





Remembrance

To the Editor:

On September 11, 2001, most of us remember where we were and what we were doing at 5:46 am Pacific Daylight Time, when the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center. As the morning wore on, we were held spellbound by the devastation and destruction that unfolded before us on televisions within our community, trying to make sense of what was happening. We watched the heroic efforts of the first responders, whether law enforcement, firefighters, EMTs, or fellow citizens helping one another deal with the crisis.

I will not attempt to retell the story of that fateful day and the hours and days that followed. This unprecedented attack on American soil has been told numerous times in the past decade. The resulting death toll was 2,996, which included 19 hijackers. Of that number 343 were firefighters and paramedics.

On December 18, 2001, President George W. Bush signed into law the designation of September 11 as Patriots Day. In 2009, the name was changed to a National Day of Service & Remembrance. Whichever name you choose to use, you'll always remember the numbers **9-11**.

The actions of that day launched an aggressive War on Terrorism.

It is important that we pause and reflect on the ultimate cost of war – not only in terms of dollars, but something much more valuable – the lives of our brave service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the “War on Terrorism.” That reality hits close to home, as we recall Willits High School graduate, United States Navy Seal, Jesse Pittman, who lost his life in Afghanistan in June 2011.

The challenge facing all the civilized people of the world as they relate to the War on Terrorism **will not end** until these fanatics are brought to justice. All is not calm in the Middle East, as ISIS, with its far-reaching tentacles, raises its ugly head and presents an ominous future for continued terror. World opinion needs to remain focused upon the eradication of these inhuman acts perpetrated around the globe.

So on this day of remembrance, for those who lost the lives on 9-11-01, let us not forget those that put themselves in harm's way, whether it is members of the armed forces, law enforcement, emergency responders or firefighters.

Each year, American Legion Post 174 has conducted a “Remembrance” ceremony honoring local firefighters, law enforcement and first responders, and commemorating the valiant efforts that occurred on 9-11-2001. This year, this will be a joint effort (Willits High School and the American Legion, Willits Post 174) in that the Post will conduct a brief (10 minutes max) ceremony on Friday, September 11 at 12:15 pm in the parking area in front of the main high school building.

Roger Ham, commander,  
America Legion Post 174

Be prepared, and thanks to the firefighters

To the Editor:

On September 3 through the early hours of the 4th, our community suffered a widespread communication breakdown affecting many home and business lines, credit card machines, and communication by cell phones and by internet.

Many emergency lines were impacted with a greatly reduced capability in 911 services in the county. Countywide, our emergency partners worked together and came up with workarounds to ensure our community's needs were met.

We should all reflect on this past event, and take the time now to make sure we are ready for the next incident, whether man-made or natural. All families should be

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able to weather at least 36 hours on their own, having a stockpile of food, water, cash and items for personal needs and comfort set aside. Don't forget your pets.

My thanks for the volunteers and duty officers of the Little Lake Fire Protection District that staffed our main station yesterday and overnight to be better able to respond to our community's emergencies. Hopefully in our new station, we will be able to provide barracks to make your next stay more comfortable.

Carl Magann, fire chief, Little Lake Fire Protection District

Outage poem

To the Editor:

Imagine an entire town when the internet is down  
Folks talking and laughing  
While speaking face to face  
Folks checking their phones  
In a nervous sort of race  
To see if the signal  
Has finally come back on  
While enjoying their friends  
Who also don't have phones  
Imagine us all with no electronic leash  
Talking without interrupt  
From impertinent rings and beeps  
But wondering what we're missing  
While cut off from the world  
What customers are calling?  
Have I lost touch with that girl?  
Imagine a problem you can't look up on the web  
Because the web is broken  
Speculation reigns instead  
Redundancy is missing  
From our web-connected town  
So when the thing is broken  
ATM machines are down  
And 911's not working  
Just the Radio has news  
And we can't even call them  
To share what are our views  
Imagine an entire town when the internet is down  
Thank goodness it is back up today

Liam UiCearbhaill, Willits

Alarming and ironic

To the Editor:

An open letter to our board of supervisors: The reported “reprimand” or “censure” of our 3rd District supervisor Tom Woodhouse by BOS chair Carre Brown is an important issue. This “communication” to Woodhouse directed him to stop talking to county employees.

I find this both alarming and ironic. It is alarming because individual board members cannot represent the will of the board. It is ironic because without a board resolution, I believe that Brown acted beyond her authority; actually denying her up to possible reprimand / censure by the full board, which must be through an open and public process.

I also believe that our BOS must address this issue directly to avoid the erosion of public trust and confidence in our governmental process and in the representatives that are elected to serve our wonderful county.

All of our supervisors must be able to do their job, which is to know as much as possible about the workings of our county and the people who live and work here. It is my hope that our BOS will find a way to keep intact the direct channels of communication between all the people of Mendocino County and its representative supervisors. Respectfully,

Jim Marill, Willits

Hack, squirt and burn

To the Editor:

It's fire season again, as has been made obvious by the acrid smoke which blanketed our town for days and days. Hundreds of thousands of acres are burning or have burned

across the western states. Many residences and other buildings have been destroyed. Whole towns have been evacuated.

The ongoing drought has, of course, dried everything up and created a tinder box in the forests. It's worse than it's been in over 100 years, definitely a crisis situation.

Worst of all, a number of firefighters, and others, have been killed.

Fighting a forest fire is a highly dangerous job, and one of the most scary situations involves dealing with standing, dead trees. They can go up like a torch, and can spread burning embers hundreds of yards.

That being said, why are we creating hundreds more standing, dead trees by the “hack and squirt” process of poisoning living trees and leaving them to dry out? Is it worth the few bucks it will save?

Forest fires can cost millions. Forest fires can cost lives.

I propose that the timber companies should be held liable for the fire danger they create. They should have to pay the costs of fighting fires they exacerbate. If people die as a result of their actions, they should be liable for criminal charges, just as you and I would be liable if we did something stupid that allowed a fire to get out of control.

It seems only fair.

Tom Fristoe, Willits

New roof BBQ

To the Editor:

Willits United Methodist Church has a new roof!

This major project was accomplished because of the hard work, dedication and generosity of many people in our community.

To celebrate this accomplishment, and as a gift of thanks to all who helped, we are having a barbeque on Sunday, September 27 from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the church, 286 School Street.

We further invite the community to join us in worship at 10 am to say a prayer of thanks and dedication of our new roof. All are welcome.

Karen Oslund, for the “Roof Committee,”  
Willits United Methodist Church

'Local Investing: Here's How!'

To the Editor:

Do you have a few thousand dollars sitting in a bank account or CD? It's earning virtually 0 percent, and god knows where that money is invested – certainly not locally!

There's an exciting new opportunity for investing in our local economy. Economic Development & Finance Corporation (EDFC), a non-profit dedicated to promoting economic well-being in Mendocino and Lake counties, has created a new, cutting-edge vehicle for local investing. It's called a “Direct Public Offering” or DPO, and it's eligible to anyone in California.

The minimum investment in the DPO is \$1,000. The goal is to raise between \$250,000 and \$1 million, which will then be loaned at reasonable rates to enterprises that are good for the triple bottom-line: people, profit and planet (or employment, economy and environment). EDFC has an excellent 20-year record of making wise, community-enhancing investments. There are already exciting prospective recipients of loans, such as a wool processing facility, bio-char enterprise, and/or meat processing plant.

Your investment in this Social Impact Fund would be paid back over a six-year period at 2 percent per year, with interest deferred the first two years to enable “patient” money for new businesses.

You can learn all about it, ask questions and – if you're ready – make an investment in our local future at this WELL-sponsored event: “Local Investing: Here's How!” on Sunday, September 27 from 4 to 6 pm, at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Guest speaker will be John Kuhry of EDFC. We may also have representatives of potential loan recipients like the wool processing facility. Feel free to contact John at 467-5953 or info@edfc.org for more info or to get a copy of the “Offering Memorandum” for the DPO. Or contact Madge at mstrong@willitsonline.com about this event at the library on September 27.

Madge Strong, Willits

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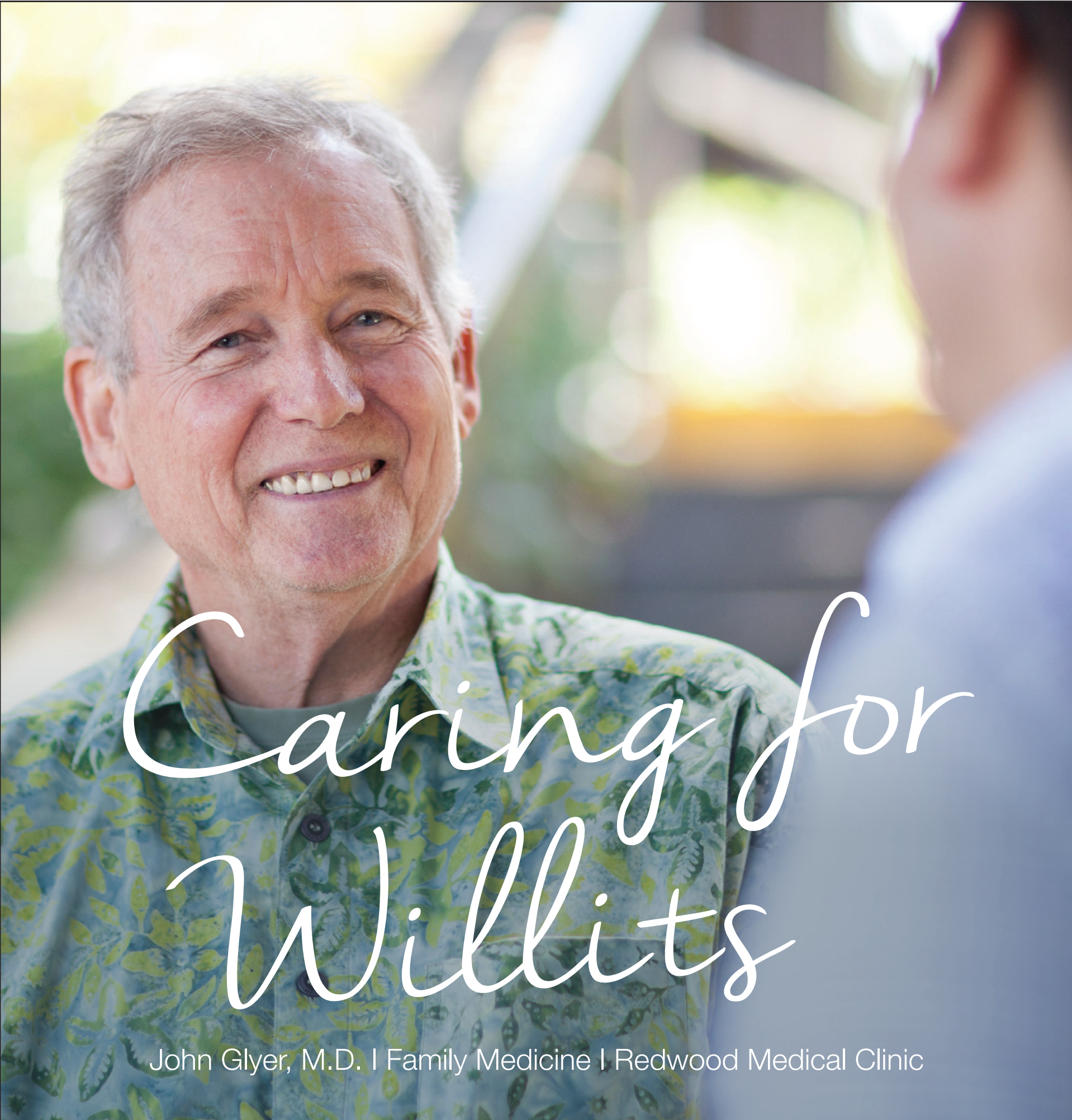
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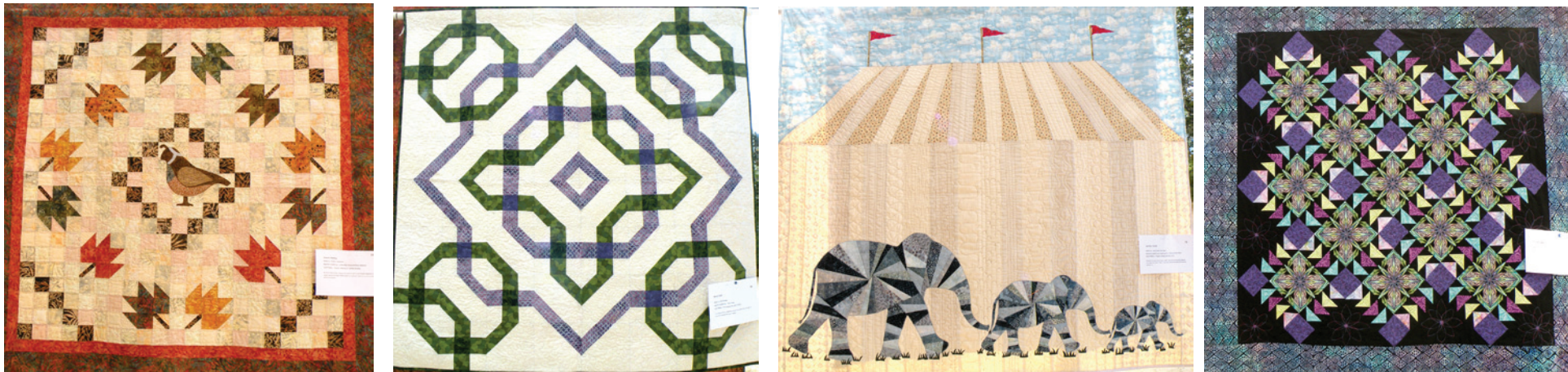
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**SUNDAY, 9/20:**  
**10 am: Sheep Dog Trials**  
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## BOONVILLE FAIRGROUNDS





