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Peace Day

To the Editor:

In addition to the wonderful local lineup at the free Peace Day event at Willits High School on Thursday, September 21, there is an international angle. Choirs from all over the world will be singing for peace on that day. An organization called One Day, One Choir in London has organized over 600 choirs to take part. Each choir will sing their own songs, in their own time zone, but all will be connected through the world wide web. There are choirs from Africa, Asia, Australia, South America and, of course, North America and Europe too – literally, this effort spans the globe.

Our event in Willits will be video-recorded and shown on Willits Channel 3 TV, but it will also be shared with the London organizers who will make a video of the entire worldwide event, which will itself be shown on our local TV stations. Truly, we are part of a network now, of people singing for peace everywhere. Please join us on September 21, from 5 to 9 pm, the program starts at 6:30, and we will all sing for peace together!

Don Willis, director, Emandal Chorale

Great show at WCT

To the Editor:

Great show at the Willits Community Theatre – don't miss it!

I had the extreme pleasure of attending the opening night of "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" at the Willits Community Theatre on Friday night. I rarely attend a show early in the run, but I am so glad that I did so that I can share my enthusiasm with you and encourage you to attend the show early on. I don't think you will be disappointed.

I was fully captivated from the opening moments of the show. What a clever play and so humorous ... I laughed throughout.

I am much impressed with the entire production. The directing is outstanding, and the acting superb and compelling. As to the production values, all aspects were tremendous ... set, lights, artwork, costumes, music. Nothing is lacking in this fine production.

Jim Mastin really pulled off a winner with his stellar direction of this work. I hope he and Assistant Director Mary Buckley bring their talents back to WCT for another adventure in make-believe.

Go to this show and enjoy!

Freddie Long, Brooktrails

Park trees were of great value

To the Editor:

The recent very hot weather was a great example of why we appreciate parks and the shade provided by mature large trees.

First I want to acknowledge that I am addressing this issue in hindsight and regret that I was not involved prior to the decision to remove the vast majority of trees from our city park.

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As cited in last week's paper, the two arborists couldn't give the city assurances that if they didn't take those trees out they wouldn't have a problem (a potential hazard).

That was further morphed into there's some real hazard trees there. Fear of something failing on someone and liability then entered the equation, and we needed to clear out these trees. The fear of a potential hazard, coupled with an overblown reaction, has caused us to lose something of great value.

I feel a systematic replacement over years would of been more sensible. Identifying the most faulty trees and removing them and replacing them as you did this, and doing this gradually over several years would have maintained a usable park. After all, the trees had been standing for 100+ years, what was the hurry?

Moving forward, I think that if any landscape is suitable for the planting of eventually large trees, it is in a park setting. Please give thoughtful consideration on choosing species of larger trees, and if you must utilize small trees, please mix them with larger species. This will ensure that someday we will have the beautiful shady park that was once there.

Larry Desmond, Willits

Saturday afternoons at the Hub

To the Editor:

I will be keeping the Willits Environmental Hub open Saturdays from noon to 5 pm.

Drop in, peruse the library, chat, volunteer, ask questions, check for events or study maps of Northern California wilderness and watershed areas.

As noted in the WELL newsletter, we – the Eel River Recovery Project – have three Eel River field trips coming up in September and October. There is no charge for any of these trips, though donations are always gratefully accepted.

On Sunday, September 24 and Thursday, September 28 we'll go to the Angelo Reserve just west of Branscomb on Wilderness Lodge Road. This was one of our favorite field trips (I've gone four times), and difficult to find your first time. The reserve encompasses 7,660 acres of pristine wilderness, i.e. the area is untouched by logging or paved roads. As a result, Elder Creek maintains decent water flows throughout the summer, and UC Berkeley maintains a research station here to collect baseline data on climate change. It's an easy 2-mile hike from the day parking. A dirt road winds along the South Fork Eel River, to an old homestead and a meadow set up for group camp.

In the 1980s, the entire fifth-grade class from Baechtel Grove Middle School would hike in for an annual overnight and two days of outdoor activities. I think of the hundreds of Willits graduates, who have their own school-age kids by now, and wonder if we can revive some kind of family-style "Wilderness Weekend." I particularly remember seeing glow worms on a night hike to the White House for ghost stories, and observing bear claw marks on branches a couple of feet above my head.

In February this year, we saw salmon jumping the falls at the head of Elder Creek, and large bear claw prints in the sand along the Eel River. The reserve is open free to the public year-round. These will be family-friendly trips: unfortunately no dogs are allowed. You may bring your own vehicle or ride in the Willits Go Wild van, which holds 12 people.

On Sunday, October 22, there will be an exploratory trip through Potter Valley and up and over the ridge to the Van Arsdale Reservoir. There is a gorgeous 10 to 12 mile stretch of Eel River between Van Arsdale and Lake Pillsbury, with two dirt roads that were closed over the winter due to landslides. The upper road was reopened – you can glimpse the main stem of the Eel River at the bottom of a steep canyon as you drive along. The lower road, which is still closed to cars, interests us more, as it winds right along the "Wild and Scenic" Eel River. We hope to bring bicycles and pedal in a ways. We think this would make a lovely wilderness biking trail, and the idea received wide support at Congressman Jared Huffman's recent town-hall meeting on his draft public 'ands bill.

One more item coming up: the Round Valley Salmon Awareness Festival, Saturday, October 14 – with salmon feast, native dances and public information tabling.

Feel free to phone for more information: 459-0155.

Robin Leleer, Willits

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would be ready to hand out to others in town.

"We donate the food all over the community, but some of the big recipients include the Willits Senior Center, Willits Community Services and Food Bank, the Willits Kids Club," said Dodge. "We also take produce to the elementary schools themselves."

The Gleaners have been making the rounds to area properties for around 12 years and are an all-volunteer group. There is no cost or charge to the property owner, and no cost or charge to the fruit recipients; the plan is just to not let good food go to waste.

"We all really see it as a great community service, and a labor of love," said one of this year's Gleaner team leaders Prana Roberts. "We don't want any of the food available to go to waste, and we want to make sure those who would like to eat it, can. I love that we can help provide fresh fruit to kids in the schools and give fresh food to anyone who might be less fortunate or wasn't able to grow their own."

This was a new experience for recent Gleaner additions Talkovsky and Lumpkin, who were excited to be out helping solve the over-abundance problem. Lumpkin was involved with farmers markets for many years, and Talkovsky went to UC Santa Cruz's organic farming school through the gardening apprentice program. But without orchards of their own, they were excited to connect with the Gleaners.

"Gleaning seemed like a good fun thing to do," said Talkovsky. "Not only does it help not let the food go to waste, but it gets to people who can use it, too. It also helps allow us into the farmer world; we're wannabe's, not going-to-be's, so gleaning is a nice way to be involved with the harvest time."

Roberts stressed that while fruit is usually a main staple of their pickings, the Gleaners

will also collect produce, nuts, and other veggies, too.

"We're happy to collect tomatoes, plums, squash, whatever," said Roberts. "We usually end the season with walnuts, which are always the last to be ready."

Catching the produce in its prime is a request, however. It's best to give the gleaners a heads up while produce is still on the tree, or working towards ripening. Once fruit begins to fall, it can be past its prime. Gleaners can come, check on the goods and then plan a time for prime picking.

While some reconnaissance is inevitably unavoidable, Gleaners usually rely on incoming calls and requests from property owners before scheduling a picking.

"We have had some calls regarding concerns about neighbors' abundant trees; we've left notes on abandoned-looking trees on the side of the road in hopes of the owner contacting us, but really, we like to have the owners call us and let us know they'd like to have us come pick," laughed Roberts. "Usually a group of about three to five people will come out – ladders, bags, boxes and everything they need in tow – and spend a few hours picking. We pick the Willits area, but have gone to Ridgewood Ranch, Redwood Valley and even Laytonville, in the past. It basically depends on the availability of the pickers, and the amount of produce at the location where we will travel to."

Roberts noted that regardless of where the produce comes from, the Gleaners always bring it back to Willits and distribute locally to those in need.

To request a picking or to grab a ladder and join forces with the Gleaners, contact their hotline at 367-7391. Leave a message with your name, phone number, what type of fruit or produce you have, and when you think it'll be ready – or if it's already at the emergency pick stage – and someone will get back to you shortly.



Treasure Island for the 1939 World Fair. Because it was the biggest steam shovel on the west coast, it went everywhere and had a rich history. When we got it, it was in a warehouse in San Francisco. It's one of our prime pieces here at the museum."

If one wants to know the history and function of the rail equipment at Roots, you need to speak with Mike Meyer, who worked his way up from brakeman 14 years ago to steam engineer. As Meyer explained: "The brakeman rides back here in the caboose. Generally he works under the conductor, who is in charge of the train. The brakeman will get out and set the brakes, pull the couplers apart if they have to drop a car off, add a car. Then they have to hook up the air lines to restore the brake lines on the entire train. The conductor is responsible for the entire train. The engineer is responsible for the locomotive. As you work your way up the, line you learn the responsibilities of each position. Here at Roots you go from brakeman, to conductor, diesel engineer, fireman and steam engineer. That can take you as much as five or six years of both classroom training and actual hands-on training on the locomotives."

Meyer went on to explain the function of each car and the duty of each person working on the railroad. The people who make up Roots are a great source of knowledge about the history of the machines, how they function, what they were used for and the people who operated them. They are as much a treasure as the machinery they know and love.

The weekend – the equipment was steamed up from Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon – offered many events and attractions. There were demonstrations, free train rides with rail cars drawn by the Bluestone Heisler steam locomotive – "which performed flawlessly," Baldo said – street printing, that used Roots' Buffalo Springfield steamroller as a printing press for linocut type printing, a Saturday barbecue, hot dogs on Sunday, a silent auction and raffles.

"It was another splendid Roots festival with the finest BBQ in Willits resuming its historic status," Baldo said. "Thanks everyone for attending and helping to put on such a fine show."

Roots of Motive Power is an all-volunteer organization founded in 1982 by a group of friends in the timber industry to preserve and restore steam- and diesel-powered equipment used in the California north coast logging industry. You can become a member of Roots – and help support one of Willits' most iconic organizations – for \$35 a year. You can join online – and learn more about the non-profit – at <http://rootsofmotivepower.com> or send a check to Roots of Motive Power, PO Box 1540 in Willits.

The next public Roots of Motive Power event is the Holiday Express Christmas Party, set for Saturday, December 2, which features Santa arriving on a steam locomotive, Christmas trees, free train rides, singing, and holiday refreshments.





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T Sisters

'Sassy sister folk' bring their soulful bluegrass harmonies to the Grange

The Little Lake Grange is hosting a fundraising concert on Friday night, September 29 featuring soulful bluegrass harmonies from Bay Area headliners the T Sisters. The funds raised will go toward needed Americans with Disability Act upgrades for the 1921 Grange building.

The T Sisters are an Oakland-based, mostly acoustic, Americana band built around the

vocal harmonies of sisters Erika, Rachel and Chloe Tietjen. With one foot steeped in old-time bluegrass tradition and the other stepping forward, the T Sisters are blazing their own stylistic path.

The three sisters – Rachel and Chloe are twins – are bringing their full band on this tour, including Steve Height on acoustic bass, Andrew Allen Fahlander on mandolin and guitar, and Marlon Aldana on drums.

The band will play original songs and do some great covers – adapted to their unique three-part harmony style. A new T Sisters EP on the Three-Headed Sounds label, "Live from Tiny Telephone," is set to be released October 10, and features three original tunes and two classic covers recorded live to tape at Tiny Telephone Studios in San Francisco.

Willits' Richard Jergenson, who's seen the T Sisters perform several times, and has been trying to get them to Willits for some time now, first met the "sassy sister folk"

about 10 years ago, when they were in town performing with a Czech traveling puppet show in the roles of "singing angels."

"A good friend of mine from San Francisco brought them up here and told me, 'RJ you have to come and see them,' and I met them back stage after the show," Jergenson said. "I was quite taken by them. They've been performing all their lives. I got to chatting with the older sister, Erika, and I happened to have my Grid Beam book ["How to Build with Grid Beam: A Fast, Easy and Affordable System for Constructing Almost Anything," by Phil and Richard Jergenson], and one of the twins said it looked like something she studied as an architecture student. I ended up trading her some grid beams in return for them building our grid beam website" (www.gridbeam.com).

