, old medications to keep drugs out of the environment and away from the people who misuse them.

Improperly discarded drugs also end up in landfills or are flushed down toilets and end up in the water system, Wright says.

"Reducing the amount of unused and unwanted medication in the home is critical and one of the easiest ways to prevent prescription drug abuse," Wright adds.

The community is encouraged to drop off their old medications – prescriptions or over the counter – and join the party and learn more about ways they can help in addressing the opioid epidemic. There will informational booths, resources and prizes throughout the day. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Physicians, public health officials and representatives from other community organizations and providers will also be on hand to answer questions about resources or treatment options for opioid dependency.

For those who are unable to join the party, but would like to dispose of their old medications, there will be a drive-up option in the front.

The Drug Take-Back Day and Pool Party is happening on Saturday, September 8, from noon to 5 pm at the Willits City Pool at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Everyone is invited. Please bring your expired or unused medications. To learn more about the event, call Buffey Wright at 707-472-2610 or follow the SafeRxMendocino Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/SafeRxMendocino/



At far left: Zombies on foot and rollerblade walk in front of the Noyo Theatre to help raise awareness for the upcoming drug take-back day.

At left: Posting painted faces and hand-made signs on the SafeRxMendocino Facebook page was done throughout the event.



At far left, bottom: Yareli Leon paints the faces of walk participants – of all ages!

At left, bottom: The crew of zombies walked along the streets downtown, showing off their painted faces and custom signs.

Photos by Maureen Moore

The rest of Permits

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The most notable change that happened in the cannabis unit in recent weeks was the June 20 departure of former cannabis manager Kelly Overton. A few weeks later, recently hired Commissioner of Agriculture Harinder Grewal agreed to take over management of the unit. In July, the cannabis unit held four public workshops on the finer details of filling out the revised, streamlined applications for cultivation permits.

In addition, under Grewal's management, cannabis unit staff has been writing policies and procedures affecting how the several county departments involved in processing and regulating cannabis will work together.

All of that has taken time.

Nevertheless, the last three cannabis unit reports show that the "bottom line" of the cannabis unit, which is the combined numbers for cannabis permits issued and cannabis permits approved, has slowed to a trickle since Grewal took over management of the cannabis unit in early July.

For example, Grewal's first report, presented on July 10 and contained information current though July 6, stated the total number of permits issued or approved by the cannabis unit since the inception of the program in May 2017 was 219.

In his second report, given to supervisors on July 23, Grewal noted the cannabis unit has issued or approved 226 permits since the program began. In his third report, given on August 21 but which was only current up to July 30, the "issued and approved" line totaled 227. That means that over the 24-day period from July 6 to July 30, the cannabis unit issued and approved eight permits.

During that same time, the cannabis unit received 21 permit applications.

By comparison, in the first 10 days Overton was on the job, the cannabis unit issued or approved 31 permits. Between April 2 and May 1, the cannabis unit issued or approved 54 cultivation permits. So, during Overton's first 10 weeks on the job, the cannabis unit issued or approved 85 cultivation permits, or 45 percent of the total of all permits issued and approved by the cannabis unit between May 4, 2017 to May 1, 2018. During that time, the cannabis unit under Overton received 17 new permit applications.

Concerning the future of the cannabis unit, McCowen said: "I'm optimistic that we're going to see dramatic improvement in the unit. I think there's a critical need for an additional position in the unit, that of cannabis manager. That position would be between the program administrator and the ag commissioner. This person would run the unit and would answer to the ag commissioner."

McCown also noted the work being done by his ad hoc committee on cannabis, which includes himself and board Chairman Dan Hamburg as members. "The board of supervisors is actively considering amendments to the cultivation ordinance that will help streamline the process," McCowen said.

Asked if he believed the cause of the slowdown in the unit was organizational or was attributable to a lack of adequate staffing, McCowen said, "I think it's organizational. We have to get a more systematic process in place."

Asked if – at some future period when the policies and procedures have been in place for a while and no change in the unit's efficiency is evident – he would consider requesting additional staffing be added to the cannabis unit, McCowen said, "If that's what it takes. We have to be committed to doing whatever it takes to make this program functional."

Grewal's most recent report – current through July 30 – indicated the unit had issued or approved 227 cultivation permits out of a total of 973 applications received. That means the cannabis unit has processed 23.3 percent of all applications received since the May 2017 inception of the program.

Currently the cannabis unit staff consists of four inspectors, two clerical staff, and a program administrator. An office manager and the commissioner of agriculture oversee the activities of both the cannabis unit and regular ag.

Willits Weekly was unable to contact Grewal for comment on this article by press time.

The rest of Kemper

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supervisors to reject use of the old Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits as a psychiatric health facility, the report estimates the cost of building a new facility to be \$7.5 million which, the report points out, is considerably less than the estimate given to the Howard Memorial Foundation to retrofit Howard Hospital. The Kemper estimate did not include the cost of land.

Earlier this year, Heller and Sons estimated it will cost between \$11.2 and \$14.9 million to remodel the hospital for use as a PHF.

The report, "Program Gap Analysis and Recommendations for Allocation of Measure B Revenues," recommends the county work toward providing services that focus on early intervention against mental illness.

"Over the next five years we believe the primary principle that should drive Measure B policy-making is a commitment to developing a comprehensive mental health services continuum in Mendocino County that provides a broad range of services and supports that remediate mental health conditions at the earliest possible time and reduce the need for inpatient psychiatric utilization," the report states.

"With this principle, we believe Mendocino County can both set a goal of reducing the need for inpatient psychiatric care, while simultaneously assuring that inpatient psychiatric care is available in the county when needed.

"Further, we believe a goal of a 50 percent reduction in the use of inpatient psychiatric care within five years, by FY 2022-23, is a responsible goal," the report states. "This would reduce daily hospital utilization from 15.1 persons per day to a more sustainable 7.6 persons per day."

The Kemper report advocates using the estimated \$37.5 million projected to be raised by the tax imposed by Measure B in the first five years to address a wide range of mental health needs in Mendocino County, including building a PHF, helping to build the combined crisis stabilization unit and crisis residential treatment center, expanding drug treatment services, expanding full service partnerships, and beefing up the mental health-related supportive services now either being offered by the county in an anemic fashion, or not being offered at all.

According to the report, the available data suggests that use of mental health services has increased dramatically over the past two years. Some 18.4 percent more people received services, 22.8 percent more people received emergency crisis assessments, and there were 11.2 percent more crisis line calls.

The number of people receiving services from the county from full service partnerships increased by 8.3 percent. The number of people who experienced inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations increased by 17.3 percent. The total number of inpatient hospital days rose from 4,300 to 5,524, a 28.5 percent increase. The number of people hospitalized each day for mental health treatment rose from 11.7 to 15.1, an increase of 29 percent. All inpatient hospital days are out-of-county, since Mendocino County has no in-county beds dedicated to the provision of crisis mental health services.

"The rate of growth in Mendocino County's utilization of inpatient psychiatric care between 2016-17 and 2017-18 should alarm public officials and the public," the report states.