# Long Valley Quilters

A record number of visitors enjoy beautiful fabric art

The Long Valley Quilters 2015 quilt show, August 29 and 30, at The Fat Quail quilt shop in Laytonville was a smashing great success! Obviously we pre-arranged for the rain to stop just as we began to set up on Saturday morning, thus keeping the dust and hot weather away.

It was a glorious weekend to be outside, which helped bring in a record number of attendees. Thank you to all who came to support us and see the beautiful quilts against the blue skies. This was our most successful show yet!

Ron Crane's wonderful antique washing machines, irons, boards and other equipment were again a big hit – especially when we were able to see them in action. Thanks Ron (and crew)!

A great addition to the show was the "River Running with Fish" banner completed in the Laytonville schools under the direction of Dorje Bond, Tina West, and Suzie Barsotti. The project is funded by the Mendocino Arts Council, Mendocino Community Foundation and the Laytonville Art Walk.

We were also pleased to have fabric artist, Lisa Bowles, of Willits, with us for the weekend, showing her art and celebrating her work, "Goat's Eye View," that is featured

in the 2015 August/September issue of Quilters Newsletter Magazine.

After the visitor ballots were counted on Sunday afternoon, ribbons were awarded to the following quilt artists: People's Choice for Favorite Quilt: Sherry Keys; Most Whimsical: Bernadette Willoughby; Best Use of Color: Sherry Keys; Quilt You Would Most Like to Sleep Under: KayLynne Van Saun; Best Bag: Deb Kvaka; Best Wall Hanging: Jody McGeen; and Animal Challenge: Deb Kvaka.

The lucky raffle winners were: Raffle Quilt: Nina Morosi; Garden Basket: Diana Ziglinski; Wine Basket: Keoma; Sewing Basket #1: Jana Gullick; Gluten-Free Basket: Dorje Bond; Kitchen Basket: Karry Olson; Pet's Basket: Carrie Glispie; and the Thread Spool Estimation Game: Jayma Shields.

All proceeds from the ticket sales go towards our scholarship awards to Laytonville High School seniors: Thank you for supporting our community!

And finally, thank you to our friends and families who climbed the ladders for us to set up the show. We couldn't do it without you.

Mark your calendar for 2016 – the last weekend of August for next year's show at The Fat Quail. See you then.

At left, top: Long Valley Quilters in front of this year's Raffle Quilt.

Left: Illusion by Nina Morosi.

Below, right: Sherry Keys' beautiful quilt won the People's Choice Award and the Best Use of Color Award at the 2015 show.

Below, far right: Alisa's Teacups by Jody McGeen.

Below, at bottom: Antique washing machines were displayed outside.



Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

## Sweet Nutmeg



Nutmeg is a 10-month-old female mixed breed dog who currently weighs 40 pounds. Nutmeg is an especially sweet dog. She is attentive to people and will make a great family dog. A home with secure fencing where she gets lots of exercise and play time would be ideal, since she is a young, active girl. And of course lots of love and affection!

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6 pm. We have many wonderful dogs and cats, awaiting their forever homes here. To view photos and bios of more of our wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website: [www.mendoshelterpets.com](http://www.mendoshelterpets.com) or visit our shelter during shelter hours. More info about adoptions: 467-6453.

Photo by Rod Coats.



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10 am with a flag ceremony. Admission is free.

Willits Lions Club will sell hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas and other food, and the Willits Senior Center will offer root beer floats.

EAA Chapter 1027 will sell advance tickets for rides on next week's flights of an authentic WWII B-17 from the Ukiah Airport.

Pilots from throughout northern California have been invited to fly in to Willits Airport Day, as well as to attend the Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival.

Karen Hernandez will be offering airplane rides over Little Lake Valley in her Cessna 172K for a donation of \$40 per person, with opportunities to see bypass

progress, the Roots Steam Festival, the new Howard Memorial Hospital, and other sites from an altitude of 1,000 feet.

Bring your cameras.

Willits Municipal Airport, owned and operated by the City of Willits, is located 4.8 miles northwest on Sherwood Road and 1 mile east on Poppy.

Follow the AIRPORT signs. Additional information on the 2015 Willits Airport Day & Heroes Fly-In is available at [WillitsFlyIn.com](http://WillitsFlyIn.com) and by calling Airport Manager Dan Ramsey at 841-6252.



At top, from left: REACH Rotor Wing Pilot Sven Bock shows off the EuroCopter 135's innovative tail rotor, designed to reduce noise. Flight Paramedic David Hoyt demonstrates REACH's streamlined patient gurney, with Flight Nurse JohnRey Hassan at his side. Hassan and Hoyt pose with the REACH copter that will be based at the Willits Airport.

At left: The California Highway Patrol's Eurocopter rotorcraft, with six seats. CHIP will be one of many agencies at Airport Day this year.

Below: Flight Nurse Hassan and Paramedic Hoyt with the REACH copter.

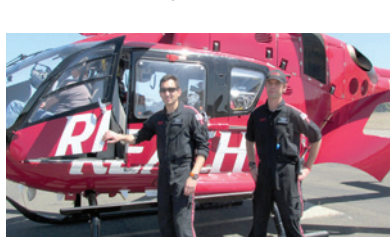
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COLUMN 1

## WPD Activity Report

August 27 to September 2

Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 239 incidents this week. The detail of that activity is broken down in the chart below.

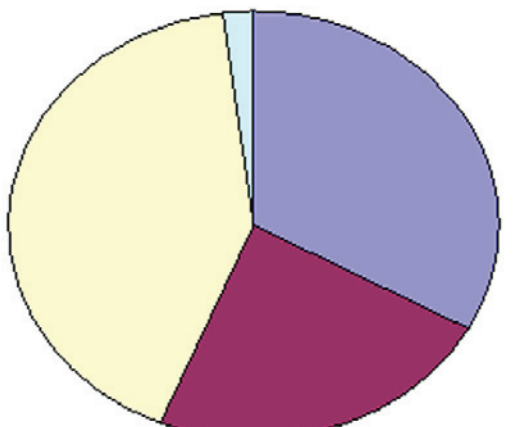
It's important to recognize that not every incident results in administrative or punitive action. The officers of the Willits Police Department are encouraged to use discretion during their day-to-day contacts, understanding that education is equally as important as enforcement.

For instance, if an officer observes someone smoking in a city park, in violation of a local ordinance, that officer might learn the person was entirely unaware of the violation and opt to use the opportunity to educate, and to ultimately issue a warning.

During this seven-day reporting period, Willits Police officers were assigned 24 criminal investigation reports, made 13 arrests, issued 13 citations, and investigated 2 traffic collisions. Included in the arrests were 1 drug possession, 1 public intoxication, 7 warrants, 2 probation violations, and 2 license violations.

### Of note this week

On the evening of Thursday, August 27, Willits Police Officers responded to a report of a subject causing a disturbance at Howard Hospital. When they arrived, the subject had already fled the location. However, officers were able to learn his identity, Ty Simpson (31, Ukiah), and that he was a wanted subject out of the City of Ukiah. Simpson returned to Howard Hospital a short while later. WPD officers were dispatched back to the location and, when they arrived, Simpson ran from them. After a short foot pursuit, Simpson was apprehended and transferred into the custody of the Ukiah Police Department.



■ Traffic/Parking Enforcement: 80  
 ■ Officer-Initiated Criminal Enforcement: 55  
 □ Call Response / Request for Assistance: 100  
 □ Other (Administrative Functions / Civil Issues, etc.): 4

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Crossword
Puzzle &
Sudoku

PUZZLE
ANSWERS
ON
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Table with 9 rows and 9 columns for a Sudoku puzzle. Some numbers are pre-filled: Row 1: (1,6)=3, (1,7)=2; Row 2: (2,1)=7, (2,3)=3; Row 3: (3,2)=4, (3,4)=8, (3,8)=5, (3,9)=6; Row 4: (4,2)=6, (4,5)=5, (4,7)=4, (4,9)=8; Row 5: (5,6)=8, (5,9)=7; Row 6: (6,7)=7, (6,8)=5; Row 7: (7,5)=2, (7,9)=9; Row 8: (8,1)=2, (8,2)=5, (8,6)=9, (8,8)=7; Row 9: (9,4)=6.