That first batch of "trade" grid beams – made from 100 percent recycled Douglas fir from Northern California – ended up becoming a traveling stage for the T Sisters, which they took to the Burning Man festival. Now, Jergenson said, the traveling stage has been transformed into the stage in their new warehouse space.

The T Sisters are on a fall tour and will be playing the Sutter Creek Theatre before the Willits show, and at the Humboldt Hills Hoedown at the Mateel Center in Redway the night after. "I'm thrilled they're coming to Willits,"

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T SISTERS



LIVE AT TINY TELEPHONE





At top, left: The T Sisters, sextet version, featuring Steve Height on acoustic bass, Andrew Allen Fahlander on mandolin and guitar, and Marlon Aldana on drums, as well as sisters Erika, Rachel and Chloe Tietjen.

Above: Pick & Pull playing at Mariposa Market's anniversary celebration in August.

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10th ANNIVERSARY GIVEAWAY

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Saturday, September 23rd

Start earning entries Monday, August 28, 2017

Thursday, September 14

WHS Soccer: Willits High School vs. Middletown High School at home. Thursday, September 14. Girls game at 4 pm (head coach Tatiana Cantrell); boys game at 5:30 pm.

WHS Volleyball: Willits High School vs. Middletown High School at home. Thursday, September 14. JV at 5 pm (JV head coach Tim Miller); Varsity at 6 pm (Varsity head coach Jill Walton).

WHS Booster Club Meeting: The monthly Willits High School Booster Club Meeting is set for 6 pm, Thursday, September 14, at the Willits High School Food Center, 299 North Main Street. Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at WHS.

“Picasso at the Lapin Agile”: comic Steve Martin’s play “Picasso at the Lapin Agile” runs through September 24 at Willits Community Theatre. This comedic play of ideas, directed by Jim Mastin, brings revolutionary artist Pablo Picasso and renowned physicist Albert Einstein to the famed Parisian cafe where they discuss the implications of their work and attempt to predict what is coming next. Thursdays at 7 pm for \$15, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$20, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm on September 17 and 24 at 2 pm for \$15. Advance tickets are available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane. Tonight’s special “First Thursday,” September 14 performance is a benefit for the Willits P.E.O.’s scholarship and awards fund, appetizers start at 6:15 pm, call Marilyn Harden at 459-5649 for tickets or email marilynharden@rocketmail.com

Friday, September 15

Seafood & Pasta Dinner: Abalone dinner (abalone donated by Department of Fish & Game). Complimentary glass of wine with dinner. Friday, September 15. 5 to 6:30 pm. Tickets \$40, pre-sale only. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info and tickets: 459-6826.

Senior Center Lunch

Week of September 18 through September 22

Monday: Chicken Bacon Melt
Tuesday: Sweet Sour Pork
Wednesday: Stuffed Peppers
Thursday: Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup
Friday: Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entree, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.



Guitar virtuoso at WCA

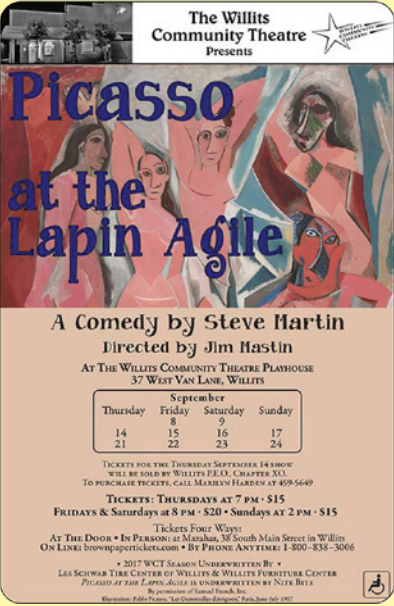
Tuesday, September 26

An evening of live musical performance by virtuoso guitarist Pierre Bensusan, who is currently celebrating his 40th world tour. “Bensusan’s beautiful compositions, fluid playing style and incredible technique continue to captivate audiences worldwide and have brought him numerous awards, including being voted “best world guitarist” by Guitar Player Magazine’s readers poll.” Presented by Mendocino Guitar Hospital. Tuesday, September 24. 7 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$24 at door, available at J.D. Redhouse, and online @ www.pierrebensusan.com.

What's Happening Around Town

“Picasso at the Lapin Agile”: Comic Steve Martin’s play of ideas, 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, September 14 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Keith Kenny, “an extremely dynamic one-man band.” Friday, September 15, 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



Long Valley Library Fundraiser Dinner: Friends of the Long Valley Public Library sponsors a fundraising dinner-affle-auction-concert on Saturday, September 16, 4:30 to 8:30 pm. Long Valley Garden Club, 375 Harwood Road, Laytonville. Dinner tickets \$25; raffie tickets \$5, or six for \$20. Tickets may be purchased at Healthy Start, 44400



This Week @ KLLG

KLLG volunteers will be at the Willits Farmers Market at the Rec Grove on Thursday from 3 to 6 pm, and at Airport Days on the September 23. Come say hello. Willits Charter High School Radio Broadcasting class begins creating shows in the studio next week.

— Michelle Cummings

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Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser for Rich Venturi

Saturday, October 7

On Saturday, October 7 from 4:30 to 7 pm at Brooktrails Community Center, 5798 Ridgewood Road, there will be a spaghetti feed fundraiser to raise money to aid Rich Venturi in his ongoing battle with cancer and mounting medical costs. Along with the meal, there will be a silent and live auctions and a 50/50 raffie. Also, The Bassics with high-energy party music. Advance tickets: \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and children; at the door: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and children. For information and tickets: Mylinda 472-8474, Shailyn 972-1669.



Saturday, September 16

Open Studio Event: The Cultivate Wellness Studio will demonstrate tools and remedies to deal with feelings of stress and being overwhelmed. Calming herbal tea will be served. Saturday, September 16. 10:30 am to 12 pm. Cultivate Wellness Studio-Suite 4, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info and RSVP: 354-3111.



Willis Avenue, Laytonville, and Book Room, 200 Branscomb Road, Laytonville. Also, for more info and tickets: Shawn Haven 354-3080, or Susan Bradley 984-6970.

Free Art Therapy Workshop: Artist/art therapist Susan Sweet and artists Nancy McHone and David Weitzman

will discuss how art has been a healing tool. Sweet will also lead a hands-on experience to demonstrate how art therapy works. Workshop is free, free art materials provided. No art experience necessary. Saturday, September 16. 11 am to 12:30 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. RSVP to Nancy McHone 459-6371

by September 15. This workshop is an extension of Nancy McHone’s WCA show “Maintaining Inner Light – A 7-Year Journey.”

“Picasso at the Lapin Agile”: Comic Steve Martin’s play of ideas, 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, September 14 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Jeremy James Meyer and Margo Cilker, singer/songwriters with Americana roots. Saturday, September 16. 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, September 17

“Picasso at the Lapin Agile”: Comic Steve Martin’s play of ideas, 2 pm matinee at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, September 14 listing for details.

Tuesday, September 19

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week’s Tightwad movies: “It,” “Logan Lucky,” and “The Glass Castle.” For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Shanachie Pub: Tracy Hui, a genre-defying itinerant folk artist/songster/composer/improviser. Tuesday, September 19. 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Seed Cleaning and Saving Workshop: Carol Cox, master gardener from Ecology Action, will demonstrate simple techniques to clean and save seeds from the fall harvest. Examples will be provided with kale, onions, carrots and lettuce. The seed saving workshop is free to attend. Wednesday, September 20. 5 to 6 pm. Willits Public Library, 390 East Commercial Street.



Thursday, September 21

International Day of Peace: a celebration of the International Day of Peace hosted by Willits Rotary Club, Nuestra Alianza, Interfaith Counsel, WHS Rainbow Peace Club, and many other peace-loving groups from 5 to 8:30 pm at Willits High School. Dinner will be served from 6:30 to 8:30 pm (donations accepted). Also, a free bilingual program of music, dance, prayers and blessings for peace from Pomo, Konkow Band of Maidu, Christian, Jewish, Buddhist and other traditions. Celebrate with Baile Folklorico, Emdandal Choralé, a WHS band, youth poets, artists, dancers and musicians, Willits Interfaith Council. Mayor Gerry Gonzalez will present a new peace pole to Willits High School and the Rainbow Peace Club inscribed in eight languages with the message: “May Peace Prevail on Earth.”



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WHS Volleyball: Willits High School vs. Clearlake

High School at home. Thursday, September 21. JV at 5 pm (JV head coach Tim Miller); varsity at 6 pm (varsity head coach Jill Walton).

Hot Topics in Diabetes: Zumba with Maddy Cole. Thursday, September 21. 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Seabiscuit Conference Room, Howard Memorial Hospital, 1 Marcela Drive. RSVP: Dietitian’s Office: 456-3132.



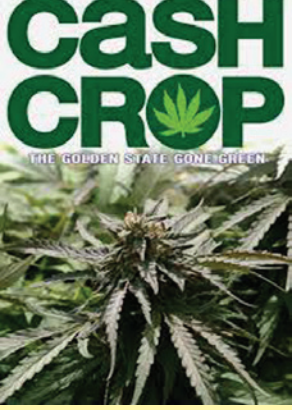
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Shanachie Pub: Jewels & Johnny Nation – “rock & roll wise man and the dancing dynamo.” Thursday, September 21. 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, September 22

Now and Then Film Series: Little Lake Grange presents “Cash Crop,” a feature-length documentary road trip all around California to the Emerald Triangle and “the heart of the American

Dream” documenting America’s largest cash crop: marijuana. Plus trailers & short films, and organic heirloom popcorn and fair trade chocolate. Friday, September 22. 6:30 pm. \$5 donation requested. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.



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ERRP Activities at the Hub

Eel River Recovery Project is organizing field trips leaving the Willits Hub, 630 South Main Street, on Sunday, September 24 and Thursday, September 28, going to the Angelo Reserve west of Branscomb on Wilderness Lodge Road. The Angelo Reserve encompasses 7,660 acres of pristine wilderness, which means the area is untouched by logging or paved roads, and, as a result, Elder Creek maintains decent water flows throughout the summer and UC Berkeley maintains a research station there to collect baseline data on climate change. It’s an easy 2-mile hike from the day parking. A dirt road winds along the South Fork Eel River, to an old homestead and a meadow set up for group camping. The Angelo Reserve is open free to the public year-round. These field trips will be family-friendly, but no dogs are allowed. The public may bring their own vehicles, or ride in the Willits Goes Wild van (holds 12 people). Coming up October 19 will be an exploratory trip through Potter Valley to the Van Arsdale Reservoir.



Colors for Cancer Fun Run and Walk

Saturday, September 17

Adventist Health Ukiah Valley will host the Annual Colors for Cancer Fun Run and Walk on Sunday, September 17, raising funds for the Focus on Healing program. This colorful run/walk is perfect for the entire family. Participants are encouraged to wear white, as color stations are strategically placed throughout the rail trail, dousing each participant with the many colors of cancer, honoring the strength and courage of cancer survivors. 9 am, with a morning of activities, including music and food in the Rural Health Center courtyard and a tour of the newly renovated Cancer Treatment and Infusion Center. Register on the day of the event, or advance registration on the AHUV website: adventisthealthukiahvalley.org, or on AHUV’s Facebook page “Adventist Health Ukiah Valley” under the events tab. \$25 for youth (17 and under) and \$40 for adults. Info: Allyne Brown, 463-7623 or allyne.brown@ah.org.



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Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show

September 15-17

The Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show is set for Friday, September 15, Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17 at the Boonville Fairgrounds in Anderson Valley. Fair is open from 9 am to midnight each day. Building exhibits, livestock shows, Carnival, the California Wool & Fiber Festival, Grand Tastings of award-winning cider from the California

Cider Competition, and plenty more every day. Special events, Friday: Junior Dog Show (10 am), Junior Swine Show (3 pm), Wine Tasting (5 to 8 pm), the Apple Bowl varsity football game (7 pm); Saturday: Singer Rick Brantley (12:30 and 3:30 pm); CCPRA Rodeo (8 pm); Dance with Indiana Slim & the Rebel Rousers (9:30 pm); Sunday: Sheep Dog Trials (10 am); Vintage Car Show (10 am); Parade (noon); CCPRA Rodeo (2 pm). Tickets: \$9/day for adults; \$7 for ages 12-17, and \$5 for ages 6-12. Friday admission specials: \$3 for age 65 and over and children 12 and under free all day Friday. Visit <http://mendocountyfair.com> for full line-up of events.



