

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Little Like Fire crews at Eclipse Complex fires

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, the Little Lake Fire Department sent out fire engines and crews C5401 and E5468 as part of Mendocino County strike team XME-2150C. The strike team is made up of engines from Little Lake Fire, Hopland Fire, South Coast Fire, Redwood Coast Fire and Anderson Valley. They are heading to the Happy Camp area for the Eclipse Complex. Update: XME2150C is currently assigned to the "Young Fire" on division "P." It sounds like they will be working hard as they are tasked with indirect headline construction. They will be on 12-hour shifts. Our strike team leader says they are in good spirits and excited for their assignment.

Keep all of our local firefighters in your thoughts. Be safe!!

Fire Chief Chris Wilkes, LLFD, Willits

Editor's Note: The Eclipse Complex fires in the Klamath National Forest west of Happy Camp, in Siskiyou County, started on August 15 due to multiple lightning strikes. As of Wednesday morning, August 30, the Eclipse Complex has burned 65,250 acres and is 24 percent contained. Watch the "Little Lake Fire Department" page on Facebook to keep up with LLFD activities.

Water trucks

To the Editor:

I have a few questions about all of the water trucks delivering water to various prolific gardens around the county. Whose water are they hauling? If from city wells and water districts, are they paying for it?

In Redwood Valley there is a hydrant on School Way that almost always has a fire hose attached, waiting for the truck to come back. The last few years RV residents were charged a penalty if they went over their monthly quota of water usage for the month. Who is paying for those loads out of that hydrant? Is water being stolen from Willits hydrants without the city being reimbursed?

In my rural Ridgewood subdivision I counted 23 water trucks come in yesterday. Just one day! The damage they are inflicting on our roads is very worrisome. In the spring I called Mr. [Howard] Dashiell from our county roads department to discuss the deteriorating conditions of our roads that had been damaged by the heavy winter rains. He said most roads in the county had been hit with damage. I was told there was no money to fix them. That there would be "Band-Aid" fixes, and that was about it.

Now the water trucks are finishing them off. The truck that delivers next door to me once a week, parks against the asphalt curb in front of my house. This curb, that protects my driveway during downpours, is crumbling and breaking

down. Who will fix that?

Who's going to be responsible for these soon-to-be-impassable roads?

Once winter hits again they are toast. I've been told to call all the agencies, call the supervisors, call call, call.... Calls do not seem to be the answer. Everyone seems to know what is going on. But no one seems to be taking action.

Roni McFadden, Willits

Top-notch concerts in Ukiah

To the Editor:

I am an enthusiastic, lifelong fan of Community Concerts, which is a nationwide organization that has been sending top-notch musicians to rural areas such as ours since 1920, and to Ukiah for over 60 years! I have rarely, if ever, missed a concert in the 37 years I have lived up here and am always thrilled by the variety and quality of musicianship.

The Ukiah Community Concert Association's 2017-18 season will open with its first concert on Sunday, September 24, at 3 pm in the Mendocino Community College Theater. Critics say The Del Sol String Quartet is "electrifying and adventurous, energetic and persuasive" and is recognized as a "vigorous champion of living composers." I'll be the first one in the door.

Saturday 7:30 pm, November 4, the second concert of the series, will be The Jeremy Kittel Band. The leader of the group is a "fiddler and violinist with musical roots spanning the globe ... with the drive of Celtic fiddling, the spontaneity of jazz, the soul of blues and the intricacies of chamber music, this group defies categories and captivates audiences." Probably not my favorite style of music, but I know I will be excited and loving the group by the end of the evening, as always.

The Sunday, 3 pm February 4, 2018 concert will be critically acclaimed pianist Lara Downes, who is recognized as one of the most exciting and communicative classical artists of her generation. NPR calls her "a delightful artist with a unique blend of musicianship and showmanship" and she is praised by the Washington Post for her "stunning performances rendered with drama and nuance." I can't wait for that one, of course, playing a little piano myself.

The final concert of the season, which will be Duo Baldo, on Saturday, April 14, 2018, is a violin and piano duo who "combine virtuosic performances, theatrical humor and pop culture.... High-energy classical music with comedy and a touch of slapstick.... an evening that will make you laugh and remind you that classical music is food for the spirit." I saw a clip and these are very funny guys, so that will also be another very popular program.

If you are interested, visit www.ukiahconcerts.org online. One can purchase season memberships (\$100 for all four concerts) online or single concerts can be attended by just

showing up at the door. You'll be glad you did. If you have already signed up for this season, your membership card/tickets will be coming in the mail at the end of August. Call Maggie Graham, 459-2305, for further information.

Maggie Graham, Willits

Willits Airport Day

To the Editor:

This year's Willits Airport Day salutes the Willits Lions Club and other local service groups. Come take a ride in an authentic biplane or a modern helicopter over the Little Lake Valley. Mark your calendars now for Willits Airport Day on Saturday, September 23, from 9 am to 3 pm. Great food, music, exhibits and demonstrations. Free admission and free parking. Willits Municipal Airport is located 5 miles north on Sherwood Road then 1 mile east on Poppy Drive. Follow the "Airport" signs. More information is available at WillitsFlyIn.com.

Dan Ramsey, manager, Willits Airport

Inland Valley Women's Chorus

To the Editor:

If you're a woman who loves to sing, consider joining a very welcoming group: the Inland Valley Women's Chorus, or IVWC. There is no audition, and no prior experience is required. Music is good for our health and minds and also good for the world, teaching harmony and how to work and play together in community.

IVWC sings songs of peace, joy, social justice, and healing. Some of the songs are written by our members and friends, some are from around the world; most have three-part harmonies. The chorus is directed by Madge Strong, who has decades of musical and teaching background, and assistant director, singer-songwriter Mary Buckley.

The chorus has performed for many special occasions and fundraisers, including Project Sanctuary, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Diversity Day, Women's History, World AIDS Day, Earth Day, and Mendocino Local Women's Music Festival. We plan to host a second annual Northern California women's choral gathering this year.

IVWC meets Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 pm, September to June. Our first meeting of the new season is September 12 at the Center for Spiritual Living, 741 South Oak Street (in back of Rite Aid, just north of Gobbli) in Ukiah. A carpool of us comes each week from Willits.

For more information, about the Inland Valley Women's Chorus, contact Mary Buckley, 621-0339 or marybuckley@pacific.net.

Madge Strong, Willits



Above, from left: The combined JV and varsity cheerleader squad goes into formation at halftime. Chris Bickford, new varsity head coach, gives instructions to his players. Jacob Schubert tries to break one around the corner. Below: Varsity players await the national anthem.

Wolverines Football

New Willits High administration and coaches hope for a successful season

The game of football is not just about the game on the field, and the score is not always an indication of the quality of the team's effort or athleticism. Both the Willits High School varsity and the junior varsity football teams lost their season openers against the Ukiah High School Wildcats, but in their loss they showed something to the fans, parents and coaches.

The Wolverine players demonstrated they have the heart and the ability to stand toe-to-toe with a team in a much higher division (Willits is a Division 5, Ukiah is Division 2). And but for one bad quarter, some questionable plays and calls, and some opening day jitters, they had what it takes to win. They never gave up, and their character showed through.

Josh Husarek, first-year head coach of the junior varsity team, which lost by only five points, said he was proud of the way his team performed against a team with a much larger pool of players. "I am very happy with my team today. They looked good," he commented.

He considered this game to be a non-league scrimmage and great training for the upcoming schedule. "I look forward to tightening up some of our holes [pass defense and some offensive abilities]," Husarek said, "and then coming back out at Ferndale next week. Ferndale's usually a pretty tough opponent, very heavy on the run-oriented offense. We're very heavily run-stop defense. We should match up well. Today's game taught the kids a lot. We hung in there, and that's what's important."

Read the rest of **Football** | Over on Page 6



Far left: Chris Bickford, head coach, defensive coach and current events teacher. At left: Aaron Branscomb, varsity assistant coach and athletic coordinator, keeps the teams organized.



Above: Varsity team members, in front, Justin Verdote, Jacob Arms and Austin Carriker, and in back, Steven Duran, Mitchell Hollingsworth and Keegan Reed, enjoy a little down time before the game.

Far left: Keegan Reed scores the first Willits touchdown.

At left: Triston Martin grabs the ball in a crowd.

Below, left: Michael Colvig, new principal of WHS, also has a background in coaching.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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CHP: Labor Day enforcement

Labor Day weekend is one of the busiest weekends on the road. To make sure it is also a safe one, the California Highway Patrol will be working hard to spread the word about the dangers of impaired driving through education and increased enforcement.

All available CHP officers will be on duty during the Labor Day maximum enforcement period, or MEP, from 6:01 pm Friday, September 1, to 11:59 pm Monday, September 4. Drug recognition experts and CHP officers will be on patrol watching for impaired drivers as well as assisting motorists in need throughout the holiday weekend.

"Our officers will be out finding dangerous drivers during the holiday period, showing zero tolerance for anyone driving drunk or impaired by drugs," CHP Acting Commissioner Warren Stanley said. "Anyone who chooses to drive impaired puts not only themselves and their passengers at risk, but they also endanger pedestrians, bicyclists, and others on the road."

During the 2016 MEP, 38 people were killed in traffic collisions in California, an increase of almost 19 percent from 2015, according to data collected by the CHP. In addition, the CHP made more than 1,000 arrests for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol over Labor Day weekend in 2016.

Impaired driving often peaks during holidays, and Labor Day is considered one of the most dangerous periods, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports. The 2015 Labor Day holiday period saw 460 people killed in collisions nationwide; nearly one-third of the fatal collisions involved drivers who were legally drunk.

"The Labor Day holiday should be a special time for friends and families at the end of summer, not a time of tragedy," CHP Acting Commissioner Warren Stanley said. "Impaired driving, whether as a result of drugs or alcohol, is 100 percent preventable, and there is no excuse for it."

Anyone who is going to drink is urged to plan a sober ride home in advance. Anyone who sees an impaired driver is encouraged to call 9-1-1.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of safety, service, and security.

— Submitted by the California Highway Patrol, Sacramento

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Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku

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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

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- Nonflowering plant
- Of Christian fasting season
- Of birds
- Dealt with
- Duplicate
- More liquid
- Inconsequential
- Doctor of Education
- Electroencephalograph
- Partner to the carrot
- Not young
- Discontinued Apple advertising platform
- Car mechanics group
- Treats allergies
- Rather
- African nation (alt. sp.)

CLUES DOWN

- Jungle vacation
- Off-killer
- Takes off
- Passing
- Where to plug in devices
- Drive
- Take care of
- City in Finland
- Dyed
- Small invertebrate
- Holiday beverage
- egg __
- Hawaiian club
- Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
- Most impoverished
- British romance novelist Pollock
- Burgers
- Organization of American States
- Lacking contact with other people
- Sex Pistols bassist
- Vicious
- One who uses a rod and line to fish
- Expression of surprise
- Get older
- Rooney and Kate are two
- Wild goats
- Cores
- Walks into
- A way to acustom
- Wet nurse

COLOUMN | Intuitive Patterns

September 2017



Suzanne Wagner
Columnist

Osho Zen Tarot: Adventure, Breakthrough, Letting Go
Medicine Cards: Beaver, Spider, Wolf

Mayan Oracle: New Myth, Manifestation, Dreamer and the Dreamed

Ancient Egyptian Tarot: The World, The Devil, Five of Cups

Aleister Crowley Deck: The Moon, Ace of Wands, Strife

Healing Earth Tarot: Empress, Judgement, Seven of Crystals

Words of Truth: Integration, Spirit, Self Love

As I write this article we are energetically in between the Lunar and Solar Eclipse in August. There is global upset on all levels, and the world is on the brink of war.