"These data reveal a serious weakness in the overall composition of the county's mental health services continuum. There are no meaningful alternatives to inpatient psychiatric care, and there are insufficient front-end services that support persons with mental illness and reduce the incidence of crisis conditions.

"At the same time, these data demonstrate that Mendocino County has an immediate need for inpatient psychiatric beds at either a general acute care hospital or PHF, and that unless a facility is constructed in Mendocino County to address this demand, the county will continue to compete with other California counties for limited inpatient placement

opportunities out-of-county."

The report's strategic financing plan recommends how the anticipated annual tax monies from Measure B should be spent. The plan breaks down spending into two sections: the first five years of Measure B revenue receipt, when the tax rate is one-half of 1 percent, and for the following years, when the Measure B tax rate is one-eighth of one percent.

The financing plan assumes that, for the first five years, the county will receive \$7.5 million a year. After the fifth year, that amount will drop to \$2 million a year.

The strategic financing plan proposed by Kemper differs somewhat from allocations which seem to be indicated in the language of Measure B, although, strictly speaking, the Kemper recommendations are in conformance with Measure B.

The Measure B ordinance states that, of the revenues received within the first five years, "a maximum of 75 percent ... may be used for facilities, and not less than 25 percent dedicated to services and treatment."

An analysis of the spending plan recommended by the Kemper report suggests the consulting group is recommending 32.7 percent should be used for facility development, 46.6 percent for service expansion, operations and treatment, and 20.7 percent should be placed in a reserve account to be used for services, operations and treatment later.

According to the plan, in the first year, \$4.75 million should be spent on the crisis residential treatment facility, a project started by Redwood Quality Management Company that is awaiting receipt of full funding to begin the building process. The report states the project will cost \$4.6 million to build.

In addition, in the first year, Kemper would allocate \$1 million to expand mental health services, \$500,000 to expand full service partnerships, \$500,000 for a supportive housing pool, and \$750,000 to expand drug treatment services.

In the second year, Kemper would allocate no money for construction of the CRT, but would allocate \$4 million for construction of the PHF. It would give \$500,000 to RQMC for support of its crisis stabilization unit, another million dollars to expand service expansion, would allocate \$500,000 to further expand full service partnership, \$750,000 towards a supportive housing pool, and \$750,000 to expand drug treatment services.

In the third year, the report recommends spending nothing on the CRT, but again would give \$3.5 million to fund construction of the PHF. It would again provide \$500,000 to support the crisis stabilization unit and expansion of the full service partnerships program. It would pump \$1.25 million into expansion of mental health support services, \$750,000 into the supportive housing pool, and \$750,000 into further expansion of drug treatment services. In addition, and for the first time that year, it would put \$250,000 into what Kemper is calling a Measure B Prudent Reserve.

In years four and five, the plan would allocate \$500,000 to clinical decision unit and full service partnerships, \$750,000 to the housing pool and drug treatment, \$1.25 million to expand mental health services, and \$3.75 million into the prudent reserve. That means that in two years the prudent reserve would receive \$7.5 million. Add to that the \$250,000 from Year 3, and the prudent reserve would hold \$7.75 million.

The report suggests this amount would be "potentially available for a regional behavioral health training facility." However, when the financing plan for the years following the first five years is discussed, the report allocates \$1 million a year from the prudent reserve into the total Measure B fund, which would be collecting \$2 million a year. This gives a total of \$3 million a year for expenditure on mental health needs, but leaves just \$2.75 million for financial support of a regional behavioral health training facility.

The Measure B Committee was scheduled to have its monthly meeting on August 29, with a presentation on the report by Lee Kemper from the Kemper Consulting Group. Look for a report on the committee's discussion on the Kemper report in next week's Willits Weekly.

County appoints new public defender

Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

The Mendocino County of Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the appointment of Jeffrey A. Aaron as Mendocino County public defender. Aaron joins the County of Mendocino from the Office of the Federal Public Defender, Central District of California, where he served as directing attorney, managing the Eastern Division office and litigating complex criminal matters, including federal death penalty cases, habeas corpus petitions, and appeals in the Ninth Circuit. He is an alumnus of the University of California, Los Angeles and holds a Juris Doctorate from Rutgers University School of Law.

Dan Hamburg, 5th District supervisor, and current board chair, stated: "Jeffrey Aaron brings decades of experience as a federal, state and county public defender to Mendocino County. Along with his skills as a litigator, he will emphasize the professional development of his staff attorneys. We are fortunate to be able to bring him to county service."

Commenting on his appointment, Aaron stated: "I'm a career public defender with over 25 years of experience in both state and federal public defender offices. I am delighted to come to Mendocino County, and to share with a new office the unique combination of passion and professionalism that characterizes public defenders."

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

San Diego man held for assault, robbery

Deputies arrested a San Diego man on August 22 after he allegedly assaulted his girlfriend in Willits and stole more than \$2,000 in cash.

The 24-year-old woman told deputies 36-year-old Miguel Angel Lopez-Cerecedo had picked her up in Ukiah earlier in the evening and driven her to a home on the Hearst-Willits Road, according to sheriff's Lt. Kirk R. Mason.

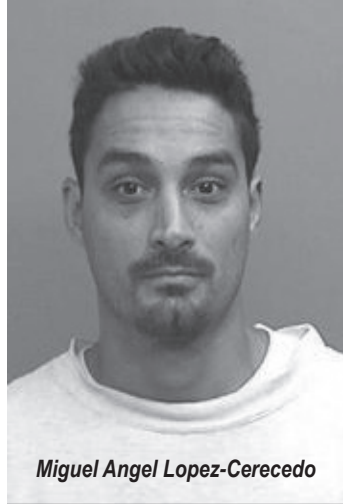
After they arrived, Mason said, the woman and Lopez-Cerecedo had begun to argue, and he struck her in the face and pulled her hair. Lopez-Cerecedo also allegedly took \$2,000 in U.S. currency and \$1,000 in Mexican pesos from the woman.

Lopez-Cerecedo attempted to flee when deputies went to the Hearst-Willits Road home, but "was apprehended and placed under arrest," Mason said.

He was booked into county jail on suspicion of inflicting corporal injury on a spouse, co-habitant or person of a dating relationship, and robbery.

Bail was set at \$75,000.

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



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Bautista-Dalson is charged with hiding a weapon for Fallis, according to DA spokesperson Mike Geniella.

Britton was 23 when her family told sheriff's investigators Fallis had kidnapped the woman at gunpoint on February 7. Less than a week before, Britton had complained to sheriff's deputies that Fallis had attacked her with a hammer.

Britton has not been seen since her disappearance, Barney said. "The case remains open, but we've had no breakthroughs."

On February 19, deputies found Bautista-Dalson with Fallis at a house at the 23000 block of Road 337D, Barney told Willits Weekly.

Fallis pleaded not guilty to felony counts of attempted murder, kidnapping and assault with a deadly weapon. In early June, the Mendocino District Attorney's Office dropped those charges because of insufficient evidence, according Geniella, and Fallis was later released on \$35,000 bail.

He still faces possession of gun and ammunition charges resulting from the February 19 arrest.

Fallis' trial on those charges is set to begin on October 15, Geniella said.