CD Release Party at the Community Center: Freqs Entertainment presents live music with Weird Year, Lightning Amen and Self Fulfilling Prophecies. Full bar (ID required) provided by the Lions Club. Friday, September, 22. 8 pm to 12 midnight. \$10 cover at the door. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street.

Shanachie Pub: IllumiGnosis, “genre bending psychedelic power trio.” Friday, September 22. 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



Shanachie Pub: AC Myles Blues Band, “raised in the Central Valley with a keen ear and a take no prisoners approach.” Saturday, September 23. 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Willits Airport Day: This year’s annual Willits Airport Day salutes the Willits Lions Club and other local service groups. Ride in an authentic biplane or a modern helicopter over the Little Lake Valley. Great food, music, exhibits and demonstrations. Free admission to view the aircraft (fee for rides) and free parking. Saturday, September 23. 9 am to 3 pm. Willits Municipal Airport, 5 miles north on Sherwood Road then 1 mile east on Poppy Drive. Follow the “Airport” signs. Info: www.WillitsFlyIn.com

“Picasso at the Lapin Agile”: Comic Steve Martin’s play of ideas, 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, September 14 listing for details.



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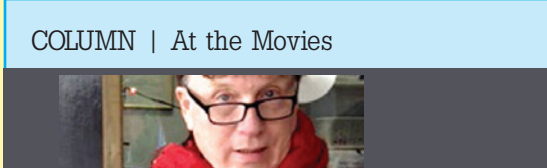
Sunday, September 24

ERRP Field Trip: Eel River Recovery Project, ERRP, is organizing a trip to the Angelo Reserve, 7,660 acres of pristine wilderness west of Branscomb on Wilderness Lodge Road. Bring a bag lunch, liquids to drink. Sunday, September 24. Meet at 9 am, depart 9:30 am from the Willits Hub, 630 South Main Street. Info: Robin Leier 459-0155.



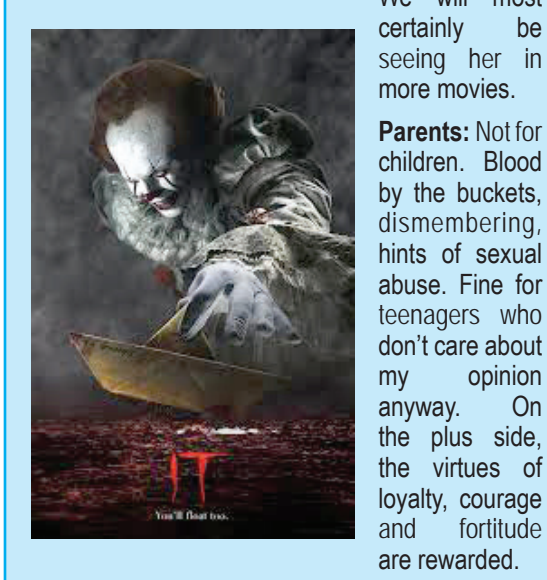
“Maintaining Inner Light”: Closing day of the September show at WCA. Visit the wall sculptures of Nancy McHone which were part of her healing process from cancer. Also, the jewelry of Megan McHone. Sunday, September 24. 11 am to 6 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-1726, or www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

“Picasso at the Lapin Agile”: Comic Steve Martin’s play of ideas. 2 pm matinee today is the final performance. Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, September 14 listing for details.



‘It’
The Story: Stephen King horror flick features an idyllic small town named Derry. It could be Willits. Life is perfect in Derry except for the missing children and Pennywise the Dancing Clown who lives in the sewers. A group of 13- and 14-year-old kids, real good kids with screwed-up home lives, decide to hunt for the missing children, which forces them to confront a scary supernatural monster.

Daniel Essman Columnist
My Thoughts: This is a good horror flick, an upscale production with fine young actors, solid pacing, and a script filled with creepy, psychologically twisted grownups. The kids have no adult help against the monster, only their loyalty to each other. Good teenagers, bad adults ... a taste of “Carrie,” a touch of “Stand by Me” ... a monster that lives beneath the surface ... all very Stephen King. I was entertained. Also, young actress Sophia Lillis, the only girl in a cast of good-looking raggle taggle boys, is a standout.



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



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New manager at WCA

Lyndsey Burns ready to build on art center progress

The new manager for the Willits Center for the Arts, Lyndsey Burns, has been in the county for two years and brings a wealth of experiences to her new position. She's worked in a few jobs from Laytonville to Willits, she's learned farming and animal husbandry at the School of Adaptive Agriculture, where she's also helped with fundraising events, including being the event production manager for last year's Winter Carnival at the Willits Grange.

Burns is not new to hard work, creative thinking, problem solving, working as part of a team, and helping create huge and smaller events. She's one of those people who creates an extended network of friends and like-minded people to draw upon anywhere she lives and works.

Burns likes the Willits community. "There are a lot of people who are excited about being alive," she said. "In [other places] people are focused on making money and their careers. Here people enjoy the simpler things. It's so great to be outside, being with nature and connecting with the community. In Willits there are good community dynamics. I'm really excited to live here and, hopefully, actually raise a family here."

Burns grew up with a mother who was the creative arts director at a country club in Novato, where she orchestrated parties and hosted events. A young Lyndsey Burns was privy to her mother's creative processes.

Burns was in college studying fine arts when she was asked to work with a friend who had created a new company, Another Planet Entertainment. Burns accepted, and first worked on the Greek Theatre in Berkeley doing construction and painting along with other jobs to beautify the amphitheater and make it comfortable for the audience and performers. She ended up being so busy with this and learning many new skills that she never went back to college. For about 10 years she went on the road working with Another Planet helping create musical events.

"I can't tell you how many times I've walked onto an empty field and seen the festival go up," she said; "thousands of people come, [it] gets shut down, and it's an empty field again." As exciting and fun as it is, it gets tiring, she said, especially being on the road for more than half the year. Through another friend, Burns hooked up with the Hog Farm in Laytonville, living there and helping put on Earth Dance and other events. She found it very different than her other experiences. She was learning "how events could be."

Her most recent experiences at the School of Adaptive Agriculture taught her not only the skills of farming but that she loved being outside and working with the animals and earth. In Willits she bought a home with her grandmother, whom she's caring for as well. The opportunity brings together many of her carpentry, animal husbandry – she has chickens – and gardening abilities. The new job at the WCA capitalizes on her past experiences and makes for a balance – especially since it's 64 hours a month.

As manager of the WCA, Burns sees her job as an opportunity to work closely with the board and establish a group of dedicated volunteers to cover most anything that needs to be done at the center. "The WCA has lived up a lot in the last few years, and as we build on the great things about the art center it'll be like, 'Oh! The art center seems like a rad place to volunteer, so let's go check it out.'"

Burns is also very skilled at website development and is committed to keeping the WCA website updated regularly. She's part of the group making decisions about future WCA events that benefit the center as well as the Willits community. And it's Burns you'll talk with whenever you or a group decide to rent the Great Room upstairs or the classroom downstairs.

More volunteers are always needed. Sometimes it's more skilled work like changing the wiring for lighting or dealing with a plumbing problem. At other times it's less skilled, like sitting the gallery during open hours for an exhibit. One project that needs to be done by volunteers this year is re-painting the Great Room. There's always need for volunteers to set up and take down or be a hospitality host at an event. Whatever your skills or preferences, Burns would like to work with you to discover how you'd like to volunteer and become a valuable part of the pool of human resources for the WCA.

Burns is very grateful to Holly Madrigal, former WCA manager who is now working as program officer for the Community Foundation of

Mendocino County, for all she's done for the art center and the community. "I know the WCA board had a number of excellent applicants to be the new manager," Madrigal says, "and it must have been a hard choice. I applaud them for hiring Lyndsey. She is talented and dynamic. I have known her through her work with Laytonville organizations and the School of Adaptive Agriculture. I know she will bring her artistic sensibilities and management chops to bear for the WCA."

To learn more about the WCA, visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org or stop by, 71 East Commercial street, during open hours, Wednesday through Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm. To talk about volunteer opportunities call the WCA at 459-1726 and ask for Lyndsey Burns.

Above, left: Lyndsey Burns, new manager at the Willits Center for the Arts, points out the members show on the center's calendar, "Small Works," which is coming up in December.

Above, right: The new landscaping installed at the Willits Center for the Arts by Dave Watts of Sanhedrin Nursery.

Below: Burns is committed to keeping the WCA website updated, something that's traditionally been a volunteer effort and a difficult task.

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super-majority of 66 percent approval in the November 2013 election. Final election results showed 60.8 percent of voters voted "yes" on the initiative, Measure I.

"Some good things have happened since then," said director Tom Herman. "CalFire's SRA fee is no longer in place. Also, with all the fires and disasters we've had, I hope we can make a pretty strong argument that it's needed."

LLFD Chief Chris Wilkes told directors he'd been working on recruiting members to a political action committee to support the firehouse campaign. "We've got eight already on the PAC," he said. "We're hoping to get two or three more" before looking for a campaign consultant. "We have a pretty good cross-section right now, but we want to reach more deeply into all aspects of the community."

Little Lake Fire directors will reapply to the USDA in hopes of getting another community development loan to pay for part of the construction costs. An original \$2.8 million loan at a 3.5 percent interest rate the district was awarded had to eventually be turned down, as the time allowed to use the funds ran out.

Wilkes said he had a letter from the USDA confirming the district could "skip the pre-application process" when reapplying for the loan. "That's a good thing," he said. Wilkes also said the district had been asked "to look at 'value engineering,' getting one firm to design and build a new firehouse "to get a better deal," he said.

Wilkes also reported on some further issues with the current firehouse. An air sampling report recently done by Air Environmental out of Santa Rosa "considers that the building is not at a normal spore count for indoor environments" and that "there were several molds found indoors that are considered toxigenic that we don't want to find inside."

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the total applications received.

Claiming that the move was financially irresponsible, First District Supervisor Carre Brown voted against it.

The package of fees that were under consideration included the initial application fee (\$1,240), the second inspection fee (\$675) from the Department of Agriculture, and the property profile fee (\$444) and recording fee (\$111) from the Department of Planning and Building Services.

Adrienne Thompson, who is with the administrative services division of Planning and Building, told the supervisors her department would be pleased to offer a 50 percent reduction in her department's two fees, moving the total from \$555 to \$277.

The total of the four fees was at that point \$2,470.

After the supervisors had discussed the issue for some time, they still had not yet arrived at any clarity on what level of fee reduction they would be willing to support. Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey struck out into "deal" territory when she said she could support cutting the fees from the Department of Agriculture by either 75 percent or 60 percent. She quickly received statements of support from John McCowen and from Dan Hamburg for either reduction.

Croskey then said she preferred the 60 percent reduction. This meant Croskey was suggesting the \$1,240 fee for the permit application could be cut to \$496, and the fee for the second inspection could be cut to \$270. The two fee reductions from the Department of Agriculture were voted on separately, and each passed on a 4-1 vote. A third motion putting the two fees together, and adding in the 50 percent fee reduction from Planning and Building also passed on a 4-1 vote. Brown voted "no" on each of the three votes.

Brown said cutting the fees to well below the county's level of cost recovery went against the board's policy that county fees ought to give the county full cost recovery for the service provided.

As a result of the supervisors' decision, what had been a four-fee total of \$2,470 will now be \$1,043, a reduction of 57.8 percent.

"I don't know if we're going to get a big upsurge in applicants [for the cottage industry, or Type C, permits]," Croskey said. "I think if we weren't talking about 10 percent [of our applications], I wouldn't want to do this. But from the people I've spoken to, they are uneasy about applying for a permit due to the complexity of the permit and also to the fact that they are not certain that they would pass."

The board also voted 4-1 to reduce by 80 percent the fee for a second grow on one parcel. Under the medical cannabis cultivation ordinance, Section 10A.17.070 (Requirements for all Permits), subsection D, "A person may apply for and obtain a maximum of two permits listed in Section 10A.17.060 at any given time. Permits shall be granted at a maximum density of one permit per legal parcel; provided, however, that a person may obtain two separate permits of different permit types (excluding Type 4 permits), on a single legal parcel if the total square footage of the two permits does not exceed the largest maximum square footage permitted on a parcel for the relevant zoning district."

