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Tuesday night fires 'under investigation'

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Tuesday night fires north of Willits – one along Shimmins Ridge Road not far from the Happy Valley RV Park, the second on Highway 162 at milepost marker 5.25 – are under investigation by Cal Fire.

The Shimmins Ridge Road fire broke out about 7 pm, according to Little Lake Fire Department Deputy Chief John Thomen, and burned some 10 acres.

Thomen said Willits firefighters were engaged in their monthly drill when they received the Shimmins Ridge call at 7:02 pm, “so

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Kemper, committee discuss Howard option

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At the August 29 meeting of the Measure B Committee, consultant Lee Kemper acknowledged that comparing a preliminary estimate to remodel the old Howard Hospital for use as a combined psychiatric health facility and mental health rehabilitation center with his analysis of what it will cost to build a PHF from scratch was skewed.

Kemper asked Howard Foundation Executive Director Arnie Mello to prepare a second cost

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County counsel: Ruling on Howard resolution 'premature'

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Mendocino County Counsel Katharine Elliott has advised CEO Carmel Angelo and the board of supervisors that it is premature for her to render a legal opinion regarding the contents of a resolution adopted by the Willits City Council regarding certain restrictions and conditions that might apply should the county move forward with siting a mental health facility at the old Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits.

The resolution by the city council asked the county to acknowledge that to receive a state license for

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Above: Roots of Motive Power's Troy James shows features of the newest yard inhabitant: the Pacific Fruit Express Car, a refrigerator box car which has insulated walls “this thick,” left, which was cooled with blocks of ice at each end. Fans on each end of the car circulated the cool air and were powered by friction-driven generators, mounted where James points, right, on each car.



Photos by
Maureen Moore



Above: Roots members, including, from left: Dave Sheber, Troy James, Eli Mosher, Kent Hinton, and Joey Smith, welcome the community to come see all the interesting and antique equipment and items at the Roots yard, get a train ride around the ball fields, enjoy the barbecue, bid on items, make steamroller prints, and much more this weekend during the annual Roots of Motive Power Steam Up.

Roots Steam Up

40th annual event this weekend at Rec Grove Park and Roots of Motive Power's Commercial Street yard

This weekend marks the 40th anniversary of the Roots of Motive Power's annual Steam Up event and as always, two days packed full of steam-powered fun await the community.

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The Steam Up is happening both Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9 and will offer everything from rides on historic trains, steam printing, an

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At top: Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman signs “golden concrete” certificates for a “Cell Block Party,” allowing the winners to stay the night at the new wing of the jail in September of 2022. Above: Scott Ferleman of the Black Bart Theatrical Group tries out this Caspar Lumber Company Model T as a post train-robbery getaway option. The Model T was adapted by the mill for pulling lumber carts from the sawmill on Caspar Creek to the lumber dry yard on the coastal bluff and now resides at the Roots yard.



Above: While conducting official party-planning business, Roots' Bobbie Yokum, left, Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman, center, and auctioneer Andrew Hosford, right, are the first to be “robbed” on the Roots riding car by a member of the Black Bart Theatrical Group – an experience many might also encounter during train rides at the upcoming Roots Steam Up this weekend.

Below: A table, left, made by Keith Rongey, local blacksmith and Roots member, utilizing the old front tube sheet from the Kelly Springfield steam roller that will be up for auction. Center: Chuck Jones, left, and Keith Rongey after removing the old front tube sheet from the Kelly Springfield steam roller.



Photo by
Chris Baldo

Right: A miniature Streamline trailer toy up for auction.

Delaquadra will stand trial for felony animal cruelty

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A 63-year-old Willits woman will be arraigned September 13 in Mendocino County Superior Court on three felony animal cruelty charges.

Judge Ann Moorman's ruling followed an almost five-hour August 31 preliminary hearing on the charges against Anne Katherine Delaquadra.

Delaquadra was arrested on January 3 after sheriff's deputies and animal control officers served a search warrant at a Reeves

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Measure B committee accepts Kemper report

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The county's Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens' Oversight Committee has unanimously approved accepting the needs assessment report prepared by the Kemper Consulting Group. The report will be referred to the board of supervisors for its review and comment.

The action did not include a recommendation to move forward with any of the report's recommendations.

When committee Vice Chairman Ace Barash

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Willits man arrested on sex charge

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A 34-year-old Willits man, a teacher at Ukiah High School, was arrested Tuesday morning by Ukiah police on a misdemeanor warrant from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, alleging he annoyed or molested a child under the age of 18.

Former Willits volunteer firefighter Benjamin Paul O'Neill is a health occupations teacher at Ukiah High and helped organize a summertime internship program that allowed 10 Mendocino County high school students to gain healthcare experience by working with medical professionals at Adventist Health Ukiah Valley, formerly Ukiah Valley Medical Center. O'Neill also

Read the rest of **Arrested**
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Women who love to sing

Do you love to sing? Consider joining with a very welcoming group of singing women – the Inland Valley Women's Chorus. There is no audition and no prior experience is required.

IWWC sings songs of peace, joy, social justice, and healing. Some of the songs are written by its members and friends, some are from around the world; some are simple chants, most have 3-part harmonies. The chorus is directed by Madge Strong, who has decades of musical and teaching background.

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 sometimes give a concert and/or host a northern California women's choral gathering.

Studies show that singing is good for our health and minds. One chorus member said, "Even when I feel tired after work, I come away from chorus re-energized." Music is also good for the world, teaching harmony and how to work and play together in community.

Inland Valley Women's Chorus meets Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 pm, September to June. Our first meeting of the new season is September 11 at the Center for Spiritual Living, 741 South Oak Street (in back of Rite Aid, just north of Gobbi) in Ukiah.

For more information, contact Madge Strong, 459-1493 or mstrong@willitsonline.com.

– Submitted by the
Inland Valley Women's Chorus

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Willits Brown Bag Lunch Program needs your help!

To the Editor:

The Willits Brown Bag Lunch Program has been feeding the hungry in the park every Saturday since 2002. We are composed of service groups, churches, clubs, families, school groups, and businesses who feel that it is important to give back to the community.

We are under the umbrella of Willits Community Services and Food Bank and they provide much of the food we serve. Grocery Outlet has also been generous in donating food. When we have 12 groups involved, each group only makes and serves lunch four, or possibly five, times per year. It involves picking up food on a Friday and approximately two hours on Saturday making and serving the lunches at the City Park. We usually make around 30 lunches depending on weather and other variables. We also meet quarterly to get new information and iron out any issues that have come up.

We are currently down several groups and are concerned about the continuation of this important program. Many individuals and families depend on this program for a meal over the weekend when Daily Bread is not open. Won't you consider joining with us in feeding the hungry? Our clients express thanks and appreciation in many different ways. It is a good feeling to do something nice for someone who cannot repay you!

Our next quarterly meeting is on Saturday, September 15, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm at the Seventh-day Adventist Friendship House (363 West Mendocino Ave). Please come to get more information. You can also call the Food Bank for information at 459-3333. Tommie Brown is the coordinator of this program, and he can be reached at brotommie20002@gmail.com.