This month is about having your wolf clan and being connected to your pack. It is a time when you rely upon the connections you have with your friends and family to find peace and solitude from the external chaos and upset that this world seems to be spinning into a destructive web.

During such times, it is essential to love yourself and connect to that deeper place inside that will give you energy and solace from the Universe. None of us can do this alone.

I learned that from a very young age. We are never alone. We always have help if we ask spirit to support us. The response from spirit comes from the asking. We are in a freewill zone, and thus each and every choice you make creates a new set of doorways that you get to choose which to walk through.

If you need help ... you do need to ask. In such a time, being very perceptive and

clear about what is happening and what your options are is essential to remaining calm in the face of challenges.

As I said last month, these eclipses are impacting the United States astrological charts for the next few years, and the "Be Prepared" motto should be your way of life. You will need to learn to adapt to a kaleidoscope of constantly strained and changing circumstances.

You learn what you are really made of when you are in trying times, and you learn about hidden strengths that you did not know that you possessed.

This month the Beaver card is building something, but the Spider is weaving things that are very unfamiliar to your old landscape. Sometimes the only way to break through the illusions of the Moon card are to have a total collapse of systems that break down the old reality like burning a house to the ground, so all that is left is the foundation and from there you have to rebuild.

The Ace of Wands is a fire club of war being brandished in hate, anger and rage. There are many that have been feeding the dogs of war, and so no one should be surprised at the result of all that projection.

The only way through this is to completely surrender and let go of the old way, the old beliefs, and the rigid righteousness that has been tearing apart the structures that have held the hope of democracy stable for centuries. It is time to find a new way and path.

That is where the hope resides, and a new stronger republic can then rise from the ashes out of this destructive negativity and hatred that has been festering for so long, buried beneath the resentment of so many that wish ill on those that do not deserve such treatment.

In September, you have to love in the face of judgement and hate. You have to care about others when they want to destroy and

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PEO Scholarships

Extra generosity allows award of scholarship to second Willits graduate

Two lucky women were the recipients of scholarship awards from the local PEO service group; Mandy McCloud and Tia Lynn Grant.

McCloud was able to receive her scholarship from funds raised at the PEO's fundraising dinner, held at El Mexicano last May. Monies raised at the event were enough to cover her scholarship. However, the restaurant's owner, Tony Madrigal, decided to donate back the funds that were going to be used to cover the cost of the food, and therefore, a second scholarship was able to be given with those funds.

Grant was the recipient of this second scholarship, and both young women were honored at a recent breakfast social at Lumberjack's Restaurant to celebrate. The social was attended by PEO members Jennie Jergenson, Della Bennett, Mary Bulles, Betty Janich, Dorothy Dalske, Allan Denny and PEO President Pandi Denny, who was also a previous recipient of a PEO scholarship when she decided to head back to school to become a nurse.

Grant will be majoring in forensic science at Sacramento State, and McCloud will be attending Santa Rosa Junior College where she will be studying psychology.

— Maureen Moore



At top: Attendees at the PEO scholarship breakfast, including from left: Jennie Jergenson, Tia Lynn Grant, Mary Bulles, Betty Janich, Allan Denny, Pandi Denny, Mandy McCloud, and her mom, Louella.



At left, top: Scholarship recipients, Tia Lynn Grant, left, and Mandy McCloud, right, pose with PEO President Pandi Denny, center.

At left: Jennie Jergenson, left, poses with Dorothy Dalske, scholarship recipient Tia Lynn Grant, and Mary Bulles, right.

Photos by Della Bennett and Jennie Jergenson



Above, from left: Leif Perez of Dolce Vita interacts with customers at the annual Round Valley Blackberry Festival. Bob Baskin and Ian Godchild of Company 52 hang out with Smokey the Bear. Sheila Matthias of the Blackberry Festival Committee poses with an antique patrol car.



Below: The car show on the way into the festival displays unique and antique vehicles. At right: The entrance to the festival greets visitors.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Blackberry Festival

Annual Round Valley event a celebration of community

It is billed as the Round Valley Blackberry Festival, but it's just as much about the community and the people who live in this quiet, remote and beautiful valley as it is about blackberries. This year's festival occurred on August 19 and 20.

"The Blackberry Festival is a catalyst," said Sheila Matthias of the Blackberry Festival Committee. "You'll see a diversity of the community, and you'll see other people that come into the community. It started because we have so many blackberries in this town. Local people came together and said 'Let's do a festival.'"

"That was 35 years ago," continued Matthias. "A lot of people now use the festival as a reunion time: 'Come to Covelo, and we'll see you at the Blackberry Festival.' There's a square dance on Saturday evening. There's a gal who grew up here that plays her fiddle on the street on Saturday night. It's a happening weekend for Covelo in all the right ways. The natives are doing something there; the cowboys are doing a rodeo circuit."

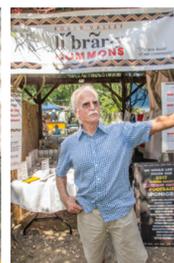
There was also a 5k and 10k footrace on Saturday that culminated at the refurbished library. "It's a run and a walk," said Gus Evans of Friends of the Round Valley Library. "Some people even push strollers. It starts off as a party at the main drag, the highway and Howard Street. The 10k ends up at the library. Usually only a few people finish the 10k. They used to have a bunch of prizes, but now it's more for personal pride. There are a couple of 10k people who are actually trying to beat each other. It's exciting, with cheering and loud, happy people."

The local radio station, KYBU, represented by Louisa Bolton-Ast and her sister, Zoe George, were doing a live, remote broadcast for people in the valley.

On the street and on the walk into the festival, you can peruse an array of antique and unique vehicles. Automobiles and shiny motorcycles line the walkway. Turning right after the car show, you are greeted by the wooden sign at the entrance to the festival. Entrance is free, and the glade that houses the festival is shaded and inviting with the handmade, non-industrial booths circled around the colorful entertainment stage.

Not huge in size but large in warmth, the festival has artisan booths and places to get food and drink. Blackberry drinks and desserts can be found, but mostly it is about the art and the

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Above, left: Zoe George and Louisa Bolton-Ast of KYBU Radio Covelo broadcast from the festival. Above, right: Ramona Rose, one of many singers throughout the two days, entertains visitors.

At left: Sarah Scott sells clothing and accessories.

Below, from left: Carmen, Leif and Lilliana Evergreen Perez of Dolce Vita pose among their colorful fashions. Tiger Lily Holyoak shares her living succulent arrangements. Katie Margerison and Jon Giusti of Epic Life Vegetables boast a colorful array. Gus Evans of Round Valley Friends of the Library directs festival-goers.



Loving Lilly

Lilly is a sweet gal who loves to greet you at the door. She will be there the second you sit, warming your lap and giving you plenty of purrs. Lilly likes to talk, so you'll never be left wanting for conversation. She would make a very good companion for anyone looking for a loving cat who will give you all the love in the world.

For more information on Lilly or other adoptable animals, call Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County at 485-0123, check www.mendohumanesociety.com, or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

OBITUARY |

Christina Walker

Christina (Tina) Marie Walker passed away August 12, 2017 at the age of 47. Born December 18, 1969 to Charles E. and Rosine "King" Walker in Hackensack, New Jersey, "Tina" was a Willits resident for the past 38 years. She was a compassionate, loving caregiver for 10 of those years, bringing her heart and joy to her clients, who became friends, as she tenderly cared for them.

Tina loved music from a very young age when a group of her friends would get together with her, and someone's dad would take them all to see their favorite artists. They loved all the popular rock artists and music. Tina enjoyed kayaking on the lakes; swimming, and relaxing in the sun at the river, and walking in the majesty of the redwood forests. She loved her family and friends, and always blessed them with her radiant smile that lit up the world around her.

Tina is survived by her loving father, Charles (Eddie) Walker and her aunt, Lynn Walker, and all those that knew and loved her for the gentle and joyful spirit she shared with them.

Services celebrating her life were held at the Willits Senior Center Sunday, August 27, 2017.

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



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

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The rest of Football | From Page 3

According to Chris Bickford, varsity head coach: "The game was tough because we showed in the first quarter that we could certainly play with them. For whatever reason, the switch flipped in the second quarter, and we gave up way too many points, but in the second half we played them pretty even. Just that second quarter was the big thing for us."

Athletics, at the high school level, is a team effort, not just on the field but with the school administration, parents, student supporters, cheerleading squad and many other people in the town itself. This year, the Willits High School football program is inundated by new and innovative personnel, both in coaching and administrative positions.

Michael Colvig is the new principal of the high school. He brings with him a background of coaching and administration. "I expect, this year, to see the students fully engaged in the classroom and on the field," he said. "I expect to see teachers getting to know their students and their students' parents at a level much higher than in the past, so that the students know that we care about them and that we're vested in their future, so that they can perform at the top of their abilities."

The new assistant principal and athletic director is Marian Talitha Lohne, who has two boys, ages 12 and 14, and comes from a background of teaching at the elementary level and an athletic background in volleyball, softball and basketball in college and high school. "As athletic director," she explained, "I organize transportation for the teams. I do their eligibility to play. I schedule all the referees. I organize the coaches, make sure they have all their requirements and certifications they need to coach."

Chris Bickford, a 2009 Willits High School graduate, is the new varsity head coach. He was an All-American defensive end at the University of Rochester and formerly coached at Happy Camp in Northern California. Of his team, he said: "I see a lot of potential for our team this year. I see, if they stick together, we're going to see success quickly. They just need some consistency in what they are doing. We have a lot of athletically talented players. We're lacking in a lot of size, but athletically I would put our players against anyone in our division."

Aaron Branscomb is the assistant coach and new athletic coordinator. He volunteers his time with the football and baseball teams, as he wants to be involved, not only in his sons' lives but in the lives of the players that he has known from their early days. He is eager to see them reach their full potential.

As athletic coordinator, he keeps the teams organized. "I make sure we have all the paperwork for each team," he explained. "I coordinate the physicals and codes of conduct. I make sure game time stuff is ready. Make sure we're ready to play equipment-wise. I used to just do football and baseball, but now that I'm helping Marian, I do all sports. I make sure they have all their equipment and that it is safe and up-to-date."

"What we're really focusing on is building a program that is viable year-round so the kids are supported in the summertime with athletics and more community involvement with our sports, so the whole town is involved. Our games are free - where other towns are beginning to charge to see the games - making our games available to all who wish to support the athletes," Lohne said.

The next WHS football home games are set for Friday, September 1, against Ferndale; JV will play at 5:30 pm, and varsity starts at 7:30 pm. Then, on Friday, September 8, WHS will play Lower Lake at home; JV starting at 5:30 pm and varsity at 7:30 pm.

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local support that the artists give to each other. The sense of community is felt by all the artisans, which is a large part of the reason they choose to live in the remote valley that contains the town of Covelo.