Level: Intermediate

How To
Sudoku:

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

Table with 11 rows and 11 columns for a crossword puzzle grid. Numbers are placed in the starting squares of the words.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Recesses
6. Slanderous defamation
12. Fruit phrase: Life is just ....
16. Undergraduate degree
17. A way of damaging
18. Indicates position
19. Equally
20. Manuscript (abbr.)
21. \_\_\_ Lanka
22. Thus
23. 4th tone of scale
24. Town or commune in France
26. Sharp inclination
28. Watering holes
30. 1st state (abbr.)
31. Cattle genus
32. Type of American Indian
34. Before
35. Hairless
37. Hosts film festival
39. African tribe
40. Loud crowd noise
41. Quarter
43. Swiss capital
44. Sandhurst (abbr.)
45. Golfer Snead
47. Bachelor's of Applied Science

48. A radio band
50. Assist in some wrongdoing
52. SW German state \_\_\_\_: Wŷrttemberg
54. Rosary component
56. Expresses surprise
57. Hot Springs state (abbr.)
59. Soak flax
60. Atomic #73
61. Exist
62. Megabyte
63. Energy in the form of waves or particles
66. Farm state (abbr.)
67. WWII flyer's phrase: On .....
70. Store fodder for preservation
71. Lubed

CLUES DOWN

1. Lowered in prestige
2. Turin river
3. Moves through water
4. Disappearing shade trees
5. Standard operating procedure
6. A shrill cry
7. Japanese apricot
8. Emergency Response Notification System (abbr.)
9. Sparta's ancient rival city
10. The Ocean State
11. Jack-tar
12. Sleeveless Arab garments
13. Abstains from food
14. Waxed finish
15. Conditions of balance
25. Cloud of interstellar dust
26. Turf
27. Political action committee
29. Repentant act
31. B.B. King sang them
33. Salesman's items
36. Every
38. Neither
39. African nation
41. Hindu's creator god
42. The bill in a restaurant
43. Edict
46. Maritime
47. Small bright tropical fish
49. Cockered
51. Mountain lakes
53. No longer alive
54. Unoriginal
55. Costly
58. Finger millet
60. Aaron Spelling's child
64. Dekaliter
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69. Thou

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Lawrence Warren

Lawrence "Butch" Warren passed away at his home in Willits with family by his side on September 5, 2015 at the age of 69. Born January 28, 1946, Butch was a logger for more than 20 years. He was a hard-working man who loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing and being in the woods. A man of many stories, he would sit for hours and regale family and friends with them, much to their delight.



Butch is survived by his children: Tammy Warren, Dwight (Dawn) Warren, Annie (Steve) Roach, and Estelle Warren; grandchildren: Kimberly Warren, Sarah Roach, Ashley Roach, Jacob Moyles, Nathan Blake-Warren, Rebecca Warren and Adam Warren; siblings: Delbert Warren, Art Warren, Leonard Warren and Cynthia Phillips.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia Warren, and grandson, Jonathan Blake.

Graveside Services with military honors will be at 11 am on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at Laytonville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Phoenix Hospice, 100 San Hedrin Circle, Willits, CA 95490.

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OBITUARY |

Sylvester
Joaquin

Sylvester Mussolini Joaquin was born on December 24, 1925 in Cloverdale. He entered into rest on August 27, 2015 in Covelo. He was an enrolled member of Hopland Band of Pomo Indians. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Sylvester was a very kind man who touched the lives of many people, often through his mentoring them with his knowledge of his cultural and spiritual lifeways and practices.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Fern Joaquin, mother of Evelyn Ackerman; his daughters, Lawanna "Muggins" Joaquin and Sylvia Joaquin; his father, Lawrence Joaquin, Sr.; and siblings: Della Augustine, Barbara Joaquin Freeman, Lawrence Joaquin, Jr., Harding Joaquin, Alfonso Joaquin, and Calvin Joaquin.

Sylvester is survived by his children: Frances Hoaglen, Sylvester Joaquin, Jr., Anna Frease, David Joaquin, Wendy Joaquin, Angie Joaquin, Angela Home, Debra Swearinger and Tina Burrows; grandchildren: Lee Joaquin, Debra McCloud, Macheyla McCloud, Iran Hoaglen III, Joseph Hoaglen, Brett Hoaglen, John Hoaglen, Fernando Joaquin, David Joaquin Jr., Anthony Wilburn Jr., David Frease Jr., Corey Warden, Lawrence Joaquin III, Jose Hernandez, Natasha Hernandez, Louisa Hernandez, Elaine Aguilar, Nathaniel Joaquin, Joaquina Joaquin, Silvia Hoaglen, Alicia Joaquin, Sampson Joaquin, Davina Azbill, Candace Swearinger, Conrad Coleman, Christina Swearinger, Crystal Swearinger, Nishkin Coleman, Felix Coleman, Raven Vansikie, Winter Vansikie, Fred Burrows, Belinda Juarez, Deangela Anderson, Ronny Anderson Jr., Alfonso Hoaglen, Jeffrey Joaquin, Taneesha Joaquin, Evelyn Joaquin, Jenna Joaquin, Dave't Frease, and many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Services were held at the Round Valley Recreation Center on Saturday, September 5, 2015.

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OBITUARY |

Ignacio Gonzalez Garcia

Ignacio Gonzalez Garcia, also known by many in the community as "Sal," was born on June 25, 1926 in León, Guanajuato, Mexico. He passed away at the age of 89 at his home in Willits, on September 2, 2015.

A loving father and grandfather, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joaquina. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Ignacio "Nash" and Noemi Gonzalez of Ukiah, Gerardo "Gerry" and Barbarie Jean Gonzalez of Willits, Frances and Robert Erwin of Willits, and Maria Elena and Mark Erwin of Reno, Nevada; grandchildren Elizabeth Gonzalez, Steven Gonzalez, Gregory Gonzalez, Kristine Gonzalez, Marcus Erwin, McKay Erwin, Teresa Erwin and Jessica Erwin.



"Sal" moved to the United States in 1947 and began his career with Sierra Railroad in Jamestown, California. A year later moved to Fort Bragg, where he became a railroad foreman for the California Western Railroad, "The Skunk Line."

After two years in Fort Bragg he transferred to Northspur and then ultimately to Willits, where he managed and oversaw "Section 2" of the line which ran from Northspur to Willits, until he retired in 1990 after 41 years of service.

A resident of Mendocino County for more than 68 years, "Sal" made many friends and was well-known in the community, especially during the time he worked for more than two decades (1970 to 1990) in the evenings at Luna's Market.

After retiring from both the railroad and Luna's, he spent his time fishing and traveling. He was an avid San Francisco Giants fan. He was a loving father and an inspiration to his children and grandchildren. May he rest in eternal peace.

Viewing and Rosary are scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2015 from 5 to 8 pm, with the Rosary at 6 pm, and the Funeral Mass will be at 11 am on Friday, September 11, 2015 at Saint Anthony's Catholic Church.

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Willits Photography Club

Local shutterbugs featured in September show at the Willits Center for the Arts

Willits Photography Club's monthly "assignments" over the past year are well-represented in the photos displayed at this month's Willits Center for the Arts show. There is an amazing variety of artistic interpretations of the themes of water, movement, black and white, emotion, reflections, and architecture, to name just a few of the themes. The artists' reception held Saturday was well-attended by those fascinated by this multi-faceted art medium.

Photographer Tom Raymondson, who describes himself as a technical photographer and shoots mostly with black-and-white film, brings 50 years of experience in the darkroom to his art. He said his biggest challenge when shooting photos is exposure. He laughed that sometimes when developing his photos, he will say to himself, "What was I thinking?" He stresses the importance of getting the photo "right" at the shoot.

Light continues to be a challenge for Dorothy Asbury, who got her start over 40 years ago in the darkroom using black-and-white film. She relates that even though she shoots in digital now, she isn't "techie," and her photography relies on the luck of the day and the photography knowledge she has gained over the years. Dorothy shared that because of her early training, she still "sees" in black and white, to check shadows and light, even though her photos will more than likely be in color.

"You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," was June Ruckman's reply to the question of how much she relies on Photoshop or Lightroom software programs to edit her photography. She stressed that the tools in Photoshop or Lightroom are the same tools that have always been available in the darkroom, only digital. Even with those tools, she continued, you cannot take a poor image and use Photoshop to create the works of art on display at this month's art show.

Ruckman relies on her "eye" most when on a photography shoot, but also uses the knowledge she has honed in the 35 years she has been a photographer. She particularly likes using "shot specific" books for research into better photography.

Maria Steffen related that her father's work as a director of communications in New York State was invaluable in creating her love of photography. She shared that her parents gave their children new pajamas every Christmas Eve, so they would look good when

her dad filmed them coming down the stairs on Christmas morning. Her father had his own darkroom, where she learned the basics of darkroom techniques.

In high school, Maria was on the yearbook staff, where she further honed her photography/darkroom skills. She now uses Lightroom to fine-tune her photos. Maria said she strives to create a mood or feeling, and that light and composition are the main elements of her art. She often uses a micro lens to create an abstract look at the ordinary things in our environment.

Art is a family affair, and Maria's brother Michael Steffen also has photography in the show. He shared that for him, photography is a form of meditation. He uses his camera as a means to create images in an unusual way. He got his start in photography as a young man and worked with film throughout college. After about 14 years, he got tired of working with the chemicals of the darkroom and grew away from photography. About 10 years ago, he returned to photography with the popularization of digital cameras.

He still calls on his darkroom skills to use the tools in either iPhoto or Photoshop to edit his photography. He never goes anywhere without his camera. He likes the Willits Photography Club's monthly themes because they "get me to look at the world."

Craig Gardner became serious about photography in 2008 when he became fascinated with 3-D photography. He now concentrates on bodyscapes in black and white. He likes the challenge of learning new techniques to use in his photography. Gardner said, as a purist, he will not edit his bodyscape photos to reshape faces or bodies, but will remove blemishes or even out skin tones as needed.

He uses software to change images from color to black and white, and usually finds it isn't necessary to do too much editing in a software program. Gardner believes "it's best to 'get it' correct in the camera," because Photoshop can't fix a bad photo.

Sandy Strong started her photography career more than 20 years ago working for The Willits News using 35 mm black-and-white film. She now uses a digital camera, but also calls on her experience of shooting in black and white to see the world in black and white to get the contrasts needed to get a good shot.

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Works on display by
artists at the Willits
Center for the Arts,
including, clockwise
from top left:

"McCloud" by Tom
Raymondson.

"Muley Point" by
Michael Steffen.

"Peace Rose" from
Sandy Strong's
garden.

Maria Steffen's "Sand
and Shore."

A "bodyscape" by
Craig Gardner.

"Egret" by Dorothy
Asbury.

Submitted photos

At right, from top:
Becky and David
Smith enjoy Michael
Steffen's photography.

You are never too
young to learn to
appreciate art.

Photos by
Michael Steffen

Dorothy Asbury and
Tom Raymondson
work together to get a
photo perfectly hung.

Photo by
Jenny Senter

Below: Alec Wade and
Shy Silverstein check
out a landscape.

Photo by
Michael Steffen





Thursday, September 10

**WHS Boosters Club Meeting:** The monthly WHS Boosters Club Meeting is set for 6 pm, Thursday, September 10 at the Willits High School Food Center. Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at WHS!

Friday, September 11

**2015 Patriots' Day Ceremony:** A "Remembrance" ceremony honoring local fire law enforcement and first responders, and commemorating the valiant efforts that occurred on 9-11-2001. 12:15 pm at Willits High School. A joint effort between Willits High School and the American Legion, Willits Post 174; the Post will conduct a brief (10 minutes maximum) ceremony in the parking area in front of the main high school building. "The public is encouraged to join us, as we pay tribute to those who died and those who gave so much on that 'day of infamy' and the following days." Parking for the public will be available at the north end of the school parking lot. Seating is not provided due to the brevity of the ceremony.

**Drive-Thru BBQ Chicken Dinner:** The Harrah Senior Center will host a drive-thru BBQ Chicken Dinner to Go on Friday, September 11 at 1501 Baechtel Road, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. "The Lions Club will be BBQing for us, and the tickets come with



two gift certificates for \$5: one courtesy of Dr Chana of East Hill Vet and one for our Thrift Store." Tickets are \$25 for dinner for two. Info: 459-6826.

