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Sheriff takes public's cannabis questions in Laytonville

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Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman took questions concerning local law enforcement practices and marijuana grows from a large crowd of residents in Laytonville's Harwood Hall last Sunday.

Allman spoke at the Long Valley Garden Club's Cannabis Renaissance Series' concluding event, which has hosted speakers on topics that included environmentally friendly growing methods, current medical research, and policy and legal efforts in the region and state.

Following a brief

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Council passes deficit budget, still hopes to balance books

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The city's 2014-2015 budget was whittled and reworked to ensure smaller deficits before being passed by the city council last week.

The city's figures banked on some assumptions, one of which is that city water rates will be increased by 20 percent. That rate increase is expected to be considered by the council at its September 10 meeting.

The city's general fund and its water and sewer departments are all currently in the red. However, City Manager

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Council approves hospital support buildings

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Development of the new Adventist hospital campus on East Hill Road drew a little bit closer when the Willits City Council approved a permit for buildings to support the hospital.

The Frank R. Howard Foundation Medical Campus picked up support from council members serving as the city's planning commission with

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Roots gets Ready



This weekend is the annual Roots of Motive Power Steamup and first-ever Lumberjack Show. The Roots dudes will be showcasing many pieces of their antique and restored logging and locomotive equipment, offering train rides, and giving tours of the Engine House. The Lumberjack competition will include professionals and a group of locals who will try to chop and saw their way to first place in traditional lumberjack tasks. Below is a schedule of which pieces of machinery will be running when, as well as some of the other Roots events. See inside on page 4 for additional info about Sunday's Street Printing event and the Calendar on pages 6 and 7 for additional event info.

Saturday, September 6:

All day long: Engine House Tours

9 am: Railroad Operations begin with Bluestone Heisler #1 Bluestone will pull train until 12 pm, Switch with #7, Remain under steam for double heading at 3 pm

10 am: Ohio Locomotive Crane, Bucyrus Erie 50B Steam Shovel moves to pit, Willamette Yarder debuts with Port Huron Portable Steam Engine, Mansfield and printing press, tractors smoothing Shovel Pit

11 am: BE 50B at Pit, Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller, Raymond Steam Crane

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Top: Troy James and James Anson use a Simonds "Royal Chinook," cross cut saw – or "misery whip" – a saw that was popular in its day. Above: James Anson poses, with ax in hand, alongside Heisler the Roots pooch on redwood logs. Left: Troy James holds the cross cut saw, balancing it over one shoulder.
Photos by Maureen Moore

It's Time wins expansion approval

Popular Willits eatery It's Time has won approval from the city council to expand and further refine its outdoor eating space on a Commercial Street sidewalk.

Council members approved a use permit for expansion of outdoor seating by a 4-1 vote at the last city council meeting. Councilman Larry Stranske voted "no."

Stranske favored using a space in the alleyway rather than sidewalk space. Schmidbauer Lane is the short alleyway between It's Time and the Noyo Theater, leading to a public parking lot near Main Street Music and Video.

A redwood tree and a small lattice fence occupy a spot in the alley way already. "So if they wanted to keep this clear, why did they allow that?" Stranske asked.

Retired City Planner Alan Falleri volunteered to work on the use permit for It's Time. He

presented the project to council members and fielded questions on the permit.

In its application for the use permit, It's Time submitted a map of the block, a diagram detailing the layout of the 600-square-foot establishment, and two diagrams showing how the barricade will be constructed.

Stranske stated concerns about safety and the city's liability. "I am really concerned about whose liability is on the line, because that is still going to be used by trucks and 18 wheelers coming down Commercial Street," he said.

"The city only has liability if it is determined city sidewalks have dangerous conditions," City Attorney Jim Lance opined.

Falleri said the space has to be clearly visible to satisfy the terms of an alcoholic beverage license with the state ABC.



Delay announced in hospital construction

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Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital announced an "unforeseen delay in construction progress" Wednesday afternoon for the new hospital being built on East Hill Road.

The delay will push the opening of the new hospital to spring 2015, instead of later this year. A dedication ceremony had been planned for November 16, and the hospital had been expected to be occupied in January 2015.

"The construction of the new Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital has experienced a delay," said

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County rejects grand jury library claims

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"Innocent and falsely accused." That's the official response to claims in the 2014 report by the Mendocino County Grand Jury that the county is taking advantage of its library system.

The grand jury report alleges the county has failed to treat the library as a special district, has usurped the powers of the county librarian, has bilked the library system on its A87 administrative costs, and has paid the county librarian out of library funds, which the grand jury claims

Read the rest of **Library**

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No funds to reverse decline of county roads

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Supervisors on Tuesday staged a tactical retreat before a seemingly insoluble problem – the inevitable decline of the county's paved road system. The board took no action on Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde's motion to allocate \$2 million this year on corrective maintenance on the county's paved roads.

Read the rest of **Roads**

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Far left: James Anson of Roots guides the Buffalo Springfield roller over the inked image during the Roadworks 2013 event in San Francisco.

Left: The completed image is carefully lifted off of the linoleum block.

Left below: San Francisco Center for the Book volunteers hold one of the prints of Rik Olson's artwork. Many of Rik Olson's pieces of art feature the image of a steam roller.

Left bottom: San Francisco Center for the Book's Chad Johnson inks one of the linoleum blocks prior to printing.

Bottom: Master printer Rik Olson, right, admires one of the large prints at Roadworks 2013 in San Francisco. Rik Olson will be on hand at the Roots Festival in Willits on Sunday, September 7, between 11 am and 2 pm.

Street Printing at the Roots Steam Festival

Making art with the Buffalo Springfield steam roller

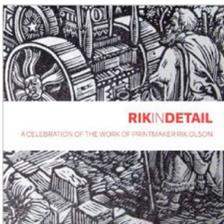
Roots members are always looking for exciting ways to demonstrate the wonders of steam power. This year's Roots Steam Festival features a demonstration of street printing using the Buffalo Springfield steam roller as the "printing press."

Roots ventured down to San Francisco in 2013 to participate in an event at the San Francisco Center for the Book, the 10th annual Roadworks Printing Festival. The Center for the Book is a printing museum, preserving not only the hardware of early printing systems, but also teaching classes to preserve the knowledge necessary to operate the early machinery. The fascination with street printing is that by using a pavement roller, large format prints are made possible, larger than the print capacity of most printing systems.

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Artists carefully carve "battleship grade" linoleum blocks. These blocks are inked, and special grade printing paper is laid over the block. Several layers of protective blankets are placed on top of the assembly, which is placed on the pavement. In our case, the 7-ton Buffalo Springfield steam roller gently rolls over the artwork, "pressing" the paper against the inked linoleum block. The process is kinetic and exciting, and the resulting prints are exquisite.

The Roots Festival Street Printing event will take place on Sunday, September 7 in Recreation Grove between 11 am and 2 pm. Some linoleum blocks and carving tools will be available for aspiring artists to try their hand at the printing technique. Rik Olson, one of the master printers for the San Francisco Center for the Book, will be on hand to guide the operations. For more info on the 2014 Roadworks Printing Festival, set for September 28 in San Francisco's Potrero Hill, visit www.sfcbook.org/events/roadworks.