Tami Rempel, secretary of the Brown Bag Lunch Program, Willits

Model sailboat regatta

To the Editor:

The American Legion, Willits Post 174 members have been in discussion about our role in the community, i.e. supporting our veterans and the community in which they live.

Since one of the four pillars of the American Legion is "children and youth," the Post has decided to "float" the idea of a model sailboat regatta that would take place in August of 2019.

The project would entail a young person purchasing and assembling a radio-controlled model sailboat. Subsequently, they would demonstrate their seamanship abilities as they compete against other "skippers" at the same event.

The building of the model, with guidance from a parent or adult mentor, will benefit in many ways: the problem solving, team building,

building/assembly principles, scientific concepts of propulsion, electronics etc.

Since our vision and details for the proposed regatta are in the planning stage, we feel that providing an exhibition of radio-controlled model ships would be an excellent opportunity to determine whether there is sufficient community support to move forward as planned.

With that in mind, we have arranged for the Redwood Empire Model Shipwrights Club of Rohnert Park to provide an exhibition of these radio-controlled model ships on Saturday, October 27, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Willits City Pool at Willits High School, 299 Main Street.

Post member George Froschl (retired MSgt. USAF) has done extensive work investigating the nuances of a regatta, and is most knowledgeable about the current planned activity. He can be contacted at 463-4226, Monday through Thursday, 7 am to 5 pm.

It is my desire to solicit Willits Weekly's support in providing public information as it relates to the upcoming exhibition, which would be noteworthy to the residents of Willits and surrounding community.

Roger Ham, adjutant, Willits Post 174

Help plan an intentional community

To the Editor:

Join us if you are interested in being part of a senior-friendly, multi-generational and vegan-friendly intentional community. We are a core group in the process of forming a vision statement and are clear that we want our community to be close (walking or bicycling distance) to Willits but rural, have a large community garden, a vegan community kitchen and dining hall (folks can cook and eat what they want in their own kitchens), community spaces for movement (yoga, meditation, dance, etc.), a visual art studio, and whatever else we want to dream up that will serve our community for the good.

We are meeting every Wednesday at 7 pm at the Willits Hub at 630 South Main Street in Willits (formerly the Willits Environmental Center). The first and third Wednesdays of each month are a general meeting. The second and fourth Wednesdays are focus meetings where we will create our vision statement and work on specific issues for building community. Some of the focus meetings might take place at other locations, so please come to a general meeting first before attending a focus meeting.

The fifth Wednesday of the month – when there is one – will be a Vegan Potluck (no foods derived from animals or animal products). The next fifth Wednesday is Halloween!

We ask attendees to make a small contribution (\$1 to \$5) to the Willits Hub to help pay for the space.

Please email janae@heartful-living.net if you would like a copy of the vision document on which we are

basing our community and notes from previous meetings to see where we are in the process. And please let us know if you would like to be on our email list and get updates.

Janae Stephens, Willits

Book Launch Party

September 27

To the Editor:

I'm pleased to invite you to a talk and book launch party for my new book, "My Distant Dad: Healing the Family Father Wound," on Thursday, September 27, from 6 pm at the Willits Public Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

In the talk I'll share my own experiences and clinical research over the last 40 years about the impact the father wound has on our lives growing up and on our relationships as adults. Like me, millions of men and women grew up in a family where a father was distant, absent, rejecting, or dysfunctional. Years later we often don't realize how our family father wounds impact our ability to trust and love fully in our adult relationships.

You'll not only hear about my own 70-year healing journey, but will learn simple tools you can use to heal your past, your present, and future relationships.

This is my 15th book, and this Willits launch party will be the first time it is available for sale anywhere. There is a hardcover and paperback edition, as well as an e-book and audio book. There is also a workbook titled "Healing the Family Father Wound: Your Playbook for Personal and Relationship Success."

To say, "thank you" for coming, everyone who attends the talk and book party will receive a free copy of my best-selling book, "Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places," in which you'll learn the differences between healthy love and love addiction.

"My Distant Dad: Healing the Family Father Wound" has received positive response from many of my colleagues:

"There are some skills you must have, some ways you must be, and some things you must learn or unlearn if you want to have a healthy, fulfilling and loving relationship. Jed Diamond's 'My Distant Dad' covers all the 'musts' and then some. What a blessing. This will be recognized as your finest work. I am honored to support it and you." – Rev. Iyanla Vanzant, host of "Iyanla, Fix My Life" on OWN; author of "Get Over It; Thought Therapy for Healing the Hard Stuff"

"I've known and appreciated Jed's work for more than 40 years. Jed's moving story is a source of hope and reconciliation that gives us the courage we need to embark on our own healing journey. I highly recommend Jed's book to couples and singles." – John Gray, best-selling author of "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus"

For questions or for more information contact Jed@MenAlive.com or phone 354-0758. I look forward to seeing you on September 27 at 6 pm at the Willits Library.

Jed Diamond, Willits



At top, left: Elena and Hannah Edwards, two volunteers, speak about what the program means to them. At top, right: Erin Holzhauer with Ashley Adamski, a 21-year client of the program, as she addresses the crowd. Above, left: Adam Celaya and his crew prepare the feast. Above, right: Diners enjoy their al fresco meal around the statue of Seabiscuit.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Claws for a Cause

Over \$45,000 raised for Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center at annual auction and benefit dinner at Ridgewood Ranch

Three hundred and twenty guests were there to eat filet mignon and imported Maine lobster, listen to music, schmooze, win door prizes, and bid on items in silent and live auctions. But most importantly, they were at Claws for a Cause at Ridgewood Ranch to help fund the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center. A preliminary count shows the event made over \$45,000, with a final figure to come.

Funds raised will be used to keep the program fluid for another year, to provide scholarships for the participants who need them, and to contribute to the goal of building a covered horse arena which would enable the program to go on in any weather condition.

The program was founded in 1993, originally under the name of TRAILS (Teaching Riding as an Access to Independence and Learning) by Erin Holzhauer, who is still the director. As Holzhauer stated in her address to the attendees: "For those of you who don't know, STRC has been going since 1993, which puts us at 25 years, which is an incredible milestone. We're preparing for the next 25. This program belongs to all of us.

"We have served hundreds of youth and adults in our community. We look forward to serving

1,000 more. As a child who was diagnosed with dyslexia and attention deficit disorder, I found acceptance in a horse. I found somebody who would be my friend, that was there for me always ... who accepted me without any conditions. And that was pretty amazing.

"At times when it was difficult going to school and dealing with the confusion," she continued, "feeling like I didn't belong, I belonged. Horses taught me to be present because you have to be, because they are 1,000 pounds. If you're not paying attention, it can be a problem.

"They taught me how to be focused and that really helped me, for all of those things I was working on in school. They gave me balance and helped me with coordination. I'm forever grateful to my equine therapist that I grew up with. For me that was Frosty, a little Appaloosa mare that actually was one of our first program horses."