People come to Covelo for many reasons, but all agree on the beauty and community, especially among artists and artisans. Many consider Covelo to be their final destination. Tiger Lily Holyoak, who crafts plant and small driftwood creations, has lived in Covelo for five years, having come from Oregon, Tennessee and other locations. "I was on tour with a band from Alaska and played in Covelo one year. I kept getting pulled back here. We've got a special community. We have a beautiful farmers market on Fridays, noon to four, and a library that they've put so much work into."

Jessie Jones sells finely crafted furniture made from distressed wood and sells hats as well. She has spent the last 11 years of her young life in Covelo. She used to come here backpacking in the Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Wilderness with her college professor, now her land partner, doing land studies. "I love Covelo," shared Jones. "It's an outstanding community. Nothing compares to it once you live here. People think it's the Wild West here, and they're right."

"Everybody is here for their own individual reason," continued Jones, "because there are a lot of strong, independent-minded people that want to create lifestyles for themselves that are out of the norm. We're remote for any other community, so we can create the lifestyle that we want. We have to do it with each other. There's wilderness everywhere you go, clean water and space ... and no police. I feel that people don't give Covelo enough credit for the community that we are and are continuing to become."

There is an experimental and counter-culture facet to the community. Epic Life Vegetables, a farm owned by Katie Margerison and Jon Giusti, grew out of their experience at the Live Power Community Farm which is a horse-powered farm utilizing biodynamics. Epic Life Vegetables is a 15-member community sustained agriculture farm in which the philosophy they live is to give more to the earth than you take from it.

The official face of the Round Valley Blackberry Festival is a clown. Michael McCarthy, better known as Mickey the Clown, has been a mainstay at the festival since its inception 35 years ago. "It started off as something very small," McCarthy explained, "but it has become something very cool - lots of great talent. All of the bands are local, mostly from Covelo, and it all works well. This is a big arts community. There are writers here, lots of musicians, lots of people in the entertainment business - including me. I started clowning when I was seven and when I was 14, I was out with the Clyde Beatty Circus. Covelo is a great place to end up. I was an ambassador of goodwill with Circus Vargas in the '70s and '80s. Now I write and perform kids' music as a clown. I've worked with the festival for 35 years and finally got my picture on the poster and T-shirt. It's like getting a gold watch for retirement."

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

MONDAY POINTS DAYS 5X POINTS

All Players Club members will earn 5X Points from 10A to 10P on the days of the promotion!

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(to be used for that day only) when the customer has earned minimally 50 points from 10am to 7pm.

BINGO! THURSDAY

12PM \$100 FREE PLAY

1PM \$100 CASH

2PM \$150 CASH

8PM \$150 FREE PLAY

9PM \$150 CASH

10PM \$300 CASH

Players Club members must have earned minimally 50 points to receive a bingo card for the 12P, 1P & 2P bingo games. Bingo at 12P for \$100 Free Play, 1P for \$100 Cash & 2P for \$150 cash for each game winner.

Players Club members must have earned minimally 80 points (throughout the day) to receive a bingo card for the 8P, 9P & 10P bingo games. Bingo at 8P for \$150 in Free Play, \$150 Cash and the 9P game & \$300 in cash for the 10P game. ANY SENIOR (55+) THAT WINS A BINGO GAME (Not a second chance), WILL WIN A \$50 FREE PLAY BONUS.

Bingo Cards can start being issued at 11A for the 12P game, and 7P for the 8P game. The 12P, 2P, 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 2P 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 2P game and \$100 Cash for the 10P game. The "Second Chance Win" opportunity will be announced before each of the specific games.

FRIDAY NIGHT PAYDAY!

WIN CASH FROM 8-11!

\$100	\$150	\$300
10:00AM - 10:30PM	10:30PM - 11:00PM	

SEPTEMBER 29th BIG WINNINGS!

8pm - \$100 9pm - \$150
10pm - \$200 10:30pm - \$300
11pm - \$500

TUESDAY POT OF GOLD PLINKO



Hot Seats 12 RANDOM HOT SEAT DRAWINGS

Approximate Times of Hot Seat Drawings

1P - 4P (twice per hour = 6 Drawings)

7P - 10P (twice per hour = 6 Drawings)

Winner will receive one Plinko Chip. The Winner will place the Plinko Chip in a slot of their choice on the top of the Plinko board. The plinko chip will slide down the board and will land in one of 8 prize slots. Prizes will be randomly placed at the bottom of the Plinko board.

The prizes are: "\$20 Free Play", "\$40 Free Play", "\$60 Free Play", "\$100 Free Play".

If a winning customer has less than 300 points earned (on the day of the promotion) when their name is drawn, they will win the "base" Free Play amount.

If the winning customer has earned more than 300 points on the day of the promotion, they will earn a 50% bonus on the Free Play they won.

The Players Club Representative will switch the prizes on the bottom of the Plinko Board every six games. All Free Play won must be played by 2A. Customers may win up to twice each Tuesday.

HOT WEDNESDAYS

EARLY SESSION
11A TO 3P (2 WINNERS/HOUR).
EACH WINNER WILL WIN \$30 FREE PLAY

EVENING SESSION
-7P TO 9P (2 WINNERS/HOUR)
EACH WINNER WILL WIN \$60 FREE PLAY

-9P TO 10P (3 WINNERS/HOUR)
EACH WINNER WILL WIN \$120 FREE PLAY CUSTOMERS MAY WIN UP TO TWO TIMES EACH WEDNESDAY.

SATURDAY NIGHT FUN

SEPTEMBER 2, 9, 23 & 30 • HOT SEAT DRAWINGS!

Round #1:
11 AM to 12 PM - 2 random winners per hour (6 winners total)
Each winner will win \$50 in Free Play. Customers will have to play a minimum of \$20 to be eligible for Round #1.

Round #3:
9 PM to 10 PM - 3 random winners per hour. Each winner will win \$100 in Free Play. Customers will have to play a minimum of \$40 to be eligible for Round #3.

Round #2:
6 PM to 8 PM - 3 random winners per hour (6 total winners)
Each winner will win \$75 in Free Play. Customers will have to play a minimum of \$30 to be eligible for Round #2.

Round #4:
10 PM to 11 PM - 3 random winners per hour. Each winner will win \$150 in Free Play. Customers will have to play a minimum of \$50 to be eligible for Round #4.

All winner(s) must use their promotional "Free Play" by 2AM the night they won, or the Free Play will be removed from their account. Customers may win up to two (2) times each Saturday of this promotion.

California Indian Day!

September 22, 2017

Players Club members will receive \$5 Free Play. If a Players Club member shows their Tribal ID, they will receive \$10 of additional Free Play.

Hot Seat Drawings:

12P to 2P
(2 winners per hour to win \$50 free play each)

2P to 5P
(2 winners per hour to win \$75 free play each)

SATURDAY NIGHT CASH BINGO SEPT. 16!



6PM "Buy-In" for the 7P & 8P games: 75 Points
7PM Game - \$100 Cash • 8PM Game - \$200 Cash

9:00PM "Buy-In" for the 10:00P and 11:00A games: 100 Points
10:00PM Game \$250 Cash
11:00PM Game \$300 Cash

Scratch Card Sunday!

10am-8pm!

Players Club members that earn minimally 40 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
\$75 Free Play	\$100 Free Play	
\$20 Cash	\$50 Cash	\$100 Cash

Customers may receive only one Scratch Card each Sunday for this promotion. All Free play that is won via the Hot Seat drawings must be used by 2am on the same gaming day, or the winnings (Free Play) will be removed from the customer's account.

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EARN ENTRIES:
Tuesday September 5, 12, 19 & 26 (25 points/entry)
Wednesday September 6, 13, 20 & 27 (25 points/entry)
Saturday September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (25 points/entry)
During the first week (September 2, 5, 6 & 9), customers may earn entries by also using previously earned points in their accounts.



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Thursday, August 31

Back to School Clothing Drive, Day One: Foster Youth Outfitters asks the public to donate gently used kids' and teens' clothes for a good cause. Bag up all clean items in good condition and then drop them in the trailer next to the soccer concession stand on East Commercial Street. Thursday, August 31 and Friday, September 2.



Dan Chesser's 90th Birthday: "Dan, owner for 35 years of John's Place, is 90. Come celebrate with him. Everyone welcome for cake and celebration." Thursday, August 31. 4 to 7 pm. At the new John's Place, 377 South Main Street.

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

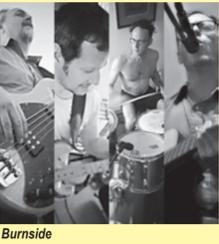
Friday, September 1

Back to School Clothing Drive, Day Two: Foster Youth Outfitters asks the public to donate gently used kids' and teens' clothes for a good cause. See Thursday, August 31 listing for details.

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

WHS Football Home Game: Willits High School vs. Ferndale High School at home. Friday, September 1. No gate fee. JV game at 5:30 pm (JV head coach Josh Husarek); varsity game at 7:30 pm (varsity head coach Chris Bickford).

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



Burnside

Saturday, September 2

Mendo Mill's High School Bucket Challenge Day One: Buy a Mendo Mill bucket at one of five locations in Mendocino and Lake counties, including Willits, for \$5. Fill the bucket with tools and sundries, save 20 percent on everything in the bucket, and Mendo Mill will donate \$10 per bucket to your local high school sports program. Three days: Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 2, 3 and 4. Mendo Mill Willits, 305 East Commercial Street, 459-4631.

What's Happening Around Town

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

Phoenix Rising Gardening Class: Learn agricultural skills and help with one of the gardens that provide vegetables for the Willits Food Bank. The last two classes of 2017: Saturday, September 2, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm; and Saturday, October 7, 12:30 to 4:30 pm. West side of North Street between Redwood Street and Pine Street. Instructor is Ron Woolsey, and classes will reflect the needs of the garden, the time of year and be based in the teachings of Alan Chadwick's Biodynamic French Intensive system and Masanobu Fukuoka's "The One Straw Revolution." Classes are free, but donations are appreciated. Info: Ron 489-5408 (leave a message with a good time to call you back).

'Claws for a Cause' Benefit Dinner & Auction: hosted by Willits Rotary Club, South Ukiah Rotary, and the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, and members of the Redwood Empire Lions Club. Saturday, September 2, from 6 to 9 pm at the "Historic Howard House" on Ridgewood Ranch, 16200 Highway 101. The elegant meal will be prepared by Adam's Restaurant of Willits, and includes Maine lobster accompanied by a filet mignon steak, appetizers, and dessert. Wine tasting hosted by Barra of Mendocino County. Music by the Ed Reinhart Band, and a dollar auction and silent auction. Event tickets, \$80, are available at Willits Furniture Center, or by calling Erin Holzhauser at 391-3873. All proceeds from this event will benefit the nonprofit Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center. Info: Diane Cannon, board president, Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center: 489-8372, or Mike Smith, Willits Rotary Club Event Coordinator: 972-2471.

"Maintaining Inner Light - A Seven Year Journey": Opening reception for the September show at the Willits Center for the Arts features the brilliantly colored wall sculptures of String Creek artist Nancy McHone, plus the jewelry of

Megan West McHone - MWMDesigns.com. Show runs from September 2 through September 24. Reception appetizers by Chef Marie Blancas and wines by Naughty Boy Vineyards from Potter Valley. Flowers for the exhibit provided by Carissa Chiniaeff. Saturday, September 2. Members 6 pm, general public 7 to 9 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-1726 or www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

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

Sunday, September 3

Mendo Mill High School Bucket Challenge Day Two: Support your local high school sports program. Three days: Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 2, 3 and 4. See Saturday, September 2 listing for details.