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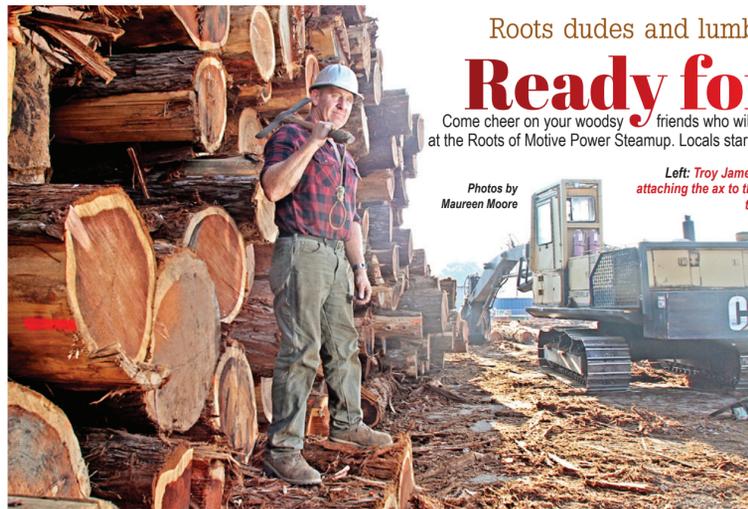
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Left: Troy James holds a high climber ax, which features a short handle and a rope for attaching the ax to the high climber's belt, as he goes up the tree. Below: James Anson lets the sawdust fly as he pushes a model 090 Stihl saw through a large log.



Roots dudes and lumberjacking locals are getting **Ready for the Show**

Come cheer on your woody friends who will compete in the locals' division of the show held this weekend at the Roots of Motive Power Steamup. Locals start at 7 pm on Saturday! See calendar for more info and details.

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Thursday, September 4

Shanachie Pub: guitarist Wil Cameron, new in town from Nashville, originals and covers. 6 pm. No cover. Visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=crbs2nERgKI. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, September 5

Tom Woodhouse for Supervisor Headquarters Kick-Off Party: from 4 to 7 pm at Tom Woodhouse's Campaign Headquarters, 2 North Street, at West Commercial Street. "Come by for drinks, snacks and a campaign sign!" Info: 367-6334 or www.tomwoodhouseforsupervisor.com.

Holly Madrigal for Supervisor Headquarters Kick-Off Party: from 4 to 7 pm at Holly Madrigal's Campaign Headquarters, 716 South Main Street, next to Country Skillet. "Enjoy refreshments and local wine tasting. Pick up your bumper stickers, buttons and signs. Or register to vote!" Info: 707-841-0612 or www.voteholly.com.

Saturday, September 6

Roots Annual Steam-Up: the annual Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival this weekend features, for the first time, the Timberwork's Lumberjack Show (Saturday at 1 and 6 pm), as well as a local lumberjacks competition (Saturday at 7 pm). The Roots crew will be steaming up their vintage logging and rail equipment, and offering free steam train rides, on Saturday (9 am to 4 pm) and Sunday at the Roots facility, 420 East Commercial Street. Saturday's train rides will include a double-header steam locomotive on Saturday, with both the Mason County No. 7 Baldwin Locomotive and the Heisler No. 1 Locomotive drawing the passenger cars. Saturday's event also features a free Classic Car Show, a Beer & Wine Reception, a silent auction and raffle (the biggest fundraiser of the year for Roots), and a BBQ put on by the famous Frontier Days BBQ crew (all from 2 to 5 pm at the Rec Grove). The Gas Engine & Tractor Association will be displaying vintage and original steam contraptions at the Rec Grove Park both days. Roots equipment steamed

up and on display includes the 75-ton Bucyrus Steam Shovel, the 1940 Raymond F440 Steam Crane, a steam donkey, vintage tractors, a giant diesel yarder, and a steam roller. Roots will be doing "Steam Roller Street Printing" on Sunday from 11 am to 2 pm: "the power of printing on a grand scale," using designs carved in linoleum. Tickets for lumberjack shows: 1 pm show: \$6 adults; \$1 kids; and 6 pm show: \$8 adults; \$4 for kids. BBQ tickets: \$12; \$6 kids. For more info, to volunteer over the weekend, or to donate items for the silent auction/raffle, call Michael Hammang at 354-1918. More info on Roots at www.rootsofmotivepower.com or the "Roots of Motive Power" page on Facebook.



Free Bridge Lessons: "Beyond Basics": a nine-week series of free bridge lessons at the Willits Library, taught by ACBL-accredited bridge teacher, Donna Vaiano. Starts Saturday, September 6 and runs through Saturday, November 1, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm. "Do you want to spruce up your bridge game? Review some new bidding strategies? 'Beyond Basics' is for those students who are already familiar with basic bridge skills." More info: 459-9035 or visit "Friends of the Willits Library" Facebook page.

Grand Opening Salon 707: to celebrate the new renovated Salon, with a BBQ and a raffle. "Stop on by!" Stylist Tarrah Irwin is offering a free haircut (anytime) to anyone who has 10 inches or more of hair to donate to Locks of Love. Tarrah was the stylist who shaved the heads of Sharron Kidd and Jennifer Sooknee to raise funds for the American Cancer Society at this summer's Relay for Life event. Info: 456-1177.

Maker/Inventor Group at Wowser: Have an idea for an invention and want to throw concepts around? Want to meet like-minded individuals? Want help with prototyping? Want to learn about patents? Bring some ideas about what you want this new group to address, and come to the initial meeting of the group, 1 to 3 pm today at Wowser, your local build facility, 330 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-9697 or cyndee@wowser.org or roger@wowser.org.

"The Lego Movie": The new Lego movie showing



Willits Food Bank needs recycled bags

Please help the Willits Food Bank by recycling your clean plastic grocery bags and large brown paper bags at our distribution center at Willits Community Services, 229 East San Francisco, across from Sparetime. Bags may be dropped off on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between noon and 5 pm.

"This is a serious need, as we use three to four bags per person every time we open our doors to those who need this service. Unlike the 'old days' the local markets no longer make these bags available to us."

Holiday Craft Fair Call for Artists

Willits Cultural Arts Center is now accepting entries for the 28th Annual Holiday Craft Fair, set for December 12, 13 and 14, 2014 at the Willits Community Center. All interested artists, hand crafters, and specialty foods entrepreneurs should request application forms by e-mail to Bonnie Belt at bel.bonnie@gmail.com or by mail: Willits Holiday Craft Fair c/o Bonnie Belt, 2291 Buckeye Drive, Willits, CA 95490 (please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope).

Volunteer Wednesdays at the Grange Farm School

Bring your own picnic lunch and enjoy under the cool shade of redwood trees or at the reservoir from noon to 2 pm every Wednesday. Starting at 2 pm, we will be hosting guided farm and construction sessions for volunteers, at the school 16200 North Highway 101, south of Willits.

Volunteers of all ages and skill levels are welcome to come any time from 2 pm until dusk to assist in projects with the Farm School team and to tour the school. Please bring water and gloves, and your favorite garden tools if you are interested in focusing in the field.