Several students and volunteers stood up to share their experiences with the program. "I am 14 years old," said Hannah Edwards, "and I've been volunteering for around 2.5 years. It has been an amazing experience. Yes, it is hard work. What makes it all worthwhile is when I see the clients' faces light up when they mount the horses."

Ashley Adamski is one of the lucky students. "I have been in the program since I was 11

years old," she said. "I'm 32 now. I love riding, taking care of horses. I love the horses. Yeah, I love them a lot. We are doing this fundraiser so we can get a covered arena so we can do our program all year. Thank you for helping us."

The attendees listened with eyes welling up as one by one, participants, volunteers and parents extolled the benefits of the program and the value of the help that the people were providing by their generosity and presence. Confidence, core balance, defeating of fears were just a few of the pluses the program provided to these less-fortunate, challenged individuals.

There were tender moments as well, as when Holzhauer described their little mini donkey who came to them as a result of last year's fire when they took in several animals. The animal's name is Muffin, and he has "a gift of being with people. We had a new student come out to the program a couple weeks ago. She was in a wheelchair and unable to see. Muffin spent 10 minutes with his head in her lap. Each one of our animals has a special gift that they share."

There were a lot of people and organizations to thank: the Rotary Club who put on the event for the last four years, the 45 high school volunteers

Read the rest of **Claws** Over on Page 11



Above, left: Auctioneers Tom Allman and Rachel Britten wear coordinated blue stripes. Above, right: Rotary member Jolene Carrillo delivers the lobsters.

At left: Keith and Kim Shuster look over some of the items for the live auction.

Below, from left: The Ed Reinhart Band warms up the crowd. Adam Celaya's appetizers started off the party in style. Mike Tobin demonstrates the proper method for lobster meat extraction.



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Sat: 2:45, 5:30 & 8:15pm
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Sun: 1:00, 3:15, 5:30 & 7:45pm
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Movie Times for 9/7 thru 9/13 This Week's Tightwad Tuesday Titles are in RED - All tickets: \$5

Willits Weekly's
Puzzle Page
Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

9x9 grid with numbers 1-9 for a Sudoku puzzle.

PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 11

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.

11x11 grid with numbers 1-11 for a crossword puzzle.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Where to shop
6. A descendant of Shem
12. NBA big man 'Boogie'

- 47. Where wrestlers ply their trade
48. The Peach State
50. Boat post

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cooks need one
2. A mystic syllable
3. Male parents

- 10. Atlanta-based rapper
11. Animosities
12. Pop singer

SIZZLING WORD SEARCH

Word search grid with letters A-Z.

Table with 4 columns: ADOBO, ASHES, BACKYARD, BARBECUE, BBQ, BRINING, BRISKET, BURGER, BURNER, BURNT, CARAMELIZE, CHAR, CHILE, DRY, DURATION, FLIP, GRILLED, HARDWOOD, INDIRECT, LOIN, MARINATE, PICNIC, RACK, RIBS, ROAST, RUB, SEAR, SEASONING, SIDES, SLAB, SMOKER, SPATULA, SPICES, TEMPERATURE, TENDER, TOPPER.

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

August 27 to September 2
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 255 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

August 27
12:36 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Sherwood Hill Drive.
7:44 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Oak Avenue.
8:05 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.
10:20 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
2:13 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1000 block of South Main Street.
2:18 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
3:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of East Hill Road and Baechtel Road and issued a citation.
August 28
8:41 am: CADY, Nathaniel Christian (26) of McKinleyville was contacted in the 1300 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 10851 (A) VC (Unlawful Taking or Driving of a Vehicle), on felony charges of burglary, taking a vehicle without owner's consent, receiving stolen property, identity theft, unauthorized use of card, violation of probation, and defacement of property, and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (loitering on private property).
12:09 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
1:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of East Commercial Street and North Lenore Avenue.
3:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of North Main Street.
3:32 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 21000 block of Baechtel Road.
10:19 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
August 29
12:09 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.
10:35 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
12:59 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.
5:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 800 block of South Main Street.
7:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
7:49 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.
August 30
1:35 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.
4:33 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 200 block of Franklin Avenue.
8:48 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 20000 block of Locust Street.
1:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 400 block of East San Francisco Avenue.
4:36 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.
6:11 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
7:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
8:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of North Main Street.
10:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.
10:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of Grove Street.
August 31
2:01 am: MOSS, Ethan Campbell (29) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).
9:47 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of Margie Drive.
10:04 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 800 block of Coast Street.
2:58 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of South Humboldt Street.
3:47 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
4:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.
4:57 pm: WILLIAMS, Thomas Fredrick (55) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Sanhedrin Circle. He was arrested pursuant to 273.6 PC (Violation of a Protective Order).
7:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1600 block of South Main Street.
11:06 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.
September 1
2:06 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.
2:39 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of South Main Street.
9:14 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of South Main Street.
12:01 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation near the intersection of Haehl Creek Court and Haehl Creek Drive.
12:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of Margie Drive.
12:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of Holly Street.
12:57 pm: CURTIS, Rickie Allen (45) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).
2:05 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
10:03 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping and an illegal campfire near the intersection of Baechtel Road and South Main Street.
September 2
12:40 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.
4:09 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
4:18 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
4:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Robert Drive.
5:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.
5:38 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation near the intersection of South Street and Central Street.
7:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.
9:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of Holly Street and Locust Street.



Above, from left: Nan Trichler with her marvelous feminine-inspired wall hangings. The crowd enjoys the show at Saturday's opening reception for "Made in Mendocino 2018."



Below, from left: Laura Fogg details her five-panel quilt reflecting current events, "DENIED." At right, below: Featured artist Holly Brackman with her tribute quilt "Shadow Over My Ancestors."



Photos by Danya Davis

'Made in Mendocino'

September show at the Art Center features gorgeous quilts from local artists

A splendid show! Incredible talent was showcased at the Willits Center for the Arts on Saturday evening. The opening of "Made in Mendocino 2018" displayed the works of more than 20 local quilters. Pieces range from traditional to abstract, dainty to dramatic, thought provoking to comforting. All unique and gorgeous.

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The featured artist is Holly Brackman. While relatively new to quilting, about six years, she has been working with various textiles and dyeing techniques for decades. Brackman is professor emerita of Textiles and Art History at Mendocino College. She has traveled the world in pursuit of her passion, including leading study tours and exhibiting internationally.

In her heartfelt quilt, "Shadow Over My Ancestors," Brackman brings new life to a quilt handmade by her great-grandmother from Brackman's grandfather's shirts. Sheer fabric in the outline of Brackman's own shadow imprinted with photos of her great-grandmother and grandfather overlay a section of the original quilt. Their names, lovingly hand-stitched, accent the fabric. A touching tribute.

A generous crowd enjoyed light refreshments while admiring the various quilts. Several of the artists spoke about their techniques, materials, and the meaning behind their extraordinary works. Guest Karen Oslund described Laura Fogg's five-panel quilt "DENIED" as "powerful" and "the piece I will walk away remembering." A crowd favorite was Charlotte Tefft's "journey" quilt that tells a story from coast to coast using fascinating fabric imagery.