It was the final clause of subsection D to which the vote applied: that second permit on a single legal parcel when the total square footage of the two permits does not exceed the maximum square footage permitted.

On the 4-1 vote, Brown cast the dissenting vote.

Given the heavy amount of particulate matter and background material in the air the day of the sampling, the report notes, the "spore levels and types may be underestimates."

The consultant took samples from the four offices in the firehouse. "A couple of the offices are clear," Wilkes said, but in the training office, the spore count was three times the limit, and in Deputy Chief John Thomen's office, a normal count of Cladosporium would be 3,000 and what the test found was a count of 17,200.

"We need to know one way or another if it's not good for the employees to work in the building," Chief Wilkes said. Investing in some relatively inexpensive HEPA filters and fans for each office "would prolong the use of the offices to election time," he said. "Pending the election results, we'll know if we have to make a move with our office staff."

The air conditioning stopped working in the firehouse recently, too, although the heat still works, and Wilkes told directors that he was told the 30-year-old HVAC system was too broken to be fixed: "It's new or none," he was told.

A Mendocino County firefighter strike team, including Little Lake firefighters and strike team leader Deputy Chief Thomen, that was up north fighting the Helena fire in Trinity County "just got back yesterday," Wilkes said. "I want to express my appreciation for John Thomen, the only active strike team leader in the county," he said. "John took the strike team out on all three fires, the Grade fire, the Minerva fire [in Plumas County] and the Helena fire. Four other fire departments were involved in the strike teams, and it's important to recognize what he's doing, not only for this department, but for the county. He's the right guy for the job – at the top for a strike team leader. He's as good as it gets, and he's a real asset" to the Little Lake Fire Department.

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Tuesday, September 12 meeting that the people she had spoken with had requested that the county convene eight working groups. Angelo did name four additional working groups to the list above, but said she wouldn't be convening those groups for the time being.

"Realistically, we cannot do eight working groups at one time. So I will be working with four working groups. We will be starting this week," Angelo said.

The four working groups which have been identified, but which will not be meeting yet, are those dealing with number of inspections, transferability, non-cultivation, and marketing.

Nine people have agreed to work with the group that will be discussing building issues; six people are on the track and trace working group; 21 people are on the overlay zones working group; and 11 people are on the state licensing requirements group.

The overlay zones group will also be discussing exclusionary zones and exemptions from various provisions of the county ordinance. The state group will also be discussing possible amendments to the state's cannabis regulations.

Angelo said one of the issues she will be discussing with the members of each group this week is whether people want to come down to Ukiah and meet in person at the administration center, or whether they would prefer to meet by phone.

Angelo told supervisors she intends for there to be ample staff support for each meeting of each group. She said she wants representatives from the departments of agriculture, planning and building, and environmental health to be present for each meeting.

When asked how the results of the working groups would be brought to the board, Angelo said she would be reporting on the work of each group to the board during her CEO report.

When asked how the people on the working groups were chosen, Angelo said: "They requested to be on the working groups. These are pretty much the same people who have been coming to the board meetings over the last several months. So when they heard that we were forming working groups, and that they were open to anyone who wanted to be on them, they either emailed, called, or showed up at my office and told us that they wanted to be included."

"It's still open," Angelo added. "All people have to do is notify my office that they want to be on a working group."

Permit process update

The Mendocino County Agriculture Department has now received 716 permit applications, has issued 15 permits, and has denied 16 permits.

According to Interim Ag Commissioner Diane Curry, her staff has completed 182 pre-site inspections. Her office has identified the possibility of securing 28 compliance plans from cultivators and has secured four signed compliance plans.

"I know the cultivators have some concerns with the compliance plans," Curry said. "But currently that's what we think we can do to move forward quickly on issuing permits."

Compliance plans are detailed in Section 10A.17.100 (Permit Review and Issuance) of the cultivation ordinance, in subsection C1 and following. Those sections provide that, when an inspection from a county office reveals code violations on the applicant's property which are related

NJ man guilty of Covelo hammer attack

A sentencing date will be set at 9 am on September 14 in Mendocino County Superior Court for a New Jersey man found guilty of attempted murder in

a May 2015 hammer attack on a Round Valley man.

A jury found 28-year-old Michael Kendall guilty at noon on Tuesday, following a five-day trial before Judge John Behnke.

Kendall, a resident of Harrison, New Jersey, was accused of a May 16, 2015 hammer attack on a 40-year-old marijuana business associate at a Yuki Boulevard residence.

A known drug dealer, Kendall allegedly traveled from New Jersey to find his victim, a Vallejo resident visiting in Covelo, to collect money Kendall felt the man owed him.

According to the Mendocino Sheriff's Office, Kendall arrived in a white Chevrolet pickup truck, located the man, and attacked him with a hammer when he became upset with the man's response to Kendall's demand for money.

The sheriff's office was contacted, and while deputies were on the way, a Round Valley Tribal Police officer arrived and stopped Kendall inflicting further damage on his victim.

Kendall then fled the home in his truck. Tribal police later received a call informing them Kendall was about a mile and a half away, in a travel trailer located on Refuse Road. Sheriff's deputies, along with a K9 unit and the Tribal Police officer, found Kendall in the trailer and arrested him.

Kendall's victim was airlifted to an out-of-county medical facility for treatment of serious injuries, including a broken wrist, fractured left orbital eye socket, and several serious lacerations.

This was not Kendall's first brush with law enforcement. In April 2015, while residing in Vallejo, Kendall was arrested by Ukiah-area California Highway Patrol officers and booked in county jail for possession and sale of marijuana or hashish, and driving without a license, according to Ken Kiunke, a reporter for "Crime Voice," an online publication specializing in California crime journalism. A few months prior to that incident, in January 2014, Kendall was arrested for striking another car while driving under the influence while living in Jersey City. When police arrested him, he kicked, punched and spit on three officers, according to a story by Jonathan Lin in "The Jersey Journal."

When he appeared in court on multiple charges, Kendall reportedly said, "I have no idea, I just woke up" and "I don't know if I hit cops, I don't know nothing."

In addition to attempted murder, according to a post on Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster's Facebook page, the jury found true two special findings: that Kendall personally used a hammer in his attempt to kill a marijuana business associate and that Kendall personally inflicted great bodily injury on the victim with the hammer.

While Kendall's case is being referred to the county probation department for a social study and sentencing recommendation, Judge Behnke ordered him held without bail in county jail.

to obtaining a cultivation permit, the applicant will sign a compliance plan in which he or she agrees to fix the problem within a year. After signing the compliance plan, the ag department may issue the applicant a permit.

The Cannabis Compliance Unit, which is operating under the auspices of the Department of Planning and Building Services, reported also that it has removed 608 cannabis plants, and that it is aware that approximately 200 cannabis plants have been removed by growers. According to Curry, who was reporting for CCU's Trent Taylor (who was not present at the meeting), the CCU is receiving about 11 complaints a week.

Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg said he was surprised at the low number of weekly complaint calls. "I would not have been surprised if it had been 111 calls a week," Hamburg said.

In the last month, the inflow of permit applications has slowed down noticeably in the county. By August 8, the county had received 670 applications, an average of 167 applications a month since May 4, when the cultivation ordinance took effect. In the last month, the county has only received an additional 47 applications.

McGuire's meeting with counties, Fish and Wildlife

On Wednesday, September 6, California State Senator Mike McGuire (Second Senatorial District, North Coast, from the Marin County to the Oregon border) convened a meeting of county representatives from four Emerald Triangle counties with California Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Chuck Bonham.

The purpose of the meeting was for representatives from the counties, which have adopted ordinances regulating the cultivation of medical cannabis and which are attempting to interest cannabis growers in the several counties to "come into compliance" with each county's regulatory program, to discuss with Director Bonham the impact of his department's recent enforcement actions.

Participating with Bonham in the dialog were representatives from Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt and Trinity counties. Second District Supervisor John McCowen and Interim Commissioner of Agriculture Diane Curry represented Mendocino County.

The meeting was facilitated by Senator McGuire.

The meeting drew mixed reviews from Curry and McCowen. "I thought it was really good. It was a positive and productive meeting," Curry said.

"The general agreement was that more communication was in order," said McCowen. "Everyone appreciated that Senator McGuire convened the meeting. I am optimistic that the director heard everyone's comments. It remains to be seen what impact the meeting might have."

Curry said the message from the counties was to urge Bonham to direct Fish and Wildlife to focus their enforcement efforts on trespass grows, on grows that are occurring on public lands, and on grows that are being done by people who do not have permits from the counties or who are not in the permit process.

Curry said her impression was that Director Bonham wanted the state's regulatory efforts on cannabis to work. "He said that he is responsive to cooperating with the counties," Curry said.

Senator McGuire did not respond to numerous requests for comment from Willits Weekly.



Above, left: The upstairs gallery at the Willits Center for the Arts was full of attendees ready to listen to the forum on mental health in Mendocino County. Above, right: Gary Martin, right, speaks to the crowd alongside additional panelists, Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman, left, and local men's health author Jed Diamond.



'Up Close and Personal'

Avenues to Wellness forum on mental health issues in Mendocino County

Three prominent members of the Willits community, Jed Diamond, Sheriff Tom Allman, and Gary Martin, shared professional opinions and some very private information about themselves with over 100 people at the September 5 Avenues to Wellness speaker series presentation, "Mental Health: Up Close and Personal."

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The takeaway? We are all touched by mental illness. There is a stigma attached to it that is unwarranted and counter-productive. We do not have anywhere near adequate treatment options in our county. And, as Allman said, there is no one "on a white horse" who is going to ride in and provide them.

So, first, mental illness is just about everywhere and touches just about everyone. Citing the popular "six degrees of separation" theory, that any two people on Earth are six or fewer acquaintance links apart, Allman said he believed any two people on Earth are "one degree of separation from mental illness. And we're not talking about it."

He told the crowd about his brother Mike, "a brilliant guy, great dad, vet, with two degrees." But he "had a dark side," and he committed suicide. In response to a question about it, Allman said he hadn't seen any signs in his brother, but wondered what he missed. "Everyone has demons," he said. And then, with visible emotion, "Suicide hurts."

Diamond, author, counselor and men's activist, began his talk by telling the crowd about a piece he had written

on bipolar disorder, and how people in the community had let him know that it was helpful to them. He shared some deeply personal stories of his nearly lifelong path from denial to acceptance to improvement in all aspects of his personal and professional life, through therapy, medication, and being honest and real with himself. He described one of the insights gained from dealing with his own decades-long dance with bipolar disease as learning that "all of us have some degree" of stress or depression that "will impact us at some point."

Martin, art historian, art educator, and Willits Center for the Arts curator, also spoke of his past and ongoing struggles with mental illness. For him, going back to school when he was 50 and finding the right medications were the keys to his present success in life.

It was not easy for these men to bare their souls as they did, given the stigma that surrounds mental illness. And they agreed that the stigma is a big part of the problem – standing square in the way of dealing with mental illness compassionately and effectively as a society and community.

We talk about our illness if it involves, say, a broken bone, and then "rave about the treatment" we get, said Allman. Not so if the illness is mental.

"Most people don't know I'm bipolar," Diamond said. "It doesn't come up in normal conversation. Many people need help and support and don't get it because of the stigma, fear, and lack of information."

Martin, although functioning well in his life now, was candid in talking about his struggles with mental illness, need for medication, and continuing "ups and downs." For someone like him, he said, the "suicide facility in Ukiah was not enough," and he wanted "a facility to go to when he needs to ... a really professional care facility. We need a proper facility for people as damaged as I was." The audience clapped their agreement.

There used to be more choices, but "mental health has not been a state priority since 1991," said Allman. Beginning with Governor Edmund "Pat" Brown and continuing with Governor Ronald Reagan, closure of state mental hospitals has "reduced available beds from 40,000 to 4,000," Allman told the audience. "Waiting time for a space to come up in a hospital now can be a month. There is no safety net."

He told the audience that for a person in mental crisis in Mendocino County who meets the legal requirements for 72-hour involuntary detention (gravely ill or a danger to him or herself or others), the only options for hospitalization are in Yuba City or Vallejo. On discharge, the person is far from home, family, and follow-up care. If we had a professionally staffed treatment facility in the county, Allman said, "they could be treated here, and see the doctor next week."