Antonia Bautista-Dalson



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Photos by Jeff Hoover

Noyo Theatre shines

Congratulations to owners Jeff and Lois Hoover for the fabulous new paint job

By Jeff Hoover of the Noyo Theatre

It's Tightwad Tuesday, August 28, and we are done, done, done! This was a huge project for our little Noyo Theatre. Remove the neon, paint the building, put back the neon, don't break the neon, and pick the right colors that make everybody happy. Ha, ha, ha. The insanity is over. The building is finished. Here is a brief reflection on this crazy process to bring new life into our iconic Willits landmark.

Very much inspired by one of our loyal patrons and the fact that the paint job was 20 years old – and looked it – we proceeded to get some paint quotes back in December. The neon also had to be removed for painting. That was

going to be a significant added expense.

At first the plan was to just keep the old colors and freshen it up. So why spend such a huge amount of time and money to make it look the same? No way. We decided to make a splash for our business and for Willits. We wanted heads to turn as vacationers crossed Commercial Street. Then have their kids pester them into staying in Willits to see a movie.

Once we got over the fact that the sign didn't have to be black, we went crazy.

We took a couple photographs and converted them to line drawings so we could drop an infinite number of colors into them like a coloring book. To get some buzz going

we put some of the sample renderings on Facebook and even on the local ads before the movies. The Noyo Theatre Facebook page never had so many hits.

People are passionate about the theater. That encouraged us to get things just right. Hundreds of sample renderings later, this is what we have. Our painters, Dunn Rite, did a fast and fabulous job. Paramount Sign, who refurbished the sign 20 years ago carefully removed and replaced the neon. Didn't break a single tube! We are grateful to those fine local businesses who made the job as easy as humanly possible. Best of all, we are delighted to have received glowing support from our neighbors, the good people of Willits. Thanks!

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trash/recycling bin painted by local artist Brian Weller on Commercial Street across from the Noyo Theatre – the council gave staff direction to allow Weller and others to continue to paint other bins around town, and potentially other city-owned items as well.

The artwork will follow certain guidelines laid out by the city, and each design will have to be approved by city staff.

City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra said Weller, a member of WELL, suggested the idea of painting trash receptacles around town, and it was decided he would start with one on a trial basis. She was pleased with what she saw and decided to bring the idea of Weller painting more to the council.

"I was so impressed with the craftsmanship and the ideas and the thought behind it," she said. "I was just really thrilled by that."

Weller told the council that the goal of the project was to improve the town through community action, adding that he welcomed other artists to join his effort.

"The real purpose of the Paint the Town initiative is to attract more business and

businesses to Willits," he said. "And to really uplift the creative spirit, if you will, and get the community involved in uplifting the look and feel of the place. Particularly [because] many businesses have gone.... We want to encourage as many artists as possible to get involved."

Weller painted the first bin using Piet Mondrian's famous painting "Broadway Boogie Woogie" as a theme, titling his work "Downtown Boogie." It was meant to go along with the "Art Deco" style of the Noyo Theatre, which also just received a colorful new paint job.

Weller said the owners of the Noyo had been supportive of the project and had given their approval for what he hoped to paint next – the dumpsters in the alley next to the theater.

"How wonderful that we could turn something that's as lowly as a trash receptacle and a dumpster into an artwork," he said.

He also noted that Jerry Ward, owner of Solid Waste of Willits, wholeheartedly

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The Emandal Chorale attended last week's Willits City Council meeting to sing a South African hymn to support the council's proclamation declaring Willits a "Peace City."

Photo by Forrest Glycer

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needs. The city must update the element every five years as part of its general plan.

"For the private market to adequately meet demand, local governments such as the city ... must adopt land use plans and regulatory systems which provide opportunities for and do not unduly constrain housing opportunities," Duley said.

One portion of the report showed Willits has "a higher percentage of low-income housing than most areas in the state." Duley pointed out.

"We have adequate land to support anticipated housing needs for all income groups," he added, which is not the case for many jurisdictions in California.

The Regional Housing Needs Allocation in the Housing Element indicated Willits needed to accommodate just 13 new housing units to keep up with future growth predictions, though Duley said this low number was somewhat misleading.

"At the snapshot this was taken we actually had a declining population," he said. "We've actually gotten new RHNA

numbers that are significantly higher than these that will be addressed in the next Housing Element.

"Taking a look at this land use inventory, which hasn't changed dramatically since it was completed, we're still OK with the new RHNA numbers, but the state's anticipating quite a significant amount of new housing units to accommodate growth going into the next cycle."

Willits also has "very old housing stock," Duley noted, with a lot of houses built in the late '60s and early '70s. This aspect of the report could put the city in line to receive state funds which could be used to help owners of older homes to "rehab their structures."

To amend the city zoning ordinance, Duley and staff took directives from the city's previous Housing Element (2009-2014) as well as updates in state law.

Several changes in the ordinance could make it easier for low- and moderate-income housing development to occur in

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Even though there was competition that night from a rather large wedding out at Third Gate, the evening was a success. By the end of the night, not even counting the generous sponsorships, a preliminary total of around \$21,000 was brought in, 100 percent of which will go to teachers to be used in ways they find advantageous to their departments and to the betterment of their students.

The raffle netted \$1,393, the bar \$1,989, bar tips \$98, front gate (walk-ins) \$410, live auction \$13,900, silent auction \$3,136.

The final figure raised, including monies paid for advance tickets and minus expenses, was \$30,033.

Last year, the money was distributed to teachers for different projects at Willits High School, Baechtlet Grove Middle School, Blosser Lane Elementary, Brookside Elementary, Sherwood School and Sanhedrin High School.

Attendees were greeted as they entered by volunteers Olga O'Neill, Kathleen Lewis (one of the original Willits Educational Foundation members and former WEF secretary), Suzanne Matheson and Wendy Kvasnicka (WEF treasurer). They provided a commemorative wine or beer glass, raffle tickets (\$25 for your height plus an arm length in raffle tickets), and a listing of the live auction items.

Pavlos Garage, fronted by Willits High School 2009 graduate Shawna White, provided an eclectic blend of live music with the DJing duties done by Santosh DJ Saint and DJ Frank Dogg.

Marian Lohne, vice principal and athletic director at Willits High School, brought her Student Leadership class to help with serving the food. "It's a wonderful event," Lohne said. "It helps support all of the schools. Teachers put in a request for what they need and the foundation tries to divvy it up and help the programs. It supports arts, music and libraries, but as a teacher you can make special requests where help is needed."

Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman ran the live auction again this year, entertaining the crowd while pumping up the bidding. He gave an explanation of the difference between Willits people and Ukiah people: "When the people in Willits have to go to Ukiah, we say, 'we have to go to Ukiah.' When people in Ukiah have to go to Willits, they say, 'we have to go ALL the way to Willits.' I've used my police car and checked the mileage, and it is exactly the same both ways."

"The Willits Educational Foundation has been very good to the arts at our school and to the libraries," said Carolyn Bakewell, arts teacher at Willits High School. "We really appreciate all their efforts and their work in putting on the fun party for us every year. These are beautiful people who care about the arts in our community because the arts is the heart and soul of education."