Grange Farm School open house days will continue every Wednesday and one Saturday per month. September 20 is the next Saturday volunteer work day. Contact info@grangefarmschool.org with question or comments.

'Coffee with your Congressman'

The public is invited to attend "A Casual Conversation with Congressman Jared Huffman," Tuesday, September 23, 8:30 to 10 am at the Country Skillet Restaurant, 708 South Main Street. One of a series of district events Huffman is doing around the Congressional district. This is free event, please RSVP to Huffman.CAscheduling@mail.house.gov or 707-962-9033.

Willits Airport Day: Airplane and Helicopter Rides

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Willits Municipal Airport on Saturday, September 13, Willits Airport Day & Sixties Fly-In features aircraft and helicopter rides for sale. Last year's event sold rides to 130 passengers for flights over the valley, with an opportunity to see progress on the Willits bypass and other local landmarks from the air. All aircraft are safe and are flown by commercial pilots.



Also featured will be rock'n'roll oldies music, lots of great food and beverages provided by the Willits Lions Club and Harrah Senior Center, and an opportunity to thank local firefighters for their service. REACH Air Medical Services, soon to serve Mendocino County from the Willits Airport, will display their EC 135 medical helicopter and answer questions.

Vintage and contemporary aircraft as well as classic cars from across northern California have been invited to the celebration, especially honoring cars and aircraft of the 1960s. The airport will be open to visitors from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free. Willits Airport is located four miles north on Sherwood Road and one mile east on Poppy Drive. Exhibit space is available by contacting airport manager and event producer Dan Ramsey at 841-6252. More information is available online at www.WillitsFlyIn.com.

What's Happening Around Town

Emmett's epic quest is here! Come and see "The Lego Movie" at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, on Saturday, September 6, at 2 pm. Info: call the library at: 459-5908.

"Songs and Poems from the Spirit": a benefit performance for Nuestra Alianza Family Resource Center of Willits, will be held at the Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, September 6 at 7 pm. Musician Marcos Pereda and poet-musician Ricardo Stocker will be joined by vocalist Kristine Robin in a fundraiser for the nonprofit center that provides support services for local Hispanic residents. Advance tickets for the benefit show are \$15 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com, or phone the WCT office at 459-0895 for credit card orders. Tickets are also available at the door. The performances will be in Spanish and English. WCT is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub) in Willits.

Shanachie Pub: bluegrass (traditional and modern) from the Cherry Pickers. 8:30 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Monday, September 8
Suicide Prevention Week Activities: Mendocino County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Mobile Story Board Tour, during Suicide Prevention Week, September 7 to 14. The tour features a collection of stories and art work submitted from those who have had personal experiences with severe depression or suicide. In addition, there will be a short suicide prevention presentation at each event. Third District events are scheduled for Monday, September 8, from 10:30 am to 11:30 am in Laytonville at Healthy Start Family Resource Center, 44400 Willis Avenue; Monday, September 8 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm in Willits at Manzanita Services, 286 North School Street; and Thursday, September 11, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in Covelo at the Yuki Trails Human Services Program, 2300 Henderson Road. More info: 707-472-2332.

Sunday, September 7
St. Anthony's Menudo & Tortilla Lunch: The Mexican community will be selling a Menudo and Tortilla lunch at the St. Anthony's Church Hall, 58 Bush Street. 10 am to 1 pm, or until sold out. "Please join us for a delicious meal with freshly made warm tortillas." \$6 per plate.

Bingo at the Senior Center: Sunday Bingo at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Doors open at 10:30 am. Snack bar opens at 11 am. Games begin at 11:30 am. Bingo buy-in \$10. Info: 459-6826 or visit www.willitsseiorcenter.com.

Community Sock and Undie Sunday: Willits Methodist Church finishes up its "Sock and Undie" drive today. The church has been gathering new packages of socks and underwear to supply Brookside and Blosser Lane elementary schools as well as Redwood Children's Services, so that when a child is in need of either a new set of socks or underwear that need can be filled. Donations of new, unopened packages of socks and underwear in sizes to fit children from kindergarten through high school can be left in the church office at 286 School

Street across from the Little Lake Grange during church office hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, between 9 am and noon. Today's service, 10 am, a special worship service to commemorate "Peace with Justice Sunday," features many songs from the 1960s: the pastoral message is "When Will We Ever Learn?"

Youth Speaks Out Radio: 3 pm on KZYX/Z Radio, Laytonville High School students will discuss the militarization of the police. "We have all heard stories of unarmed youth being shot to death by police, several occurring in Santa Rosa. We all saw images of police in military garb from Ferguson. Is this an acceptable evolution? Are we entering into a 'police state'?" Should police be trained to shoot to disable rather than kill?" KZYXZ (91.5/90.7/88.1 FM and streaming on the web at www.kzyx.org; more info and archives, at www.youthspeaksout.net.

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Willits Garden Club Meeting: 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, 16100 North Highway 101. Social time starts at

12:30 pm with coffee and refreshment. Educational talk by Melissa Bouley, certified master gardener, on "Native Plants: Dealing with the Drought and Saving Seeds," begins at 1 pm. Guests are welcome, and there is no charge. Info: Lucille Garcia at 459-9995 or Gary Bodensteiner at 459-2708.

GRID Alternatives Volunteer Orientation: Want to hone up your solar skills? Gain hands-on experience installing solar PV by volunteering with GRID Alternatives! GRID is a non-profit solar organization making renewable energy accessible to low-income families. Bi-weekly installs in Mendocino and Lake counties. Volunteer Orientations monthly. Next orientation is Monday, September 8 from 5 to 7 pm at the Willits Library. No experience necessary. Give GRID a call at 707-202-6421 to get involved.

Grange Youth Movie Night: starting tonight and Monday evenings through October 27, around 6 pm, Grange Youth is showing the Harry Potter series. Movie Night is a fundraiser for Grange Youth to attend the Grange Convention, Grange Camp, and other activities. Dinner (changing each week) is available, as are snack foods and drinks. 291 School Street.

Tuesday, September 9

PFLAG Meeting: Confidential support meetings for parents, families and friends who have loved ones who are LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender) are held on the second Tuesday of every odd-numbered month in Willits, including tonight, 6:30 pm at Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. The group meets on even-numbered months in Ukiah. Info? call Delynee, 707-367-8094.

Thursday, September 11

Suicide Prevention Week Activities: in Covelo, see Monday, September 8 listing for details.

Friday, September 12

Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show at the Boonville Fairgrounds. Gates open at 9 am and close at midnight. FFA and 4-H Showmanship, 9 am. Fun on Saturday: Angora rabbit demonstration, 10 am. Junior beef show, 11 am. Shearing and skirting demonstration, 1 pm. Bubble gum blowing contest, 3 pm. Fleece auction, 4 pm. Parade of champions, 7 pm. See full schedule online at www.mendocountyfair.com, and article elsewhere on Calendar page for more highlights.

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market at City Park, every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm. Tomatoes!, greens, onions, strawberries, watermelon, summer squash, eggplant, cucumbers, peaches, squash and other summer produce, cut flowers, local meats and fish, dinner, crafts, live music, and more.