Rachel Cash, member of the Sit and Sew group that meets at the Willits Public Library, mentioned that raffle tickets are available for the beautiful quilt that their group created. Proceeds will benefit the library. Tickets may be purchased at the Willits Center for the Arts.

"Made in Mendocino 2018" will be on display at the Willits Center for the Arts through September 23. The gallery at 71 East Commercial Street is open Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Info: www.willitscenterforthearts.org or 459-1726.



Above, left: Barbara Carlon with her quilt "Back to the Seventies," featuring Kaffe Fassett Fabrics.



Above, right: Ann Horton's fabulous quilt "Love Song."



At left: Gorgeous wall hangings by Bobbie Yukum.



At right: Lovely wall hangings by Lisa Bowles.

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Giving Back

Willits donor starts 'Fund for Homeless Services' at Community Foundation

Submitted by Megan Barber Allende, president/CEO, Community Foundation of Mendocino County

Donna Vaiano, who recently opened the Fund for Homeless Services at the Community Foundation, has a strong attachment to the community that has been a part of her life for many decades. "This is my home," she said when speaking of Willits. "I first moved here in 1971.

"Although my husband and I had been attending school back east, we first met in San Francisco and both of us wanted to return to California. When he found a job as a veterinarian in Willits, it seemed like a good fit. At the time we both loved to scuba dive, and it was just a short trip to the coast."

Living in Willits in 1971 was special, according to Vaiano. "We were part of the back-to-the-land movement. There weren't many of us, and so we all knew each other. We had wonderful parties where everyone would bring something to share. In many ways, I 'grew up' in Willits and became the person I wanted to be."

With a master's degree in environmental planning from the University of Pennsylvania, Vaiano found many opportunities to work in the county. "When I came to Mendocino County," she explained, "I was able to use my knowledge of environmental land-use planning.

"The ecology movement was just getting started and I was the only one in the area who had the qualifications to complete many of the environmental-impact reports." Her interest in planning also led her to work with the Community Development Commission Housing Authority.

Eventually Vaiano left Willits to pursue various "walkabouts" as she describes them. She sailed to the Bahamas, conducted a survey work in Weaverville, drove a school bus, and started a wildflower seed business in Morro Bay. She returned to school at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and earned her teaching credential at the age of 50, teaching special education at Laytonville High School until she retired.

When Vaiano inherited some money from her father, it became an impetus to find ways to "pay it forward." As she explored the best way to do this, she became interested in the Community Foundation. Although she knew about the foundation from friends and her work on non-profit boards, she was pleasantly surprised to learn what a great resource the foundation is for donors. "The foundation gave me the guidance I needed and made it easy to design a personal plan for giving," she said.

Her decision to focus on helping people who are homeless stems from the wisdom she gained over the years. "In my various jobs, I learned that people are not equal when it comes to what life presents to them. People are born with different abilities and grow up in vastly different circumstances.

"It became clear to me," she continued, "that no matter how hard some people try, they need help in order to succeed in life. When I worked for the housing



Donna Vaiano of Willits has opened a Fund for Homeless Services at the Community Foundation of Mendocino County to "pay it forward."

authority, we believed that every individual has a *right* to safe and affordable housing. We have a long way to get to that in this county."

Her perspective was also deepened by her experiences as a teacher. "Kids suffer terribly when families are homeless. It broke my heart to know that children in the school where I taught were living in cars."

Vaiano is following a two-pronged approach to giving. The non-endowed Fund for Homeless Services will allow her to provide direct funding for current grants. At the same time, she has made arrangements to endow the fund through her trust. In this way she can enjoy seeing how she is making a difference during her lifetime and know that her efforts will continue through her estate plan gift.

The Fund for Homeless Services will provide grants to programs that serve homeless families and individuals in Mendocino County. Priority will be given to programs that provide treatment for homeless people suffering from mental illness, addiction, post-traumatic stress disorder, or other debilitating illnesses, especially for programs providing services that are not otherwise provided by public benefits.

Opportunities to receive help from the Fund for Homeless Services will be available during the upcoming Field-of-Interest Grant program, which provides grants in a specified area of interest (e.g., the environment or human services), or a specified geographical area, or both.

Vaiano looks forward to the opportunity to see the direct impact of her gift. She welcomes others to join her in building this fund now and / or with a planned gift in the future.

For more information about the Homeless Services Fund or the Field-of-Interest Grant program opening on September 15, please go to www.communityfund.org/grants-scholarships/.

Gather for International Day of Peace in Willits

Submitted by International Day of Peace, Willits

On Friday, September 21, peace lovers all over the world will celebrate the 2018 International Day of Peace (www.internationaldayofpeace.org). This year's theme is "The Right to Peace – The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70."

Peace lovers in Willits will gather at Recreation Grove Park (East Commercial and South Lenore), from 4 to 6 pm that Friday, for a bilingual (Spanish and English) gathering to celebrate peace in our community with dance, music and refreshments. Bring your own chair or blanket. No admittance fee; refreshments provided by the Willits High School Art & Travel Club (donations accepted).

Willits native Wallace Clark, elder of the Konkow band of Maidu, will open the program with a ceremonial song from his tradition. The Konkow band of Maidu were involuntarily relocated to Willits from the Butte County area about 150 years ago.

The program includes people of all ages and social sectors and will feature Nuestra Alianza's Baile Folklórico, presenting traditional dances of Mexico performed by children from our community.

Also featured is the renowned Emandal Chorale, "More than a thousand choirs from around the world, from every continent, will be singing for peace on September 21," said Emandal director Donald Willits, "as part of the onedayonechoir.org global outreach. Emandal Chorale will be one of them! We sing for peace because peace touches our hearts, and singing is the way to access that."

Presented by the City of Willits, Nuestra Alianza de Willits, WHS Art & Travel Club, Willits Interfaith Council, Willits Rotary Club and other peace-loving groups and individuals. Join us in the spirit of peace!



Marisela de Santa Anna, master of ceremonies at the 2017 International Day of Peace.

Photo by Mathew Caine



Above: Tokyo Jordan, left, and Laila Britton representing Willits at the Tech Trek summer camp for girls at Sonoma State University this summer.

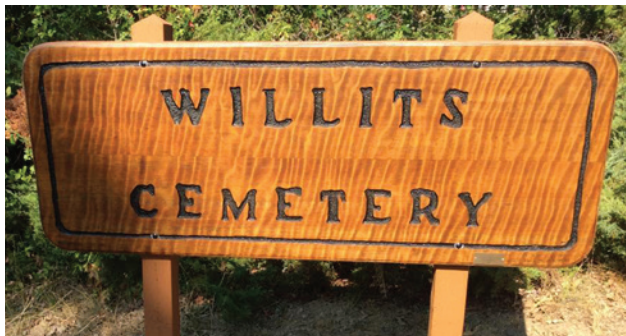
AAUW sponsors Willits students at Tech Trek summer camp

Tokyo Jordan and Laila Britton attended Tech Trek summer camp for girls June 24 through June 30 at Sonoma State University, thanks to a sponsorship from the Willits branch of the American Association of University Women.