Given the county's lack of such a facility staffed by trained professionals, hospital emergency rooms, law enforcement officers, and the county jail have become the de facto first responders and care providers. Allman said that "20 percent of county jail inmates are mentally ill," which amounted to 60 inmates. Not attempting to conceal his exasperation, he told the crowd he had people contacting him about family or friends with mental illnesses who say, "We need him to go to jail so he can get help."

"It's a jail, not a mental health facility," he said. "We need the right place to treat people. It is not a crime to be mentally ill."

The right people to deal with mental health crises are also needed. Law enforcement officers are not adequately trained for that. "You have a 21-year-old kid with six months training" trying to deal with "a 50-year-old man with a psychotic breakdown," Allman said. And, acknowledging that there have been tragic consequences in some crisis situations, he asked, "Why was law enforcement there?"

When asked by Priscilla Tarver, outreach coordinator at the Harrah Senior Center, who to call when someone homeless or in crisis or both needs to be transported off the property, Allman responded with what he acknowledged to be less than an "exact answer." The sheriff's office is "the final safety net in all problems," he said, even "a skunk under a house." If a person is not gravely ill or a danger to him or herself or others, then transport is not legally required. "I have one deputy in Covelo, one deputy in Laytonville, maybe one in Willits. I have 42 deputies, same as when Nixon took office," he said.

A passionate and eloquent advocate for a solution to the problem, Allman said: "It used to be meth, and now the county's No. 1 public safety issue is mental health." His goal, he said, is "to get mental health addressed. Nobody outside of Mendocino County is going take care of our needs but us. We have to address and prioritize mental health, take care of our own."

Acknowledging that the forum was not the place to discuss November's ballot Measure B, Allman nonetheless encouraged attendees to register to vote and talk with him about it after the panel. Carlin Diamond reminded everyone of a panel discussion on the ballot measure at the Willits Grange scheduled for October 1.



Above: Tom Allman addresses the gathered crowd at the Avenues to Wellness mental health forum.

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Vote

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county's dispatch provider since 1985.

The request that the vote be reconsidered was made on Tuesday by Supervisor Dan Gjerde, who was absent from the August 15 board meeting. The item will be reconsidered at the September 19 board meeting.

Rule 27 of the board of supervisors' rules of procedure states that any board member who voted in the majority, or any board member who was absent when the vote was taken, may request the vote be reconsidered.

At issue is a 3-1 vote against a motion by Supervisor John McCowen – McCowen alone voting yes on his motion – that the county send out the RFP for the ambulance provider, but hold off on sending out the RFP for the dispatch provider.

At the time the vote was taken, McCowen argued that the county and the public might suffer unintended consequences if it found itself with a new dispatch provider at the same time a new ambulance operation would be providing emergency medical services throughout a newly formed exclusive operating area.

While the item was under discussion, county CEO Carmel Angelo said it was time to put out an RFP for a dispatch provider, and that generally in government, new providers are sought via the RFP process every 10 or 20 years, even with big contracts.

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Jergenson said. "This show has been years in the making – they're bigtime now! – but we finally made the right schedule, and it all lined up."

Opening at the September 29 show is Pick & Pull, the popular local old time acoustic hillbilly dance music band headed up by Fred on upright bass fiddle and Keith on guitar, vocals, mandolin and banjo, plus "an ever-changing auxiliary line up always full of talent."

Doors open at 7 pm for dinner from Main Street Music's Nite Bites, and music starts at 7:30 pm. Kids are welcome at the show, where there'll be a Kid Space. Beer and wine will be also available, and the dinner menu will feature three kinds of pelmeni (aka Russian dumplings): mushroom, chicken, and potato and onion, with salad and homemade desserts.

"Like many other businesses in Willits," Jergenson added, expanding on the reason for the fundraiser, "the grange has taken precautionary measures against ADA lawsuits, so we are beginning a long journey of beginning to be compliant – we are moving into the 21st century."

Tickets are \$20 in advance, available at J.D. Redhouse in Willits and Ukiah Natural Foods, and \$25 at the door.



WHS sophomore Drake Wisdom, this year's student representative on the Willits school board, gives a presentation highlighting WHS sports and other activities at last week's board meeting.

Photo by Joanne Moore



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The district has hired 35 new teachers and a new school nurse. There's a "completely different environment" that is making things "way better" at Baechtel Grove Middle School, construction in the front of the high school has been completed, and tennis court repairs will be finished soon.

New student representative to the board, Willits High School sophomore Drake Wisdom, was welcomed by board members, and gave a Power Point presentation highlighting current WHS sports and other activities.

A proposal by Willits Teachers Association President John Haschak that trustees consider adopting a resolution to declare the district a "safe zone" for students engendered considerable discussion.

"DACA is causing a lot of stress for a lot of people. California has 200,000 Dreamers," Haschak said. "Willits has a lot of Dreamers. The school district should make a statement to alleviate some of the concern that's out there about what might happen: ICE raids. Tell people the school is a safe zone, which it should be."

"We have a board policy that talks about admission," Westerburg said. "Don't ask. We accept students. It is a safe place."

"We just don't do that – give information," he said. "Unless somebody shows up with direct jurisdiction and has paperwork, we're not handing out information to them. We take care of our students. That's what we do."

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Museum

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least over the near term, she and Deputy CEO Jenelle Rau would be fulfilling the administrative duties of the museum director. She added that she and other staff from the executive office would be visiting the museum and talking with museum staff regularly over the next few weeks. The purpose of the executive office giving this attention to the museum is so that decisions about the management and direction of the museum in the post-Glassey period can be made.

"We will be making sure that the museum stays open. We want to learn how the museum works, what's working and what is not working. We want to meet with staff and get staff input, as well as input from you [i.e., the Museum Advisory Board] before we come back to the board of supervisors with our recommendations. Hopefully we will be meeting with the board of supervisors this month," Horner said.

Over the course of the meeting, it became clear that the Museum Advisory Board has not been a driving force behind the museum in recent years. At the September 10 meeting, six members were present, including Chair Jim Eddie (First District), Ron Cannon (Second District), Jackie Wollenberg (Fourth District), Troy James (Roots of Motive Power), Saprina Rodriguez (City of Willits), and Roger Kruger (Mendocino County Historical Review Board).

Missing were Third District representative Hillary Renick and Mendocino College representative Rebecca Montes. There currently is no Fifth District representative. Rodriguez, a recent appointee to the advisory board, asked who the chair of the board was and was told that it was Eddie, the Potter Valley rancher who was Third District supervisor from 1977 to 1996. Rodriguez asked who was the vice chair, and Eddie said he didn't think he had one. Then Kruger, newly appointed to fill the Mendocino County Historical Review Board seat formerly occupied by Bruce Brunell, looked at his notes and discovered that the vice chair of the advisory board is Mendocino College representative Montes.

Eddie said he wasn't clear who the vice chair was because acting as vice chair was part of what Glassey did. "I think Alison sort of did all that for us, because she was here for so long," Eddie said. Glassey retired from her position as museum director on August 26. Before her retirement, Glassey had worked for the county for 41 years.

"You live in our school district, you come to school here, we'll take care of you. When they show up in the morning or get on the bus, they're ours. We are firmly committed to allowing our students to be here and get the education they need," he said.

Trustee Alex Bowlds agreed. "Basically, without a court order, we're not playing."

Board President Chris Neary expressed some reservations with respect to the resolution as a potential political statement.

"We're nipping around the edge of what might be the biggest policy issue in California right now," Neary said. "As a state, we have a much more welcoming vision for all ethnic groups and all nationalities, and it looks like California is going to come into conflict with the federal government."

"The California Supreme Court is poised, just itching, for a chance to get into this issue with the federal government, and ... I don't know whether it's appropriate for us to get involved in the political side of it, because we're a lowest form of government, and what we say here isn't going to have an impact on the national or statewide issue."

"But what will have an impact," Neary continued, "is if our culture here is one to not only assure that we're not going to share information unless we have to, but our culture is one of welcoming to all."

"I'm a little bit hesitant to see the board or

district get involved with an issue we have little control over," he said. "Nobody is really waiting to hear what we have to say. I'm just saying our focus should be on the community focus. Make sure our community focus is one where the community understands that we're welcoming."

Haschak responded that the resolution wasn't about "trying to send a signal to Washington," and that it was "really about what we're doing in our community – to create a safe school system for all of our students."

Trustee Cynthia Carni said she was "strongly tempted to lean towards ... having a resolution expressing to the community that we're safe."

Bowlds agreed, saying: "Any resolution that speaks along the lines of what John said – about where we stand and gets it out clearly – I am in support of taking care of all students regardless of where they come from."

Trustee Laurie Harris had an excused absence and was not present at the meeting.

The "safe zone" resolution was scheduled to be introduced at the board's September 13 meeting. However, that meeting was canceled because financial information necessary to consideration of budget issues was not ready. The resolution will, therefore, be introduced at the board's October 4 meeting. It can be read at the California Teachers Association website by going to <https://ctago.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Creating-a-Safe-Zone-at-Your-School.pdf>

Rodriguez said that high turnover on the board over the past few months was having a negative impact on her ability to feel effective on the advisory board. "Every time I come to a meeting, there are different people here. It's been hard to build any relationships with other board members," she said.

One question that didn't come up during the meeting was, if Horner and the CEO's office are going to do an assessment of the museum over the next few weeks, with an eye toward making recommendations to the board of supervisors later this month, how will the advisory board, which meets every two months and isn't scheduled to meet again until November, be able to offer advice on the future direction of the museum?

Cannon asked about a policy option that had been broached by Mendocino County CEO Carmel Angelo circa 2010, when the county was up to its eyeballs in debt, budget cuts and layoffs. At that time, Angelo had suggested that perhaps administration of the museum could be folded into the job description of the library director. Cannon asked if that idea was going to be floated again.

Horner said that she didn't know what specific recommendations would be made, but acknowledged "that's one of the things that we are considering." She added that thus far the executive office is clear that the museum needs to have someone with museum expertise working in the museum.

Horner told the advisory board the county held initial interviews last week with 27 applicants for the position of museum curator. She said the Human Resources office used a select panel of museum experts to help with the interviews. Eddie said he was disappointed that no one from the advisory committee was asked to be on the expert panel.

Wollenberg asked if the county was talking with Glassey. "I know that Human Resources Director [Heidi Dunham] has spoken with her, and I know that Carmel Angelo has spoken with her, but beyond that I don't know," Horner said. "I know that we are concerned about her health."

Wollenberg also asked about the status of the Mendocino Museum Community Partners, the non-profit organization started up by Glassey a few years back, the purpose of which was to raise funds for the museum. To that question, Horner's answer was terse: "We don't know."

Contacted by Willits Weekly last week, and asked to expand on her statement that she had not found any financial structure connecting the Community Partners with the county, Angelo said: "I have never been apprised of any policies and procedures for the non-profit, or any policies and procedures for the interaction between the non-profit and the museum. The museum never had any policies and procedures in place to say how those policies would be handled," Angelo said.

Rodriguez said she wanted to be kept informed if and when the county staff was going to make any kind of presentation to the board of supervisors having to do with the museum. Horner said that each advisory board member would be informed, in advance, of that meeting.

Troy James said he thought the museum needed to have a director. "With Alison's departure, the steps that we made towards writing and adopting a memorandum of understanding that connects the engine house and the museum, and all that, we are wondering, do we have to start all over on that?"

James said that as far as he knows, and as far as Roots of Motive Power knows, there is no MOU between the two organizations, although an MOU has been "in the works" for years.

As the meeting was drawing to a close, Rodriguez gave a short pep talk to her colleagues. "We have to be proactive and we will have to step up," she said "Otherwise, we are going to have to take whatever they give us. So I think in the absence of a museum director, we are going to have to step up a little bit more."

Rodriguez put four items on the agenda for the November meeting. She suggested updating the museum calendar, coming up with a needs list for the museum, reviewing a written copy of the 2017 museum budget, and looking into the status of the MOU between the museum and Roots of Motive Power.

Wollenberg said she wanted to ask longtime volunteer museum archivists Sylvia and Russell Bartley to attend the next meeting. Wollenberg said she wanted advisory board members to hear from the Bartleys what it is that they do, what they need in order to work more effectively, and what their experience has been volunteering for the county museum.

The advisory board members agreed the Bartleys should be invited. With that, the meeting was adjourned.



At the Tuesday morning check presentation, Boosters Club members and Mendo Mill employees, including, from left: Bridgett Summers, Bob Doty, Tonya Howe, Emily Patterson, Desire Penovaroff, TK Warner and Shailyn Brewer pose with the check and bucket bearing the \$4,123 total.