Grateful Gleaners: This volunteer crew is available to pick fruit that you aren't able to use, to donate to local organizations in need of fruit. If you're interested in having fruit picked by the Gleaners, or in volunteering with the group, contact the Gleaners' voice mail, 513-9489, and leave a message, and they will return your call as soon as possible.

Junior Grange After-School Program: "an after-school program democratically run by children ages 5 to 14, with guidance from Grange adults." Mondays from 3 to 6 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 10. Membership fee: \$1, plus \$1 annual dues. Activities - including chess, fundraising projects, organic gardening, cooking, and a new skill each month: September: "Grid Beam Construction" and October: "Sewing Halloween Costumes" - are free to members (except for singing classes on Tuesdays taught by Nancy New, info: 459-1276). Visitors of all ages are welcome! Info? Contact Zeynep at 707-972-8558 or zeyny34@yahoo.com.

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of champions, 7:30 pm. See full schedule online at www.mendocountyfair.com, and see article elsewhere on Calendar page for more highlights.

Willits High School Football: Come cheer on the Jayvee and varsity teams during their second home game of 2014 at Maize Field, behind WHS. The Wolverines will play Elsie Allen. Jayvee starts at 5 pm and varsity at 7 pm. More info: 459-7700.

Willits Library Author Night: local author Jed Diamond is featured at this Author Night at the Willits Library, Friday, September 12 at 7 pm. Diamond, a licensed psychotherapist and the author of 10 books including the international best-seller, "Male Menopause," is the founder and director of MenAlive, a health program that helps men and the women who love them to live well throughout their lives. Diamond's latest book is "Stress Relief for Men." Some of the areas Jed will discuss are: "Why Sex Matters"; cutting-edge information from the new science of Gender Medicine; "Why Men Die Sooner and Live Sicker" and what we can do to help men and their families; and "How to Use the Tools of Energy Healing to Live Well." This event is free to the public and is sponsored by the Friends of the Willits Library.

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Free Zumba for Teens: Zumba is always free for teenagers on Friday nights at Studio Joy, 1262 Blosser Lane. Class at 6 pm with Melissa. Info: 707-841-7499 or www.studiojoywillits.com.

Free Sheriff's Activity: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 11 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Open Mic every Wednesday. New time: 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Just For Fun Choir: directed and accompanied by Nancy New. Meets Mondays at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, from 1 to 2:30 pm. Accepting new members of all ages and abilities. Info: call Nancy New at 459-1276.

Laytonville Farmers Market: Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm in downtown Laytonville. Buy local: vegetables, apples, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, jewelry, aprons, children's clothing, knife sharpening and more.

League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 11 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

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Center, vintage and contemporary aircraft, and classic cars. 10 am to 4 pm. Free admission. Willits Airport is located four miles north on Sherwood Road and one mile east on Poppy Drive. Info at www.WillitsFlyIn.com or see article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details.

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Sunday, September 14

Harrah Center Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am. Pancakes, eggs, and your choice of ham, bacon, or sausage. 1501 Baechtel Road. Adults \$7, Members \$6, and kids \$5. Info: 459-6826 or visit www.willitsseiorcenter.com.

Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show at the Boonville Fairgrounds. Gates open at 9 am and close at midnight. Fun on Sunday: Church services, 8:30 am. Small and large animal Round Robin, 9 and 10 am. Sheep dog trials, 10 am. Spinning contest, 2 pm. Tortilla tossing contest, 3 pm. See full schedule online at www.mendocountyfair.com, and see article elsewhere on Calendar page for more highlights.

Fair Time!

Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show is next weekend

The annual county fair is right around the corner, and the community is encouraged to make the trek over the hills to the town of Boonville where the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show will be held September 12 through 14.

Along with the rides, food, animals and exhibits, the fair showcases the California Wool and Fiber Festival, the Junior and Senior livestock shows, the popular sheep dog trials, performances by McKenna Faith and Ali De, rodeos, football and soccer games and much more.

Some highlights include:

California Wool and Fiber Festival, starting at 10 am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; Open horse show, 11 am on Friday; Apple Bowl - JV Football, 3 pm on Friday; Apple Cup - Varsity Soccer, 5 pm on Friday; Apple Bowl - Varsity Football, 7 pm on Friday; Gymkhana, 10 am on Saturday; CCPRA Rodeo, 8 pm on Saturday; McKenna Faith performance and dance, 9:30 pm on Saturday. Sheep dog trials, 10 am on Sunday; Classic Car Show Judging, 10 am on Sunday; Parade, 12 pm on Sunday, CCPRA Rodeo Finals, 2 pm on Sunday.

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for juniors aged 13 to 18, \$6 for children aged 7 to 12, and admission is free for kids 6 and under. Special pricing promotions include Friday, September 12, when admission for seniors aged 65 is just \$3 and over and children under 12 are welcomed into the gates for free.

Carnival tickets are pay-one-price for unlimited daily rides until 6 pm and cost \$20 presale and \$30 at the gates.

The fair will be open from 9 am to midnight every day.

For more information and a complete list of events, see www.mendocountyfair.com.

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Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 pm, bring your chess set and have some fun with friends. All ability levels welcome. More info? Call Raymond at 841-0473.



Malenyon Adams, Emandal's head gardener and apple peeler, oversees one of the Labor Day guests using the antique apple peeler.

special at the Silent Auction (put on by, and to benefit Willits Senior Center).

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Save the Date

Harrah Center Ice Cream Social, September 15, featuring Greg Schindel

Drive-Thru BBQ Chicken Dinner for 2, September 19, Harrah Senior Center

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Upcoming at WHS from Principal Jeffrey Ritchley

Willits High School has many upcoming events in which we would like to keep you up to date on.

Willits High School Back to School Night will be on Tuesday, September 9 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The evening will start with a quick welcome from the principal, and each academic department will have a classroom in the main hallway to visit throughout the evening.

Sanhedrin High School's Back to School Night will be Monday, September 8 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. This event will be a meet and greet with the teachers and staff. Both events will include a brief "Welcome from the principal, department presentations, and informal conversations with the teachers. The evening will end with a Title 1 parent meeting in the

Media Center. During the week of September 8 to 12 and at Back to School Night, WHS will have elections for this year's School Site Council. According to California Education Code 52852, a School Site Council shall be composed of the principal; representatives of teachers selected by teachers at the school; other school personnel selected by peers at the school; parents of pupils attending the school selected by such parents; and, in secondary schools, pupils selected by pupils attending the school.

At the secondary level the council shall be constituted to ensure parity between the principal, classroom teachers and other school personnel; equal numbers of parents or other community members selected by parents; and pupils. This year Willits High School will have two faculty members, and two classified members, nominated and voted upon by their peers. Each grade level will have one parent representative, in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, and one member at large. Lastly, two community members will be elected to serve on the school site council.

If you have an interest in serving on the school site council, please call Rose Mehtian at 707-489-7700 or email her at rosemehtian@willitsunified.com. Please let her know your name, your child's name and grade, and which opening you are seeking to be elected to. Any elected seat shall be for two years.