The students reported having a wonderful time, staying in the dorms, and participating in many science- and math-based activities. One core class was engineering. They made different cars to learn about mass and friction, dissected a pig heart, and built roller coaster cars, hover machines, and mini rockets. The Tech Trek summer camp program, for Willits seventh-grade girls, is among Willits AAUW-sponsored scholarship programs.

The unfortunate fires at the end of July created electrical outages and made it impossible for us to kick off our scholarship fundraising for the coming year. Our first fundraiser, the Summer Pops Community Sing-A-Long had to be rescheduled. Please look for our new date in the fall.

– Submitted by Sherrie Ebyam, Willits American Association of University Women



Above, left: A "before" picture of the steps in the veterans area of the Willits Cemetery. This last set of steps in the veterans area of the Willits Cemetery was built in 1971.

Above, right: Eagle Scout Shadin Peterson of Boy Scout Troop 88 poses with the new steps at the Willits Cemetery he refurbished for his community service project.

At far left: The refurbished "Willits Cemetery" sign, with the new "Designed & Donated By Adrianna K. Martin-Wyatt & Jim Wyatt" plaque in the bottom right. At left: A close-up of the plaque.

Photos by Bob Greene

Community Service

Local Eagle Scout from Troop 88 fixes up veterans area steps at Willits Cemetery

Congratulations to Eagle Scout Shadin Peterson of Boy Scout Troop 88 for earning his Eagle Scout meadow this summer. And

Jennifer Poole, Editor & Reporter, congratulated the Willits Cemetery, which benefitted from Peterson's Boy Scout Community Service project, refurbishing the steps in the veterans area of the cemetery.

"This young man, he'll be 18 soon, he's a good kid," said the Willits Cemetery's Bob Greene. "He came up here with some of his Boy Scout friends and his parents – everybody helped – and they built some new stairs for us, for the veterans area. It's a nice community project, and we are grateful." Greene said the previous set of steps in that area was built back in 1971.

Peterson, who graduated from Ukiah High School this year, said he started Boy Scouts when he was 12. He'd been looking for a community service project to

complete before he turned 18, and Troop 88 Scoutmaster Leon Anderson mentioned there might be some work at the cemetery. Peterson ran into Greene while he was visiting the Highway 20 cemetery, scouting out projects. The two agreed that fixing up the old stairs would be a good project, Peterson said.

"It truly is a beautiful cemetery," he said, "and it needs a lot of help. It's getting really old; it's historic. I'm glad that I could help repair those steps for the veterans area."

The project took about four days. "We had to plan it out. Me and my mom designed the plans. We're not exactly builders, but my mom, Lisa Shepherd, is pretty handy with woodwork – she redoes furniture."

Peterson said he'd advise those thinking about becoming a Boy Scout: "Do whatever your mind tells you to do, and stick with it, and if you do land a spot in a Boy Scout

troop, it could definitely change your life a lot. Even if somebody's telling you, you can't, you should still stick with your opinion, because that'll get you further."

In the spirit of fixing things up, Greene said he'd been planning to tackle the tattered and faded "Willits Cemetery" sign on the left when visitors pull in by painting it white. But as he was working on it, he said, he realized "it was a beautiful piece of wood. I went ahead and sanded it down and re-varnished it." Greene then took a picture of the spruced-up sign and posted it on the Willits Fan Page on Facebook. Come to find out, it was then-student Adrianna K. Martin-Wyatt and her father, Jim Wyatt, who'd made the original sign.

"The story is," Greene said, "Adrianna was on her way home on the school bus and noticed we had no sign, so she asked her dad to help her make a sign for our cemetery."

Young thespians:

'Buy a raffle ticket; support live theater!'

Young participants at the 2018 Willits Community Theatre's Summer Theatre Camp staged some promotional photos with raffle tickets to support the "WCT Prize" fall raffle, and they're asking Willits residents (18+ over!) to support live theater, too. The WCDT's fall raffle is the theater's most important fundraising event of the season.

Raffle tickets went on sale September 1, and may be purchased at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, or during any WCT shows. Suggested contribution: \$5 per ticket or five tickets for \$20. Call 459-0895 for more information.

An early-bird drawing is set for September 27 at the opening performance of "Visions from the Edge," with the main drawing taking place on October 21.

With many prizes in hand already – if you're a WCT supporter, look out for a WCT raffle brochure in the mail – the theater is happy to accept more. Gift certificates or items donated by businesses or artists/crafters are tax-deductible, and in-kind donors are listed on the "Playbill" programs all year. WCT will be accepting prizes up to the final day of the drawing.

– Submitted by the Willits Community Theatre

Esther Louise Romish

November 26, 1923 - August 30, 2018

Esther Louise Romish (Etherton) died peacefully in her home on August 30, 2018 in Willits, California at the age of 94.

Esther is survived by her three daughters and their husbands; Juanita, Lillian & Keith Levitt, and Della & Bob Bennett. Esther is survived by nine grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and thirty-seven great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, William Fredrick Romish and her sister, Betty Jean Oerter.

Esther was born on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1923 in Topeka, Kansas to Sarah Bernice Mitchell and Tillman Foster Etherton. She was delivered by her grandma Mitchell and weighed in at 9 pounds. At the age of 16, she started working on a wheat ranch cooking for a harvest crew of seven men, in Eastern Oregon. One week later she met Bill Romish. They enjoyed a two-month romance leading to a marriage on August 28, 1939 which lasted 56 years.

While Esther was busy raising three daughters and working a variety of jobs, Bill drove long-haul trucks. During their years together they lived in Oregon and Alaska. Finally settling in Fortuna, California. Following retirement, Bill and Esther were able to take road trips visiting all the states of the USA.

Esther worked for the San Juan Fish Packing Company in Oregon and Inglewood Plywood in California. She spent three years as the president of the V.F.W. in Fortuna and was honored as a life member. Esther loved nature, enjoyed reading, travel, and world history. She loved being a mother and was passionate about spending time with family.

Esther was an accomplished quilter, making hundreds of beautifully crafted quilts for family and several children's organizations including Foster Youth Outfitters. She attended Redwood Valley Community Church.

A grave side service is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, at 2 pm at Sunrise Cemetery, 3315 Newburg Road, Fortuna, California. Reception to follow at Las Cazuelas Restaurant, 435 North Fortuna Boulevard, Fortuna, CA. A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, September 16, at 1 pm at Baechtel Creek Village Club House, 61 Alder Court, Willits, CA. All are welcome to attend either service to honor Esther's life.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Esther's name to: Foster Youth Outfitters at paypal.me/fosteryouthoutfitters or to Phoenix Hospice, 100 San Hedrin Circle, Willits, CA 95490. The family would like to thank Hospice and her long term caregiver and friend for their dedicated love and care.