Saturday, September 12

**Roots of Motive Power Steam-Up:** Roots of Motive Power's big annual steam-up at the Roots yard at 420 East Commercial Street, next to the Mendocino County Museum, is set for Saturday, September 12 (starting at 9 am) and Sunday, September 13 (ending at 4 pm). "If you come to only one of our events, this one is it!! We will have every one of our operating machines fired up and in action! Come see the Bucyrus 50B dig, the steam cranes lift, and the Willamette Steam donkey and stationary steam engines operating." Free admission, and free steam train rides around the Roots loop, pulled by the 1916 Heisler Bluestone Mining & Smelting Co. #1 locomotive; The Cowan Trio will be providing musical entertainment for train passengers. Featuring street steam printing by the Buffalo Springfield steam roller, too. The Roots Appreciation BBQ, with

fundraising raffles and auction, is set for 5 pm Saturday at the Rec Grove. "Fun for the whole family from children to grandparents! Witness history at the Roots of Motive Power yard!" Also, the WHS Senior Class will be having its own fundraiser at the steam-up all weekend, selling hot dogs, Polish dogs, desserts and cold beverages. See full Roots Steam-Up schedule on page 12.

**Shanachie Pub:** "Come celebrate with Willits local metal band Embryonic Devourment for their singer Austin Spence's birthday bash! Saturday, September 12 at the Shanachie Pub, featuring two sets of live music from the band. With nearly 15 years of existence, four full-length albums, and numerous tour dates nationwide, the band is well-equipped to bring a dynamic performance to the Willits community and local metal enthusiasts. Visit [www.embryonicdevourment.com](http://www.embryonicdevourment.com) for more info. Show starts at 9 pm, 21 and over, and only \$5 at the door.

Sunday, September 13

**Roots of Motive Power Steam-Up:** See Saturday, September 12 listing for details.

**Willits Airport Day & Heroes Fly-In:** 2015 Willits Airport Day & Heroes Fly-In is set for Sunday, September 13, with opening ceremonies at 10 am, at the Willits Municipal Airport, honoring all emergency response heroes who make our lives safer. Open House hosted by REACH Air Medical Services Base #18 of their new facilities and H135 helicopter. Great food, music, exhibits and demonstrations. Airplane rides flown by long-time professional pilot Karen Hernandez of Aviation Therapy, on a four-seat Cessna 172, taking three passengers for a safe and enjoyable ride around the Little Lake Valley for a donation of \$40 per passenger. Her flights will view the new Howard Hospital, Willits bypass, downtown Willits, the Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival, and other area sites. Bring your cameras. Free admission. Willits Airport is located 4.8 miles north on Sherwood Road and 1 mile east on Poppy Drive. More information at [www.WillitsFlyIn.com](http://www.WillitsFlyIn.com) or call airport manager Dan Ramsey at 841-6252.



Rides will be available in this Cessna 172K four-seater fixed-wing airplane.

Help clean up the Willits creeks!

Saturday, September 19

Volunteers in Willits are needed to help clean up the creeks in Willits on California Coastal Cleanup Day, set for Saturday, September 19, 9 am to 12 pm. Meet at City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street, between 8 and 9 am to register. Please wear heavy gloves, boots, a hat, and long pants. Info: John Sherman, 459-7122.

Right: Ron Moorhead holds a keyboard found during last year's clean-up.



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Color-A-Thon school fundraiser

Saturday, October 17

Instead of the annual walk-a-thon fundraiser this year, Willits schools have decided to hold a Color-A-Thon color run on Saturday, October 17. Brookside, Blosser and Baechtel Grove students will be collecting donations for the Color-A-Thon fundraiser, while the high school students will simply pay their registration fee for the day. 70 percent of all funds raised go back to each school site to spend on things the district doesn't pay for, such as assemblies, school supplies, free book giveaways, and much much more!! This event is for the whole community! Anyone who would like to participate in the Color-A-Thon can register in advance at <http://shop.schoolathon.org/181389>. The day of the event, registration will start at 9:30 am, and the race will begin at 11 am!! Registration is \$30, including a free T-shirt and a color dye pack. Don't worry if you haven't been training: The run is either a 3K or 5K, whichever you choose, and you can walk, run or dance your way around the track!! Just be prepared to get colorful!!

What's Happening Around Town

**HMH Grand Open House:** The Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital invites the entire community to a Grand Open House on Sunday, September 13, of their brand-new hospital at 1 Marcela Drive, off East Hill Road. From 1 to 4 pm, featuring a 1:30 pm dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony. Behind-the-scenes tours of the new facility, which features private rooms with bathrooms, state-of-the-art operating rooms, a spacious emergency department with trauma bays, a helipad, a gift shop and Roots – an organic farm-to-fork restaurant, will be offered from 2 to 4 pm. For more info, including a time-lapse video of hospital construction, check the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital page on Facebook.



Inside the new Howard Memorial Hospital.

**Healthy Harvest Community Cooking Workshops:** two workshops at the Willits Grange, 291 School Street, in September: Tuesday, September 15 and Tuesday, September 29, 2 to 5 pm. "Cook simple, healthy food; show support for local farms; preserve seasonal produce." \$20 for produce, recipes and a bounty to take home. All other materials provided. Sponsored by North Coast Opportunities and Grown Local. Contact April Cunningham for more info and to reserve a spot: [acunningham@noinc.org](mailto:acunningham@noinc.org) or 707-467-3212.



**Shanachie Pub:** Dan Walsh. 7 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Wednesday, September 16

**Willits Power hosts Chamber Mixer:** Willits Power & Hardware hosts a Willits Chamber of Commerce Mixer on Wednesday, September 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Drinks, food and a Treasure Hunt. 1600 South Main Street. 459-6420.

Friday, September 18

**Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show:** September 18, 19 and 20 at the Mendocino County Fairgrounds in Boonville. CCPPRA Rodeos, Classic Car Show, Sheep Dog Trials, Entertainment, Carnival and Apple Tasting. Fun for the whole family. Visit [www.mendocountyfair.com](http://www.mendocountyfair.com) for full details.

**Shanachie Pub:** Grateful Bluegrass Boys. \$5. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.



Saturday, September 19

**Coastal Cleanup Day in Willits:** California Coastal Cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 9 am to 12 pm, and volunteers in Willits will be cleaning up the creeks. All volunteers should arrive at City Hall between 8 and 9 am for registration and to choose which area or creek you wish to work on. The clean-up will be focused on the five creeks running through town and a few areas with significant trash build-up. The City of Willits will be providing trash bags, latex gloves and trash bag pickup. Please dress appropriately, with heavy gloves, boots, a hat and long pants. Bring a friend! More info: John Sherman at 459-7122.

**Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show:** See Friday, September 18 listing.

**10th Annual Harvest Dinner:** Saturday, September 19 at 6 pm, in the great hall of the Little Lake Grange, "Enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres prior to dinner, all to benefit the Grange Farm School. The evening will include a rustic farm-fresh meal primarily grown, sourced and prepared by the Farm School team. Savory farm fresh pies, both vegetable and with pasture-raised chicken, will be main courses, accompanied by many delicious side dishes to be shared with friends and community. Each table will be sponsored by a local farm, and centerpiece baskets from each farm will be auctioned off. Please consider bringing a home-baked pie for the homemade pie auction. Join us for entertainment, music, laughter and food. Celebrate the incredible achievements of the Grange Farm School in its first year of running educational programming! Tickets are \$35 and are for sale at J.D. Redhouse and the Willits Farmers Market. Tickets sell out every year,



Last year's clean-up.

so get them early!" For more information contact: Ruthie King at 841-1588.

Sunday, September 20

**Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show:** See Friday, September 18 listing.

**Free Health Fair:** to "Raise Awareness – in Body, Mind, Soul" is a set for Sunday, September 20 at The Muse, 30 San Francisco Avenue, from 10 am to 12 noon. Featuring presentations by local natural health practitioners from Laytonville, Willits and Ukiah: counselors, acupuncturists, naturopaths, massage therapists, consultants, herbalists, Reiki masters, energy therapists, movement therapists, family counselors, relationship counselors and more. Also, free food offerings, and all practitioners are available for one-on-one Q&A time after the presentation. Special session discount offers will be given to all attendees; these special prices are valid through December 31, 2015. Presented by QLC (Quantum Level Consulting). Info: 707-485-2610.

**The Delbert Anderson Trio:** jazz trio featuring Navajo horn player Delbert Anderson, Mike McCluhan on stand-up bass, and drummer Nicholas Lucero, plays the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane, on Sunday, September 20 at 2 pm. This Native American jazz trio, formed in the deserts of the Southwest, has performed at concerts throughout the United States and counts as its influences many greats from the jazz world. Advance tickets are \$15; tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The three jazzmen serve up a unique cutting edge form of modern funk and jazz combined with ancient indigenous melodies. Their first live album Manitou was released in March 2015 and includes the songs "Groove Warrior," "New York Navajo," and signature tracks like "Iron Horse Gallup." Advance tickets are \$15 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).



The Delbert Anderson Trio

COLUMN | At the Movies

**‘The Transporter: Refueled’**

**The Story:** Our fast-driving hero, Frank, is being coerced by some clever, sexy, ex-prostitute babes in blond wigs into ripping off some stinky, sadistic pimp lords. The babes have orchestrated a complex plan which involves kidnappings, mob hits, butt wiggles and most-especially radical car chases in Frank's ultra cool Audi A8s. (Very nice cars, he has two, one black, one gray to match his black suit and hipster necktie.)

**My Thoughts:** Pedal to the metal.... The effects of alcohol and/or mind-diminishing concoctions on the brains of the screenwriters are occasionally apparent. I don't mean this as a criticism; after all, it's a "Transporter" flick. Imagine "Furious Number Whatever" with European cars, but without Vin Diesel.

**Parents:** Not for children.

**Note:** The movie is for teenagers (bluejeanings to soften the blow of school starting), and for adults who think like teenagers and enjoy bad guy Euro-thugs getting the crap kicked out of them as a matter of social justice.

**Note Number 2:** I liked it. The bad guys are truly bad, and the good guys win, so shut up and eat your popcorn.

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

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Senior Center Lunch

Week of September 14 through September 18

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Wednesday: Hamburger on a Bun  
Thursday: Lemon Tilapia  
Friday: Baked Chicken w/Harvest Rice  
Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55 \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entrée, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.



New Roof BBQ

Sunday, September 27

The Willits United Methodist Church has a new roof!

This major project was accomplished because of the hard work, dedication and generosity of many people in our community.

To celebrate this accomplishment, and as a gift of thanks to all who helped, we are having a barbecue on Sunday, September 27 from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the church, 286 School Street.

We further invite the community to join us in worship at 10 am to say a prayer of thanks and dedication of our new roof. All are welcome.

– submitted by Madge Strong, WELL

– Karen Oslund, for the "Roof Committee"

The Fifth and Final Apple Pie Throwdown

Saturday, September 26

The Fifth and Final Apple Pie Throwdown at Emandal will take place on Saturday, September 26. The last chance to win a coveted engraved rolling pin for: The Perfect Crust, Best All-Around Apple Pie, Most Delectable Crust, Most Creative Apple Pie, Most Aesthetically Pleasing, and the People's Choice Award. A food critic from KOED will be on hand as one of the judges. No entry fee. The first 25 people to bring a pie to the show will get into the concert free! "In conjunction, of course, and NOT for the final time, with Dave Stamey, singer songwriter extraordinaire, and Western Entertainer of the Year, many times over." For more information, check out [www.emandal.com](http://www.emandal.com).