The "Coffee and Tea with the Principal" meetings will start Thursday, September 11. "Coffee with the Principal" will be at 8:30 to 10 am, and "Tea with the Principal" will be at 3:15 to 5 pm. Please check out the high school website for all sports events!

We hope to see you soon!

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Family Photo Time!
The holiday season is quickly approaching and now is the time to schedule your family pictures for cards and more! Call Willits' Photographers Maureen Moore at 972-7047 to reserve your date while sessions are still available for the 2014 season!

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address such mistakes. Referencing his conflicts with federal authorities over the 9.31 marijuana compliance program and the need to maintain communication with federal authorities, Allman told the crowd "other agencies would love to come in here ... and say 'we'll take it from here,' but they're not accountable to the people."

Copies of the county's 9.31 regulations were passed out to attendees, and Allman also encouraged growers to join the Sheriff's Office zip tie program, saying "it's given a lot of people comfort."

Plant locations are not recorded as part of the program, he added, and encouraged growers with medical prescriptions to post parcel maps and photocopied recommendations on garden fences, if worried about ambiguity concerning property lines.

"My guys know how to read a parcel map," Allman added. Both the 9.31 regulations and incident report forms are available on the sheriff's website.

Allman cited the success of joint enforcement efforts in previous years, such as Operation Full Court Press, which he says have resulted in significantly fewer big grows in the county. "I'm not aware of any grows over 500 plants."

He also clarified that participation in the county's restitution program for "abusive grows," which utilizes a section of California's Health and Safety Code and is set at \$50/plant and \$500/processed pound. The restitution program is voluntary and

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12 pm: Estep Diesel, Mason County Logging #7 takes over train operations, Willamette - Washington Iron Works Yarder, BE 22 B at Shovel Pit

1 pm: Bucyrus Erie 50 B at Shovel Pit, Raymond Steam Crane, LeTourneau Crane Demonstrations

2 pm: Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller, Ohio Locomotive Crane, Willamette & Stationary Engines including Eureka Foundry Horizontal Spool Donkey, Tractors at Shovel Pit, Ranch Car Tours

3 pm: Bluestone Mining & Smelting Heisler #1 joins Mason County #7 for doubleheader, Bucyrus Erie 50B Shovel Demonstration at Pit, Willamette & WIW Duplex Loader, Raymond Steam Crane, Estep Diesel

4 pm: Train movements to prepare for Sunday. Bluestone #1 spotted for Sunday ops. All steam and diesel operation conclude.

4:30 pm: Roots of Motive Power Fundraiser Auction and Raffle

5 pm: Barbecue ends

6 pm: Lumberjack Show

Sunday, September 7:

All day long: Engine House Tours

not offered to all offenders. Allman also outlined his countywide enforcement objectives for eradication operations, which he described as a "business plan" county deputies are supposed to use to justify any eradication. These include grows considered to be "commercial" operations, trespass grows on private property, and public land grows, which Allman says are also significantly down in Mendocino County.

He listed grows involved with environmental degradation and illegal water diversions as those that "if you are really a Mendocino County person, you will agree, are the most important."

Illegal water diversions - being the top priority in this extreme drought year - have resulted in three arrests which "the DA is taking very seriously," he said. Allman also referenced profit-seeking outsiders "doing things to our land that we would never do."

When asked for clarification from the audience concerning what is considered a "commercial grow," Allman stated that despite dispensaries in the state creating "a little bit of a grey area," he considered a commercial grow anything in which there was evidence of "growing for the purpose of making a lot of money," and repeatedly told the crowd cannabis produced for profit is considered a felony, and he considers eradication if there is intelligence concerning money being exchanged.

Those attending the meeting were also given handouts outlining a countywide proposed "Cannabis Policy Initiative" by the newly formed advocacy group, Mendocino Cannabis Policy Council, for the November

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Adrienne Moore and some council members believe the budget can be balanced with a little more work.

"I am optimistic we may get to a balanced budget," Moore said. "We are very close to it."

The general fund deficit totals about \$130,000. The water department fund faces a budgeted deficit of about \$6,600, while the sewer department budget shows a \$276,712 shortfall, according to a city report.

However, money could be saved as city management discusses reorganization while holding talks with employee bargaining units.

The city gained some ground on balancing its books since a draft budget was presented in June.

Water funds showed a \$228,500 shortfall then, while the general fund's shortfall was brought down from about \$500,000.

As part of the revised, proposed budget, Willits City Pool was set to be closed. The city also chopped funding for the Economic Development

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At top: one of Ursula Pärtch's textile pieces and one of her handcrafted scarves.

At right: are paintings by Peggy Hebrard, from top down: "My Cowboy" featuring Ray Hebrard and his cowdogs, a portrait of Jesse Pittman, and a floral painting.

Below: several of Morgan Rex's sunburst sculptures.



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New show opens at Willits Center for the Arts

The show at the Willits Center for the Arts this month features work from Willits artists Ursula Pärtch, Peggy Hebrard and Morgan Rex. Between the three of them, the show will display what Pärtch calls "a multitude of techniques": art works including fiber art hangings, metal and glass sun sculptures, paintings, textiles, photography, garments and accessories, water fountains, and more, all from artists with long careers dedicated to improving their practice.

The show will open this Saturday evening, September 6, with a reception from 7 to 9 pm, with a performance by local group the New Blu Trio, featuring vocalist Anita Blu.

Ursula Pärtch is a textile artist who has been working with fibers for 50 years and weaving for 30, a craft she first learned in Mendocino County. "My main technique is combing handwoven fibers with felt layers," says Pärtch. She creates pieces ranging from wall hangings to garments and accessories, like scarves and earrings, as well as making her husband's and her own clothes for over three decades.

Pärtch, originally from Germany, has lived in Willits for the last eight years and has participated in a number of other shows at the WCA and around the county. She has taught classes in the fiber arts for local students, including at the Willits Kids Club and Willits High School. She is also a member of the Corner Gallery & Art Center, an artists' cooperative in Ukiah, and more of her work can be found there.

One of her projects is a group of works made entirely from local materials - "all the wools, the yarn, all the dyes from local plants" - some of which will be included in the show. In addition to the work displayed in the gallery throughout the month, the opening will feature more of Pärtch's garments and accessories for visitors, who "can touch them, feel them, wear them - they just can't walk home with them!" she laughs.