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Above, from left: Liam UICearbhaill explains the workings of the KLLG-FM studio to Roshan Patel and his family. Jed Diamond and Richard Jergenson talk in the Grange hallway. Beth Riedel gives a tour of the grain silos. At right: Grange Secretary Linda Beebe, Ellie Bruce, President Erica Kroesen, Chaplain Earlene Gleisner, and Vice President Annie Waters prepare goodies for the event.

80th Anniversary

Little Lake Grange #670 celebrates 8 decades of community support

The Little Lake Grange #670 is not just one monolithic organization. It is a place, an idea, and a service organization for the entire community. Founded in 1938, the Grange has provided a multitude of services to the people and the businesses in the Willits area.

One can become a member for just \$35 and immediately be surrounded by warm, helpful folks with common purposes: to promote the well-being of the community through sustainable agriculture, to provide grain in emergencies, and to create a space for concerts, symposiums and meetings, among other missions. Their old school building on School Street, purchased in 1964, houses several local concerns, making it a central hub for creative endeavors and a place for the people of Willits to get together.

Recently, the Grange joined with the Willits Chamber of Commerce to celebrate their 80th anniversary with a mixer to which all were invited. Food, goodies and drinks were plentiful as prepared in the modern commercial kitchen facilities which are shared by approximately 14 different companies and individuals.

The kitchen was abuzz with activity in preparation for the mixer. Annie Waters, vice president of the Grange, and Erica Kroesen, president, were busily making cookies (chocolate chip) and other delectables for the party. Linda Beebe, secretary, was cutting up cantaloupe.

Also in attendance in the kitchen was the organization's chaplain, Earlene Gleisner, who is in her second year in that position. Gleisner also administers a benevolence fund, which is "a little pool of money to be able to help people, Grangers who might need some aid. I sell 'Have a Heart' pendants that I've made and other handmade items to raise the money. I also visit the sick amongst other duties. It fits who I am."

Liam UICearbhaill of the Grange, who is also one of the founding members of the radio station KLLG-FM, showed the Willits Weekly around the building prior to the arrival of the chamber people. "These two rooms are occupied by Nuestra de Alianza de Willits," UICearbhaill said. "They do quite a lot for the people. They have ESL classes. They do taxes for people during the season, for anybody who needs help. They do translations as a way to raise money. They also act as a bridge between the Anglo and Hispanic communities."

The room at the end of the hall is occupied by Claudia Wenning and Michelle Cummins of Cultivate Wellness,

purveyors of consciousness, herbs, acupuncture, massage, and other healing arts. There are also two dance studios in residence. One of the rooms has a wedding photography and flower business.

Pointing out another room, UICearbhaill explained: "This room is currently occupied by Richard Jergenson, who is one of our officers. He is utilizing it to organize what could be a whole museum exhibit on the history of cannabis. He is looking for a venue. It is already laid out and well curated."

The room at the northern end of the building is home to KLLG-FM, which is about to celebrate its second anniversary with a Battle of the Bands on October 6.

After sampling the food and engaging in conversation, Grange officials Waters and Kroesen spoke to the people assembled for the mixer, offering some history of the Little Lake Grange and filling them in on current projects and wishes for the future.

"We spent close to half-a-million dollars on the building in the last 10 years," said Waters. "We've done a lot of work you can't see with the foundation. We've also renovated with paint and carpet and the kitchen. All of this for the community. We are really a community service group. Our next Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, September 23. We have dances and parties, and we also host the candidates' nights and other kinds of educational forums.

"When we took over this building," continued Waters, "it had been condemned. There were birds living inside." Through the help of volunteers, they've continued to renovate. "To be a Grange member doesn't mean you have to go to a lot of meetings. Some of us love meetings. Some tolerate meetings. There are so many things we want to do for the community. The more members we have that are really active, that want to work through the Grange, help feed people, teach cooking classes. The community needs a lift. We are trying to figure out what that looks like, and what is our part in it."

Tours were then given of the grain silos, the radio station, and the chamber office. Afterward, door and raffle prizes were given out, and Madge Strong, mayor of Willits, graced the audience with three melodic folk songs of international origin as well as announcing the need for volunteers to help "Paint the Town" – paint the k-rails at the corner of Commercial and Main. She additionally said the Paint the Town group was going to be painting fire hydrants, trash receptacles, dumpsters and electric outlets in order to beautify the town under the auspices of WELL.

At right, from top: Eric and Alison Glassey chat with Lisa Davis of Scoops. Grange members Earlene Gleisner and Beth Riedel prepare the refreshments. Sally Pringle sells Grange cookbooks, mugs and thermoses. Homemade cookies, fresh fruit, and cheese and crackers keep members happy.





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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: October 5, 2018 Time: 9 a.m. Dept.: E Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95462.

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

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from Willits High School and Ukiah High School, and many more.

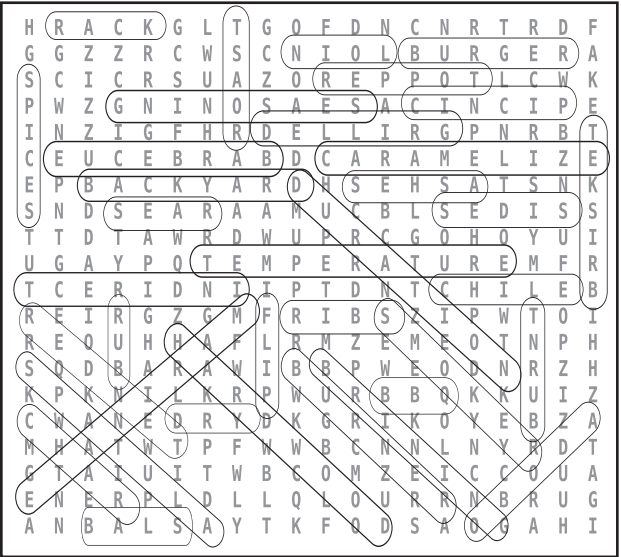
The Rotary Club was in charge of cooking the lobster. Jerry Turner and Mike Tobin headed up the lobster carriage and did it perfectly. The appetizers and filet mignon were produced to perfection by Adam Celaya and his able crew. No one went away hungry. The wine was provided by Fetzer Vineyards, and the beer by North Coast Brewing Company.

Other than the food and beverages, the highlight of the evening was of course the live auction, run deftly by the tag team of Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman and Golden Rule resident and local auctioneer treasure Rachel Britten, who competed to produce the highest bids.

Allman took the first three items on, after giving away some free raffle items. As Britten said, "This auction is really a donation, and you get to go home with some nice gifts as a bonus." The generosity was evident as the bidding went way beyond the actual worth of the items.

There was one of Willits Furniture's flying pigs (\$400), a cord of seasoned hardwood from Art Cooley (\$400), and a year of Kemmy's Pies – one a month (\$450). One of the big-ticket items was a two-night stay at Sweetwater Inn and Spa (\$1,500).