Rotarians Jolene, Mike, Alana and Ann are ready for the Claws for a Cause event.

Senior Center Bingo: Doors open 10 am. Snack bar opens 11 am. Games begin 11:30 am. Minimum buy-in \$10. Sunday lunch special: hot dogs, nachos, chili, chips, desserts. Sunday, September 3. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Monday, September 4

Happy Labor Day! Mendo Mill High School Bucket Challenge Day three: Support your local high school sports program. Three days: Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 2, 3 and 4. See Saturday, September 2 listing for details.

Tuesday, September 5

Dining with Twining Time: The first Tuesday of every month, John Wagenet and Anita Blu, joined by vocalist Helen Falandes, perform Folk/Country/American music, offering two-part harmony, acoustic guitar and keyboard. Tuesday, September 5. 12:30 to 3 pm. No cover. Brickhouse Coffeehouse, 3 South Main Street, featuring organic coffee, gluten-free baked goods, sandwiches, and more. Info: 459-1598.



Twining Time

"Mental Health: Up Close and Personal": An evening with Willits residents Jed Diamond, Tom Allman and Gary Martin, in the first of a series of discussions on mental health issues in our community and how we can solve them. Presented by the Avenues to Wellness speaker series. Tuesday, September 5. 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. "In an effort to de-stigmatize the issues of mental illness and open up candid discussion, these three prominent community members will speak personally about their experience related to mental illness." Visit www.avenuestowellness.org for more information or call 456-9676.

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: "Leap," "Wind River," and "The Hitman's Bodyguard." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Wednesday, September 6

North County Women in Business: NCWB's monthly first Wednesday meeting in September features guest speaker Megan Barber Allende, CEO and president of the Community Foundation, who will speak about the current aims and activities of the foundation. Refreshments provided by Ana Cox, Shamrock Artisan Goat Cheese. Wednesday, September 6. 8:15 to 9:30 am. Free to Willits Chamber of Commerce members, free to first-time guests, \$5 to returning non-members. Willits Center for the Arts, upstairs gallery, 71 East Commercial Street.

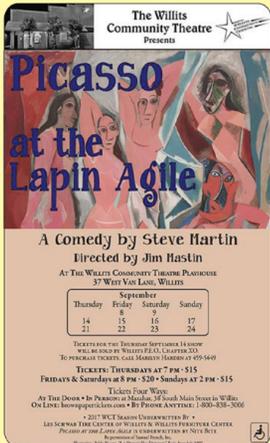
Thursday, September 7

Book Reading at Willits Library: Robin Rule, award-winning local poet, is celebrating a new collection of 30 short stories, "Trailer for Rent: The Redbud Jane Stories." It is a young adult book about the methods an 11-year-old trailer girl uses to combat poverty, parental alcoholism, child abuse, and hunger while maintaining a sense of joy in life. "Redbud Jane refuses to lie down and just give up.... She is a one-girl circus, and she tries to put a smile on your face no matter how tough your problems are." A

book signing follows the reading. Refreshments will be served. Thursday, September 7, 6 to 7 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

Friday, September 8

WHS Volleyball Home Game: Willits High School vs. Laytonville High School at home. Friday, September 8. Varsity only at 3:30 pm (varsity head coach Jill Walton).



WHS Football Home Game: Willits High School vs. Lower Lake High School at home. Friday, September 8. No gate fee. JV game at 5:30 pm (JV head coach Josh Husarek); varsity game at 7:30 pm (varsity head coach Chris Bickford).

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": Opening night tonight for comic's Steve Martin play "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," which runs September 8 through September 24 at Willits Community Theatre. This comedic play of ideas, directed by Jim Mastin, brings revolutionary

artist Pablo Picasso and renowned physicist Albert Einstein to the famed Parisian cafe where they discuss the implications of their work and attempt to predict what is coming next. The set will be decorated with the works of local artists, whose works will be available for purchase by audience members. Painting sales will benefit WCT as well as supporting local artists. The show runs Friday, September 8 through Sunday, September 24, with performances on Thursdays at 7 pm for \$15, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$20, and Sunday matinees on September 17 and 24 at 2 pm for \$15. Advance tickets are available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane. A special "First Thursday," September 14 performance is a benefit for the Willits P.E.O.'s scholarship and awards fund, appetizers start at 6:15 pm, call Marilyn Harden at 459-5649 for tickets or email marilyn.harden@rocketmail.com

Shanachie Pub: Billie Kerr, a singer/songwriter who turns life into art. Friday, September 8. 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, September 9

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



"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": Comic Steve Martin's play of ideas, 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, September 8 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Rocky Tallent & Spanky Baldwin bring backwoods music of spiritual childhood from the Missouri Ozarks. Saturday, September 9, 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, September 10

Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival: Annual September steam-up is set for Saturday, September 9 (starts at 9 am) and Sunday, September 10 (goes through 4 pm) at the Roots facility, 420 East Commercial Street. See Saturday, September 9 listing for details.

Ramana Vieira sings at WCT: Portuguese romantic folk singer Ramana Vieira and her ensemble perform at the Willits Community Theatre.



"Be immersed in the rapturous rhythms and stirrings of traditional "Fado," dramatic expressions of love, loss and redemption." Advance tickets: \$20. Available in person at Mazahar; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets at the door until sold out. Sunday, August 10. 2 pm. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Ongoing Events

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

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon Meeting: Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind 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 lotusb3@earthlink.net.

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

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

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

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

Evening Meditation Class: Ideal for learning and practicing Tranquility and Om meditation, Tuesdays, 7:30 pm. Sunday Morning Fellowship: Dharma talk, guided silent and chanting meditations, and introduction to Shambhala healing tools. Sundays, 10:30 am. Still Mountain Meditation Center, 1500 Hearst Road. Info: 357-4676.

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

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

Willits P.E.O. Fundraiser at WCT

Thursday, September 14
On Thursday, September 14, the Willits P.E.O. Chapter XO, is hosting a special "First Thursday" performance of comic Steve Martin's comedic play of ideas, "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," at Willits Community Theatre (see Friday, September 8 listing for more details about the play). Funds raised through ticket sales will go towards Chapter XO's scholarships and awards. P.E.O. is an international philanthropic organization helping the advancement of women through education to achieve their highest aspiration. Tickets are \$15 and include appetizers (drinks available). Appetizers start at 6:15 pm; the play starts at 7 pm. For tickets, please contact Marilyn Harden at 459-5649, or marilyn.harden@rocketmail.com.

COLUMN | At the Movies



'Leap'

The Story: An animated, full-length feature film. The place: France. The decade is a bit shaky: 1870-ish, or 1880-ish, or 1890-ish. Felicia is a wee bit flighty orphan girl who dreams of being a ballerina. Victor is a klutzy orphan boy who dreams of being an inventor. They are best friends. Together, they escape the orphanage and go to Paris. Various accidents happen. They stay best friends. Each gets what she and/or he wants.

My Thoughts: A nice-enough! Rags to riches! Live your dream! Work hard and don't give up! "I'm gonna be a Star!" Exclamation point! Kind of movie. There were moments when I truly enjoyed it. Children will be charmed. The stuck-up snotty bad guys get their comeuppance. The heroic orphans achieve their dreams through hard work and a plucky attitude. And, as with most animated flicks, the drama is secondary to the slapstick. One more plus for the flick is that the mandatory pop tunes are not especially irritating, forgettable even, which is fortunate as they have to exist alongside Tchaikovsky ... think "Swan Lake" and "The Nutcracker."

Parents: "Leap!" is wholesome. Bring the kids. *Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.*



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Senior Center Lunch

Week of September 4 through September 8
Monday: Happy Labor Day! Center Closed
Tuesday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce
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Thursday: Fish Tacos
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Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entree, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

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Free Art Therapy Workshop

Saturday, September 16
Join art therapist and artist Susan Sweet and artists Nancy McHone and David Weitzman, who will discuss how art has been a healing tool for them, on Saturday, September 16 from 11 am to 12:30 pm at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Sweet will also lead a brief hands-on experience to demonstrate how art therapy works. The workshop is free, with free art materials provided. No art experience is necessary. RSVP to Nancy McHone 459-6371 by September 15 so that the amount of space and materials needed can be planned. Maximum number of workshop participants is 25. This workshop is an extension of Nancy McHone's show "Maintaining Inner Light - A 7-Year Journey," the September show at WCA.

Mental Health Up Close & Personal
Tuesday, Sept. 5, 5:30-7:30 PM
Jed Diamond, PhD, LMHC
Tom Allman, Mendocino County Sheriff
Gary Martin, MA

In an effort to de-stigmatize the issues of mental illness and open up candid discussion, three prominent community members will speak personally about their experience related to mental illness. Jed and Gary will talk about how mental illness has affected their life, how they broke denial, and their path to wellness through treatment. Tom Allman will share his experience of losing his brother to suicide and the mental illness he sees on our streets every day. Please join us in getting up Close and Personal.

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At left: Jeff Dowling, left, Charley Lacey, David Swingle and Bill Barksdale enjoy Saturday's 40th anniversary party for the Willits Community Theatre. Below: WCT Managing Director Chrystina Patterson, left, stands with actress Tara Logan. At right: Ellen Drell, left, Madge Strong and Mimi Stoll at WCT's 40th anniversary party. Photos by Ron Greystar



About 80 people helped to celebrate the Willits Community Theatre's 40th anniversary during a party held Saturday afternoon at Steve Marston's capacious backyard on West Commercial Street in Willits.

Guests enjoyed skewered chicken with veggies, along with numerous side dishes prepared by theater helpers. Tall trees on the west side of Marston's creekside property provided plenty of shade, and guests were entertained by the normal avalanche of talent that pervades the small town streets of Willits.

Mike A'Dair
Reporter
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Necole Aguilar kicked off the entertainment with a mini-concert of five traditional American folk songs, accompanied by Phil Chapman on guitar. Following Aguilar, guests were regaled with tall tales from the theater's past, including a story from David Drell about his involvement in a production of "Eeyore's Birthday," in which Drell played Winnie the Pooh. Drell placed this production in the early 1970s and said it was not a Willits Community Theatre production, as the Willits Community Theatre was not founded until 1977. However, Drell said several of the principals in the production were instrumental in forming the theater company a few years later.

Lanny Cotler spoke about his strategy as the director of "Dueling Pianos," which was the first production in the playhouse on West Van Lane and which took place in the spring of 1993. The big stars of that production were pianists Ed Reinhart and Spencer Brewer. Cotler evoked laughter as he recounted how he made both Reinhart and Brewer jealous of each other's talents, convincing each of them that the only way to prove who was better at playing

Anniversary Party

Willits Community Theatre celebrates 40 years

the down and dirty, honkey-tonk style of boogie-woogie was to have an actual musical showdown, on stage, within the context of a script that Cotler had not yet written. The idea had legs, and Reinhart and Brewer have duelled on stage innumerable times since. No one can say who plays it better.