Buckets of Bucks

Willits Mendo Mill wins the challenge, raising \$4,123 for local sports

Willits' Mendo Mill store was the winner of the Bucket Challenge this year, with 400 buckets being sold for the annual fundraiser for local high school sports programs. The Willits store competed against the other Lake County and Mendocino County stores over the Labor Day weekend, and Willits was victorious earning \$4,123 for the Willits High School Boosters Club.

"The WHS Booster Club purchases all the uniforms for WHS athletic programs as well as servicing individual requests for needed items from the athletic programs, arts, drama, music, and some extracurricular clubs, too," said Booster Bridgett Summers. "There is a rotation schedule for purchasing new uniforms, and as the team comes up on that schedule, WHS staff and the coaches present the board with an invoice for payment. Other items are presented to the club in addition, and as a board, they discuss and vote for what purchases will be approved."

Bob Doty, manager of Mendo Mill's Willits store, noted how proud he is of the community, his staff, the Boosters, the coaches and the student athletes in coming together to make this year's Bucket Challenge such a success.

"I'm honored and happy to be a part of the bucket challenge and help raise money for the sports programs," said Doty. "I am a WHS alumni, a former athlete as well as a parent of two WHS alumni and student athletes, and for as long as I can remember, there has been a WHS Booster Club. Its vital commitment to the sports programs at Willits High School is very important, and I hope people will continue to be a part of WHS Boosters and that they continue to grow as a club. The WHS Boosters deserve recognition for all they do behind the scenes."

Boosters meet at 6 pm on the second Thursday of the month at the Willits High School food center and are actively looking for new board members and volunteers who would like to get involved and join. For additional information, contact Summers at 972-2164.

– Maureen Moore

Willits resident leads PG&E crew helping to restore power in Florida

PG&E lineman and Willits resident Eric Stockley is one of 125 PG&E employees who left for Florida on Friday, to help restore power in areas impacted by Hurricane Irma. Stockley is foreman of one of two crews from PG&E's Humboldt Division on the response team, also including Mendocino County residents Dustin Trimble and Irvin McCallum, both from Ukiah.

Stockley, 40, is a Marine Corps veteran and has been at PG&E for 15 years. He's married with three kids, and a grandson on the way. Stockley was also part of PG&E's response team to Florida in 2004 when he was an apprentice, when Florida was hit by multiple hurricanes. He says what's different about this call is that in 2003, the PG&E crews arrived nine days after the power went out, while this year, they're getting the call before the storm.

"This is a good experience to help Floridians," Stockley said. "Especially after seeing what happened in Houston, it'll be nice to help people."

– submitted by Deanna Contreras, Marketing & Communications, PG&E

Below: PG&E employees from the Humboldt Division, including Ukiah residents Dustin Trimble, second from left, and Irvin McCallum, third from left, and Willits resident Erick Stockley, center, before leaving for Florida.



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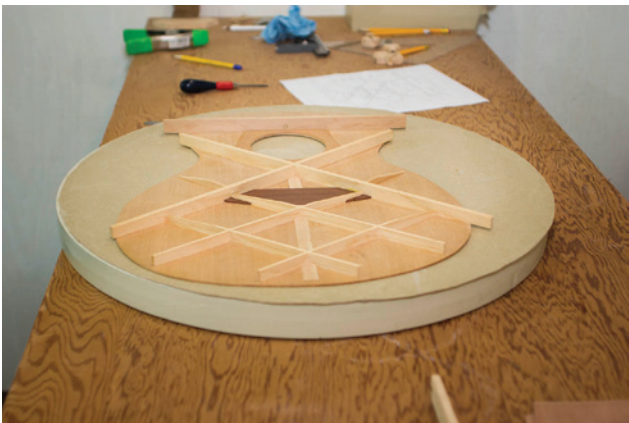
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At top, from left: A side shaper built by Rick Micheletti. Bracing in the humidity-controlled glue room. Rick Micheletti's signature rosette. Above: Deana and Rick Micheletti with his latest guitar. Below, left: Beautiful back. Below, right: Rick Micheletti applies just the right amount of pressure to the glued braces.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Master Luthier

Willits' Rick Micheletti makes extraordinary custom guitars

Building a guitar is an art. Building a guitar is a science. Master luthier Rick Micheletti knows how to blend the two paradigms so that each tone is manicured and shaped into a sound that approaches perfection. His guitars not only sound incredible, but

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the look and feel provides an instrument that you are almost afraid to play for fear you might spoil the beauty of the wood, styling and craftsmanship. Each seam, each curve, each brace is crafted impeccably, creating a musical instrument that would be comfortable in an art museum.

These guitars – four steel-string models, a classical model and a flamenco model – are not for the weekend hobbyist. The least expensive option starts at \$5,500 and one of Micheletti's guitars can run \$12,000 or more depending on your choice of style, wood (top, back, neck, fingerboard), inlay, rosette, or electronics. Micheletti has developed and patented innovations in design and construction, but he works with his clients to craft an instrument that matches the desires of the (mostly) professional buyers.

David Crosby fell in love with one of his guitars at the Fretboard Summit in Pescadero. "He picks up my guitar. I thought he was going to be 'oh that's really nice. Thank you.'" And put it back in the case. When he started playing, he just kept looking at me like 'what the hell's going on?' He's playing my guitar and he's playing it really soft and beautiful, and that whole room got filled with emotion. His

wife starts crying. She looks at me and she goes 'who are you? I should know you. No. I should hug you.' She starts hugging me. Crosby's going 'I want you to make me one just like this.'"

Micheletti, who moved to a ranch outside of Willits with his wife, Deana, in 1994, began his craft in Sebastopol back in 1980. He owned a repair shop where he was working on many guitars, but he really wanted to start building them. "There wasn't much info in the '80s about building guitars," he said. "It was really discouraging. I couldn't make it come out the way I wanted it, especially the finish. I went to a guitar building school in 1982 in Vermont. It was an intensive eight-week course. I still have one of the two guitars I built."

In the quest to approach perfection, Rick went back to school in 2008 with Ervin Somogyi, master luthier, who taught him voicing, finding and creating the best tone possible through the manipulation of the bracing on the top. "When I get the braces carved down to a certain kind of roughness, and it's got the sides attached to it, I will tap the top and listen to it all over, and I will take a little plane in a nice quiet room with a nice glass of wine and just remove little bits of wood until I find the exact tone. Ervin had me tapping on guitars and listening, and taking little bits off, and tapping and listening, for a week. He had me do something I never would have done in my shop. I took the guitar top too far. How do you know where the edge is unless you cross it? That's where we are with these

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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

September 4 to September 10

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 228 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

September 4

8:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:56 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

September 5

8:13 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Holly Street.

8:52 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:02 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:33 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

2:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 300 block of North Main Street.

4:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

6:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of West Commercial Street and School Street.

7:43 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Madden Lane.

8:43 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

9:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 500 block of South Main Street.

10:41 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

September 6

2:38 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

8:21 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Franklin Avenue and South Main Street.

8:23 am: POLLAY, Paul (43) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Locust Street and Walnut Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

11:11 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

1:06 pm: WOOD, Kelly Christeen (43) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to felony 21310 PC (Carrying a Concealed Dirk or Dagger), and misdemeanor 11550 H&S (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

4:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of a possible kidnapping in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

5:27 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

5:29 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:56 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

10:18 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

September 7

12:35 am: Officers responded to a report of a shooting in the area near the intersection of Margie Drive and Monica Lane.

12:39 am: Officers responded to a report of a shooting in the area in the 1700 block

of South Main Street.

2:24 am: Officers responded to a report of a shooting in the area near the intersection of Franklin Avenue and Blosser Lane.

8:54 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

11:54 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

12:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

12:46 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

12:59 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

1:41 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of North Street.

2:51 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:19 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

4:06 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

8:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of a fight in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:18 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of South Main Street.

September 8

12:27 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of North Main Street.

2:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Baechtel Road and Shell Lane.

3:14 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of a shooting in the area in the 2200 block of East Hill Road.

September 9

12:22 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of California Street.

12:50 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Penn Street.

1:20 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Muir Lane.

10:27 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of South Humboldt Street.

9:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of a fight in the 800 block of South Main Street.

9:08 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

September 10

8:45 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West San Francisco Avenue.

10:11 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of East Commercial Street.

2:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

5:33 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Gregory Lane.

9:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of a shooting in the area in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

9:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of a structure fire in the 25000 block of Sherwood Road.

11:27 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Wood Street.



Nails, nails, nails! Alexa Moore, new groomer at East Hill Veterinary Clinic is happy to trim toenails on dogs, like Ruger the hound mix, a recent adoptee from Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County, at left above, or on kitties like the still-available for adoption from HSIMC calico, Athena, right. Below, center: Honey, one of Moore's own dogs, shows off her feather accents, painted toes and dyed tail tip. Below, left and right: Four of the many dogs groomed by Moore during her years as a groomer.



Let the fur fly
East Hill Veterinary Clinic gets
an in-house groomer

Messy bathtub? Garden hose? Dull snippers? There's no need to bother about any of that now that East Hill Veterinary Clinic has a new groomer on staff who is ready to take on the mess and return a trim and tidy pooch in no time.

Maureen Moore
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Alexa Moore had her first day of "bath and brush" services at the clinic on Tuesday, September 12 and will offer appointments Tuesday through Friday each week. Owners must show proof their pets have had rabies and Bordetella vaccines to schedule an appointment.

Moore went to the Pet Smart Grooming Academy in Florida, before moving, with her boyfriend Andy and three dogs, from Dunedin, Florida to Willits in April.

"I heard about East Hill Veterinary Clinic through my aunt, Heather Blough, who brings her dogs here," said Moore. "Dr. Chana and my aunt talked about my grooming skills, and she asked if I wanted a job at the clinic. I said yes, and here I am!"

Moore will be offering grooming for dogs and cats including baths, nail trimming, ear cleaning and traditional

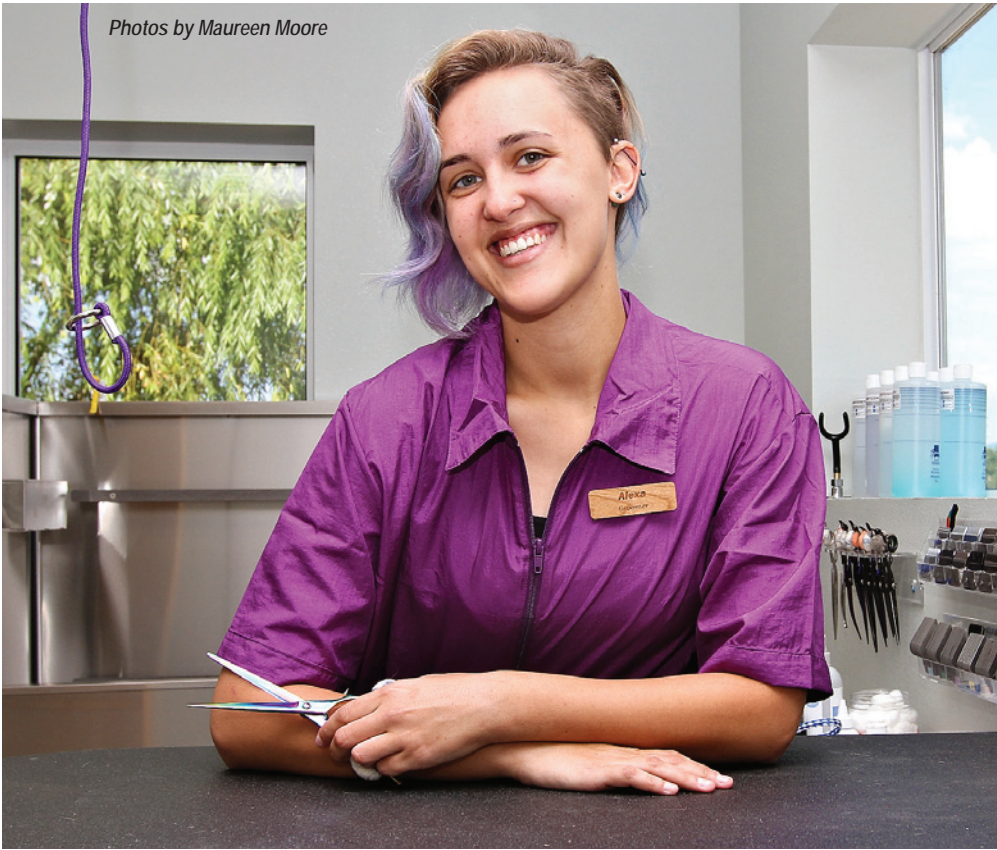
– and creative! – hair and fur cuts and styles.