WHS Class of 2016 fundraiser at Roots

Willits High School's Class of 2016 is having a fundraiser at the Roots of Motive Power event this weekend at the Roots yard at 420 East Commercial Street.

The 2016 senior class will be serving hot dogs, Polish dogs, desserts and cold beverages on Saturday, September 12 (starting at 9 am) and Sunday, September 13 (ending at 4 pm).

"Please join us to help us raise funds for our senior trip and give a big thank you to Roots for all their support. Come on down, grab a root beer and ride the train."



Viva Kuba! a photographic tour of western Cuba with June Ruckman & Jerry Albright

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‘Local Investing: Here’s How!’

Sunday, September 27

Do you have a few thousand dollars sitting in a bank account or CD? It's earning virtually 0 percent, and god knows where that money is invested – certainly not locally!

There's an exciting new opportunity for investing in our local economy. Economic Development & Finance Corporation (EDFC), a non-profit dedicated to promoting economic well-being in Mendocino and Lake counties, has created a new, cutting-edge vehicle for local investing. It's called a "Direct Public Offering" or DPO, and it's eligible to anyone in California.

The minimum investment in the DPO is \$1,000. The goal is to raise between \$250,000 and \$1 million, which will then be loaned at reasonable rates to enterprises that are good for the triple bottom-line: people, profit and planet (or employment, economy and environment). EDFC has an excellent 20-year record of making wise, community-enhancing investments. There are already exciting prospective recipients of loans, such as a wool processing facility, bio-char enterprise, and/or meat processing plant.

Your investment in this Social Impact Fund would be paid back over a six-year period at 2 percent per year, with interest



deferred the first two years to enable "patient" money for new businesses. You can learn all about it, ask questions and – if you're ready – make an investment in our local future at this WELL-sponsored event: "Local Investing: Here's How!" on Sunday, September 27 from 4 to 6 pm, at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Guest speaker will be John Kuhry of EDFC. We may also have representatives of potential loan recipients like the wool processing facility. Feel free to contact John at 467-5953 or [info@edfc.org](mailto:info@edfc.org) for more info or to get a copy of the "Offering Memorandum" for the DPO. Or contact Madge at [mstrong@willitsonline.com](mailto:mstrong@willitsonline.com) about this event at the library on September 27.

Ongoing Events:

Willits Summer Farmers Market: from 3 to 6 pm every Thursday at City Park on East Commercial Street, with summer produce, local meats and fish, local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

The Emandal Choral: ongoing rehearsals on Wednesdays, 5 to 6:30 pm, for the Choral's 21st season, at the Little Lake Grange great hall, 291 School Street. No auditions: Open to all who love to sing.

Willits Frontier Twirlers: Monday night session at the Willits Center for the Arts. New beginner class runs from 7 to 8 pm, with dancing to follow from 8 to 9 pm. Singles and couples and all ages are welcome. Caller/teacher Lawrence Johnson. Singles and couples and all ages are welcome. \$20/month (to help pay the caller), with young dancer scholarships available. Questions? Contact Emmy Good at [Emmy@pacific.net](mailto:Emmy@pacific.net) or Jenny Watts at [Wattsup@gmail.com](mailto:Wattsup@gmail.com).

Al-Anon Meeting: Every Thursday Night from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid at the Evergreen Shopping Center. "Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery."

Drop-in Knitting Circle: Due to popular demand, the Willits Library is holding the drop-in knitting circle every Saturday of the month, from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your projects to share and show off! We will have expert knitters on board who can solve any problems and teach everyone to knit! Bring your own projects – we'll supply the coffee! Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in."

Pajama Story Time: The Willits Library presents "Pajama Story Time" for families every Tuesday night at 7 pm. "Join us for some bedtime stories and songs. Come in pajamas and bring your teddy bears!" 390 East Commercial Street. More info: 459-5908.

Cards and Games at Willits Library: free games in the Willits Library's Community Room. Tuesday bridge sessions from 1:30 to 3:30 pm; Thursday bridge sessions from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Saturday free bridge classes, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm, for new and review students. Info on bridge: Donna at 459-9035. Chess: Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 pm: bring your chess set and have some fun with friends. All ability levels welcome. Info: Raymond at 841-0473.

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

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

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the HMH Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Free Sheriff's Activity 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 6:30 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 10 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: [www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague](http://www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague) or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

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

Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room: Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street 459-2444. With Mr. Larry's New Orleans Outside BBQ Café Catering serving from 9 pm until 1:30 am. Questions? Call Mr. Larry: 707-367-7865.

Open Mic Jam at Al's Redwood Room: Every Friday night, hosted by Dream Capsule Entertainment, featuring talented, established local musicians from all over Northern California. Jazz, Blues, Rock. New talent welcome. Al's Redwood Room, 207 South Main Street; starting at 9 pm. Mr. Larry's New Orleans Outside BBQ Café Catering serving from 9 pm until 1:30 am. Questions? Call Mr. Larry: (707) 367-7865.

Laytonville Summer Farmers Market: Mondays from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Buy local: vegetables, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, crafts, hot soup, baked goods, and more.





At top, from left: Some of the art that hangs on the walls of the new hospital. "Willits Hills" by Tom Zephyrs and "Blue and Gold Wave" by Jon Klein.

Above: The new reception desk at the front entrance of the new Howard Memorial Hospital.

Below, from left: One of the several fully furnished ICU rooms on the second floor of the new hospital. Two trauma beds are ready to help in-need patients quickly and efficiently. The Med Surg reception desk and hall.

At bottom, from left: More locally made art including "Dancing Dahlia" by Ree Slocum and "Old HMH" by Tom Zephyrs, and "Frankie and the Puppies" by Mary Curtis Richardson.



# SATURDAY SHOPPING

On September 5th and 12th we are giving away twelve \$100 Gift Certificates!

**Ticket entries**  
Entries will be available on Wednesday & Saturdays.  
On Wednesdays, the entries will be 10 points/entry  
On Saturdays, the entries will be 15 points/entry

**Four \$100 Safeway Gift Certificates**  
**Four \$100 Mendo Mill Gift Certificates**  
**Four \$100 Walmart Gift Certificates**

**Drawing Times:**  
2P (one winner), 3P (one winner), 4P (one winner), 5P (one winner), 6P (one winner), 7P (one winner), 8P (one winner) 9P (two winners) and 10P (three winners)

Each winner will choose a sealed envelope that will determine their prize. Customers may win up to twice each Saturday on September 5 & 12

Management reserves all rights to cancel or alter any promotion with little or no notice.

## SATURDAY SHOPPING

There will be six Gift Certificates given away on September 19.

**Five \$200 Home Depot Gift Certificates • One \$500 Home Depot Gift Certificate**

**Drawing Times:**  
3P (one \$200 winner), 5P (one \$200 winner), 7P (one \$200 winner), 8P (one \$200 winner), 9P (one \$200 winner) & 10P (one \$500 winner)  
The Raffle Barrel will be emptied after each Saturday's drawings

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**Ticket entries:**  
Entries will be available on Wednesday & Saturdays.  
On Wednesdays, the entries will be 10 points/entry  
On Saturdays, the entries will be 15 points/entry

# Howard Hospital's Grand Open House on Sunday – Don't miss it!

The new technology was impressive, the brand-new facility was gorgeous, the work by local artists lining the walls was extraordinary, and the food was delicious at Wednesday night's preview tour of the new Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital.

Tours started off in the main lobby, with the strumming of Spanish guitar, and proceeded through both floors of the new hospital: patient rooms, the operating rooms, the chapel, the physical

therapy facilities, the lobby for families of patients, and the long hall "we fondly call Main Street," said tour leader Rebecca Hope, volunteer coordinator at HMH. "It's the length of a football field and connects all our services." The long hall, Hope said, was reminiscent of – but longer than – the long hall at the current HMH, that many residents of Willits are well familiar with.

With wood floors, wood and steel cabinets in the operating room, artfully textured carpet and cement steps, beautiful colors, lots of natural light and, again, wonderful artwork lining the walls, the new hospital does feel warm and welcoming, but in a very modern way.

"I think the most impressive thing for me," said Willits Weekly's Maureen Moore, "was

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## Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital



## CLASSIFIEDS

**Algebra, Geometry Tutoring, Test Prep**  
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**Community HU Song**  
In our fast-paced world, are you looking to find more inner peace? Join us for a Community HU Song, Thursday, September 24, at 6 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 E Commercial Street. HU (pronounced hue) is a simple, uplifting prayer or mantra that can help you experience divine love and an inner calm. All faiths are welcome. Sponsored by Eckankar: Experience the Light & Sound of God. Information? Please call 972-2475 or visit [miraclesinyourlife.org](http://miraclesinyourlife.org).

**Multi-Family Garage Sale**  
Pearl Street  
Saturday, September 12  
8 am to 3 pm

**Multi-Space Yard Sale**  
Lots of good stuff. Golden Rule Mobile Village, south of Willits. Saturday, September 12, 9 to 2. Sunday, September 13, 10 to 2 pm, Rain or shine.

**Volunteers Wanted**  
Frank Howard Memorial Hospital is looking for positive members of the community to volunteer in various departments of the hospital. Hours: flexible and can include weekends. More info? Call 456-3245.

**For Rent**  
Small Office: 110 S. Main St. upstairs. \$300 month, plus \$300 security deposit. Water & garbage paid. Lincoln Realty: 459-4599.

**For Rent**  
400 sq ft office w/ private bath, 45 W. Mendocino Ave. \$500 month, plus \$500 security deposit. Water & garbage paid. Lincoln Realty: 459-4599.

**Help Wanted**  
Adventist Health-Homework & Hospice Services Mendocino County. F/T - P/T - Per Diem positions: RN, Home Health Aide, Physical & Occupational Therapist. Great Team & Great Benefits. Call Trudy-H/R #456-3230.

**Help Wanted**  
Willits Weekly is looking for additional freelancers to provide feature stories and community items: Photo skills are a must; experience with journalism is a plus, but not required. Are you interested in covering fun events and activities at the Willits schools? We'd especially love to talk to you. Call 459-2633 for more information, or send resume and/or clips to [willitsweekly@gmail.com](mailto:willitsweekly@gmail.com).

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**Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency**  
Currently recruiting for:

- Eligibility Worker III
  - Department Information Services Support Technician
- For further information on the above positions or to apply, go to website & click on: "Career Opportunities" [www.mss.ca.gov](http://www.mss.ca.gov)

Mendocino County HHSA is also recruiting for the following positions:

- Chief Psychiatrist
  - Public Health Nurse II
  - Registered Nurse
  - Senior Public Health Nurse
- For further information on the above positions or to apply, go to website & click on: "Job Openings" <http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hr/>

# DRIVE-THRU

**BBQ CHICKEN DINNER TO GO!**

**PRE-SALE TICKETS ONLY \$25/EACH**  
Dinner is for two and the tickets come with two \$5.00 gift certificates.

**Friday September 11<sup>TH</sup> 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**The Lions Club will be BBQ'ing**

Gift Certificates are courtesy of Dr. Chana of East Hill Vet and Harrah's Thrift Store.

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More of **Arrests**

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threats/use of a firearm," with previous felony arrests. Sheriff Tom Allman and colleagues, including Deputy Jason Cox, who took the lead in the investigation, announced the arrests at a press conference last week in Willits after a six-month investigation.