Bill Barksdale talked about several of his more memorable moments on the community theater's stage, including his first production at WCT, "The Haunting of Hill House," a horror show complete with a front door that bent inward as ghosts or evil demons were supposedly pushing on it from outside the house. Barksdale paid homage to Brooks Darrow, who designed the Hill House set, and who, Barksdale said, gave Barksdale everything he wanted. Barksdale said the strangely responsive door was built by Jon Bixler.

This reporter recounted how Brooks Darrow transformed himself from a normal, cheerful-looking old hippie into Lucky, Samuel Becket's hapless, totally insane working man in "Waiting for Godot." It was such an astounding transformation that one of the patrons who was watching the show turned to her husband and asked, "Where's Brooks? I thought he was supposed to be in this." She said this while Darrow was right in front of her, on stage.

Playwright Don Samson and his wife, novelist, short story writer and poet Ann Marie Samson, entertained the guests with a reading of Don Samson's original play "Grimsky,"

a memorable and funny play about being of an age where one forgets everything.

Producer Kitty Norris spoke about the Guest Artist series, which brings first-class musicians from all over the world to the Willits Community Theatre stage.

The evening wound down with the rock-jazz guitar inventions of Aaron Luedemann.

In 40 years, the Willits Community Theatre has produced and performed 153 main stage shows, from Broadway musicals like "West Side Story" and "The Music Man," to "Arsenic and Old Lace" (twice), to "Waiting for Godot" by Nobel Prize winner Samuel Becket, to raucous comedies like "Cooking for Gus" and "The Nerd." The theater has also done a healthy sampling of second stage shows, such as "Scripted," the "Speakeasy" series of monologue nights, and the recent children's theater production of "The Trial of the Wicked Witch." The theater has been honored to have produced a host of plays written by local writer Don Samson, including the whimsical musical "The Last Play Phone in Willits," the psychological drama "The Nightmare," and no less than 13 of his one-act plays. More than 65,000 people have seen our 153 mainstage shows, over 40 years.

Thanks are due to those who worked long and hard to make the party a success, including Mary Burns, Tara Logan, Steve Marston, Matt Gaynor, Darien Yanez, Chrystina Patterson and Beth Rosen. Thanks also to season underwriters Les Schwab Tire Center of Willits and Willits Furniture Center, which have been helping to support live local theater in Willits since 2006.

At left: The cast includes, from left, in front: Jeremy Hershman, Kevin Moore, Tami Potter and David Partch, and from left, in back: Lee Stipe, Gloriann Lucero and Matthew Feigel. Kevin Moore as Albert Einstein and Jeremy Hershman as Pablo Picasso join Matthew Feigel as a visitor from the future to contemplate what humankind has in store. Lee Stipe as bar owner Freddie and Gloriann Lucero as the waitress Germaine put up with David Partch as Gaston, who fancies himself the expert on women.



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Steve Martin's hit comedy 'Picasso at the Lapin Agile' opens September 8 at WCT

Visit cosmopolitan Paris in 1904 and enjoy the cozy and expansive repartee of two geniuses of the 20th century – Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein – discussing what in the world will come next. Comic Steve Martin's hilarious rumination on genius, art and science, "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," opens for its three-week, 10-show run on Friday, September 8 at the Willits Community Theatre.

Directed by Jim Mastin, the play brings forth revolutionary artist Picasso into the famed Parisian cabaret at the turn of the century where he meets world-renowned physicist Albert Einstein. A colorful cast of local characters joins in the fun, and they toss about ideas that could well turn the world inside out and upside down. The result is a serious contemplation of the nature and origin of genius, as well as a rollicking spoof of that contemplation.

Director Mastin and his wife, Mary Buckley, who serves as the stage manager, have worked together and separately on mainstage and

other productions at Ukiah Players Theatre and Mendocino College. For several years they co-produced UPT's Readers Theatre Series. This is Mastin's first time directing at WCT, and he is excited about bringing this unique show together with his more than 35 years of varied theater experience.

"I like seeing it all come together," Mastin says, "particularly this production, which was a challenge to cast – and putting it all together on stage as an art form. I think this is something the community will be quite pleased with." Starring in the show are local favorites Kevin Moore, Lee Stipe, Gloriann Lucero, David Partch, Tara Logan, Kathy de Bane, Ron Greystar, Tami Potter, Jeremy Hershman and Matthew Feigel.

The action takes place at an actual bar called the Lapin Agile, which was a popular gathering spot for artists, musicians and freethinkers in the artsy Montmartre section of Paris. The audience is welcomed into intimate and enlightening moments as Picasso engages in

lively exchanges with the eminent Einstein, and experiences an epiphany about the new era that is dawning.

Playwright Martin's absurdist humor swings into full gear as the other characters join in the fray, including a moment where the corner curmudgeon, Gaston, erupts into a Percy Sledge song line from the 1970s. This wild mix of eras and time frames, of colorful Parisian characters, of enormous ideas – name it – merges into an evening of non-stop, witty, free-wheeling entertainment, complete with a surprise mystery guest who appears from the future wearing blue suede shoes.

Unique to this WCT production, local artists are providing paintings that will be included on the set and will be available for purchase by audience members. Painting sales will benefit WCT as well as supporting local artists. The artists include Wayne Knight, Bob Mastin, Peter

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COLUMN | Chamber Corner



September happenings

The Willits Chamber of Commerce has been busy! Those of you who are chamber members may have seen the new and exciting e-Newsletters that are coming your way monthly. These newsletters keep all of our members updated on what the chamber is doing for our business community, the events coming up, any business highlights, and much more. If you are a chamber member and have anything you would like to see in our newsletter, please get in touch! You should also keep your eye out for the new "Trivia Tuesday" feature that will be appearing every week on the chamber's Facebook page. Trivia Tuesday will highlight something interesting or exciting that the community may not know about one of our members. What would you like to share about your business?

Allison Findley
Willits Chamber of Commerce

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Proceeds from the event go to benefit the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, also located at Ridgewood Ranch, formerly known as the TRAIL program. The center is "a non-profit, therapeutic riding program that serves the needs of youth throughout Mendocino County. The goal of the program is to teach the skill of riding to children with special needs and use the added benefits of horse movement, coordination and personal awareness to help develop skills and strength in their daily lives."

Ambassadors needed

The Willits Chamber of Commerce is building up our "ambassadors" program. What is the ambassadors program you ask? The chamber ambassadors are the backbone of our volunteer network. They are members of the community who want to help fulfill the mission of the Willits chamber, which is: "To make Willits a better place to live, work and play."

Our ambassadors provide essential help not only to the chamber itself, but to visitors and tourists, as well as our local community. We have several different volunteer needs at the chamber that our ambassadors help with that are currently open. If you would like to be a part of this volunteer community, please contact myself, the chamber coordinator, or the chair of the ambassadors, Lisa Davis of Scoops.

Upcoming events

September 6 at 8:15 am: Megan Barber Allende, CEO and president of the Mendocino County Community Foundation, will join us at our North County Women in Business meeting to discuss how the Community Foundation helps communities in Mendocino County. The North County Women in Business meeting takes place the first Wednesday of every month and always has something interesting to offer. The purpose of this group is to further the success of women in business through mentoring, educational workshops, business spotlights, and relevant dialogue in management and leadership issues. Our mission is to foster growth and opportunities for women through an organized and diverse networking forum.

September 6 at 6 pm: The Willits Chamber of Commerce is hosting a short class with a wonderful presenter from the Employment Development Department, who will show businesses how to make the switch from paper filing to e-filing. In August 2015, California passed Assembly Bill 1245 requiring all employers to electronically submit employment tax returns, wage reports, and payroll tax deposits to the EDD.

This new requirement rolls out for businesses with 10 employees or less on January 1, 2018. This presentation will fill you in on anything and everything you need to know to keep your business compliant with these new filing requirements. These are mandated requirements, but they don't have to be difficult. Come and learn everything you need to make this an easy and painless switch. This September 6 event will take place at 6 pm at the Willits Community Center and is free to all chamber members. For non-chamber members, the fee is \$5. Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

Visit Willits

In an effort to address the challenges presented by the bypass and to continue to help the Willits community thrive, the Willits Chamber of Commerce and the City of Willits are collaborating on the formation of a new board, tasked with spearheading a marketing plan for Willits with a focus on driving tourism to Willits. The Visit Willits Tourism Board, known as "Visit Willits," will be a working board, with 13 seats reflecting a cross-section of industries and stakeholders in the Willits area. Representatives from different industries who wish to be on the board are welcome to apply, including: attractions, lodging, retail, restaurants and more. The chamber and the city will appoint an interview panel, tasked with interviewing and selecting applicants to fill the 13 board seats. Applicants who are interested in a board seat but not appointed at this time will still have a variety of opportunities to participate in the form of administration, committees and events. If you would like to apply to this board there is still time. You will find the press release and a link to the application under the "News" tab at willits.org, or you can pick up applications at the Willits Chamber of Commerce, 299 East Commercial Street.

Allison Findley is the chamber coordinator for the Willits Chamber of Commerce. You can reach her at 459-7910 or info@willits.org.

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Onstad, Polly Palacek, Marie Pera, Elaine Richard, Marlana River, Sandy Strong, Brian Weller, and Suzanne Wolf.

The show runs Friday, September 8 through Sunday, September 24, with performances on Thursdays at 7 pm for \$15, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$20, and Sunday matinees on September 17 and 24 at 2 pm for \$15. Advance tickets are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24 / 7 at 800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. A special benefit First Thursday performance sponsored by Willits P.E.O. will be held on September 14. Tickets for the benefit are \$15 and available through Marilyn Harden at 459-5649.

The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

— submitted by Steve Hellman, for WCT

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cause pain and suffering. You have to hold your hand out to those whom you might not have given the time of day to before. If you do not allow your heart to open, it will be broken open instead.

Notice the negativity that you are holding tight to your ego and how refusing to admit when you are wrong is a contributing toxin to this poisonous reality infecting the world.

The challenge now is that the batter has been made and the cake of hate is in the oven. Now we have to wait to see how big this cake rises and how much crow each of us is going to have to eat before this is completely over.

This month, do what is necessary to protect those you love. Keep your eyes open and remember that what used to be safe and secure may no longer be true. Have backup plans and remember to work together for a greater good after the breakdown that is happening.

Suzanne Wagner is a professional psychic who teaches the intuitive arts throughout the United States. She is the author of "Integral Tarot" and "Integral Numerology," which can be found on Amazon.com. For more information, visit www.suzannewagner.com, email suzanne@suzwagner.com or call her at 707-354-1019.

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Dinner, wine, auctions and mingling will be on the docket again this year; the live dollar auction will be held during the dinner, and silent auction items will be available to bid on throughout the event.

Lobster and filet mignon will be on the menu along with an array of extras including arugula salad, potato cakes, asparagus, a cheese board appetizer, and peach strawberry crisps topped with cream for dessert. As is tradition, the Willits Rotary Club will be cooking the lobster, and Chef Adam Celaya of Adam's Restaurant will be cooking the rest of the tasty offerings.

Barra of Mendocino will hold wine tastings at the beginning of the event so patrons can sample wines first before making their selections at the bar, and everyone can enjoy listening to music from The Ed Reinhart Band throughout the event.