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items from those iconic years will be auctioned off during the event.

One such item is Seabiscuit's head stall, which was a wedding gift given to Charles Howard by his wife, Marcela Howard. It bears Charles Howard's initials on it, and Charles used it when riding Seabiscuit. The head stall was donated by the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation. The foundation also donated the replica door made to mirror the stall where Seabiscuit lived while on the ranch. The door was used at the 2018 California State Fair as a part of the Mendocino County exhibit.

Several other fun, relaxing and luxurious gifts are on the roster to win, including a "pie each month for a year" prize donated by Kemmy's Pies; a winter stay in Big Bear Lake in a condo donated by Ann Alumbaugh; a fully stocked countertop wine refrigerator featuring 19 personal favorite wines hand-selected by Willits Rotarians; and a two-night stay at the Sweetwater Inn & Spa in Mendocino donated by John Fliessbach, Sweetwater Inn & Spa and Handley Cellars.

An additional way to donate specifically to the goal of installing a cover for the riding area will be presented towards the end of the live auction, during the "Fund-a-Need" event. Pledges will be taken directly from attendees in varying dollar amounts, and those monies will go towards the arena roof. Having the covered arena will not only allow comfortable year-round use of the outdoor space, but will also keep riders, and the horses, on track and in practice to continue their forward momentum of progress experienced in the seasons of good weather.

The last item up for auction will be the "mystery strongbox" that was hand-crafted by Ridgewood Ranch's Tracy Livingston out of ranch-sourced antique barnwood and fashioned to look like an old Wells Fargo "strongbox" from back in the Black Bart and carriage days.

The box will contain a litany of valuable and exciting items which will range from antique ranch finds to gift certificates to ?? donated by Ridgewood Ranch and the Willits Rotarians, but as Rotarian Mike Smith assured, while laughing: Nothing living will be included in the box.

The box will be won by the last person to pledge \$50. Each time a person pledges \$50, they will be charged that amount, and will be the recipient of the box, unless someone offers another \$50 after them, then that person will be the recipient of the box. Everyone is welcome to pledge as many times as they want – but everyone who bids will be required to pay their tab at the end, calculating together all of their own \$50 pledges, but only the last one to pledge \$50 will receive the box.

In addition to the auction fun, a tasty surf-and-turf meal of lobster and filet mignon will be prepared by chef Adam Celaya of Adam's Restaurant fame, and guests can eat while listening to the six-piece band and sounds of Ed Reinhart.

While always a popular event, this year, Claws for a Cause was already officially sold out as of press time. While ticket-scalping is not an official or sanctioned method of event attendance, Smith laughed at the thought, and hopes that everyone will get tickets early next year. Smith also encouraged anyone interested in donating to the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center to make those donations to the Willits Rotary Club any time of the year.

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Willits. Some revisions increased the number of zones available for certain housing types while others altered regulations and restrictions in place.

Multi-family buildings, such as apartment complexes, will now be allowed in R2 residential zones instead of only R3 zones. Construction of single-family houses in R3 zones will now require discretionary use permits to help assure there is enough space left for multi-family housing.

More mixed-use housing is now permitted, with the city allowing residential units both below and above commercial units on the same property in all commercial zones, if the proper permits are acquired.

In addition, the city will now allow construction of second accessory units, or "granny units," even if the parcels don't meet previous size requirements (larger than 7,000 square feet), so long as staff determines the second structure will be safe and not cause a nuisance.

Other housing types affected by the zoning amendments include homes for those with disabilities; transitional and supportive housing for those struggling with homelessness; extremely low-income housing in "single-room occupancy" units; farmworker housing; and residential care facilities.

Peace City

The council meeting began with a proclamation read by Mayor Madge Strong declaring Willits a "Peace City" and recognizing September 21 as the "International Day Of Peace," an action taken in solidarity with thousands of cities and towns around the world.

The council and audience then heard a powerful rendition of the South African hymn "Thuma Mina" by the 30 or so members of the Emandal Chorale who had come to council chambers to sing in support of the proclamation and peace in the world.

Choir director Don Willis explained before beginning the song that the "Thuma Mina" chorus translated to "Send me lord, I want to take a stand," and the song contained the repeated refrain "Heal us now."

"We have made peace an important part of our mission statement, which we are, for years and years," said Willis of the choir. "So this is really a great thing that you're doing for this city – to support the International Day of Peace is wonderful."

As read by Strong, the Peace Proclamation stated: "Whereas, the people of the world and our own community are comprised of a multitude of races, ethnicities, spiritual beliefs, gender and sexual identities, and cultures; Whereas, in the course of living together on this planet and in this town, we have witnessed wars, injuries, and divisions based upon these characteristics; Whereas, these varied characteristics make up a beautiful cultural and linguistic diversity of which we should be proud; Whereas, it is to the benefit of all that we live peacefully together on this planet and in this town; ... Whereas, we desire to live in peace with our brothers and sisters locally and internationally, and to work toward equality and justice for all; Whereas, we unite in our desire to end violence, hatred, oppression, hunger, and poverty in our community and in the world. We, the City of Willits, do hereby proclaim our town a 'Peace City,' in league with thousands of cities and towns across the globe, and we proclaim International Day of Peace, September 21, our local celebration of peace-building along with peace-loving people and towns all over the world."

According to the website internationaldayofpeace.org, September 21 has been celebrated as "Peace Day" since 1981, when it was established by a unanimous United Nations vote. Its goal is to "provide a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace."

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approved of the project, and Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes had approved painting fire hydrants. In addition, Bob Doty, manager of Mendo Mill, had generously donated paint and other supplies.

Garrabrant-Sierra said the entire project was planned to be funded through donations and volunteer work.

She noted the city's rules for the artists would include using quality paint and supplies, committing to touch up and repair work if necessary, while avoiding controversial content such as religious material or nudity.

Weller did show the city a number of other famous paintings he felt would be good themes for future works.

Local therapist and artist Pam Jacobson also spoke on behalf of the project, saying he had been coordinating the idea through WELL, and there was a lot of support and ideas coming from various places in the community.

Willis also spoke about a local Peace Day celebration he is helping organize on September 21 at Recreation Grove. The event will feature the Emandal Chorale as well as other performances and presentations beginning at 4 p.m. It will be the second annual such celebration in Willits.

"We're inviting anyone to come; it will be a free event," said Willis. "We're hoping especially a lot of children will come with their parents."

Willis added the choir's performance during the event will be part of "One Day One Choir," which was started in London, England in 2014 to bring about good will by getting people from different cultures around the world to sing on the same day in the name of peace. According to the One Day One Choir website, last year's event featured over 1 million people singing together in more than 50 countries. This year they're hoping to greatly exceed that number.

Measure B

Council members and staff also discussed their concerns about comments at recent Mendocino County Board of Supervisors meetings (August 7 and August 22) made by Sheriff Tom Allman and other county officials regarding Measure B, the Mental Health Treatment Act, and a related resolution the city council passed on May 23.

The resolution affirmed and outlined the city's authority regarding any decision to place a Measure B-funded psychiatric facility at the old Howard Hospital building, and requested access to any public records the county had on discussions of the matter.