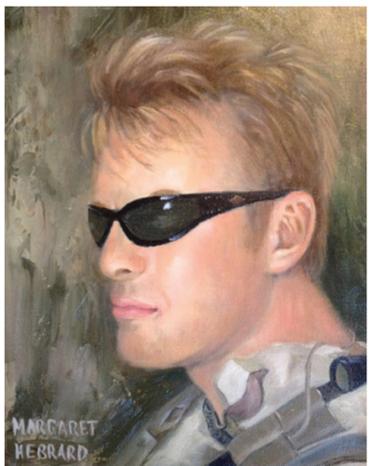
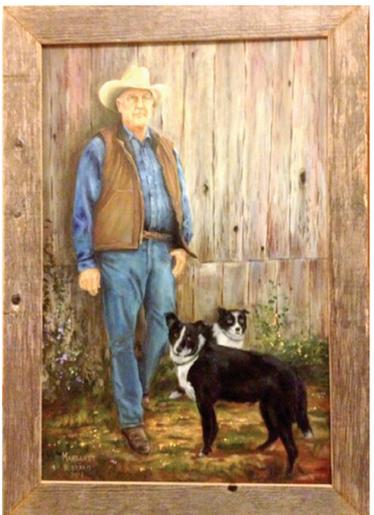
Peggy Hebrard is a dedicated painter and an avid photographer who has been making art "since about 1960." Initially inspired to copy a painting of a small boy in a Kimball catalog, Hebrard has subsequently dedicated herself to creating art: winning awards for paintings, and "taking tens of thousands of photographs" of nature and life around her. "My greatest love is painting florals, portraits, and animals," says Hebrard: "when I paint a flower, I become that flower."

Hebrard's work takes a variety of forms, all which will be displayed at the show. "A camera can capture a frozen moment in time, but a painting can capture the essence," she writes. She will also show several commissioned pieces, including a pet portrait from a Hayfork family who will be attending to collect it. "I'm sort of known as the dead dog lady," she says, going on to explain how wonderful it feels to capture the exact essence of a beloved family pet.

Hebrard's life as an artist is deeply intertwined with being a teacher, and her contributions to the show reflect that as a source of her inspiration. She has taught art and English in Northern California schools and locally for many decades, but currently her efforts are primarily dedicated to her free tole painting class at the Harrah Senior Center (works from which will be in the show), and to encouraging the artistic inclinations of her grandchildren.

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Above: left: A group of "rank" ladies just after the wild cow milking event. Right: Chris Bartow grabs for the horn of a roped steer. Photos by Maureen Moore

Who's ready for the Ranch Rodeo?

Though professional rodeos and area gymkhanas are flashy and fancy with their colorful chaps and manicured manes, the real ranching cowboys and cowgirls have different requirements for their day-to-day activities, some of which will be showcased at this year's Ranch Rodeo.

Held September 20 at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds, the third annual event will focus on tasks more related to real-life situations for ranchers and their horses. The event is free for the public to attend and will start at 1 pm.

The "Calcutta auction" will give event-goers a fun angle on attending: people can bid on the teams at the beginning of the show. Whichever team wins the event will earn its bidders a percentage of funds raised. The Barbecue Cookoff, co-chaired by Sherwood Valley Casino, will be a fun addition to the day. Teams will cook and serve tasty food for the enjoyment of the judges and those with tasting tickets: \$10 each. The first-place winner will receive smokers donated by Willits Frontier Days and Metal Fx. The second-place winner will receive knives donated by ER Energy. The third-place winner will receive a barbecue basket donated by Sherwood Valley Casino. The winner of Best Decorated Table gets a gift basket donated by Flowers by Annette.

Calf branding, ranch doctoring, team sorting, ribbon roping, reverse team roping, saddle cow riding and kid's

dummy roping will all showcase a more refined skill set for the horse and rider and provide event-goers with a different look at ranch life.

Events will be completed in teams of three; all teams must compete in all events to be eligible to win. The first-place team will receive a cash award and belt buckles. The second-place team will also receive a cash payout prize.

In the calf branding event, riders will have to rope a calf and mark it with a paint branding iron. The ranch doctoring event will require riders to sort and rope a steer, catch it, then mark it with an "x" to indicate where a shot would be administered. Team sorting shows the team's ability to select numbered animals from the herd and move them through a mock gate. Ribbon roping requires the team to rope, mug and remove a ribbon from the animal's tail.

Reverse team roping is similar to regular team roping, except the riders will start at opposite ends of the arena, making them run to the other end, re-orient with the steer, then catch a clean head and heel shot. Saddle cow riding is not necessarily a daily ranch-life activity, but gives the cowboys and cowgirls a chance to have some fun, essentially doing bull riding on a full-grown mamma cow ... with three of those riders in the arena, all busting out of the chutes at the same time.

Kids dummy roping gives the little ones a chance to practice their skills at roping, preparing for when they are able to do so from horseback. This event will start at 2 pm. Three age groups will be competing, with each group's winner receiving a prize donated by Mendocino County Farm Supply.

"The traditions of the hardworking life on the ranch are in danger of being lost," explained one of the event's coordinators, Mary Fonsen. "We want to showcase the skills of ranchers and their true and real-life ranch horses and keep people interested in the ranching lifestyle."

Fonsen and her husband, Mike, are ranchers themselves, frequently working their cattle and using many of these day-to-day skills with their own herds.

"We also want to impress our attention to ensuring humane and positive interaction with the cattle - in this event and in real life," explained Fonsen. "You have to be able to handle and move the cattle from time to time, and a large emphasis has been put on required disqualification for excessive roughness when dealing with the animals. They are an investment for the ranchers, and it's in no one's interest to stress or hurt them."

Organizers are still looking for additional three-person teams to sign up for the event. A working knowledge of riding and roping is required, but all levels and ages of horsemen are welcome to sign up. To sign up or for more information, go to www.willitsfrontierdays.com/yearround.html or contact Marcy Barry at 272-5395 or Mary Fonsen at 354-0112.

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a rate hike for pool-users may be considered.

"I think there is not a whole lot of stomach up here for cutting the pool without discussing other options," Strong said.

For the budget at large, Burton said he favored the idea of taking out allocated staff positions which have not been filled.

"I believe there may be some positions in this budget that do not have a social security number next to them yet," said Burton.

Strong asked fellow council members to take a vote on each of the budget items.

The council voted 3-2 to keep the pool in the budget. Councilman Larry Stranske and Burton voted "no."

"It is something we subsidize, and something we do for the public good," Madrigal said.

EDFC director John Kuhry's plea

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approval of a use permit.

The campus on Haehl Creek Drive will come together in phases to include an eight-unit temporary housing facility, three medical office buildings, and a wellness center.

A community pool, kitchen, exercise rooms and a resource library will all be part of the wellness center, according to a City Hall report.

Margie Handley, head of the Howard Foundation, and Howard Foundation member Tom Herman represented the project before the commission.

"We have a wonderful relationship with the Adventist hospital system," Herman said.

The prospect of a new

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Ella, Michael, Wyatt and Audrey, and her young neighbor Jessica, all of whom will be featured in the show and in attendance at the reception.

Morgan Rex is a local artist who works with metal, glass and, in his newest pieces, with water as well. Rex has worked as a commercial artist creating wind chimes for 30 years, but has maintained his passion for more sculptural metal work alongside his commercial products.

"I started in metal work, and after about 20 years I added glass in," he says, "and now, just this year, I'm using water." Rex works using steel sheet metal and glass he finds "in secondhand shops, in gift shops, from fishing floats," and wherever it crosses his path. "Glass is an interesting thing because it comes in so many different forms to repurpose," he says. His "passion of late" is his series of sunbursts, which combine a standard metal frame with a unique design of metal and glass in the center of each piece.

The report states 30 percent of county paved roads are in poor condition, and another 33 percent are in a failed condition. Which means 63 percent of the county's paved roads are either ailing or failed.