"I used to do 'pet expressions' or creative grooming techniques, and I think it's a fun additional service to offer," said Moore. "I've done feather extensions, toenail paintings, tail-dying accent pieces; it's a fun way to have fun with your pets."

Moore's Dachshund/Papillon cross, Honey, was a frequent sitter at her pet expressions table: Honey received the full treatment, plus two bindi-esque gemstones placed on her forehead for extra decoration.

Honey shares the home dog bed with two other Dachshund mixes, Sawyer and James Bond. The three enjoy hanging out at home with Moore and her boyfriend, who also enjoy playing video games together in her non-groomer hours of the day.

"I'm really looking forward to starting to groom again,"



Photos by Maureen Moore

said Moore. "I want to make sure to let all the owners know: I'll take care of your animals, there's nothing to worry about when taking your animal to the groomer. There's nothing worse than when the animal starts to sense the owner's stress, and it carries over to them. I like to make it easy and low-pressure. I'm an animal person, and I really like working with them!"

Contact East Hill Veterinary Clinic at 459-5326 to set up an appointment or for more information regarding pricing and services.

Above: Alexa Moore, new groomer at East Hill Veterinary Clinic. At left: Moore gets ready to bathe Ruger in her grooming room at the clinic.

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Boonville Bound

Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show
this weekend in Anderson Valley

There's one more chance to get your fill of fair for the 2017 season in Mendocino County: the annual Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show takes over the Boonville Fairgrounds this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

While the Redwood Empire Fair in August at the Ukiah fairgrounds is a larger event, the Boonville fair is actually Mendocino's official county fair. The weekend will be filled with events; there's a carnival, livestock shows featuring youth and adult showmen, building exhibits, live performances, wine tasting, football, a CCPRA rodeo, car show, parade and the popular sheep dog trials – just to name a few!

The fair will be open from 9 am to midnight daily, and admission is \$9 for adults; \$7 for juniors 13 to 18; \$5 for children 7 to 12, and free for kids 6 and under. Seniors 65 and over can get a pre-fair-purchased three-day pass for \$15, and on Friday, seniors' entrance is \$3 all day. Also on Friday, children 12 and under are offered free admittance into the fairgrounds. Carnival unlimited-ride bands are \$25 presale or \$30 at the gate.

The California Wool and Fiber Festival is held every year as part of the Boonville fair, and interested patrons can watch shearing demonstrations, fleece competitions, spinners and more relating to the collecting, cleaning, treatment and use of wool and fleece from flock to needle. Angora rabbit demonstrations will be held from 10 am to noon on Saturday and Sunday, and a shearing and skinning demonstration will take place from 1 to 5 on Saturday. A spinning contest will take place at 2 pm on Sunday.

Some highlights of Friday's schedule include the FFA and 4-H horse show and the junior Boer goat show at 8 am; the wool show, the open sheep show and junior dog show at 10 am; the open horse show and junior pygmy goat show at 11 am; the junior dairy goat show at noon; a bean-spitting contest at 2 pm; the junior swine show at 3 pm; and the open swine show at 7 pm.

Wine tasting will take place from 5 to 8 pm; and musician Rick Brantley will take the stage at 3 pm and again at 7 pm. The varsity football Apple Bowl will also take place at 7 pm; and the Circle of Champions will follow at 7:30 pm.

Saturday will start off with the open goat show at 8:30 am, and the FFA and 4-H showmanship judging, junior poultry, junior sheep and open beef shows will follow at 9 am. At 11 am, there will be the junior beef show, and the junior dairy cattle show will follow at 1 pm.

Rick Brantley will be back on the stage at 12:30 pm, 3:30 pm and again at 6 pm, and it'll be time for hard-cider tasting from 1 to 5 pm. A bubble gum blowing contest will begin at 3 pm, and the FFA and 4-H small animal round robin contest will start at 3 pm. The supreme grand champion ewe and ram will be announced at 4 pm, and the FFA and 4-H parade of champions will be held at 7 pm. The WFA Blue Ribbon Award will be presented at 7:30 pm, and Saturday will conclude with the CCPRA rodeo at 8 pm and the Apple Hall dance with Indiana Slim and the Rebel Rousers from 9:30 pm to midnight.

The final day of the fair on Sunday starts with a church service and fellowship of Christian cowboys at 8:30 am, which is followed by the 4-H and FFA large animal round robin competition at 10 am. The sheep dog trials also starts at 10 am, as does the classic car show judging. The parade down Main Street will begin at noon, and another round of hard-cider tasting will follow, from 12 to 4 pm. The junior awards ceremony will take place at 1:30 pm, and more CCPRA rodeo events will follow at 2 pm. A tortilla-tossing contest will start at 3 pm, and Rick Brantley will perform at 12:30, 3:30 and 6:30 pm.

Sadie the Balloon Lady, magician Robert Strong, Circus Imagination, Fables of the West, pony rides, Brad's World of Reptiles, and the Friendly Farm Petting Zoo will all be available throughout each of the days of fair across the fairgrounds, stages and breezeways.

For more information and a complete listing of events, visit <http://mendocountyfair.com> or call 707-895-3011.

– Maureen Moore

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Leadership Mendocino marks 25-year milestone

by Heidi Dickerson, program manager, Leadership Mendocino

On a warm August night in the garden at Barra Vineyards, graduates and friends toasted the 25th anniversary of the Leadership Mendocino program. Nearly 100 of the 635 alumni, attended along with spouses, friends and the original 1992 steering committee.

Programs like Leadership Mendocino are in towns, regions and counties all over the country. In 1992 employees of Pacific Gas & Electric who had gone through a leadership program elsewhere saw the promise of such a program here. With the backing of PG&E, Ukiah employee Marilyn Ogle

was paid to organize and roll it out, and PG&E has been a sponsor ever since.

At the anniversary celebration, three honorees were given lifetime-achievement pins and their names on a plaque for their outstanding service to both Leadership Mendocino and to the greater community. Charlie Barra, one of the original founders, was acknowledged for all his community and wine industry involvement; Sheriff Tom Allman LM X, who was the celebration's master of ceremonies, got a standing ovation for his longtime support of the program and his yeoman's work throughout the county; and Carolyn Welch LM VII, North Coast Opportunities' CFO, was celebrated for nearly 20 years on the LM steering committee as well as on boards of the Ukiah Senior Center, Ukiah Valley Trail Group, Mendo Lake Credit Union / Community First Credit, and being an all-around volunteer with her both her truck and energy.

Other honorees included members of the original steering committee, including John Mayfield, Alex R. "Tom" Thomas, Sheila Rodgers, Skip Newell, Linda Francis, Chuck Rough and Charlie Barra.

Five members from LM Class I were on hand to toast the anniversary. They were Patty Bruder of North Coast Opportunities; Ukiah City Councilmember Doug Crane of Crane Construction;

Margie Handley of the Howard Memorial Hospital Foundation; Dave Madrigal, former public works director for the City of Willits, now retired; and Jim Mayfield owner of Rainbow Ag.

The 10-month program is open to anyone over 18 years old who lives or works in Mendocino County. An application and interview are part of the selection process to fill a class of about 30. Class members are chosen to reflect the diversity of the county, considering where they live, type of employment, and multiplicity of affiliations.

Over the last 25 years, half of the more than 600 graduates have come from four employment sectors including business owner, self-employed, entrepreneur: healthcare, therapy, doctor, dentist, yoga, massage, fitness; government, law enforcement; and nonprofit. About 12 percent came equally from the wine industry and banking and financial services.

Seventeen percent represent construction, real estate, transportation, hospitality, tourism, restaurants, industry and manufacturing. Eleven percent represent attorneys, media, law enforcement and the retired. A total of 8 percent were in child care, clergy, farming, insurance, IT, union, utilities, arts and crafts, author/writer, forestry, fishing and environmental. And nine members of local tribes have gone through the program.

"I often presented at Leadership Mendocino class days, first on a media panel as a freelance writer and later on government or healthcare day when I represented our congressman for 10 years," says Heidi Dickerson, the current program director. She thought she already knew a lot about the county and didn't see why she should invest a day a month to learn more. When she was hired to be director of Class XXII in 2014, she went through each class day as a member and coordinated the panels, field trips, and other experiences that make up the jam-packed Fridays. "The extra effort I put into being part of the class was well worth it," she says.

"I had lived in Mendocino County for over 50 years when I took the class," says Class I graduate Margie Handley of Willits. "At that

point, I thought I knew about Mendocino County. I was amazed at the things I learned and the diversity of the county, and treasure the time I spent in my Leadership Mendocino class."

"Whenever I need to reach out to another initiative or organization, the first place I look is to my fellow alumni," says Julia Conway, Leadership Mendocino Steering Committee chair, caterer and Fort Bragg resident. "I encourage anyone that is involved in the betterment of our greater community to consider enrolling in this amazing program."

John Mayfield sums up the feeling of accomplishment: "I am pleased to see the program has endured and continues to fulfill the mission we envisioned 25 years ago."



Above, far left: Quilts, photographs and other crafty entries were displayed for all to enjoy at the 2016 Boonville fair. Above, left: Displays of rows of shiny apples are always a frequent sight. Above, top: Colorful yarn on display near the California Wool and Fiber Festival show. Above: A giant pumpkin bearing the tag "Mimi Wood 418.5" also was adorned with a first-place ribbon in the Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off for 2016.

Photos by Robin Pilati



At top: Attendees at the California National Wool Show held during the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show fair. Above: Goats say hello over the fence. Below: Rows of leafy produce on display.



Willits Frontier Days Ranch Rodeo

Saturday, October 7

The 6th annual Willits Frontier Days Ranch Rodeo, starts at 10 am on October 7 at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds. Three-man teams will be competing in a variety of real-life rancher tasks including calf branding, ranch doctoring, team sorting, calf roping and trailer loading. Plus BBQ cook-off and Calcutta auction will be held in the afternoon: barbecue at noon and auction at 1 pm. Kids dummy roping, 2 pm. Raffle tickets to win a Yeti cooler (donated by Mendo Mill) will also be available presale from the Willits Frontier Days board and at J.D. Redhouse for \$5 each or five for \$20. Rodeo events are free to attend for spectators, and \$10 BBO taster tickets are available. Entry fees and forms available online at www.WillitsFrontierDays.com under the "Year Round" tab. Info: Marcy Barry, 272-5395 or Robbie Burgess, 489-0476.

Above: Cowboys and cowgirls compete in real-life ranch events during the Ranch Rodeo. At right: BBQ competition contestants Kinzie, Caleb and Mary at the Willits Power and Hardware booth.



Members of the Black Bart Gunfighters pose together in front of the Willits Frontier Days grounds back in June, including, from left: Vince "Joaquin Murielta" Hawkins, Linda "Bella Rose" Palmer, Scott "Buckaroo Bob" Ferrelman, Stacey "Rowdy Yates" Gregory, and Patricia "Shot Glass Ann" McBride, and Montana "Kid" Alvin.

Photo by Maureen Moore

'Black Bart strikes again!'

A day of family fun at Ridgewood Ranch

On Saturday, October 14, the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation will present "Black Bart Strikes Again" at Ridgewood Ranch, the home of the legendary racehorse, Seabiscuit. This day of family fun to promote tourism in Willits is sponsored by the Redwood Empire Lions Club and the Willits Lions Club. Proceeds are in support of Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, the nonprofit dedicated to preserving and protecting the cultural legacy of Ridgewood Ranch, the home and final resting place of Seabiscuit, through historic preservation and land conservation.

The day will start at 10 am with a Seabiscuit Walking Tour (\$10 per person) and horse-drawn wagon rides will be offered from 10 am to 2 pm for \$5 (children 8 and under are free).

At 4 pm the Black Bart Gunfighters will present a reenactment of a robbery by the famed "gentleman" stage coach robber known as Black Bart and a poetry reading. At 5 pm, the tri-tip BBQ prepared by the Redwood Empire Lions Club will start, and at 6 pm, the silent and live auctions and "Mystery Strongbox" giveaway are scheduled.