City Attorney Jim Lance said Supervisor John McCowen, at an August 7 BOS meeting, asked the county's legal counsel to analyze the city's resolution and determine if it held up under legal scrutiny. However, at an August 22 meeting, County CEO Carmel Angelo argued against that action, saying since no decision had been made regarding the psychiatric facility location, it would be premature.

According to City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra, Allman, the chairman of the Measure B subcommittee, also made "several statements regarding our resolution."

Strong said Allman also seemed to acknowledge there was not yet any other specific alternative to choosing the old Howard Hospital building for the new psychiatric site.

Garrabrant-Sierra expressed surprise when Councilman Larry Stranske informed her the Willits resolution had been brought up at the supervisors' meetings without her knowledge.

"The board had made it very clear this was going to be a transparent process and anytime that this was mentioned I would be notified," she said. "And I was not notified nor was anyone else."

She added that even Jed Diamond, the Third District representative on the Measure B subcommittee, was unaware of discussion of the resolution by supervisors until she told him.

Garrabrant-Sierra also informed the council the long-awaited Lee Kemper Consultant Group report on mental health treatment in the county had been completed and gave a copy to each council member. She said Diamond had emailed her the report – which is intended to give the subcommittee guidance on where a new psychiatric facility in the county should be located – as soon as he received it.

She noted Diamond and the subcommittee were scheduled to meet August 29 after fully reviewing the report, and she inferred from Allman's comments that "there is going to be a push for some decision to be made [quickly], although it was not clear what that decision would be." The final decision about the location of any facility funded by Measure B will be made by the board of supervisors.

Lance said the city's public records request to the county had never been fulfilled. He had contacted the county's legal counsel, who had apologized, and promised to forward the records soon.

"Paint the Town was a culmination of many ideas by a lot of different people," he said. "Brian followed through beautifully."

He added one area the group would like to focus on is the corner of Main and Commercial streets, hopefully painting the big cement barricades there; some preparation work for the project had already begun. Other possibilities he listed included murals, sculptures and painting power boxes, which PG&E had already given permission to undertake.

All the council members voiced approval for the project.

"I'm very excited that WELL is working on it and that you're giving your time and talents," said Vice Mayor Saprina Rodriguez to Weller. "And I think it looks lovely. I'm excited."

"This is beautiful," said Councilman Ron Orenstein of Weller's work. "I just love it.... I think it's great. I've always felt that we should have some kind of project around town.... I like the idea."

SHERWOOD CASINO

SEPTEMBER 2018

MONDAYS

All Players Club members will earn 3X Points from 10A to 10P on the days of the promotion!

POINTS DAYS

3X POINTS

TUESDAYS

PLINKO HOT SEATS!



5pm-10pm
(ending before 11pm)
(12 hot seats)

Hot seat drawings 2x per hour for \$20 free play up to \$150 in free play

SUPER SENIOR (55+) DAY BINGO

TUESDAYS
Buy in starting at 10am for 40 points (each) to receive up to three (3) bingo card(s) and 50% meal discount to the Creek Side Café on Senior Day Special)

11am
\$75 CASH
12pm
\$100 CASH
1pm
\$125 CASH
2pm
\$200 CASH!
2pm
\$50 Second Chance

THURSDAY



12PM
\$100 CASH
1PM
\$125 CASH
2PM
\$150 CASH
3PM
\$175 CASH (2ND CHANCE \$50 CASH)
7PM
\$125 CASH
8PM
\$150 CASH
9PM
\$175 CASH
10PM
\$300 CASH (2ND CHANCE \$100 CASH)

Players Club members must have earned minimally 50 points to receive a bingo card for the 12P, 1P, 2P & 3P bingo games.
-Bingo at 12P for \$100 Cash, 1P for \$125 Cash and 2P \$150 Cash, 3P for \$175 Cash for each game winner. (up to 3 Cards per guest per game)

Players Club members must have earned minimally 100 points (throughout the day) to receive a bingo card for the 7P, 8P, 9P & 10P bingo games.
Bingo at 7pm for \$125 Cash and 8P for \$150 in Cash the 9P game \$175 Cash and \$300 in cash for the 10P game. (Second Chance \$100 Cash)

Bingo Cards can start being issued at 11A for the 12P game, and 6P for the 7P game. The 1P, 2P, 3P, 8P, 9P & 10P cards will be issued after the earlier game has ended.
If two customer's claim the win together, the prize amount is "split" between the two winners.

For the 3P and 10P, there will be a "Second Chance Win". After a confirmed bingo for these three games (and the winning customer has been processed), the game will continue until a second "Bingo" is won, and the "Second Chance Win" customer will win \$50 Cash for the 3P game and \$100 cash for the 10P game. The "Second Chance Win" opportunity will be announced before each of the specific games.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Ticket Entry Drawings - 20 Points/Entry
May start to redeem points for entries starting at 11A
-Each drawing time has a prize value to it



WIN BIG! PAYDAY!

WIN CASH FROM 8-11!	8:00PM \$100	10:00PM \$200	10:30 PM \$250	11:00PM \$300
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At each drawing (except the 10:30 & 11P drawing), an entry will be drawn from the Raffle Barrel. The winning customer will have approx. one minute to claim their prize. If the number is not claimed the money for the specific drawing will be forwarded to the next drawing for the night. For example; if the 8P drawing has no winner, the \$100 will be forwarded to the 9P drawing and will be worth \$250.

For the 11P drawing, if there is no claim on the drawing, there will be an additional drawing. This process will continue until a winner has claimed the cash prize.
Customers may win up to 2 times each week of this promotion.

FRIDAYS EARN AND RECEIVE 8AM-12PM

(PLAY \$60 AND RECEIVE \$10 FREE PLAY)



WEDNESDAYS

Roosters & OWLS



8AM-12PM 6PM-10PM
EARN 50 POINTS ON PLAYER'S CLUB CARD AND RECEIVE \$10 IN FREE PLAY ONCE PER SESSION



HOT SEAT DRAWINGS 8AM-1PM
(2X PER HOUR ENDING BEFORE 1PM) \$50 CASH

6PM-11PM
(2X PER HOUR ENDING BEFORE 11PM) \$75 CASH

Scratch Card Sunday 10am-10pm!

Players Club members that earn minimally 75 points on each specific Sunday, will receive one (only one) Scratch Card (via the Players Club).
Each Scratch Card will have a prize (cash or free play), which will be;

\$10 Free Play	\$20 Free Play	\$50 Free Play
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Each winner will win \$30 in Free Play.

Player's Club Member(s) must earn 25 point(s), to be eligible.

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8 PM to 9 PM - 2 random winner(s) per hour.

Each winner will win \$60 in Free Play.

Player's Club Member(s) must earn 40 point(s) to be eligible.

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Above: Looking south over the area where the Ghilotti Construction Company has uncovered the light-weight fill blocks, and peeled back most of the membrane in preparation for the retaining wall. Below, left: Stockpiling dirt on the site to be used as back-fill. Below, right: A close-up photo of the 2-foot by 4-foot by 8-foot lightweight fill blocks that were once buried under the roadway.