Some of the exciting items up for auction include a "pie-a-month" for 12 months from Kemy's Pies; a dinner for eight at the Howard House; a rustic metal garden arch from Willits Furniture; a DeValt table saw and miter saw; and a Mendocino coast "rest and relaxation" package, which includes a two-night stay at the Sweetwater Inn and Spa's Redwood Cottage, a dinner for two at Cafe Beaujolais, two massages at the Sweetwater Spa, and a bottle of John Lasseter 2013 Amoureux red wine from Napa.

There will also be various antiques, memorabilia and treasures from the era of the Howards' time at Ridgewood Ranch or that share a connection to the ranch.

Three items featured in the front page images for this story fall into this category: a hand-turned wooden vase made by Richard Smith, the stepfather of long-time Ridgewood Ranch resident, Ellen Bartholomew, with wood gathered from Ridgewood Ranch; six gold-rimmed aperitif glasses which belonged to an original founder of the Golden Rule Church (located at Ridgewood Ranch); and an original snowy mountain scene oil painting created by Rebekkah Jackson.

Jackson is a well-known artist hailing from the Colorado area who was the recipient of the Colorado Governor's Invitational Art Show award, and Bartholomew's sister.

"My stepfather was an artist who created wood-turned bowls and wood-topped wine corks in Taos, New Mexico," said Bartholomew. "He used to drive up to visit us, collecting wood along the way; oak, madrone, manzanita, pine ... and then he would head home with a full truck and use much of that as his raw materials."

This vase features Ridgewood pine. The vase and painting were donated by Ellen Bartholomew and the glasses were donated by the Golden Rule community.

While tickets are going fast, Smith noted that there's still a chance to grab a seat at the table for this Saturday's event. Calling to ensure availability and reserve remaining seats is best done as soon as possible before Saturday. Tickets are \$80 each. Smith can be reached at 972-2471.

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Inner Light

McHone sculpture show at WCA focuses on the healing powers of art



At top, from left: Two of Nancy McHone's works, including "Paisley II Leaves" seen here, will be raffled off in order to raise money for the Cancer Resource Center of Mendocino County. "Floral I" showcases McHone's love for color. "Paisley III Flowers" is the second piece of artwork that will be raffled off at McHone's show. The 3D wall hanging, "Based on a Rectangle II," displays the healing powers of art. Above: Nancy McHone sculpts her work with mixed media, as seen here in her piece titled "Through It All - III."

When faced with critical illness and subsequent treatment, Willits artist Nancy McHone placed her physical care in professional hands but found that an intuitive understanding of the path to wellness revealed itself through her artwork. She took these revelations and created works of sculpture focused on the theme of the healing powers of art.

McHone's work, including 30 wall-hung pieces and 26 smaller freestanding pieces (representing letters of the alphabet), will be on display at the Willits Center for the Arts in an exhibit titled "Maintaining Inner Light." Fresh flowers, generously provided by Carissa Chiniaeff, will be part of the show as well. The show's opening will be held on September 2, from 7 to 9 pm (with a members' preview at 6 pm).

This artwork was created out of a very particular moment in McHone's life, and the details of its creation are written out on wall labels that accompany both parts of the show: Part One – "Autobiography of an Artist's Illness 2010-2013" and Part Two – "New Work 2014-2017."

McHone is basically a sculptor who loves color, so her work is wall-hung 3D pieces that are mostly abstract and are constructed by a process of taking wire, canvas and Gatorboard (a wood-laminated foam core) and creating an armature covered with papier-mâché and various adhesive coatings.

"I often don't know where the process will take me," confides McHone, "until I complete building a series [usually three pieces]. Then while painting the first piece with layers of acrylic paint, a group title will suggest itself to me that reveals a unifying message."

The name for the show comes from the I Ching – an ancient Chinese system of divination. Nancy was looking for written words to use as part of the surface decoration on some floor-standing baskets she created in 2009.

"Out of the blue, I simply asked 'Why do I still make art?' A response emerges after one asks a question and throws a group of coins or sticks and matches the pattern to the corresponding text in the I Ching. The answer was the hexagram pi / Grace.

"To paraphrase," McHone continues, "the explanation

of the hexagram said that the world of art is beautiful and works to brighten and throw light upon matters of lesser importance – but really important questions require 'greater earnestness.' The text continues by advising the need to persevere in unfavorable circumstances by 'maintaining inner light,' which can help overcome the greatest adversity.

"I didn't understand the full meaning of the words," explains McHone, "until I was diagnosed with cancer a year later. I realized then that the I Ching, with its mysterious guidance, was counseling me to deal with getting well. Now, seven years later, I try to 'maintain my inner light' through a continuing art practice."

This exhibit will also feature the jewelry of McHone's daughter, Megan West McHone, MWMDesign – "art to wear." Megan McHone was born and grew up in Willits, but left to pursue an art career at CalArts and Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandizing in Los Angeles.

"Having a predilection for fashion," Megan McHone says, "I have always been interested in how art and fashion collide and cross over – specifically as it relates to jewelry and accessories." She will be at the opening to share her new collection, "Kaleidoptopia." Using vermeil and sterling silver, she combines reclaimed costume jewelry, recycled gems, sustainably collected stones and found objects in a series of wrist cuffs, rings and pendants. No two MWMDesign pieces are the same, making every piece of jewelry its own one-of-a-kind piece of art to wear.

"Maintaining Inner Light" runs from September 2 through September 24 at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm; 459-1726.

Ongoing events during this exhibit include a raffle of two of Nancy McHone's artworks (tickets available at WCA) to benefit the Cancer Resource Center of Mendocino County. Also, a free Art and Healing workshop (materials included) will be held on September 16 at WCA, from 11 am to 12:30 pm. This will be an opportunity to discuss and experience some safe and effective art-therapy techniques with artist and therapist Sue Sweet.

– submitted by the Willits Center for the Arts

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our museum," Angelo said, "and just like any other department, there are times when we do a review of the finances of the department. We are doing a review of museum finances now.

"With the museum," she noted, "what is apparent to us is there is not a financial structure that has been developed for the nonprofit organization [Mendocino Museum Community Partners, founded by Glassey to raise money for the museum]. We are [examining] the financial records of the museum and the financial records of the nonprofit [to] determine the best course of action, moving forward. The goal of that course of action will be to support the museum."

Glassey surprised the board of supervisors in June of this year, when she requested the county pay the museum \$6,700 in order to defray expenses that had been incurred two years previously by Mendocino Museum Community Partners. Glassey told the supervisors the nonprofit spent the funds in promoting a wine and mushroom train ride that never took place, due to the fact that the Willits to Fort Bragg run on the Skunk Train was cancelled in June 2015.

When Glassey asked the supervisors for the money, Supervisor John McCowen replied: "I thought the non-profit existed to support the museum. I didn't think it was the role of the museum to support the non-profit." Nevertheless, as it was the 11th hour in the budget process, the board agreed to include an additional \$6,700 in the museum's budget.

Glassey's career has been checked since she was hired as museum director in 2009. Although she had no previous museum experience, Glassey expanded the museum's marketing program, and helped create the Mendocino County Road Show, a mix of musical and theatrical acts touching on the county's history and culture, which for several years has played to rave reviews in locations throughout the county.

Under her directorship, from 2012 to 2015 the museum sponsored the Kinetic Carnival, a "steam punk" festival that took place at the end of summer in Recreation Grove in Willits, to help raise funds for the museum. The Kinetic Carnival celebrated a past that never happened, an America that relied on steam power and railroads instead of electricity, fossil fuels and cars. It was an opportunity to dress in Victorian-zombie-chic while enjoying a sort of a naughty Charles Dickens Christmas Fair during the summer. Although dates were set for a 2016 Kinetic Carnivale, it was announced in June 2016 that the event would be put "on hold."

Museum staffing has remained problematical in recent years. For most of Glassey's tenure, the museum did not have a full-time curator. According to Dunham, the museum historically had two curators. However, in 2006, one of the two curator positions became vacant and was not filled for the next four years. In September 2010, a year after Glassey became museum director, that perennially vacant curator position was deleted; a month later, the remaining curator was laid off due to budget cuts.

Although the county reinstated one curator position in 2014, Dunham said, Glassey never requested the second position be filled, so the county did not fill it.

Since Glassey began her medical leave in June, the county has decided to fill the vacant curator position. Dunham told Willits Weekly her office has received applications from 27 people and will begin conducting interviews to fill the post in September.

Despite the lack of a full-time curator, the museum has continued to mount interesting and popular shows. One of the most successful of recent exhibits, "Main Street: Then and Now," explores historic buildings as they have grown and changed along Main Street in Willits since 1910. The show, which sprang from an idea first broached by Glassey, opened on June 10. The opening was attended by more than 200 people.

Glassey herself did not attend the opening of the exhibit. Two weeks later, she left on medical leave.

Glassey began her career in September 1976, working for the Mendocino County Department of Social Services. Over the next 15 years she climbed the organizational ladder, becoming director of social services in 1991. When John Ball, the county's first executive officer, he named Glassey as chief operations officer in 2005.

Ball, however, had a tempestuous relationship with the board of supervisors – most of which centered on the question of the relationship between the board and the county executive office. Ball was fired in June 2006 and replaced by Al Beltrami, who named Glassey assistant CEO.

In that position, Glassey was instrumental in combining the departments of social services, public health and mental health into the Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency. In September 2009 – when Beltrami's oft-repeated statement that he wanted to retire was finally accepted as true by the board of supervisors – it was Carmel Angelo, then director of social services, who was hired as Mendocino County CEO instead of Glassey, who became museum director.

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potential stacking of exemptions on any one legal parcel, extending the deadline by which cultivators must apply for a 2017 cultivation permit, and other minor ordinance revisions.

Those revisions, however, did not address a call for major changes to the ordinance made by scores of cannabis growers at board meetings in July and August.

Near the close of the August 22 board meeting, Hamburg said he wanted the board to engage in future discussions about transferability, the need for local growers to participate in a local track-and-trace system this year (when a different track-and-trace system is going to be required by the state next year), the treatment of cottage industry-scale cannabis production, the overlay issue, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance issues – and whether local growers can avoid the need to comply with the act by either getting a Class K building permit or an ag exempt status for their cannabis production facilities – provisional permits, the ban on cannabis cultivation on parcels zoned as rangeland, and whether an annual permit should be required.

Supervisors heard Hamburg's list of topics for future discussion without objection. Instead, they discussed how the board might most effectively address those topics, agreeing that using working groups might be quicker and less cumbersome that using the advisory committee model.

Tuesday's discussion by the board and the public was very brief. Cannabis advocates Casey O'Neill, Ron Edwards and Paul Hansbury addressed the board. Edwards said the board's intent to require growers to subscribe to a local track-and-trace program for this year's crop was misguided. Hansbury said the county's imposition of a business tax on the cannabis industry was unfair, and was really more in the nature of a "sin tax."

Thad Van Bueren, chairman of the Westport Municipal Advisory Council, told supervisors his community "supports regulation of the cannabis industry and feels the ordinance is generally sound. However, concerns exist about apparent deviations from the scope, certified in the environmental document, as well as the lack of transparency in the permit process.

"A key concern is that small grows are being inappropriately expanded under Phase One," he said. "For example, application 111, near Westport, proposes expanding a tiny grow into a huge industrial greenhouse operation. This new industrial use is incompatible with the upland residential zoning, definitions, and the CC&Rs [covenants, conditions and restrictions] for the subdivision. It also reflects a huge departure from the historic cultivation on this parcel. Building permits for five greenhouses, exceeding 10,000 square feet, are in construction, yet no residence, water supply or septic system are in process, as is required.