And reversing or halting the deterioration of county paved roads will be costly. According to county Department of Transportation Director Howard Dashiell, in a normal year the department spends about \$500,000 on corrective maintenance. If the county doubled that sum, and spent \$1 million annually on corrective maintenance, Dashiell said, the PCI would still slide in 10 years from its current 42 to 24. If his department quadruples what it currently spends, from \$500,000 to \$2 million, the PCI goes down over the decade to 31.

Spending \$5 million annually - that is, spending 10 times what is now being spent - would keep the PCI close to its current condition; it would slip from 42 to 40.

Spending \$9 million on corrective maintenance annually would bump the PCI up slightly over the next 10 years, from 42 to 50, according to the report. That's almost 20 times what the county currently spends on corrective maintenance.

The problem is the county doesn't have an extra \$9 million a year lying around. The total Department of Transportation budget is \$9.17 million, and that includes everything: wages, salaries, retirement costs, routine and preventive road maintenance, bridge replacement and repair, equipment purchases, emergency road repairs, and corrective maintenance.

In a normal year, the county might have an end-of-year budget carryover of between \$2 million and \$3 million. That carryover is always reallocated to needs and projects in the next year's budget, resulting in a balanced budget. There is no extra \$8.5 million available to essentially

to the city earlier this summer was not enough to persuade the council to fund the organization's work.

Work done by the EDFC includes studies and plans for a meat packing plant, a biomass power plant, and a business incubator at the old Ukiah jail building.

The Willits Police Department received some money, about \$80,000, some of which was appropriated from Assembly Bill 109.

In addition to the proposed 20 percent water rate increase, another source of money figured into the budget is increasing sewer department revenue by \$60,000 through permits for receiving sewage.

Council members Stranske, Strong, Madrigal and Ron Orenstein voted to pass the budget. Burton cast the council's single "no" vote.

"The unfortunate thing is when we are tasked with cutting a budget there is going to be bloodshed," Councilman Orenstein said.

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swimming pool seemed even better on a night when the city pool almost went unfunded.

"It is a strong need in the community; it would be great to have a swimming pool," said Herman.

The hospital's Commonwealth Garden, a walking trail, and more new homes built this year in the Haehl Creek neighborhood put an exclamation mark on the development.

The city has been wary of approving projects needing more water than four single-family homes, but council members voted last year to approve a senior living facility in Haehl Creek.

"We feel as reasonably certain as we can be that we can supply this development," Mayor Holly Madrigal said.

Councilman Ron Orenstein called the project "amazing" and a "jewel."

"This is going to be great. Thank you," Orenstein told Herman and Handley.

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Rick Bockmann, president and CEO of Howard Hospital. "I am disappointed that due to a construction delay, we have to postpone the opening of the new hospital."

Adventist Health regional spokesperson Nick Bejarano could not add any more details about why the delay had occurred.

"The advanced technology in this building is substantial," said Amy Ford, senior project manager for the new hospital construction, in the press release. "When you combine the complexity of the building, with the rigorous inspection process and oversight from state inspectors for hospitals, schedules can be delayed. It is worth the extra time investment to ensure the standards we strive for are met to ensure quality health care for our community. As a result of this delay, we are confident that the hospital we open in spring will be the world-class facility that Willits deserves."

Margie Handley, president of the Frank R. Howard Foundation, said she, too, was "very shocked and disappointed." We thought the hospital construction was on time, and we had made all of our plans for the dedication. But when you have a construction project of this size, you can never anticipate what might happen, and while we're all disappointed, delays are usually for a good reason."

CEO Bockmann said the administrative team at the hospital "is working diligently" with HBE, the lead design-build firm on the project, to update the current timeline, and will share an updated timeline once it becomes available.

"Adventist Health's commitment to provide best-in-class health care in the Willits community is evident with the building of the new hospital," Bockmann said.

When the contracts with the Frank R. Howard Foundation were signed in 2010, Adventist Health announced it was budgeting \$61.2 million for the new 25-bed hospital.

double the Department of Transportation budget.

Dashiell said his department would be hard pressed to find a spare \$2 million to dedicate to corrective maintenance. He pledged corrective maintenance against routine and preventive maintenance, which he defined as the more mundane tasks of the DOT. These include 23 separate tasks, including storm drain inspection and cleaning, pothole patching, ditch cleaning, culvert cleaning and replacement, street sweeping, chip sealing, roadside mowing, brush and tree removal, cattle guard repairs and 14 other categories of work.

Performing routine and preventive maintenance helps to keep the PCI up, Dashiell said. "We know reducing routine and preventive maintenance lowers PCI and increases corrective maintenance costs," he said. "The county needs to increase corrective maintenance while preserving funding for routine and preventive maintenance."

Supervisors did not bring Gjerde's motion to a vote. Instead board members left the door open for the board to reconsider Gjerde's motion during final budget deliberations on September 9 through 11.

"I believe the PCI is important, but there are a lot of things that are important," said Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg.

Speaking with Willits Weekly a few days before Tuesday's meeting, Third District Supervisor John Pinches reflected on the significance of the PCI report. "I don't think our roads are in that bad a shape," Pinches said. "As for spending more on roads, yeah, we could do that, but I could say that about mental health. I could say that about social services. You could easily double the amount of money you spend on both of those. But the fact of the matter is, we don't have the money. We have to live within what we have."

"It's kinda like going outside your house and looking at the temperature. You can see it's hot. But is there really anything you can do about it? I think the only way you're gonna change it is with more money," Pinches said.

"I think they need to spend more time thinking about the roads," Gjerde said during a brief recess. "There are options for the county and the county needs to pursue those options to fund resurfacing the roads. I hope they'll dedicate more time to the subject, because the county is failing the people of Mendocino County in failing to resurface the paved roads."

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is against state law. The county's official response, authored by acting-Council Counsel Doug Losak and approved on last week by the board of supervisors, largely echoes the special response to the grand jury's library report authored by County CEO Camel Angelo and submitted to supervisors on July 22.

According to the official response, the county is innocent of having "historically and continuously failed to recognize or treat the library as a special district" because it is not a special district. "Based on applicable laws, the Mendocino County Library is not a special district with its own governing body, separate and distinct from the county as is, for example, the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District," according to the response.

Supervisors and the CEO are likewise innocent of having usurped the authority of the county librarian. The response states: "Education Code Section 19160 establishes the powers and duties of the board of supervisors regarding the library. This section states that the county free library is under the general supervision of the board of supervisors which may (a) make general rules and regulations regarding the policy of the county free library, (b) establish, upon the recommendation of the county librarian, branches and stations throughout the county and may locate the branches and stations in cities wherever deemed advisable, and (c) determine the number and kind of employees of the library."

The response goes on to state: "Based on the above, it is clear that the County Free Library is not a special district that operates separate from the county. Therefore, operating in a manner similar to how other county departments are operating does not violate state law."

In its response to the grand jury report, the county partially disagreed - and therefore, partially agreed - with grand jury findings that "A87 costs charged to the library are not clearly identified in the budget and the amount charged is questionable."