Ridgewood Grade's Retaining wall project begins

Work is underway to repair the southbound lanes of Highway 101 near the general Ridgewood Ranch area of the Ridgewood Grade, which have been blocked off since the previous repair efforts which failed over the winter last year.

"Caltrans contracted with Ghilotti Construction Company who is currently working to remove the old light-weight fill they had used to stabilize the roadway," said Cori Reed, public information officer for Lake and Mendocino counties for Caltrans District 1. "We have new plans designed for a new retaining wall, and we hope to have the project completed in June 2019, but that is depending on how the winter storms impact the road and construction."

The solid and rigid light-weight blocks used in the original repair are each 2 feet by 4 feet by 8 feet and around 2,000 blocks were used, covering a 200-foot stretch of the highway that went down 28 feet deep. A membrane was also installed with the blocks to help protect the blocks from deterioration and to act as a vapor barrier. The blocks will not be reinstalled, but will be replaced by the retaining wall in an attempt to better stabilize the roadway.

– Maureen Moore



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PUZZLE
ANSWERS
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HOW TO SUDOKU

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

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CLUES ACROSS

1. One-time money in Spain

8. 'Got ____ of one'

13. Set a framework for

14. Cover with drops of water

15. One who does something for a living

19. Germanium

20. An enclosure for confining livestock

21. Locks a door

22. Buddy

23. Supplement with difficulty

24. Not moving

25. Islamic unit of weight

26. Warmers

30. Hindu queen

31. Border river near Bosnia and Herzegovina

32. Analyzed

33. Caps

34. Pastime

35. Contrary belief

38. Walking devices

39. Accustom to something unpleasant

40. Singing methods

44. Shouts of farewell

45. Hand (Spanish)

46. Small constellation

47. Cardinals are this

48. Gives a hoot

49. Chatter incessantly

50. Thallium

51. Making very hot

55. Hours (Spanish)

57. Remove completely

58. Eyeglasses

59. Rubbed clean

CLUES DOWN

1. Blues Traveler frontman

2. Found it!

3. Killed

4. A helper to Santa

5. Male fashion accessory

6. Autonomic nervous system

7. US Attorney General

8. Greek sophist

9. The world of the dead (Norse myth.)

10. Excessive and dangerous dose

11. One who receives

a legacy

12. Brooded

16. Hindu warrior king

17. Used to anoint

18. One point east (clockwise) of due north

22. Connecting part of the brain stem

25. Most uncommon

27. Do-nothings

28. Emerge

29. Neat

30. Herb of tropical Asia

32. Reviews poorly

34. Waterproof overshoes

35. Fireplace floors

36. Surround

37. Regretted

38. One who whips

40. Ticket price

41. Calming

42. Citrus fruit

43. Drooped

45. An explorer's necessity

48. Speak profanely

51. Pouch

52. A type of date (abbr.)

53. Away from

54. Large beer

56. Once more

HORSE RACING WORD SEARCH

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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

August 20 to August 26
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 196 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

August 20

4:08 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:47 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

11:50 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

1:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:03 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

5:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:29 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 21000 block of Poplar Avenue.

6:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Pine Street.

August 21

8:20 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of North Lenore Avenue.

1:53 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

5:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:18 pm: GALLEGO, Jose Carlos Sanchez (58) of Calexico, California was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct.

August 22

12:48 am: Officers responded to a report of unwanted subjects in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued warnings.

6:01 am: Officers responded to a report of a prowler near the intersection of South Humboldt Street and East Mendocino Avenue.

6:30 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:52 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

9:33 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Muir Lane and West Commercial Street.

10:04 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of West Commercial Street and Mill Creek Drive.

11:02 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Muir Lane.

August 23

3:41 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

4:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main Street.

5:41 pm: Officers responded to a report

of trespassing in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

9:55 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

August 24

11:33 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Oak Street.

1:26 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

3:09 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

9:17 pm: Officers responded to multiple reports of a shooting in the area in the 1200 block of Locust Street and surrounding area.

9:52 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:41 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street.

August 25

12:50 am: ADAMS, Curtis Benjamin (33) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of North Lenore Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 460 PC (Burglary), 496 PC (Receiving Stolen Property), 466 PC (Possession of Burglary Tools), 647 (H) PC (Loitering), 11377 H&S (Possession of Methamphetamine), 11364 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

2:30 am: Officers responded to multiple reports of an assault in the 800 block of South Main Street.

8:36 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

10:16 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street.

10:17 pm: PENNINGTON, Jeremy Jason (43) of Fresno was contacted near the intersection of West Mendocino Avenue and Spruce Street following a domestic disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), on felony charges of being a fugitive from justice, and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

August 26

12:15 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

4:54 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 500 block of South Main Street.

6:45 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Wood Street.

9:39 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

1:03 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:50 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 500 block of South Main Street.

6:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

10:08 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 600 block of South Main Street.

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Above, from left: Justin Semineau dishes out some chicken and sausage jambalaya. About 40 people gather for a photo in honor of their deceased friend, Ceebass Cymro Balch. Frog hunter Griffin O'Rear enjoys the fruits of his labor. Below: Some of the 726 pounds of crawfish come out of the pot. At bottom: Other Cajun specialties – including a whole roasted pig – were served at the Crawfish Boil.

Happy first day of school to the charter school kids!



The Lunde-Parmenter boys are ready for WECS! Knight is headed to first grade, and Blaze to fifth grade!



Rowdy heads to kindergarten, Brodey to 4th, and Charley to 7th. Have a great year! Love, Wreyn, Mom and Dad



Best friends who share the same birthday.



Courtney, in 9th and Cecily, in 5th



Kali & Judah's first day at WECS. Have a wonderful year!



Here's to a great year!! Ella: 8th grade and Porter: 5th grade. We love you two! Mom and Dad



L'ville Crawfish Boil

Cajun-style cuisine cooks up funds for Laytonville High School Culinary Program

As befitting a fundraiser for the Laytonville High School Culinary Program, the menu was eclectic and unusual. There was a distinct Acadian aura to the epicurean offerings. The 12th Annual Laytonville Crawfish Boil at the Rodeo Grounds served up Louisiana red crawfish on papered tables all through the day on Sunday.

Wherever a few people were sitting, a cooler full of these little red mini-lobsters would be dumped to the delight of the hungry attendees. They dug in, tearing the spicy creatures apart, finding all the savory meat and tasty juices.

At 4:40 pm, the crawfish were joined by dinner plates of salad, potatoes, and other comfort foods, making a complete, satisfying meal. In addition to the headliner crawfish, there were stations where one could obtain various Cajun specialties like roasted pig, chicken and sausage jambalaya, duck and sausage gumbo. And then there were the frog legs. All included in the price of the \$65 tickets. Beer, wine, soft drinks, root beer floats, oysters and kombucha could be purchased separately.

The Boil is a production of the Big Chief Restaurant and Draft Punk, owned by local entrepreneurs Mat Paradis and Troy Terrill. Draft Punk is their beer program with an ever-revolving selection. The Crawfish Boil started out as a party for a few of Paradis' friends.