"What's amazing about this," Lt. Kirk Mason said, "was that these crimes were all solved by good old-fashioned police work: deputies interacting with members of the community, following up on investigative leads, leading us to recover property, arresting bad guys and bad girls, and sending a message that we are involved, and we are going to make arrests if you commit significant crimes."

Sheriff Allman was glad to be able to send that message to Covelo residents and business owners unnerved by the spike in thefts from commercial and residential properties, many right in downtown Covelo.

"It was very frustrating," Allman said, "because it's been extremely difficult to find a deputy sheriff who wants to move in to Covelo, so the frustration in the community is 'the sheriff's office isn't doing anything,' and the frustration with our department is that we're up there doing a lot, but we couldn't tell everybody what we're doing, because if we tell everybody what we're doing, we're going to have to change what we're doing."

Allman said the county budget now has funds for three deputy positions in Covelo, it's just a question of finding the right candidates, and Allman says he is hopeful at least one, and maybe two, of those positions might soon be filled.

Lt. Mason ran down the specifics of the crimes believed to be linked to the suspects: "We've had a total, in about a seven-month period, of 22 thefts: 15 business or government offices were victims, and seven private residences." Mason said the majority of the crimes, including five of the burglaries, occurred in March, with a spike again in August.

"Now, having five thefts or five burglaries in the north area isn't unusual," he said. "What is unusual is the concentrated area in which the thefts occurred: pretty much downtown Covelo and Covelo in general."

The thefts occurred in April, May, June and July, Mason said, before the August spike.

"When it went down," Allman said, "it was in equal proportion to the amount of time we were spending up there, working nights – we were shaking a lot of bushes up there."

Officers estimate the total of lost property or damage to be \$53,000. "To this date," Mason said, "we've recovered property valued approximately at \$33,000."

Stolen property includes three vehicles, electronics, five guns and cash. Ten laptops stolen from the Eel River Charter School were recovered and returned to the school before school started this fall. Three of the five guns have been recovered and returned to their owners.

The Covelo Post Office was broken into in June, causing significant damage to the facility. Mail was stolen, "and they went through a lot of packages and opened them up," Cox said.

Petty and Lawson were arrested August 26 in Redwood Valley, after being linked to the July 26 burglary of a residence on Fairbanks Lane in Covelo. Petty was arrested on two felonies: suspicion of burglary and violating probation; she is being held without bail. Lawson was arrested on suspicion of felony burglary and misdemeanor probation violations. He is being held without bail.

Bowes and Leggett were arrested August 30 in Covelo. A press release from the Sheriff's Office says officers went to a residence on Henderson Road at 8 am that Sunday "to conduct a probation search in an attempt to locate stolen firearms and any suspect(s) associated with the burglaries." Bowes was already wanted on a Mendocino County felony arrest warrant for violating probation.

"Upon arriving at the residence, deputies located Bowes hiding in a bathroom. A stolen 9 mm handgun and ammunition were found nearby in a bedroom."

Bowes was arrested on suspicion of three felonies: burglary, being an ex-felon with a firearm, and violating probation. He is being held without bail.

Joseph Basurto, 20, was arrested September 1 in Covelo on suspicion

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The rest of **WCA**

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Contrast is important for Strong, and she looks mostly for light against dark to get the contrast most pleasing to her.

She now uses iPhoto to do minor adjustments, such as making sure the horizon is straight or that the photo is in the best focus. Strong doesn't usually crop her photos, as she tries to get what she wants in the original shot. She uses many of her photos for her

other art medium, watercolor painting.

Strong advises budding photographers to take a lot of pictures. There is "nothing like experience with the camera," she says, to get good at photography. "What is so cool about photography is we never run out of things to take photos of, and everyone has such a unique eye for what they think is a good picture. I love that – the individuality in photography."

The rest of **HMH**

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that it felt that we weren't in Willits.... Not that it wasn't connected to Willits with all the local folks and all the local art, but that it was several steps up, with the state-of-the-art technology, the slick, clean and modern interior, and the vegan food! This really is a big city hospital in a small town."

Food served at the Roots restaurant at the end of the tour included tasty chicken curry in puff pastry, salmon on crackers topped with savory capers and dill, polenta rounds with tomatoes harvested that morning from the hospital's Commonwealth Garden, a salad with chickpeas, red beans, quinoa, cucumber, and parsley, and quickly seared pieces of albacore tuna served on a bed of coleslaw-type veggies with a bright vinaigrette dressing. Wine, sparkling wine and desserts like gluten-free brownies and lemon curd with a raspberry accent topped off the menu.

The community is invited to tour the hospital, enjoy children's activities, and sample Roots' innovative cuisine at the dedication and ribbon cutting this Sunday, starting at 1 pm. Don't miss it!

## Come celebrate the new Howard Memorial Hospital at the free Grand Open House

By Cecilia Winiger, for HMH

Nail by nail, Howard Memorial Hospital has created an exciting new destination in healthcare for patients, families and generations of people to come. Be a part of Willits history by attending the Howard Memorial Hospital Grand Open House on Sunday, September 13 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Experience the new Howard Memorial Hospital (located at One Marcela Drive, off East Hill Road) during this free event.

The full day of activities on the grounds of the new hospital begins at 1 pm with a dedication and a ribbon-cutting ceremony starting at 1:30 pm. Other ceremonies throughout the day will include dedications of the helipad and unveiling of two life-sized sculptures located on its campus. In addition, food and refreshments prepared by Roots, HMH's new organic restaurant, children's activities and games, and health booths will be available throughout the day.

Tours of the new Howard Memorial Hospital will be offered from 2 pm to 4 pm. Upon arrival, guests will receive an assigned time for a tour of the hospital, so nobody should have to wait in a long line. We encourage guests to arrive early due to space limitations.

"This is the first opportunity for the community to see their brand new-hospital. Guests will get a sneak preview of the beautiful art created by local artists, the state-of-the-art operating rooms, spacious emergency department, and private patient rooms. Plus, everyone will have an opportunity to sample the delicious farm-to-fork cuisine offered at our new Roots restaurant, an experience sure to satisfy and give community members a taste of what's to come," shares Rick Bockmann, president and CEO of Howard Memorial Hospital.

The 74,000-square-foot hospital features 25 private inpatient rooms in an aesthetically pleasing, easy-to-navigate environment. Built from the ground up to incorporate the latest technology in healthcare design, the hospital offers an experience that is less intimidating and more comforting. The new hospital includes private rooms with bathrooms, state-of-the-art operating rooms, a spacious emergency department with trauma bays, a helipad, and Rooms.

"Following the Grand Open House, the next step for the new hospital is to secure licensure from the California Department of Public Health, the state governing agency that thoroughly reviews our personnel's competencies at the new facility. Once licensure is issued, we will then be ready to open the hospital for patients," says Bockmann.

"This is a thrilling time for all of us. We are closing in on the final lap of this incredible journey. We are very close to moving in to our community's brand-new state-of-the-art hospital. We can't wait to welcome everyone for a special sneak peek."

Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital is a 25-bed acute care hospital recognized internationally for its dedication to high-quality patient-centered care. Services include the Orthopedic Joint Center of Northern California, state-of-the-art radiology imaging, laboratory, in-patient and out-patient surgery, 24-hour emergency services, physical therapy, and a soon-to-be full-service restaurant.

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COLUMN | Well Mannered Mutts



**The power of the sit**

Sallie Palmer  
Columnist

I decided to host an experimental dog training class. This class is based on having the dog owner only learn one training skill per week and to teach it to their dog. With people's busy lives, doing the traditional weekly dog training courses can sometimes prove to be too much for the average dog owner.

This is due to the volume of drills required each day to effectively train the dog within a short amount of time. With lives busier than ever, finding that time and having the energy can be difficult. The idea behind this training method is to make the training simpler, slower and effective for the human and their dog.

The course starts by teaching just the sit. For one week, that is the only skill the person is responsible for teaching their dog. This is usually the first skill we teach our dogs anyhow, but here is the twist: The dog is required to sit under all circumstances and to remain in the sit position until the owner gives a release or a different command.

This may seem easy and, at the beginning, it is. The person starts the training in an area with low distractions. The method of placing the dog into the sit position is up to the individual. The equipment used is also up to the individual. However, the rules are that the method must be effective and humane. The person must be able to enact the method quickly and efficiently. And the person cannot say the word 'sit.'

The person should start by picking any location with few distractions and placing the dog in a sit position by their left side. The dog's chest should be lined up with the left knee/leg. The person should not say the word "sit," but should just place the dog in a sit position.

Now the person should just hang out for a while. If the dog stays in a sit position, the person should lightly praise him. If the dog breaks the sit position, the person should quickly place the dog back into the sit.

The person needs to repeat this action until the dog will remain in a sit by the person's side and wait to be released. This part of the training should be repeated until the person is satisfied that the dog understands what is expected from them.

Read the rest of **Sit**  
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## Mendocino College: Late start classes in Willits

There's still time to enroll in "late start" classes this fall at Mendocino College: Here's a list of late start classes at the college's North County Center in Willits, 372 Commercial Street; 459-6224. To register and for more info: [www.mendocino.edu](http://www.mendocino.edu).

*These late start classes start the week of September 14:*

- CSC-20 Beginning Computer Skills**  
Mon/Wed 7 to 8:05 pm 1.5 units
- CSC-201 Computers & Computer Applications**  
Tue/Thu 1 to 3:20 pm 3 units
- CCS-60 College Success**  
Tue 8:30 to 11:50 am 3 units

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## Roots of Motive Power 2015 Festival Schedule

### Saturday, September 12

**8 am:** Roots Festival Safety meeting – In front of Maintenance Building

**9 am:** Operations begin on main track – Bluestone Mining Heisler #1 – all day  
Bucyrus Erie 50 B steam shovel moves to pit at rear of facility  
Little Willamette and Port Huron Portable Engine

**10 am:** Willamette and stationary engines run for rest of day

Buffalo Springfield demonstration  
Raymond Crane starts loading  
Marshutz and Cantrell Spool Donkey

**11 am:** 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

Ohio Locomotive Crane stationary demonstrations begin  
Little Willamette and Clyde Tracklayer Demonstration

**12 pm:** Estep Diesel start and run at Loading Spur  
Willamette exercises Skinner engine & Erie Engine

**1 pm:** Le Tourneau Tourn Crane demonstration

Street Printing with Buffalo Springfield in City Park to 4 pm

**1:30 pm:** Willamette exercises Washington yarder

Little Willamette and Port Huron Portable Engine  
Bucyrus Erie 22 B demonstration at pit.