The evening was a success by any measure, in fun, in comradery, in food, and in the funds brought in to continue the great work done at the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center for which we should all be grateful.





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May 5, 2001. UNLESS YOUR TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On Monday the 1st day of October, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, at the front entrance of the Brooktrails Sales Office 24895 Birch Street, Willits, CA 94590, County of Mendocino, State of California, Recon Financial Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the United States and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to Recon Financial Inc. the following described real property, situated County of Mendocino, State of California, and commonly known as **BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION**.

And being more particularly described as follows:

That certain real property situated in the County of Mendocino, State of California, described as follows:

Block 28 Lot 10 of Tract 86, Brooktrails Vacation Village Subdivision as per map filed August 17, 1966, in Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 1 Mendocino County Records, as Amended by Map filed August 16, 1967, in Map Case 2Drawer 7, Page2;

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING all water and water rights, under or flowing over said property or appurtenant thereto;

EXCEPTING THEREFROM fifty percent (50%) of all oil, gas and other mineral and hydrocarbon substances below a plane five hundred feet beneath the surface thereof, but without the right of surface entry thereto as reserved and excepted by The Bank of California, National Association, a national banking association.

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Dated 8/31/2018

The Deerwood Corporation

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Wise up at the Mendocino Firewise Expo on Saturday

Have fun learning about emergency preparedness and “fire adapted communities” at the free Mendocino Firewise and Fire Safe Expo in Willits on Saturday, September 8, from 10 am to 4 pm, held in conjunction with the annual Roots of Motive Power Steam Up and BBQ.

Residents can get all their questions answered by local experts about what we need to do as a community

to be fire-safe, says Sherwood Firewise organizer Keith Rutledge. Willits Fire Chief Chris Wilkes says the “No. 1 thing, that’s easy” that rural residents can do to help first responders keep them safe is to put up a visible address sign at the bottom of their driveway.

Booths featuring Mendocino County fire agencies, Fire Safe Councils and vendors of fire preparedness

supplies – including reflective signs – will be on display at both the Recreation Grove and the Mendocino County Museum grounds, 400 East Commercial Street. Activities will include presentations on large animal evacuation and home fire hardening, and communications, as well as kid-friendly fun.

– Jennifer Poole



At left: Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes, firefighter Michael McKinnon, and Training Chief Eric Alvarez, at left, join members of Sherwood Firewise, Brian Ferri-Taylor, Brian Weller, Keith Rutledge and David Leverett, along with Chuck Jones of Roots of Motive Power to urge local residents to attend the Mendocino County Firesafe Expo on Saturday while visiting the annual Roots Steam Up.

Above: Local veterinarians Sheri Cronin and Georgeanne Croskey will lead a large animal evacuation workshop at the Mendocino Firewise Expo.

Photos by Jennifer Poole



Storytellers, from left, Linda Posner, Ari Lacelle, Emmy Good, Melinda Clark and Earlene Gleisner are among the performers featured at this weekend’s “Speakeasy V” monologue show at the Willits Community Theatre.

Popular monologue show featured at WCT this weekend

“Speakeasy V,” a program of diverse and exciting monologues, comes to the Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, September 8 at 7 pm, and Sunday, September 9 at 2 pm.

This year’s show will feature monologues by talented storytellers Peter Smith, Emmy Good, Linda Posner, Melinda Clarke, Ari Lacelle, Earlene Gleisner, Pete Winslow and Nancy Nelson. Healdsburg playwright Audie Foote, author of “The Angel of Chatham Square,” will also be on hand to deliver a monologue.

Show coordinator Emmy Good said recently: “Ann and Don Samson created this show, now in its fifth year, it has developed a popular following locally. A monologue can be on any topic, true or fantasy. Sometimes we are moved to tears of laughter and other times tears of sadness. There may even be some experimental improv which could be interesting.”

Tickets are \$10 and are available online at brownpapertickets.com, by phone at 800-838-3006, in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street in Willits, or at the door. Historically, tickets have sold out quickly, so get your tickets early. For these two shows, seating will be “festival seating” – that is, no assigned seating.



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auction, barbecue and much more ... maybe even an appearance by Black Bart.

Attendees are welcome to stroll through the Roots yard and the Rec Grove on both days to see the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association and Shifters Car Club’s displays in the park, and take train rides on the Bluestone Mining Heisler #1 starting at 9 am across the street at the Roots yard.

Roots crew members will have many other items up and running also, including the Raymond Crane, the Bucyrus Erie 50B Steam Shovel, Lidgerwood Tower Skidder and the Washington Duplex Loader. Admission to all of the equipment and displays, and rides on the train.

Make sure to also check out Roots’ newest acquisition: the Pacific Fruit Express Car, which arrived at the Roots yard back on August 22.

“The Pacific Fruit Express Car #11361 was one of the last “ice” cars produced, before mechanical refrigeration became the standard for shipment of perishable products,” explained Roots’ Chris Baldo. “The Pacific Fruit Express was a joint venture of the Southern Pacific Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad, which once operated the largest fleet of refrigerated cars in the country. For many years, refrigerated cars were privately owned, mostly by producers of meat products in the Midwest, such as Swift and Armour. Later, most railroad companies operated their own fleets of refrigerated cars.”

The Pacific Fruit Express, which was also referred to as a “reefer car,” will be part of the train, ahead of the riding car, during the train rides around the Roots loop. Rides are free, but donations are always appreciated.

“The insulated cars were cooled with blocks of ice at each end,” continued Baldo. “Fans on each end of the car circulated the cool air, and were powered by friction-driven generators on each car. The cars allowed fresh California produce to be shipped to Eastern markets, supported by a series of icing stations along the route.”

Saturday is the day of the “appreciation barbecue” which begins at 4 pm at the Rec Grove. Tickets will available to purchase that day – \$15 for adults and \$6 for children – for a meal of locally raised pork, lamb and beef. The silent auction and raffle will also be held Saturday afternoon, and a host of interesting and unique prizes will be up for grabs including a Tube Sheet Table, custom-made and donated by Roots member and local blacksmith, Keith Rongey, featuring an almost 100-year-old front tube sheet from the Kelly Springfield Steam Roller, which was replaced in the restoration process by Roots – a new tube sheet was manufactured and riveted back in place.

Willits Frontier Days also donated a 7-foot redwood bench that’s “built to last until the north-bound train leaves the Willits depot;” an Amish wagon was donated by Cathy and Gary Decker; The Book Juggler donated a “book a month for a year” prize for a child aged 3 to 8, where hand-selected books will be chosen for the lucky recipient; a railroad crossing sign was donated in memory of “BUGGS;” Wendy Wilmes and Chris Baldo donated a box of tomatoes and vegetables; and Bobbie Yokum donated a handmade “In the Redwoods” art quilt she made.

Another special item that will be up for bidding during the auction is admittance to the “Cell Block Party.” Six “golden concrete tickets” will be available to purchase that will allow their holders a free, one-night stay in a new jail cell in the new (still-to-be-built) wing of the Mendocino County Jail, in September of 2022. Breakfast will also be provided by the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office in the morning after the block party. These are the very first “golden concrete tickets” to be offered out of the total of 32 tickets that will be available over the next four years at various non-profit events.