"He was feeling homesick for Louisiana (where he spent more time than anywhere else) and decided to have a couple sacks of crawfish flown in," explained Paradis' musician brother, Marc. "They invited all the folks around the neighborhood. It went from that beginning to this in a matter of two years. Now they're doing a spectacular job of raising money for good causes."

This year's beneficiary of all this tastiness is the new culinary program at the Laytonville High School. As Terrill explained: "They got a grant that is going to help them get a fully functional college-level kitchen. It's for the students to use and will also serve as a commissary kitchen for community members.

"It will also have a walk-in and storage facilities for the Mendo Food Hub," he continued, "so we can have a hub here in Laytonville. We are trying to match their grant funds. Each year we have a meeting and decide what is needed most in the community. It's a good opportunity for us to learn what is going on."

The Crawfish Boil would not be complete without the local and New Orleans-imported music. The day opened with Willits fan-favorite improv band, The Cult of Ours, and according to member,

Kyle Madrigal, the set was mellow and well-received. Next, was the local Laytonville group, L'Ville All Stars, with their hard-driving rhythms. South Jones, one of the New Orleans bands that flew in for the occasion, added their sounds to the proceedings.

Later in the afternoon, the Mike Dillon Band from Austin, Texas heated up the crowd with their hard-to-describe blend of punk, jazz and rock, played with great energy on the electric vibraphone with a special guest saxophonist. The featured band, another New Orleans import, Johnny Sketch and the Dirty Notes rounded out the evening.

The only semi-serious note of the day came when about 40 people posed for a photo to honor their friend, Ceebass Cymro Balch, who passed away recently. The photo was created to send to his family.

The frog legs and other tasty foods that harkened back to Paradis' New Orleans roots easily blended in to the pastiche of the Cajun motif.

Paradis ruminated on the re-introduction of the frog legs, which DO taste like chicken: "Frog legs have been a gap in our menu, but we had the opportunity to go out and gather them this year. They are a non-native invasive species in California, so Fish and Game encourages eradication. People let me know when the frogs become an issue for them, and we help them.

"In the South they call it 'giggin,'" Paradis explained. "You use a Poseidon-type trident. You go after dark and you have a bright headlamp or a really bright flashlight and you basically blind them a little. You can see their eyes kind of glaze over a bit, and then you spear them. My son and I go with some help from friends. We got between 150 and 200 frogs from several ponds around the area."

The Laytonville Crawfish Boil is a labor of love for Paradis and Terrill. It is their party, their way of giving back to the community, their thank you to the people of Laytonville for supporting the Big Chief, their way of making people smile.

"My main goal with the Crawfish Boil," Paradis said, "is to try and keep throwing new things at people and not let it get tired. We want them to keep coming back. In the past we've done a spread of all the roasted meats.

"This year we tried to do taco sliders and dress them up a little bit," he continued. "This year we got a whole gang of ducks and decided to do a duck gumbo, which is something we never had here before. Our goal is to try to keep in the spirit of things, and try to keep it as local, produced in-house, and in-community as possible, but still put a new twist on it, and try to make it something that people can be excited about."



Below: The Laytonville Rodeo Grounds adds a rustic motif to the atmosphere. At bottom: Alexander the Amazing (Alexander Knapp) entertains the kids with magic.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Opening Day

Willits Youth Soccer holds first day and firefighter 'thank you' festivities

Thirty teams and 350 players were welcomed into the 2018 season of Willits Youth Soccer during their opening ceremonies held last weekend at the ball fields on Commercial Street. Seizing the opportunity of a crowd of 800 to 1,000 people, accounting for all the kids, their parents, families and friends, WYS's Saprina Rodriguez partnered the opening day activities with a chance to connect with the firefighting community.

"We invited lots of law enforcement agencies to come and meet with the kids on opening day," said Rodriguez. "We reached out to Little Lake and Brooktrails fire departments, Cal Fire, the California Highway Patrol, the Willits Police Department, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and more. We had some engines show up, too, and everyone was excited to get to offer their thanks and appreciation to the firefighters."

Piles of posters and stacks of signs were presented to the firefighters and both Brooktrails Fire Department's Deputy Chief Jon Noyer and Little Lake Fire Department's Chief Chris Wilkes spoke to the group – Noyer about defensible space, and Wilkes about the need for a new firehouse, how many calls are handled, and about volunteering.

"There were so many people looking for a way to connect with

the firefighters, and we were all very amazed at how many people came out to see the firefighters, shake hands, get hugs and express their gratitude," said Rodriguez.

Players age 3 are on Team #1 "Young, Wild and Free," which is sponsored by Little Lake Grange and coached by Rebecca King and Carolina and Travis Evans.

Players in the U-6 division include: #2 sponsored by East Hill Veterinary Clinic and coached by Ashkan Nahreini; #3 sponsored by Ukiah Ford and coached by Amy Hopkins and David Smith; #4 sponsored by Imagination Station and coached by Eric Kristiansen; #5 The Sparetime Supply "Tigers" coached by Anna King and Jordan Eads; #6 the Leaning Depot Academy's "Little Warriors" coached by Maria Camargo and Brett Leonard; and #7 the Law Offices of Angelina Potter's "Fire Strikers" coached by Angie Potter and Katherine.

Players in the U-8 division include: #8 sponsored by GreenStone Landscapes and coached by Johan Henckell; #9 sponsored by Lopez Auto Glass and coached by Sarah Coon and Josh Swearingin; #10 sponsored by Jordan Eads Photography and coached by Jennifer Lutge and Jordan Eads; #11 sponsored by Cantua Insurance Agency and coached by Shanna Cole; #12, the Old Mission Pizza "Pepperonis" and coached by Euriel Paniagua; #13 the Willits Mini

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Sweet Noodles

Sweet and easygoing, Noodles is a wonderful dog. First things first: Noodles is very overweight and needs to go on a diet ASAP! She is a 6-year-old spayed female mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 130 pounds. This darling dog has lovely manners and a great temperament. She is delicate and gentle when she takes treats. Noodles knows "Sit." She really fooled us during her photo shoot – she was so calm and laidback until we grabbed the leash to walk her back to her kennel. Then, Noodles got very excited, wagged her tail with gusto, and obviously wanted to go for a walk. We enjoyed her company a lot, and think she would be a great family dog

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

Lucky Pawd

We'd say poor Pawd. He was found hanging on a fence with a broken leg and his leg had to be amputated. But this happy-go-lucky fellow, between 1 to 2 years old, just says upward and onward! He is looking forward to an inside-only life with a new family safe from further perils!

Come meet Pawd at the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Please give us a call at 707-485-0123 if you have questions. You can view all our adoptable dogs and cats on Petfinder or through our website: mendohumaneociety.com. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.



Above: The Adventist Health Howard Memorial Medical Office team poses together. Below, left: The Lopez Auto Glass team holds their sign and a sign for the firefighters. Below: Little Lake Fire Department's Training Officer Eric Alvarez, Deputy Chief John Thomen, Engineer Kirk DeFranco, and Fire Chief Chris Wilkes pose with the "Thank You" posters at the Little Lake station.