A87 costs are costs paid back to the county for what the response terms "central administrative and overhead expenses to county departments related to federally funded grants or programs." In other words, if a county department receives federal funding, it has to pay back to the county certain costs for depreciation and uses of facilities, even if those facilities belong to the county.

The county response to the grand jury claims states: "The county correctly allocates the A87 costs attributed to the county library. However, the county will strive to more clearly identify A87 costs in the county's budget in the future with a separate line item titled 'A-87 costs.'"

The most troubling allegation in the grand jury library report is that the county has deprived the County Free Library of at least \$1 million for the period 1998 through 2013, contrary to statements made by the CEO to the board of supervisors. "The grand jury claims this siphoning off of money is due to the fact the county librarian has historically been paid, and is now being paid, out of funding allocated by the county to the library. The grand jury claims the county librarian needs to be paid from county general funds, not library funds."

The overarching goal of the grand jury is to point out that - as things are currently being done - it would be possible for the county to pay its librarian with funds derived from Measure A, which is against the intent of the measure.

As CEO Angelo did in her July 2014 response, the supervisors categorically denied any wrongdoing on the part of the county. "It is unclear what law is being referenced in this finding," the response states. "The elected county auditor-controller is in charge of the accounting process for the county library. No documentation regarding the allegations contained in the above findings has been brought to the board of supervisors' attention. The board of supervisors adopts by reference the response of the auditor-controller to this finding."

The response refers to that of Auditor-Controller Lloyd Weer, who denied grand jury allegations in a statement made in conjunction with Angelo's July 22 response.

Weer wrote: "All Mendocino County officers [department heads] are paid in the same manner and out of the fund in which they work. The General Services director is paid out of the general fund, the Department of Transportation director is paid out of the road fund, the air pollution control officer is paid out of the air quality fund, and the librarian is paid out of the library fund."

"The County Free Library law does not require that the librarian's salary comes out of the 'general fund' and, therefore, the county has not deprived the library of any funding," Weer wrote.

Doubts persist

The California Government Code, in Section 19147 and Section 19148, clarifies how librarians are to be paid, and when both sections are read, the county appears to be in violation of Section 19148:

"The salary of the county librarians shall be paid by each of the counties in equal monthly installments at the same time and in the same manner and out of the same fund, as the salaries of other county officials are paid." (Section 19147)

"The board of supervisors of a county over 400,000 population, as determined by the 1960 decennial census, maintaining a County Free Library may provide that the salary of the county librarian be paid from the same fund used for maintaining and operating the County Free Library." (Section 19148)

Section 19148 distinguishes between the way county librarians are to be paid in larger counties and how they are to be paid in smaller counties. The language in Section 19148 appears to imply a county with a population of less than 400,000 in the 1960 census may not pay its county librarian from funds used to pay for the maintaining and operation of the county library. Mendocino County's population in 1960 was about 51,000.

Hamburg knocks grand jury trend

As supervisors were getting ready to approve their package of responses to the grand jury report, Supervisor Dan Hamburg (5th District) expressed dismay at what he termed "a gulf of disconnection" between the board of supervisors and the grand jury.

"There were 12 findings made by the grand jury with respect to the library. There were 10 with which we wholly disagreed, and there were two with which we partially disagreed. That's a pretty high percentage of disagreement. With the recommendations, [again, on the library issue] there were 19 recommendations made. Fully 16 of those are slated to not be implemented. So, you can really see this huge gulf that exists in this report."

"And I think Supervisor McCowen is correct in pointing out that in these two other reports related to mental health, there is a huge gap," Hamburg continued. "There were nine findings made with regard to mental health privatization by the grand jury, and in our response we fully disagreed with eight of them, and we partially disagreed with one of them."

"So this is a gulf of disconnection that makes me wonder: what is the grand jury really up to in some of these areas?... I've had so many people in my district who are really reasonable people usually, just so enflamed by this report on the library. And I don't know what got it all started," Hamburg said. "But I frankly don't think there's a lot in the grand jury report that is fully truthful. I do think some damage was done to the credibility of the CEO, to the credibility of the entire county."



Willits High School Wolverines battle the El Molino Lions on the WHS field during last Friday's game.

Blake Leslie, #7, throws the ball. Blake threw three touchdown passes during the Friday game, and cheers from the crowd could be heard across the otherwise-quiet north end of town.

Willits Wolverines TJ Buzzard, #52, and Colton Pinson, #51, on the field.

Wolverine Will Smith, #20, receives the ball during Friday's game.

Photos by Kim Pinson

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WHS Varsity Wolverines play hard against El Molino: final score: 36-45

"The kids played really well!" noted Sean Leslie, Willits High School's head coach for the varsity football team. "Even though we ended the game at 36-45, they kept the score tight and really played hard for their first time out on the field!"

Last Friday was the first home game for Willits High School's football team, which they played against El Molino, a school from Forresterville in Sonoma County.

Leslie noted that the El Molino kids had already scrimmaged a few games prior to WHS's first time out on the field, and mentioned how proud he was of the players on the Wolverine team for really holding their own.

"There are about 15 kids that moved up this year from the jayvee team last year who are really good additions to the varsity team," explained Leslie. "They were great last year, and this year, they're even bigger, stronger and faster."

There were three players that Leslie mentioned who made notable plays during the Friday game: 16-year-old juniors Blake Leslie, Justin Thom and Will Smith.

Blake is the quarterback this year and was able to complete 12 of his 15 passes. He also threw three touchdown passes for

about 350 yards.

Justin, the wide receiver, caught three of the touchdown passes from Blake, and Will Smith was able to run the ball down the gridiron for a touchdown.

Coach Leslie also noted the defense's great job holding the line during the "shootout style" game – with both teams consistently making touchdowns and scoring points back and forth.

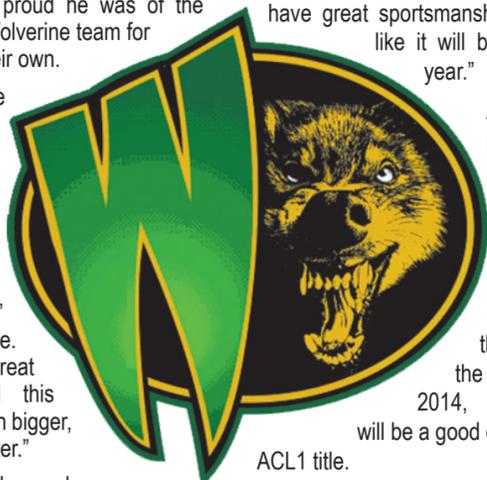
"Everyone on the team this year is such a team player, too," explained Leslie. "They have great sportsmanship, and it looks like it will be a really great year."

Around 25 players are on the varsity roster this season, and Leslie and some coaching associates are thinking that, with the great group of 2014, the Wolverines

will be a good contender for the ACL1 title.

Come cheer on the jayvee and varsity teams during their next home game, Friday, September 12, at Maize Field, behind the high school. The Wolverines will play Elsie Allen. Jayvee starts at 5 pm and varsity at 7 pm. More info: 459-7700.

– Maureen Moore



Squeaky Clean

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