Waylon and the Wildcats will be playing live for a foot-stomping good time from 7 to 9 pm.

Black Bart BBQ event tickets, \$50 per person, are available at the Mendocino Book Company and DFM Auto Repair in Ukiah and at J.D. Redhouse in Willits, or online at <https://blackbartstrikesagain.eventbrite.com>.

Cost: \$50 per person. Beer and wine will be available for purchase at the event. Tour and Wagon Ride tickets are sold separately at the door.

To make a contribution and/or be an event sponsor contact: Tracy Livingston, Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, at 707-391-6066 or Sheryl Mitchum, Redwood Empire Lions Club, at 707-391-2485.

– submitted by the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation



Amazing Athletes

Volleyball | Daisy Barrett, 15, Junior

Volleyball | Kailani Newbern, 14, Freshman

How Long Playing the Sport: Since fifth grade

Position: All around setter

Breakfast of Champions: Eggs (however her dad makes them) and toast

Love for the Sport: "You have to really be part of a team, and you have to use your mind and be smart where you put the ball. And it's super fun when you get an ace!"

Junior Daisy Barrett recorded 19 assists to go along with 8 serving aces in the varsity team's opening game victory against Calistoga. Her positivity and leadership have been just as valuable as her statistics, and she has earned the position of co-captain for the season.

– Varsity Coach Jill Walton

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COLUMN | WUSD Report Card

Starting the year off right

By Mark Westerburg, WUSD superintendent

The school year in the Willits Unified School District is off to a great start. We've spilled up our campuses, introduced new schedules, and added new classes. Students are enjoying sports and other after-school activities, and enrollment is up. Of course, we have a few challenges – who doesn't? But overall, people are working together to make this a great year for Willits students.

Willits High School

I want to start by thanking Caltrans and Granite Construction. When you drive up to Willits High School, you will see the front of the school looks fabulous. We have new sidewalks, new fences, and a new road façade. Granite Construction also leveled our baseball and softball fields, hopefully preventing any more hot grounders on the chin for our athletes.

Our tennis courts are also receiving some much-needed attention. Working with the City of Willits, we're filling 4,000 linear feet of cracks, resurfacing the courts, and repainting lines for pickle ball and tennis. The refurbished courts will be ready for our local pickle ballers by the end of September, and our high school tennis players will enjoy the refurbished courts this spring. I'd love to repave, but since that costs five times as much, we decided to fill the cracks instead.

Finally, we're finishing up improvements to the football field. Last year we got a new scoreboard, bleacher board seats and the lights of the lights. This year, we'll finish the lights and work on the turf and the press box. Chris Bickford, a 2009 WHS graduate, is coaching our football players and teaching social studies. He's a great role model for the students on and off the field.

During the day, our high school students are spending more time on campus rather than heading to town for lunch, with the addition of a salad bar and a smoothie machine.

At the high school, as well as Baechtel Grove Middle School, we've implemented the new trimester schedule. This allows students to catch up if they've fallen behind or to excel if they want to move ahead. At WHS, we're offering electives like a scholastic aptitude test prep course and AVID; and districtwide, we've brought back a full array of art and music classes. For more information about the trimester approach, visit www.trimesters.org.

Baechtel Grove Middle School

Baechtel Grove's gym also got a facelift this summer. A big thank you to Willits City Councilmember Saprina Rodriguez for

raising the necessary funds and organizing this project. Our community probably uses that gym more than any other facility in town. It is in use from 7 am to 10 pm. Everyone can now benefit from the new roof, repainted walls, new basketball rims, new scoreboards, and repaired planks. During the winter break, we plan to lay down a new floor.

In other happy news at BGMS, teachers are reporting that this year has been the "best start ever." By adjusting the schedule, sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students now have different passing periods and staggered lunches. Everyone is more relaxed, students don't have to wait in long lunch lines, and fewer students are out of the classrooms at any given time. We've also moved away from CPM math to a more traditional pre-algebra/algebra format that everyone seems to prefer.



Superintendent Mark Westerburg

Sherwood and elementary schools

Enrollment is way up at Sherwood School, from 27 students to 62 students. With the addition of another classroom for students in grades six through eight, along with more bussing and, of course, word of mouth, our Sherwood School continues to thrive.

At all our elementary schools, we're implementing a new math program called "Every Day Math." Teachers are working really hard to learn the new curriculum and share it with the students.

Districtwide challenges

While we have so much to celebrate, we do have a few challenges. We're in desperate need of a couple bus drivers. Right now we're condensing and combining routes. We're also reducing service for athletics and field trips. We've purchased two nine-passenger vans that are great for small groups, but don't work for whole classes or large sports teams. If you or someone you know is interested in driving for the district, please call Rachelle at the district office, 459-5314.

We're also working on how to afford the rising costs of special education. With limited resources, we are getting creative to provide these mandated services, including working with other school districts.

2017-18 goals

In my next column, I'll share more about our goals for the year, which include a respectful culture on all campuses, better resources for our English language learners, and making sure our employees have the training and professional development they need to do their best work.



Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Graceful Grace

Grace is just that – a slender graceful beauty with very unusual coloring for a Doberman pinscher. She is a little shy at first, but warms up quickly and is very sweet. Her personality is slightly impish as she interacts with her kennel mate – she's a character! At 8 months, she is still all puppy and has a lot to learn, but with her curiosity she'll learn quickly. Stop by the shelter to meet Grace!

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

Playful Pearl

Playful and joyous are the adjectives that come to mind when we think about Pearl. This delightful dog is a pearl! She is happy and loves people. Pearl is a 1-year-old spayed female mixed-breed dog who weighs 48 pounds. She enjoys playing off-leash with her many canine friends and loves playing in the swimming pool!



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

OBITUARY |

Karen Wakeland Ahlin

Linda Karen Wakeland Ahlin passed away in Yuba City, California, on September 9, 2017, of Alzheimer's disease. Karen was born in Arcata, California, on January 9, 1934, to Leon and Esther Wakeland of Logansport, Indiana.

She was the third of seven children, including her sisters Shirley Dorsey, Kay Jackson, Pat Sprinkle and Judy Duncan, and her brothers Jack and Don Wakeland.

Karen graduated from Willits Union High School in 1952.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Ahlin, and daughters, Janet, Sandra, Alison and Stacy.

OBITUARY |

Kenneth Corr

Kenneth Paul Corr of Willits passed away September 1, 2017 at the age of 77. He was born to Paul B. and Rose A. "Sullivan" Corr on February 23, 1940 in St. Louis, Missouri. He married his beloved wife, Milane "Nazzaro" Corr, on October 5, 1980 in Sacramento, California.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, Kenneth served from March 6, 1957 through January 27, 1961 reaching the number and title of "57130 Appr Fire Protection Specialist," working in crash rescue. He worked with several Willits companies, including Advanced Manufacturing, before he became a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office.



Kenneth was community-minded as shown by his service for several years on the Sylvandale Station Road Association Board, and the Fire Council. He had studied art with an emphasis on sculpture and created many wood and metal sculptures.

He was preceded in death by his older sister, Sandy Corr Fields. He is survived by his wife, Milane N. Corr with whom he lived with joy in the Willits area for 42 years. A memorial service will be held Monday, September 18 at 10 am at Anker-Lucier Mortuary. For those wishing to do so, a memorial contribution in Kenneth's name to a cancer center or to cancer research of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

The rest of Guitar | From Page B1

guitars. We kind of dangle on the edge of destruction."

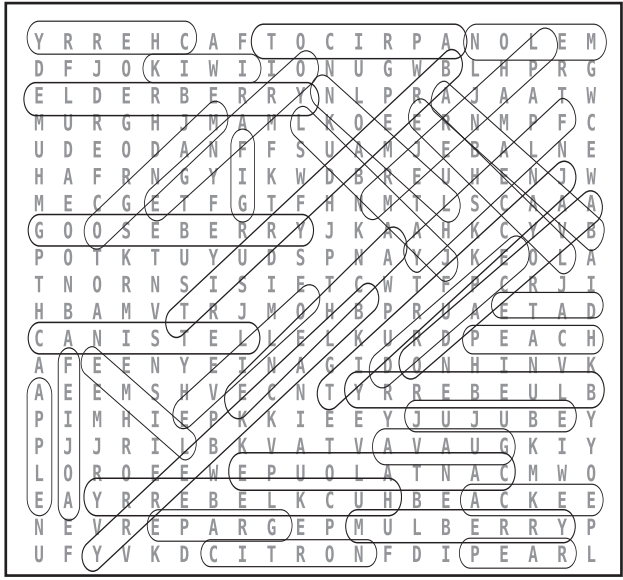
Somogyi also showed him how to achieve the optimum action: how to get the strings as close as possible to the fingerboard, at every position, without creating buzz from the strings hitting the frets, making the guitar easier to play. When plucked or strummed, the strings create a parabolic curve above the fingerboard. In order to create the optimum playability, the neck needs to be shaped, within a tolerance of hundredths of an inch, to accommodate bulges in the curve of the vibrating strings.

Beyond being a craftsman and a technician, Micheletti is an innovator. He developed and patented the "rigid rim," which creates a sounding board much like on a speaker cabinet. The width of this rim also allows Micheletti to curve the outside rims to make a more rounded and beautiful body. He also has experimented with a sound hole on the upper side panel to allow the musician better access to the sound.

The wood used in an acoustic guitar makes all the difference in tone and beauty, and Micheletti continues to experiment with different woods. He has to take into consideration their strength and inherent tone as well as their grain. Some woods can only be found for a short time or are difficult to obtain. He has experimented with "sinker" redwood, a salvage wood found at the bottom of rivers from redwood that fell logging boats years ago and has been changed chemically by exposure to the extremes of temperature and minerals on the river bed. Another interesting wood he is currently arranging for a supply of is kiawe, a dense and lovely material found on the Big Island in Hawaii. It is a relative of the mesquite and carob.

Micheletti the scientist, craftsman, artist, and innovator continues his quest to create the best guitars humanly possible, always looking for that one more refinement, trying for the illusive perfection. It is a lifetime journey.

Visit <http://www.michelettiguitars.com> for more information on Micheletti Guitars.



OBITUARY |

Carolyn Vassar

Carolyn Marion Vassar passed away at her home in Willits on August 26, 2017 at the age of 76. She was born to Jack L. and Marion "Regalia" Groom on August 1, 1941 in Petaluma, California.

On July 22, 1961 she and Jack Edward Vassar were married and had a beautiful life together. They owned Vassar's Family Pizza in Willits and will be warmly remembered by their many happy customers and friends.

Carolyn loved her pets, and had horses all her life that she rode in many Frontier Days Parades with her mom and dad. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jack Edward Vassar; her brother and sister. She will be greatly missed by her survivors: daughter, Julie (Richard) Madsen; son, Brett Vassar; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Per Carolyn's wishes, there will be no services.

If anyone would like to make a memorial contribution in her name, the family suggests Phoenix Hospice. "Rest in Peace with Dad, as we love and miss you always."

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



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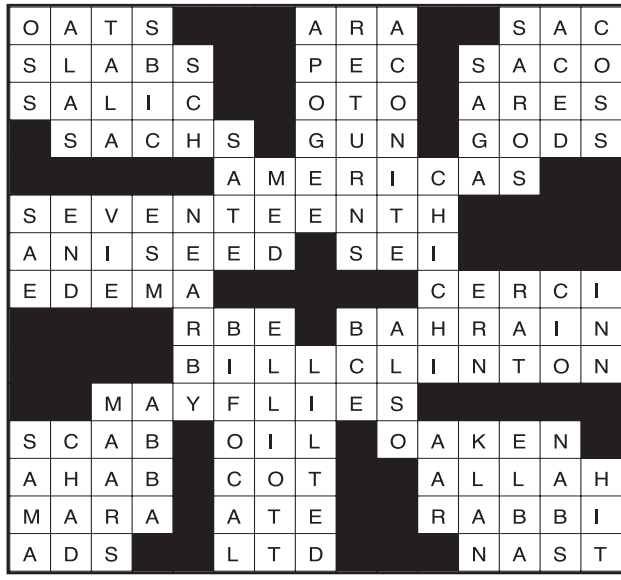
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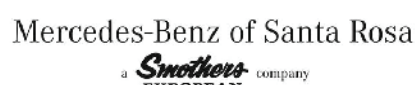


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