**2 pm:** Raymond stream crane demonstration  
Willamette exercises Eureka horizontal spool donkey

Library and Ranch Car Open, 2 to 3 pm  
Tour of Lidgerwood Tower Skidder  
Little Willamette and Clyde Tracklayer demonstration

**3 pm:** Bucyrus Erie 50B Steam Shovel demonstration at pit (rear of property)  
Willamette exercises Washington Duplex Loader

**3:30 pm:** Estep Diesel start and run at Loading Spur; Willamette steams down

**4 pm:** Railroad operations conclude

**5 pm:** BBQ begins in park. Auction and raffle

### Sunday, September 13

**8 am:** Safety meeting – In front of Maintenance Building

**8:30 am:** Hand Car, Speeder & Gibson Crew Carrier on the Track Loop to 10 am

**10 am:** Willamette and stationary engines operate rest of day

Raymond Demonstration

**10:30 am:** Bluestone Mining Heisler #1 operates on Loop Track until 3:30 pm

**11 am:** Bucyrus Erie 50B demonstration at rear of facility

Estep yarder start and run at Loading Spur  
Marshutz and Cantrell Spool Donkey Begins Demonstration

Tractor Group Demonstration – all day

**12 pm:** Willamette exercises dynamo  
Library and Ranch Car Open 12 to 1 pm  
Bucyrus Erie 22B Demonstration at Pit

Street Printing with Buffalo Springfield until 3 pm

**1 pm:** Bucyrus Erie 50B shovel begins move back to shop and parks

Willamette exercises Washington Duplex Loader

**2 pm:** Le Tourneau Tourn Crane demonstration

Willamette exercises Washington Yarder

Raymond moves back to shop and parks

Estep Yarder start and run at Loading Spur

Corliss demonstration – Engine House

**3 pm:** Begin to shut down all steam equipment

Railroad operations begin final switching operations

**4 pm:** Steam Festival Close: A good time had by all!

*Below, from left: Roots' Chris Baldo and James Anson stand with artist Rik Olson and San Francisco Center for the Book's Cheryl Itamura, all posing by the Buffalo Springfield steam roller. The crew prepares a print for the steamroller. Olson reveals a finished print.*

*Photos by Maureen Moore*



## State Transportation Commission reports on Prop 1B road funds

Submitted by the California Transportation Commission

A report released last week by the California Transportation Commission indicates that its management of more than \$12 billion from the Proposition 1B program over the past nine years has resulted in additional federal, local and private investment of \$25 billion to improve transportation infrastructure around the state.

The CTC report also emphasizes the one-time nature of the Proposition 1B funding, and that continuing investment in the state's transportation infrastructure is needed to address a long and growing list of projects to take care of the state's existing system. Caltrans estimates that there is a \$57 billion backlog in needed maintenance for state highways. There are similar backlogs for streets and roads, rail and transit systems. The report states that the CTC has so far allocated more than \$11.4 billion of the funding under its purview and estimates that transportation projects funded with Proposition 1B proceeds have created thousands of jobs statewide since 2006.

Proposition 1B's one-time funding was passed in November 2006 by 61.4 percent of state voters. It authorized the state to issue \$19.925 billion in general obligation bonds for projects to relieve congestion, facilitate goods movement, improve air quality, and increase the safety of the state's transportation system.

The CTC was assigned responsibility for programming and allocating \$12.025 billion through 10 programs addressing a variety of transportation infrastructure needs. Most of the programs were competitive, ensuring that funds were directed to projects providing the greatest benefits.

"The projects made possible through Proposition 1B funding reduced traffic congestion, improved air quality, made travel safer, and helped grow California's economy," said Lucy Dunn, chair of the California Transportation Commission.

The report also states that while Proposition 1B limited the cost of

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## Sunday fire in Brooktrails

Submitted by the Brooktrails Fire Department

On Sunday, September 6, at approximately 3 pm, the Brooktrails Fire Department, along with CALFIRE and Little Lake Fire Protection District, responded to a report of a vegetation fire in the 1600 block of Daphne Drive in Brooktrails.

Upon arrival of the Brooktrails Fire Department duty officer, the vegetation fire had consumed an 1/8 acre of grass and a vehicle. As the duty officer began to take action in controlling the fire, the fire had spotted across the road and quickly burned up the embankment into a large tree. At the base of the large tree, a resident was found trying to defend the residence with a garden hose.

The tree that was adjacent to the occupied residence became well-involved, and the fire was knocked down, preventing spread to the structure and allowing the resident to depart the area. As Brooktrails Fire Chief Daryl Schoepner arrived at scene, he took command of the incident, and units quickly began containing the fire area. CALFIRE and Little Lake Fire crews began assisting Brooktrails crews with the fire, as CALFIRE helicopter 101 made water drops. Crews remained at scene to ensure there were no hot spots. The cause of the fire was found to be juveniles playing with fire.

For further information, please contact Fire Chief Schoepner or Deputy Chief Jon Noyer at 459-4441.



## \$5 million for rural broadband

Submitted by the office of Assemblyman Jim Wood

Gov. Jerry Brown signed Assemblyman Jim Wood's Assembly Bill 1262 into law last week. The bill provides \$5 million to support groups and initiatives working to increase access to broadband in rural communities.

Assemblyman Wood said: "This is a big win for our district. We have unique and serious problems around broadband access, and we have great organizations working to solve those problems. This money will provide a resource to allow key stakeholders to continue working with telecommunication providers to find real, long-term solutions."

AB 1262 immediately brings \$5 million into the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Account. These funds will be used to support community-based groups who are working to increase broadband access, adoption and deployment in rural areas.

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## Vandalism of public utility line

Submitted by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

On September 3, 2015, at approximately 10:30 am, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office experienced a disruption of telephone (9-1-1, land-line and cellular) and internet services throughout Mendocino County.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office began working with other allied public safety agencies – Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services, to include Coastal Valley EMS – and the Sheriff's Office Emergency Operations Center was opened.

During this time, a limited amount of communication methods were able to be put into place for the various public safety agencies to be able to receive and respond to public emergencies as needed.

Calls into 9-1-1 were re-routed to the CALFIRE Howard Forest dispatch center for distribution to local public safety dispatch centers affected by the 9-1-1 service disruption.

The CALFIRE Howard Forest dispatch center had been previously designated as a secondary dispatch center when one or more allied dispatch centers experience a disruption of 9-1-1 services or abilities.

On September 3, 2015 at 6:30 pm, a deputy with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to contact representatives with AT&T in the Burke Hill area of Ukiah.

Upon arrival the deputy learned AT&T had experienced a sudden disruption of fiber optic services on September 3, 2015 at approximately 10:30 am.

This service disruption affected telephone (9-1-1, land-line and cellular) and internet services for Mendocino County.

Immediate efforts were made by AT&T to locate the cause and location of the disruption, which was ultimately determined to be in a rural area approximately 1.5 miles south of Burke Hill Road in Ukiah.

Upon inspection of this area, it was determined the fiber optic line that was located above ground had been cut apart.

At this time it is suspected the damage was caused as an intentional act of vandalism.

On September 4, 2015 at approximately 3 am, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office noted a return of telephone services to their 9-1-1 emergency dispatch center.

This incident is still under investigation, and anyone with information that might assist in the identification of any suspect(s) is urged to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Tip-Line by calling 707-234-2100.



At right: Varsity Willits Wolverine Blake Leslie, #7, prepares to throw the ball. Far right: WHS varsity's Kyle Martinez, #24, dives over a Hoopa player on the field.

Below, left: During the JV game, Tyler Vesey, #5, helps fend off the opposition, as the Wolverines' DJ Buzzard, #12, and a teammate take down the Hoopa player carrying the football.

Below, right: JV Wolverine Tyler Vesey, #5, throws a pass over the hands of Hoopa players to another Wolverine down the field.

See more photos: <http://photographs.zenfolio.com/whssports2015>.

Photos by Maureen Moore



## Laytonville Youth Football 2015

JV and varsity Raiders game schedule

<b>Saturday, September 12</b> Away game against Calistoga. Varsity starts at 7 pm. No JV game.	<b>Saturday, October 10</b> Away game against Anderson Valley. JV at noon and varsity at 2 pm.
<b>Saturday, September 19</b> Home game against North Shore. JV at 5:30 pm and varsity at 7:30 pm.	<b>Saturday, October 17</b> Home game against Hopland. JV at 5:30 pm and varsity at 7:30 pm.
<b>Saturday, September 26</b> Home game against Calistoga. JV at 5:30 pm and varsity at 7:30 pm.	<b>Saturday, October 24</b> Home game against Covelo. JV at 5:30 pm and varsity at 7:30 pm.
<b>Sunday, October 4</b> Away game against Cloverdale. JV at noon and varsity at 2 pm.	<b>Saturday, October 31</b> Home game against Cloverdale. Varsity starts at 2 pm. No JV game.

Above: Members and coaches of the 2015 Laytonville Raiders JV and varsity youth football teams.

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## The rest of Prop 1B From Page 13

administration to 3 percent of bond proceeds, Caltrans estimates that it will spend less than 2 percent for the programs under the CTC's purview. The low administrative costs combined with lower-than-expected project costs have saved nearly \$2 billion, which the CTC used to fund additional projects throughout the state.

"Our statewide transportation system is the foundation for a healthy California economy. Proposition 1B program results demonstrate that management and accountability are the keys to delivering taxpayers a strong return on their investment for future generations," said Rob Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable.

Among the key results of Proposition 1B funding:

- State highway and local road improvements projected to save California drivers more than 530,000 hours of daily travel time, a full eight-hour work day for 66,250 workers.
- 87 projects improving freight movement in the Los Angeles/Inland Empire, San Diego and Northern California regions.
- More than 112 miles of increased highway capacity and other improvements to State Route 99 in the San Joaquin Valley and Sacramento Valley.
- 17 passenger rail projects to upgrade equipment and improve on-time performance.
- Earthquake safety improvements on 318 local bridges, with another 65 bridges being designed and slated for construction.

"The commission strategically invested Proposition 1B funds in the highest-priority projects, including much-needed State Route 99 improvements, that were efficiently delivered by state and local agencies. Those projects have improved the economy, environment and quality of life in Fresno and throughout the Central Valley. As funding solutions to address additional needs are discussed, this program should be considered a model of how to use resources effectively," said Ashley Swearingin, mayor of Fresno.

The Proposition 1B report and additional information is available at <http://www.catc.ca.gov/>.

## The rest of Sit From Page 12

Now, the person is ready to advance the training. This time, look for more challenging distractions. It may be another person approaching or simply walking by. If the dog breaks the sit position, quickly and effectively the dog is to be placed back into the sit position. This should be done until the dog will no longer attempt to get up when a person approaches or walks by.

The next step is to steadily increase the levels of distractions. The dog should sit when near other dogs or animals. Other distractions can be a ball rolling by, skateboarder, jogger, bicycle riders, etc. The dog is to sit under all circumstances and to wait for further instructions.

By teaching a solid sit and remain in a sit, the foundation of learning has been established. The obvious benefits are a dog that will not jump up on people when greeted, won't visit other dogs, and one that will focus on his person. This opens up a road for teaching other training skills in a more effective manner. The dog now benefits because they have learned impulse control and to follow their person's directions.

The next week of training involves heeling at the person's side to eliminate pulling. Each week after that, a new skill is added until at the end of six to eight weeks, the dog and handler have accomplished the basic training skills of sit, down, heel, come, and stay.

Sally Palmer is a Certified Dog Trainer with the International Association of Canine Professionals. For more information about Sally and her training programs, go to [www.wellmanneredmutts.com](http://www.wellmanneredmutts.com).

## The rest of Arrests From Page 11

of felony theft of two motor vehicles (one of which had not been reported to police), felony burglary, and violation of probation. She is being held in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

Asked about the background of still-at-large suspect, Manuel Rodriguez, Deputy Cox said he had grown up in Covelo and went to school there.

"He never had a job," Cox said. "His mother is currently in custody for theft-related type of offenses, as well as harboring individuals [wanted by the Sheriff's Office], and his grandmother ... I arrested her one time, she was teaching the youngsters, the grandkids, how to steal from the store. She herself has also been arrested for burglary before, so it's just kind of a family tree."