"The lack of transparency is also a concern," Van Bueren said. "The safety of neighbors is put at risk, yet permits are kept secret and complaints go unanswered."

"We have this happening all over the county," Supervisor Carre Brown replied. "I've had many phone calls. My feeling is, this is something that has to be considered as we move forward."

Supes to discuss cottage cannabis fees

The board also unanimously agreed to schedule a public hearing to revise certain fees related to the regulation of cannabis. County CEO Carmel Angelo recommended the September 12 meeting for the discussion, and the board assented to that date.

According to the agenda item for the August 29 meeting, the topic of discussion on September 12 will include "a tiered application/permit fee for cottage industry cultivation of cannabis and other amendments to cannabis program-related fees, as necessary."

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driving the truck that ran down 49-year-old Donald Wagner on Center Valley Road on December 8, 2015. Phillips then fled the scene, leaving Wagner to die.

State traffic officers said Wagner, who was wearing dark-colored clothing, was walking west in the eastbound lane of the roadway in cool, rainy weather at about 4:30 am when he was struck.

Phillips apparently stopped, the CHP report said, before fleeing the scene without calling for help. By the time officers arrived, paramedics had pronounced Wagner dead.

The jury also found Phillips guilty of two misdemeanors: reckless driving causing bodily injury and resisting arrest, the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office said.

A date for pronouncement and imposition

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helping Duley expedite backlogged projects, particularly since the council may pass a city cannabis ordinance next month, which would add to Duley's workload significantly.

"It was identified that we have this bottleneck through no fault of [Duley's] in our planning department," Orenstein said. "We have a whole lot of projects waiting in line, and we knew if we passed this marijuana ordinance we're going to get a whole lot more activity."

Orenstein said he feared tying half of the new worker's salary to grant money they would obtain, as was planned, would narrow their focus too much.

"It's obvious this individual would be spending 95 percent of their time on grant writing because their salary depends on it," he said. "Half of their wages will be offset by the grants.... I don't like it."

City Manager Adrienne Moore argued that given the city's current deficit problems – there is a projected \$400,000 budget deficit for the current fiscal year – it was important to look at all revenue possibilities, including grants.

"I think it's widely recognized that we're missing out on a lot of grant opportunities simply because we don't have the in-house capacity to research them," she said. "We need to be bringing a variety of funding sources in. We can't put all of our eggs in the cannabis basket."

When asked by Orenstein, Duley said it generally takes a project around six months to win city approval, while the "industry standard" in other municipalities is closer to 3.5 months – though he did note that some cities averaged longer than six months to approve a project.

Duley noted there are currently around 10 projects seeking approval, though a few had been delayed because the applications had not been filled out properly.

"I'm absolutely in favor of having a grant writer, but right now we have a dire need to get these projects out," said Orenstein. "It's a matter of economic importance to get these projects going so we can see some results."

Duley said while he would be happy to have more help, he approved of the way the new job classification had been laid out by Moore and city staff.

"It certainly would be great if the person that came in was able to take on some of the simpler tasks within the department, maybe some administrative tasks," he said.

The job will be an "at-will" position, meaning the city can terminate the employee at any time without providing an official reason.

In addition, the city plans to examine the effectiveness of the new hire through monthly reports by Duley, as well as with an annual assessment by the council.

The move to regularly analyze the cost benefits of the position was pushed by Councilmember Larry Stranske, who also brought up the deficit issue.

"We're \$400,000 out," he said. "We're going the wrong way in my estimation. I don't know if somebody that's writing grants and stuff can bail us out without flooding us at another point."

Stranske also again expressed concern that the city manager has too much power to hire and fire city staff compared to the council – an opinion he made clear during the recent hiring of the new chief of police.

"It still bothers me that the one person in the whole place that can evaluate this person and let them go is the city manager," he said. "There's no input from us at all."

Moore and Orenstein countered that the council does have the power to fire the city manager if they disapprove of the job they're doing, and can provide input in other ways as well.

"There are a couple different mechanisms for council input," said Moore. "We could agendize a closed session; a performance evaluation to talk about how it's going with this position; and also during budget development discussions."

of sentence will be set Friday morning at 9 am.

"A referral to the Adult Probation Department for a background study and sentencing recommendation may be delayed," the DA's Office said, until after Phillips faces a second felony trial. That trial is scheduled to begin September 11.

"The investigation [in this case] took a while, and the evidence was not as straightforward as we normally would like, but nevertheless we were still able to achieve the right and necessary results," said Assistant District Attorney Rick Welsh, who prosecuted the case.

This report was based on a post on the Mendocino County District Attorney's Facebook page.

Other council notes

Finance Director Susie Holmes reported that for the first quarter of 2017 the city's sales tax revenue had dropped by 8.2 percent compared to the first quarter of 2016, a decrease believed to be caused by the new bypass.

While the decrease was less than expected, Holmes said the drop would have been closer to 15 percent if not for a one-time payment of \$15,000 from a previous quarter that skewed the results a bit. Higher fuel prices in 2017 also increased revenue and softened the blow.

Holmes cited a decrease in gas tax money as the biggest factor in the declining revenue.

It was the last council meeting for Holmes, who has accepted a job as finance manager for the City of Cloverdale.

Orenstein, Mayor Gerry Gonzalez and others on the council thanked her for her service to the city. Holmes was hired as finance director in April 2014.

"Since you've been on board here, I've really enjoyed working with you," said Orenstein. "Your reports are great. You're smart, you bring the information we need.... I really, really enjoyed having you with us, and good luck to you in the future."

"Thank you, it's been my privilege," Holmes replied.

The council approved a contract with Apply-A-Line, Inc., to provide new traffic safety striping under the direction of the public works department. Moore said they would start with the school zones, and then prioritize other high-traffic areas where the striping is poorest.

The council also adopted a resolution awarding a contract to Argonaut Constructors for construction of the Maple & Laurel Street Utility Project in an amount not to exceed \$606,806.

Stranske said the Mendocino Council of Governments, where he sits as the council's representative, approved funding for a new "route watch" system for the Mendocino Transit Authority. The system will provide real-time accurate schedules and updates of bus locations in the county for those with smart phones and other devices.

Councilmember Saprina Rodriguez, the council's representatives to the MTA, said she was excited to hear that news; it was something she had been lobbying for. "Not only will this make the management easier for MTA, but it's going to significantly improve the riders' experience," she said.

Rodriguez said the Visit Willits Tourism Board is currently accepting applications from community members who would like to take part in the project. The board is a joint venture between the City of Willits and the Willits Chamber of Commerce to improve tourism in the area. There is a link for the application on the city's website, cityofwillits.org (scroll to the bottom of the "Important Documents" section).

Moore said the issue with the traffic signal light at Main Street and Sherwood Road that was causing backups – especially during school drop-off and pick-up times – was due to damaged signal detection loops. She said Caltrans would be providing flaggers during high-traffic times, and flashing red lights on the signals at other times, until they fix the issue, which she hoped would be early this week.

Caltrans' Chief of Public Information for District 1, Phil Frisbie, told Willits Weekly the traffic signal was fixed as of last week: "The traffic signal at Sherwood Road was fully functional by last Thursday," he said.

The next regular city council meeting is scheduled for September 13 at 6:30 pm, which is the date Duley has targeted to introduce the final draft of the city cannabis ordinance to the council. There is a link for the draft, last updated on August 29, on the city's website, www.cityofwillits.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Willits-Cannabis-Ordinance-Final-Draft.pdf.

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Above, from left: Aedan Lockwood and a friend wait for the Willits Youth Soccer opening day parade to begin. Jenny Wyatt and helpers run the Foster Youth Outfitters hot dog booth. Allie Nieto, Anna Sanchez and Marco Nieto Sanchez are ready for the new season. Below: Juan, Gabriel and Julian Gutierrez wait for the festivities to begin. At bottom: Eric Rodriguez holds the flag for the national anthem.



Opening Day

Willits Youth Soccer has 350 young players signed up this year

Opening day of Willits Youth Soccer's 2017 season could easily have been chaos, if not for the extraordinary efforts of organizers Martin and Saprina Rodriguez and the gentle discipline of the volunteer coaches of the 28 teams of eager kids, ages 3 to 15. Willits Youth Soccer, which has been in operation since 1982, has 350 participants this year, most of which were at the field Saturday morning for opening festivities at 9 am. Many arrived early to find parking or to erect their shade structures or umbrellas in the morning heat.



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At left: Two soccerros and a dog play in the field.



Below, left: The Garman Construction Bulldozers, coached by Scott Herman. The Pulse Fitness Dragons, coached by Jerry O'Kelly. At bottom: The Little Lake Grange Penguins, coached by Steven Jimenez and Ian Fitzpatrick. The Norcawl Lizards, coached by Angelina Potter and April Lamprich.

The younger kids, ages 3 up to 9, would play other teams in the Willits League on this first day of competition, while the older kids, age 10 to 15 are designated as "travel teams" and play teams from Ukiah, Lakeport, Laytonville and Konociti. Most of the travel teams were off to Lakeport after the opening ceremony on Saturday, which consisted of a parade of all 28 teams holding the banners of their generous sponsors, who enabled many to be able to play who could not otherwise afford to.

After the parade, which was announced by organizer and Willits City Councilwoman Saprina Rodriguez, came the presentation of the flag, held by Eric Rodriguez through the national anthem, then the ceremonial first goal by Bowdy Globe. Concessions were available as well as hot dogs provided by Foster Youth Outfitters, the proceeds of which would benefit their programs to help serve the needs of youth in foster homes as well as youth in crisis.

"Once the parade is over, the sponsor banners will be put on the field where their teams will be playing," said Martin Rodriguez, organizer, coach and soccer dad. "We have six different field playing areas. This right here [indicating the bigger field next to Roots of Motive Power] is a U12, U14 and U16 ["U" for "under," indicating age]. This is the full-sized playing field where we play 11 on 11. We added a brand-new field this year, a U10 field for which Sparetime Supply donated the goals to make that field happen. The City of Willits got it all ready to go, filled in the potholes. Now there is a total of six playing fields so there can be as many as six games going on at one time.

"The younger age groups play weekdays," Rodriguez continued. "The U6s only play on Saturdays. All our travel teams only play on Saturday because we can't travel during the week. The U8s play on Mondays and Wednesdays,

and the U10s play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are games every day except Friday.

"The travel teams play against other cities. Almost all of our travel teams are travelling today, either to Ukiah or Lakeport. We also have Laytonville, Ukiah, Konociti. We have five different interleague locations we do with our travel teams.

"Most teams have been practicing for at least two weeks," Rodriguez said. "The official first day of practice was August 1. So the coaches have been practicing their teams for from one to three weeks. Each team has at least practiced for a little while before the first game. My teams started early. We've been practicing all summer long with our travel team. We usually do a summer program, and then we move right into the league.

"The season goes until right before Halloween. A lot of the travel teams will play post-season. This is the fourth year we'll be taking our travel teams to the Sacramento Cup, which is a big tournament of all of Northern California teams. If we manage to get a ranking in that tournament, then we could get moved up to the Founder's Cup where teams from all of California get to participate. The winners of Northern California will get to play the winners of Southern California. We, as yet, have not made it out of that bracket. We're hopeful that one of these years we'll be able to."