On Sunday, the 1924 Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller will be making linoleum prints during the free “Steam Roller Street Printing” event, from noon to 4 pm. All the supplies will be provided by Roots, including the blank blocks and carving tools. Once attendees carve the blocks, the Roots crew will ink them, cover them in paper, and press the inked print onto paper by driving over it with the antique steam roller.

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has been recognized for working with students to provide “education and leadership to dramatically reduce alcohol use at school functions,” according to UUSD website articles.

In a Wednesday press release, Ukiah Unified School District Superintendent Deb Kubin said O’Neill had been placed on administrative leave pending further review.

“As a school district,” Kubin said, “our primary responsibility is to protect the children in our care. When a UUSD staff member is accused of illegal or inappropriate behavior, we conduct a thorough investigation. We listen to all sides of the story and do everything in our power to uncover the truth. When law enforcement investigators are involved, we are careful not to compromise their efforts.

“While safeguarding students, we reserve judgment in all cases until the facts have been reviewed.”

California law makes it a crime to annoy or molest a child under the age of 18. The law defines the offense as “conduct motivated by sexual interest in a child, or in children generally, which is likely to disturb, irritate or be observed by a child or children.”

The violation, however, does not require touching. Words alone may constitute annoying or molesting a child.

The misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year in county jail, and/or a fine of up to \$5,000.

O’Neill was booked into county jail and released after posting \$7,500 bail.

The Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office did not respond Wednesday to a request for comment on this story.

Roots of Motive Power 2018 Festival Schedule
September 8 & 9

Saturday, September 8		Sunday, September 9	
9:00	Train Rides Begin at Loading Platform – Bluestone Mining Heisler #1 Bucyrus Erie 50 B steam shovel moves to pit at rear of facility Kelly Springfield Steam Roller begins operations	8:30	Long Bell & Gibson Crew Carrier on the Track Loop to 10 am
10:00	Willamette and stationary engines run for rest of day Buffalo Springfield demonstration Raymond Crane starts loading	10:00	Willamette and stationary engines operate rest of day
11:00	Willamette exercises Erie engine Tractor group demonstration, all day Ranch Car Open 11 am to 12 pm Bucyrus Erie 50B Steam Shovel Demonstration begins at pit at rear of property Kelly Springfield Steam Roller	10:30	Train Rides Begin - P.O.O. #2 operates on until 3:30 pm.
12:00	Estep Diesel start and run at Loading Spur Willamette exercises Skinner engine & Erie Engine Street Printing with Buffalo Springfield in City Park to 4 pm	11:00	Bucyrus Erie 50B demonstration at rear of facility Estep yarder start and run at Loading Spur Tractor Group Demonstration – all day
12:30	P.O.O. #2 Locomotive on Track Loop. Replaces BSMS #1	12:00	Willamette exercises dynamo Library and Ranch Car Open 12 to 1 pm Bucyrus Erie 22B Demonstration at Pit
1:30	Willamette exercises Washington yarder Bucyrus Erie 22 B demonstration at pit.	1:00	Bucyrus Erie 50B shovel begins move back to shop and parks Willamette exercises Washington Duplex Loader
2:00	BSMS #1 joins P.O.O. #2 for Double header Raymond stream crane demonstration Willamette exercises Eureka horizontal spool donkey Tour of Lidgerwood Tower Skidder	2:00	Estep Yarder start and run at Loading Spur Corliss demonstration – Engine House
3:00	Bucyrus Erie 50B Steam Shovel demonstration at pit (rear of property) Willamette exercises Washington Duplex Loader Raymond moves back into work building	3:00	Begin to shut down all steam equipment Railroad operations begin final switching operations
3:30	Estep Diesel start and run at Loading Spur;	4:00	STEAM FESTIVAL CLOSE GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL
4:00	Willamette, Bucyrus Erie 50B steam down		
4:00	Railroad operations conclude		
4:00	BBQ begins in park, Auction and raffle		

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we were able to jump right on it.”

“It appears the point of [the fire’s origin] was at the roadside.”

When firefighters arrived, flames were burning up an oak woodland hill towards two structures, “so we got engines up there.”

Cal Fire air tankers dumped loads of fire retardant on the blaze and “that slowed it down,” Thomen said.

Little Lake Fire deployed two engines, a water tanker and 10 fighters to battle the flames. They were joined by three Cal Fire and Laytonville Volunteer Fire Department engines, two bulldozers and another water tender.

“The engines were released at 11 pm,” Thomen said. The Little Lake water tender remained at the fire scene overnight, returning at around 7 am Wednesday.

While firefighters were battling the Shimmins Ridge Road blaze, a second roadside fire erupted along Highway 162, according to Cal Fire Mendocino Unit spokeswoman Tricia Austin.

The blaze was spotted by an air attack aircraft fighting the Shimmins Ridge fire, Austin said, and planes were diverted from that fire to dump retardant on the Highway 162 blaze.

Six engines, one hand crew and a bulldozer contained the fire to one acre.

“At this time, both fires remain under investigation,” Austin said.


At right: Finished prints dry on the tables at a previous year’s street printing event.

Below: The 1924 Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller makes easy work of transferring ink from block to paper.

At bottom: Many creative designs made by the community.

Photos by Chris Baldo





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Beautiful Willits sunflower

This dramatic sunflower, grown by Linda Kostenecki in her “driveway garden” in westside Willits, combines varying colors in an unusual way. “I’ve never seen anything like it,” Kostenecki said, about her giant sunflower, divided neatly into quarters. One quarter is a sunny yellow, another a dark bronze burgundy, and the other quarters combine colors in different ombre ways.



Photo by Linda Kostenecki

Sunflowers (*Helianthus annuus*) are native to North America, and according to the National Sunflower Association, were a common crop among Native American tribes going back millennia, used for food, oil, dye, medicine, ceremonies and even building materials.

Modern-day sunflower hybrids come in a large array of colors and sizes, but a quick search of online photos does not show any sunflowers presenting different colors in separate quarters the way this Willits sunflower has grown.

– Jennifer Poole

Lovely May

Shy and delicate – that’s lovely May. This beautiful dog is so sweet and mellow, and would love to find a home where she can feel comfy, relaxed and safe. May is a 10-month-old spayed female mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 40 pounds. May will need a *cat-free* family. May needs some fattening up. She’s a beautiful dog with a shiny coat and deep, beautiful, soulful eyes. We think she will blossom with the help of her new family.

The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453. Help get every dog at the Ukiah shelter out for some exercise at the “Empty the Shelter” pack walk every second Saturday of the month, coming up on September 14.



Sweet Mila

Mila is patiently waiting for the right family, but it’s hard. Her buddy was adopted recently, and she’s so ready to have a home of her own! She’s 3 years old, great with people, playful, and of course, sweet – very sweet! Come see if she’s the answer to your doggy prayers.

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



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