Rodriguez's sister, Rosalena Belle Rodriguez, 21, was found dead from multiple bullet wounds, lying in the road at Hopper Lane in Covelo, in May 2014. Covelo resident Jeremy Jason Freeman-



Manuel Rodriguez

The sheriff said he expected to go to District Attorney David Eyster with a good case against the suspects, adding: "I've asked him that we don't give any breaks on this one."

The Sheriff's Office asks any member of the public with information on the whereabouts of fugitive Manuel Rodriguez to call Sheriff's Office dispatch at 707-463-4086.

## The rest of Prison From Page 1

as "significant environmental damage inflicted on the land."

Documents presented in court indicated the land owner spent more than \$30,000 in cleanup costs, the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office said.

At the time of his arrest, Eyster added, "Flores admitted he knew the operation was illegal, but expected a big payday when the crop was ready for market."

After finishing his 16-month sentence, the DA's Office expects Flores to be turned over to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for

## The rest of Marshall From Page 1

Marshall briefly, White became suspicious and checked the spare bedroom, where she found Chesser, according to court testimony. She did not immediately realize Chesser had been critically injured or killed, Whiteaker said.

Soon after the confrontation, the friends realized the situation was worse than they'd thought, and called 911. Efforts to revive Chesser were unsuccessful.

After leaving White's house in a silver pickup truck, Marshall drove toward Covelo. While on Highway 162, he accelerated to an estimated 70 to 100 mph and drove off the winding, two-lane highway and down a steep embankment into the Eel River, according to state traffic officers.

Marshall was hospitalized for injuries sustained in the crash; he was arrested almost three weeks later, after being released from the hospital.

Marshall is charged with murder, rape, sodomy and special allegations that he committed the murder in conjunction with rape, and that he is a sex offender with a prior conviction.

He was convicted in 2000 of sexual penetration with a foreign object by force or fear in Santa Clara County.

Marshall will be back in court September 15 to be re-arraigned on charges in the current case, which could include a potential death sentence.

## The rest of College From Page 12

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**ENG-80 Academic Reading & Writing**

Mon/Wed 9 to 11:15 am 4 units  
**ENG-60/160/560 Reading and Writing Laboratory**  
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Tue/Thu 5:30 to 8:20 pm 5/0 units

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**FSC-98.4 Fire Command 1C** (11/7 - 11/21/15)  
Sat/Sun 8 am to 4:50 pm 2 units

Britton was prosecuted and sent to prison for her murder.

"I suspect once we get Manuel Rodriguez into custody," Sheriff Allman said, "we'll have a substantial reduction in some of the burglaries and specifically the style of some of these particular ones. We'll still have other burglaries -- there are other individuals doing these as well -- but we should be able to knock it down considerably."

Allman described the Covelo burglary investigation as "absolutely the north sector's most expensive investigation" in the 2014/15 fiscal year.

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deportation to Mexico.

Flores' co-defendant, Refugio Perez Hernandez, will be sentenced September 18.

The two men were arrested following investigation by COMMET (County of Mendocino Marijuana Eradication Team), the Sheriff's Office marijuana eradication team, the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

*This report was based on a September 4, 2015 post on the Mendocino County District Attorney's Facebook page.*

## The rest of Budget From Page 1

tax decline and recession that would require additional funding."

The supervisors agreed to move \$417,000 into a special fund which will be used to pay the county's match in case Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman is awarded a \$21.9 million grant by the State of California, which will allow him to build a third building for the Mendocino County jail. The new building, if it is built, is to be used to house mentally ill inmates as well as the felons that the state penal system has recently sent to the counties. Allman has said that he needs the new building because the influx of prisoners from the state penal system, plus the mentally ill inmates, has put his jail beyond its planned occupancy.

Although the Mendocino County grand jury recently pointed out that the county's Family and Children's Services Division of its Health and Human Services Agency is badly understaffed, leading to a job performance in those divisions that the grand jury report termed "an embarrassment," the board of supervisors took no action to direct Angelo and her staff to take another look at the county's staffing philosophy.

Instead, the supervisors seemed willing to go with a policy developed by staff during the spring of 2015. Under this policy, the county will pay as much as \$200,000 in order to provide extra cash incentives for those positions in the county system for which it is difficult to recruit or maintain employees.

Human Resources Director Heidi Dunham said she worked with executive staff members and union representatives to come up with a plan on how to distribute the incentive money. She noted first that the most difficult jobs to fill and retain in the county's workforce are nurses and social workers. Of 71 nurses and social workers now employed by the county, Dunham determined that 49 ought to be eligible for some retention money. She and her team picked a cutoff period of 24 months, that is, two years, meaning that, if a nurse or social worker has stayed with the county for two years or longer, they are going to get a little extra money this year.

Nurses and social workers who have worked for the county for between 24 and 35 months will be given an extra \$1,000. Nurses and social workers who have worked between 36 and 59 months for the county will be given an extra \$1,500, and those nurses and social workers who have worked more than 60 months for the county will get an additional \$2,500 this year. All of the payments will be spread out during the final six pay periods in the year, in October, November and December.

Dunham said she will be looking into other departments to determine if there are other sectors of the work force that

## The rest of Johnson From Page 1

Johnson's performance in a closed session meeting at that time would be premature.

"I wouldn't want to just take up something on the fly, so I think it's premature," Neary said.

Private consultant Chris van Kleist told trustees how the board will conduct a formal evaluation of Johnson. Individual board members, he said, would fill out an evaluation document on Johnson's performance, which will be due by September 14. Then all five reports will be consolidated into one report by van Kleist by September 21. Following that, a special, closed meeting will be held, during which the trustees will discuss the report with Johnson present.

Finally, the board and Johnson will discuss both the report and her performance during open session of the board meeting on Tuesday, October 7.

The board accepted van Kleist's plan of action.

Johnson has administered the district during a rebuilding phase, coming after a period of contraction that extended from 2001 until 2013. Under her administration, the district's budget has grown from \$14.6 million in 2013-14 to almost \$18 million today, while enrollment has contracted from 1,592 in 2013-14 to a figure which is thought to be somewhat lower. In fact, a recent "hot count" of students actually attending school on a recent school day totaled only 1,525. Staff has grown from 203 in 2013-14 to approximately 235 today.

During a vote held from August 24 through August 26, 60 percent of the membership of the Willits Teachers Association voted to approve a statement of "no confidence" in Johnson.

Speaking to Willits Weekly recently, WTA President John Haschak explained why he thought a majority of teachers rendered the no-confidence decision on Johnson.

"What I heard was mostly three reasons," Haschak said. "First, she has created a climate of fear and retribution in the district, which has actually created a hostile work environment for teachers and other staff."

might benefit from an injection of retention money.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Stacy Cryer explained that the estimated cost of implementing the new policy in her agency will be \$104,000. Cryer told the board that because the federal government reimburses 40 percent of those kinds of costs, and the state generally will cover the rest, the county can commit the extra money free of charge.

"If they are all my employees, then I could fund all of that \$104,000 out of my department," Cryer said.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen pointed out to Cryer and to his colleagues on the board that, under those circumstances, the county might be able to spend more on the worker retention program. "Since we are spending next to nothing, we could easily double this amount," he said.

This created a small stir among the executive office staff and Cryer. "These funds come from my realignment money," Cryer said, "which the state now gives us all in one lump sum. So when that money is gone, it is all gone, and there is no more. So I would want to look at your proposal very hard," Cryer said.

As has happened so many times in the past, while the supervisors had a difficult time thinking about how to spend \$240 million, they seem to be able to get their minds around much smaller amounts. This time the figure was \$250,000, which was the amount of fund balance which the supervisors had not appropriated in June, when it passed the recommended budget.

The board discussed numerous worthy organizations that could use some of the money, including the family resource centers located throughout the county, the fire departments, the drug court, the Co-Op Air Patrol, and Leadership Mendocino. Finally, McCowen moved that the county allot up to \$60,000 to a group that is planning to build a winter shelter for the homeless in the interior of the county.

The shelter is estimated to cost some \$250,000 to build, and is to be built in Ukiah. The supes say that they will match whatever amount the City of Ukiah agrees to contribute to the project, up to \$60,000.

In addition, McCowen moved that the county contribute \$4,000 to Leadership Mendocino. Angelo said her office will undertake to create a list of other options, based on whatever organizations apply to her office for the money. The board approved Angelo's plan unanimously and then, only a minute or so later, approved the final budget, also by a unanimous vote.

"I want to thank the CEO for the additions and the content," said Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse. "I felt like I was a part of it."

"Second, she has made unilateral decisions that have negatively affected teachers and staff. For example, the decision to lay off the vice principal at Willits High School, and to move one of the two counselors there, which led to the whole accreditation crisis at Willits High.

"Then there are other decisions that she's made, which has created such a high turnover of experienced staff -- I mean really good teachers who have left the district," Haschak said.

"Thirdly, she has not followed the district's policies and procedures concerning discipline and hiring. She doesn't discipline equally. She will discipline one person one way who did something, and then discipline a different way when a different person does the same thing," Haschak said. "And when she hires, sometimes she will abandon the standard hiring procedure right in the middle of the hiring process."

Johnson was hired as superintendent after a rapid turnover of superintendents following the passage of Measure B (2010), the bond measure authorizing the sale of \$18.8 million of bonds to modernize the district's facilities.

After the district sued Caldwell Flores Winters, the financial consulting firm that advised the district on the bond, former Superintendent Debra Kubin resigned on June 30, 2012. Kubin was followed by interim Superintendent Raymond Chadwick (July 1 to August 2012), then by a second interim superintendent, Debra Pearson (September 2012 to June 30, 2013). Johnson became superintendent on July 1, 2013.

Maples hired as director of technology

By a unanimous vote, Jennifer Maples was hired as the district's director of technology at the September 2 board meeting. Maples has for several years been the director of student services for the district. According to Superintendent Johnson, Maples will continue to perform the functions of director of student services as she performs the duties of director of technology.

Johnson said that Maples will have three people working under her in the district's technology department.





# CLAWS FOR A CAUSE

raises more than \$18,000

Ridgewood Ranch south of Willits was the setting on Saturday, September 5 for an evening of fine dining, good music by The Bassics, and good fun. One hundred and sixty-two lobsters were flown in especially for the Willits and South Ukiah Rotary clubs' joint fundraiser, Claws for a Cause, to benefit the Ridgewood T.R.A.I.L. Riders, a therapeutic riding program located on Ridgewood Ranch.

Along with the lobster, guests enjoyed a Caprese salad, filet mignon, stuffed potato, squash from the Ridgewood garden, and a wonderful chocolate dessert prepared and donated by Adam's Restaurant.

At right: Claws for a Cause chairman Mike Smith and lobster chef Mike Tobin tote a load of lobsters. Below, left: A good evening of fun and good food was enjoyed by more than 130 people. Below, right: Erin Holzhauer shares the mic with Azure so that he can explain to the group how much he likes his time at T.R.A.I.L.

The latest word from chairman and Willits Rotary member Mike Smith is that this event was a huge success, with a sell-out crowd of supporters. Volunteers from the Willits and South Ukiah Rotaries, the community, the T.R.A.I.L. program's board, and appreciative parents of the T.R.A.I.L. Riders made the event run smoothly. Funds raised from ticket sales, plus the dollar and live auctions, have come in at more than \$18,000.

– Jenny Senter

Photos by Jenny Senter



Above, left: The dollar auction, led by Holly Madrigal with the assistance of Dennis and Tammy Long, was a huge success!

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Above: Mike Tobin gives his wife, Kathy, and a curious server a lesson in lobster eating.

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