Martin Rodriguez's wife and partner, Saprina, who has served as coach and board member of Willits Youth Soccer since 1992, added: "We didn't have a full board this year. I had to act as the president, treasurer, registrar, sponsor liaison, head of coaches, and team scheduler. We could still use more volunteers. We do have plenty of coaches, but we need people to help with the day-to-day tasks like the concession stand and logistical considerations.

"I'm passionate about the game," she continued, "because I really believe that it builds self-esteem. You have to be a leader to play soccer, but you also have to work as a team and know the balance between the two, just as in life. You have to know when to be a leader and when to be part of the team. I played soccer all my life, and I remember my coach telling me: 'It's not how many times you fall, but how many times you get up.' That has been very true throughout life. Much of my determination in life I attribute to soccer instilling the value of hard work and the benefits of following that course."



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Outgoing Willits Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Epstein.

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increased membership and revenue, new operating software, and a variety of collaborative efforts resulting in the establishment of a new "Visit Willits" tourism board, a joint project with the City of Willits.

"I believe both the city of Willits and the Willits chamber have a bright future ahead," Epstein said. "I genuinely love this community, and I am honored to have served the Willits Chamber of Commerce. The chamber's membership, boards and committees continue to provide a terrific opportunity for residents to contribute to the future during this incredibly important time."

"With a strong board at the helm and a new chamber coordinator, I am confident that the chamber and this community will continue to thrive. I'm excited for what lies ahead and will continue to watch and root for Willits, albeit on the sidelines now," she added.

Jan Rodriguez of Baechtel Creek Inn, a chamber board member, says Epstein will be missed both by the chamber and the community. "Lisa has been a wonderful president for the Willits chamber. Her enthusiasm has been contagious and brought together a great board of directors and has revitalized the chamber. She has worked tirelessly for the Willits community to be a better place to live, work and play. Willits is losing a tremendous asset!"

City Manager Adrienne Moore agrees. Epstein "has brought a fresh energy and focus to the chamber at a critical juncture in the community's history and future. She has been a true champion for the community and leaves a legacy she can be proud of."

At its monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon, the chamber board discussed a transition plan and decided they will appoint a new interim president at their next meeting, to serve until the end of January 2018.



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The bigger American elms, including the row along the north end of the park, which were planted in the early 1900s, will be replaced by 12 Chinese pistache trees, and the ring of silver maples in the center will be replaced by Pacific Sunset maples, a cross between Chinese maples and Norway maples.

"It's a shame there had to be a clearcut," said Dave Watts of Sanhedrin Nursery, a horticulturalist and volunteer tree consultant to the city, who's been planting trees in Willits for more than 30 years. "But the two arborists couldn't give the city assurances that if they didn't take those trees out they wouldn't have a hazard trees there," he said. "They can just fall and hit people; it's very dangerous."

Watts defined a "hazard tree" as one that poses an imminent threat to people, buildings and vehicles. "Once they're a known hazard, they have to come down," he said. "It's a shame. I would've loved it if we could've saved the trees, there was a lot of good wood in the elms still, but there were enough defects that it was a liability."

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Jackson had escaped using motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles.

But on August 26, based on a tip from a community member, Jackson was located hiding on a piece of property in the 4800 block of Black Bart Trail in Redwood Valley. He was arrested without incident and booked on a felony arrest warrant stemming from the case.

Bail was set at \$500,000.

"Jackson is a suspect in numerous other thefts that have occurred in the Redwood Valley area," Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Shannon Barney said, and sheriff's detectives "anticipate filing several additional cases with the DA's Office for review, including motor vehicle theft, grand theft/possession of stolen property, weapons possession, and burglary charges."

Back on July 16, a Willits man reported that shortly after 2 am "numerous armed subjects had come onto his remote, rural property in several vehicles claiming to be law enforcement officers." However, based on their appearance and demeanor, the man knew "they were not law enforcement officers but were there with the intent to steal his marijuana crop," Barney said.

The property owner fled and called 911 after the armed men shot at him, but believed "another resident was hiding on the property," according to a Sheriff's Office press release.

Deputies drove to the property and encountered one of the trucks described by the victim. Seeing the deputies, the

vehicle attempted to flee, but stopped after driving out of sight. Deputies searched the vehicle, found firearms and stolen property, but the suspects had fled.

The other man on the property, also a Willits resident, was found unharmed. He told deputies he had been accosted at the house by several armed men wearing ski masks, who claimed to be law enforcement officers.

The masked men had questioned the victim at gunpoint about the location of valuable items and people on the property, then forced him into a truck, threatening to shoot him if he did not comply, Barney said. "The man was robbed of his personal belongings and forced to assist the suspects as they stole marijuana plants," then released when the suspects drove away.

Deputies and the Mendocino County Special Weapons and Tactics team searched the wooded remote area for the armed suspects, and at about 11 am detained three men.

Daniel Hernandezsanchez, a 24-year-old transient, and Matthew Sturges, 31, and Alejandro Nunez, 24, both of Willits, were arrested on suspicion of armed robbery, kidnap for ransom, and criminal conspiracy.

The day after the robbery, July 17, Joshua Hanover, 29, of Redwood Valley, was walked out of the store with an unrelated warrant from Sonoma County. Sheriff's detectives later determined Hanover was a suspect in the robbery, and Hanover was subsequently charged with kidnapping for robbery and being armed during the commission of a felony.

Willits Police Department round-up

Woman held in attempted car theft

A Willits woman was arrested Tuesday morning after she allegedly tried to steal a Les Schwab Tire Center employee's vehicle.

Willits police officers found 33-year-old Jill Potter hiding between vehicles at about 10 am, after workers reported an attempted vehicle theft, according to WPD Sgt. Ricco McCoy.

When questioned, the woman "provided a false name to officers," McCoy added.

Potter reportedly entered a company employee's vehicle, "and was able to start it before being confronted" by Les Schwab workers, McCoy said.

She was arrested on suspicion of attempted vehicle theft, tampering with a vehicle, giving false ID to a police officer, violating probation, and having an outstanding warrant for her arrest.

Willits man held for robbery

A 54-year-old Willits man was arrested Tuesday evening after he allegedly stole items from the Village Market.

Sgt. Ricco McCoy of the Willits Police Department said the suspect, Kevin Betts, walked out of the store with numerous items without paying for them at about 7 pm. "When confronted by an employee," McCoy said, Betts "began to fight over the stolen items."

He fled after a store employee called police, leaving behind a bag containing the stolen items and his identification card.

Officers found Betts several blocks away near another store, and arrested him on suspicion of robbery.

He was taken to county jail.

These reports were based on press releases from the Willits Police Department.



Far left: The new young trees, Chinese pistache on the left, and Pacific Sunset maples on the right, that will replace the downed trees at City Park.

Photo by Dave Watts

At left: The view from this cut elm shows the giant sequoias and the cypress which are not being taken down.

Above: City of Willits workers clean up fallen branches with the 10-year-old standing elms in the background.

Below: These American elms on the north side of City Park used to shade the Willits Farmers Market.

At bottom: One of the tallest American elms cut on Friday.

Photos by Jennifer Poole





Above: Isabel Quiroz of Tequio Community Farm at the farmers market. At right: Jon Passow and Anna Sommers of PS Farms back in early June, with the farm's first vegetable starts. Far right: Hunter Flynn and Isabel Quiroz of Tequio Community Farm in their abundant garden.



Grateful Gleaners donate plant sale proceeds for farm projects

The summer harvest season is in full swing! The Grateful Gleaners just completed their first harvest of the year, gathering 25 pounds of plums from a Willits home garden and donating them to the Willits Food Bank. Harvesting and redistributing fruit to the community is the main mission of the Gleaners, but the 100 percent volunteer-run non-profit organization is able to spread the wealth of the community in another way. All the profits from their annual plant sale are given to local farmers to support specific projects at the farms.

This year, four groups got donations from the Grateful Gleaners. Two are more recent additions to our local agriculture scene, PS Farms and Tequio Community Farm, and two are more well-known names, the Grange School of Adaptive Agriculture and the Good Farm Fund.

PS Farms is named for its founders and primary farmers, Jon Passow and Anna Sommers. The couple has extensive experience growing food, Passow managing a large-scale hot pepper farm and Sommers directing an organic herb farm.

The vision for their off-grid 10-acre property in Willits includes cultivating organic produce for the greater community and opening their gardens as an educational center, where local schoolchildren can learn the basics about where their food comes from and more seasoned growers can learn innovative low-impact farming and sustainable living techniques.

As every gardener knows, a vital step in growing food is a good fence. The Gleaners' donation to PS Farms will

help buy the supplies to fence a 1.5-acre plot to protect their bounty from the local wildlife. More information about PS Farms is available on their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/psfarms.

Tequio Community Farm, located at Ridgewood Ranch, is led by Hunter Flynn and Isabel Quiroz. Their focus is on growing nutrient-dense organic produce, fruit, and cut flowers for distribution through farmers markets, a small CSA, and restaurant sales. They operate under the belief that small-scale biologically intensive farming will strengthen our communities and is the best way to address the major environmental issues of our time.

A challenge that Tequio Farm has been facing is the lack of proper structure for seedlings. Their propagation greenhouse is efficient to use during the winter, but when summer temperatures soar, a shade structure is needed to protect the seedlings from the heat and predators. The Gleaners' donation will help to construct their new shade structure, creating a more favorable space for starting seedlings. Find Quiroz and Flynn at the farmers markets, or online at www.facebook.com/tequiocommunityfarm.

The School of Adaptive Agriculture serves our community in a myriad of ways, bringing a bounty of produce to the farmers markets, running an intensive residential agriculture program that brings new farmers to our area, and hosting workshops for full-time and hobbyist farmers. The SAA has been working so diligently that they wore out the tires on their farm truck.

"Our farm truck is one of the essential tools we use on

a daily basis," writes school director Ruthie King. "We use it for moving animal housing in order to rotate the grazing, we use it for moving compost or manure, we use it for just about everything under the sun (and moon!). The tires donated by the Grateful Gleaners replaced tires that were balding and dangerous," she writes. "We now have the ability to drive the truck safely around the ranch, and tread lighter on the earth with better traction on the dirt roads." Find out where the road is taking the SAA on their website, www.school-of-adaptive-agriculture.org.

Last, but not least, a donation was made to the Good Farm Fund. After applications are reviewed by a committee of local farmers, grants from the Good Farm Fund are issued to food producers in Mendocino and Lake counties to fund specific projects. In 2016, they contributed over \$20,000 to 14 independently run farms. They are also core supporters of the EBT/Food Stamp Match program, which makes local food more affordable and accessible to low-income community members.

The Good Farm Fund serves as a focal point for gathering the wealth of the community and distributing it to those in need, a purpose directly in line with that of the Gleaners. To learn more about this innovative local group, look them up at www.goodfarmfund.org.

The act of giving to someone else is also a gift to yourself. If you have an overabundant fruit tree in need of harvesting, or to volunteer as a harvester with Grateful Gleaners, please call 707-367-7391.

– submitted by the Willits Grateful Gleaners

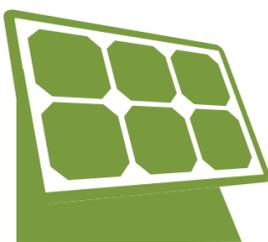
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