Photo by Mathew Caine



Below, from left: Mat Paradis and Troy Terrill, owners of Big Chief of Laytonville and producers of the Crawfish Boil, take a moment to enjoy their event. Diners dig in to the pile of crawfish. Stephanie Goss holds up one of the signature T-shirts for sale with this year's logo.

Photos by Mathew Caine



At right and far right: Signs made by local youth and their families hang on the wall at the Little Lake Fire Department's firehouse.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Below, from left: Opening day for Willits Youth Soccer played double duty: announcing the teams and playing games, and meeting with local firefighters to show appreciation and give thanks. Little Lake Fire Department's Fire Chief Chris Wilkes accepts signs; Potter Construction's soccer team parades on to the field. LLFD's Training Chief Eric Alvarez holds hand-made signs. Little Lake Fire Department Captain Daniel Mendoza, left, stands with Brooktrails Fire Department Deputy Chief Jon Noyer, LLFD's Chief Chris Wilkes and LLFD's Eric Alvarez who all hold signs from the soccer kids and their families. LLFD firefighter Harry So waves to the crowd as LLFD's Chris Wilkes smiles with soccer players, in front.





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Above: Keep an eye out for flyers in your mailbox soon listing all the great prizes that will be available during the 2018 FUN-ding raffle.

At right: Chris Baldo of Willits Redwood Company, left, and Richard Baker of the Willits Senior Center stand on the porch of Willits Redwood Company, which donated the materials for a 12-foot by 16-foot redwood deck valued at \$950.

FUN-ding Raffle

Willits Senior Center holds 3rd annual fundraising raffle

Get ready to check your mailboxes for information about this year's FUN-ding Raffle which will go to support the efforts and workings of the Willits Senior Center.

For the third year, items were gathered by "the Kathies" – Kathy Neff and Cathy Ortiz – from local businesses and generous donors to create a prize package anyone would want to win.

Tickets will be sold for \$5 each or six tickets for \$20. Last year the raffle raised \$8,795.

Remittance envelopes and a list of all of the available prizes will be sent out via "saturated mailing" this week so that everyone in the 95490 zip code will receive a chance to enter.

"We mail each resident a letter that explains the programs and services their donations will support, along with a flyer that lists all the raffle prizes," explained Willits Senior Center Executive Director Richard Baker. "For your convenience we provide a remittance envelope; just sign your tickets, and place them in the remittance envelope along with your donation."

Some of the 2018 raffle prizes include: Enough redwood lumber to create a 12-foot by 16-foot deck valued at \$950 that was donated by Willits Redwood Company, which will be accompanied by a \$50 gift certificate to Mendo Mill; Benbow Historic Inn donated a one-night stay for two in a deluxe queen room; Axel International Cycle donated an adult tricycle valued at \$275; two round-trip tickets for the Skunk Train; four tickets to the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens; two tickets to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom; a cord of firewood; and \$100 gift certificates to Willits Furniture, Safeway and Grocery Outlet.

"We cannot list all the prizes [there are so many!], so please view your flyers coming in the mail," said Baker. "This is great way to support the senior center, and you get a chance to win one of over 40 prizes."

Winners will be announced Friday, November 2 at 7 pm at the conclusion of the center's potato bar fundraiser.

"You need not be present to win," continued Baker. "We will be calling everyone that wins a prize, so make sure you print your contact information clearly on your tickets stubs!"

Keep an eye on your mailboxes – your FUN-ding Raffle envelopes will be showing up early next week.

— Maureen Moore

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Redwood Valley
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Laytonville
Starts Thursday, September 13, 1:30 - 4:00 PM

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LEGAL NOTICES

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Filed July 27, 2018

CASE NUMBER **SCUKCVPT-18-71248**

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Date: 07/27/2018

s/Earl Anthony Thompson

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

WW182

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0501

The following person is doing business as UniQ Illusions, 1726 Ridgewood Road, Willits, CA 95490: Rose Raiser Jeavons, 5798 Ridgewood Road, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 14, 2018.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on August 14, 2018.

s/ Rose Raiser Jeavons

Pub dates: 8/23, 8/30, 9/06 and 9/13/2018

WW176

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0415

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

This business is conducted by an individual.

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

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

s/ Hung Minh Pham

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

MENDOCINO COUNTY

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Chief Deputy Auditor-Controller

Chief Property Appraiser

Corrections Deputy

Deputy Probation Officer I/II

Deputy Public Defender I

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Juvenile Corrections Officer

Librarian I/II

Nutritionist

Program Administrator

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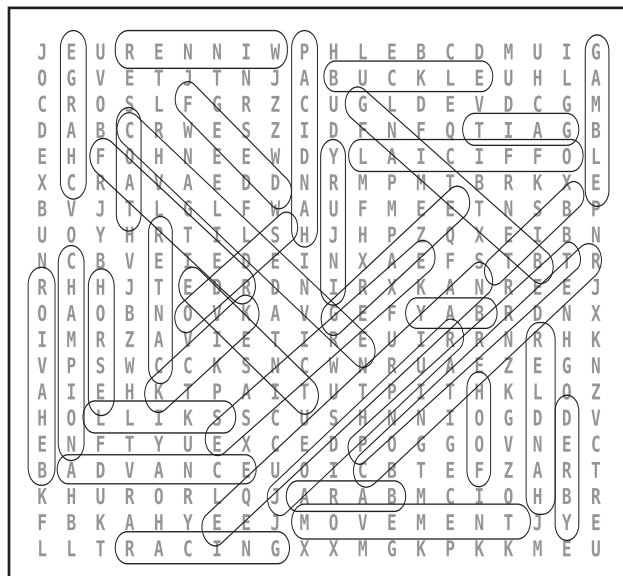
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Sheriff's Services Technician

Vocational Assistant

For a complete list of current job openings and to apply:
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Filed July 27, 2018

CASE NUMBER **SCUKCVPT-18-71248**

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

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

Linda Rose Thompson to Linda Risha Thompson

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Date: 07/27/2018

s/Linda Rose Thompson

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

WW183

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
Samuel Walter Denton
CASE NO. SCUK-CV/PB -18-27079

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Samuel Walter Denton.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by George Gulbranson in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.

The Petition for Probate requests that George Gulbranson be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: October 5, 2018 Time: 9 a.m. Dept.: E Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.

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

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

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

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

Petitioner George Gulbranson, 819 Solano Ave., Sonoma, CA 95482; 707-938-4021.

Publication dates: 08/30, 09/06 and 09/13/2018

The rest of Soccer | From Page B5

J.D. Redhouse and coached by Jake O'Rear and Guy Vaccaro; and #26, sponsored by Willits Pulse Fitness and coached by Kelly McCormick.

Players in the U-14B division include #27, the Napa Auto Parts "Hammerheads" coached by Dimitri Brown. Players in the U-14G division include #28, the Adventist Health Howard Memorial "Redhots" coached by Saprina, Maime, Martin and Sam.

Players in the U-16B division include #29 the Bouthillier Construction "Lightning Strikes" coached by Miguel and Stephanie Jimenez. Players in the U16-G division include #30, the Ace Copy and Shipping "Ace Family" coached by Saprina and Martin Rodriguez.

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