

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Willits cleanup on Saturday

To the Editor:

Well folks, it's that time again. The California Coastal Cleanup is happening at 8 am, Saturday, September 17.

This year, rather than concentrating on specific problem areas, we will be addressing the areas you think need work. I'm hoping we can spread out and cover the day-to-day problems throughout town. Main Street and Baechtel Road have needed some work for a long time.

As we have in the past, we'll be gathering in the east parking lot of City Hall, forming work parties and moving out from there. We'll have pickup trucks and dump trailers to come to your work areas to load whatever's been collected.

You should dress appropriately: long sleeves, long pants, sturdy shoes and a hat to protect from the sun. We will supply the gloves, trash bags and we have a limited supply of tools.

Let's get together, have some fun and do some good for our town.

If you have any questions please call me at 707-459-7122.

John Sherman, code enforcement,
City of Willits

Funny how things get

To the Editor:

I read the letters to the editor most weeks. Some interest me and some amuse me. So here are a few of my thoughts on a couple subjects. First the bypass: Too bad it was not done 40 years ago as planned, but we have to deal with it now. I keep reading anti-bypass letters and for some reason people have it in their minds that this bypass will bring more pollutants in the air. Well spending most of my life working around and on cars I can tell you this is not true. Cars have cleaner emissions at higher engine speeds than idling through town, so the bypass will help rid us of these type of pollutants.

Second is wetlands and ruining of valley land. From what I have seen, grass hay is about the only thing I have ever seen growing. Many people in the valley have gardens of different varieties. In the valley they had to bring in dirt to make anything grow. (notice all the trucks going through town full of dirt). So moving dirt from the valley, has done much to deter gardening.

I must admit I do not know much about wetlands, only that when it rains land gets wet, no matter where the land is.

Now for the downtown plans for "After the Bypass." I have seen plans and all the talking from friends and family going to meetings. Willits has always had a traffic concern. Seems the last couple years it has gotten worse. We have always had a problem getting from one end of town to the other at certain times; one reason is this town was built with only one road from

end to end, so we do not have much of a choice. People use side streets to go the long way around through neighborhoods when traffic is backed up.

Even with the bypass, this is not going to change. Hopefully less traffic, but that is still to be seen. All these plans to change Commercial and Main Street sound like it will hinder traffic. Big rigs and trucks towing trailers still have to turn down Commercial Street to get out to the valley or deliver to stores. Trucks with cattle and delivering dirt to the valley still need to turn. Congesting the area is not the answer. I feel if we do these type of changes we will stop any type of future industry or growth our town needs.

Last point. We need to find a reason to bring people to downtown. Showing my age, the Skunk Train used to attract many people. At the time the train was in town you could not find a seat in a restaurant. People were buying souvenirs from downtown merchants (redwood burls, clocks, shirts, etc.)

Right now people have no reason to stop and they are forced through town, so I am not sure why disrupting local traffic is going to make a difference to get people to stop. Making the downtown look better is a great idea. Parts of the town have been painting and remodeling and looking good, but parts still look rundown.

As far as downtown I think we need to wait and see what the effects of the bypass are going to be. Planning all these changes without a clue of how things are going to be just makes no sense. Like I said earlier, Willits is like no other town and cannot be patterned after any other town from people that are not from here. We need to do what is best for this town so we can enjoy what we have and make room for the future.

Michael Horger, Willits

Open letter to Ellen Drell

To the Editor:

Dear Ellen: I've known you for decades and consider you a lifelong friend. I have great respect for you and for your tireless work as a defender of the natural world.

But I have to say that your recent criticism of the Farm-to-Table-on-the-Bypass Dinner planned by the Willits Chamber of Commerce is sadly misguided.

Your letter to Willits Weekly casts this event as a "celebration of the bypass." I have read the C of C press release carefully, and that is NOT the intent. May I quote? "The purpose is to bring people together and raise funds to benefit our community. It is a celebration of the homecoming of Main Street and a movement forward into a prosperous future."

Ellen, are so vehemently against that?

All of the points in your letter are about what Caltrans has already done. Fait accompli. Like you and many others, I opposed the Caltrans bypass as being too expensive, too damaging, too detrimental to the town's economy, and a bad design compared to more sensible options. They did what they

wanted to do anyway. Further fighting is not going to make it go away. We lost this one.

There were Japanese soldiers on certain Pacific islands, who clung to their guns many years after August of 1945, and continued to fight the war from the jungles. Their dedicated bravery was, in a way, quite noble. But it was also utterly pointless, irrational, and self-destructive.

The C of C release also acknowledges the negative history of the bypass struggle. And it affirms that "the chamber's goal is to demonstrate the community's resilient ability to thrive" despite all that strife.

Ellen, as an environmentalist, it behooves you to support the efforts of those who are now seeking to heal our community. To condemn those efforts will likely alienate the very people whom you will want on your side come the next environmental issue. Diehard bitterness does not win friends.

It is now time for making peace and moving forward. Your strength, intelligence, and energy should be used more wisely.

Gary Owen, Willits

Jail Garden Project

To the Editor:

In 2015, the Jail Garden Project produced over 14,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables for the meals inside our correctional facility. These fruits and veggies were grown within the confines of our jail, under the coordination of John, a part-time employee who is very dedicated to produce fruits and veggies without chemicals. A team of hard-working inmates enjoy being part of the garden crew.

This is the time of year that I am always so impressed. Do you have any idea how many tomatoes are required when you give 304 people 2 good slices?

Our kitchen staff uses everything (and I mean everything) they possibly can to produce healthy meals.

As we know, healthy food helps people think clearer and feel better. While our jail keeps people incarcerated, we should never forget that our revolving door should slow down. Reducing criminal recidivism is important, but let's not forget to reduce mental illness recidivism, also.

Sorry for the long segue, but this type of action helps mentally ill inmates improve. The fact that allowing mentally ill inmates to socialize with other mentally ill inmates allows our staff to help with the necessary stabilization of some of society's most fragile citizens. Gardens are very good places to socialize and see how your work is rewarded with produce.

Please support Measures AG and AH in this upcoming election. It will allow families

Correction | In photo captions for the September 8 "WCA 'Generations'" story, Willits Weekly misidentified one of the Willits Cultural Arts board members. The photos were of WCA board member and treasurer Carole Aleshire.

Sheriff Tom Allman, Willits

Feedback on Main Street Plan

To the Editor:

Due to a prior commitment, I will be unable to attend the Wednesday, September 14 Willits City Council meeting, but I'd like to provide the following feedback on the concepts of the Main Street Plan.

1. Removal of center left turn lane (north town only): As cars turn left, they will stop traffic on Main Street, impacting flow. As cars on side streets attempt to make a left onto Main, they have no center lane to use, and will have to wait for clearance from both directions. Just as fun as the goofy island by McDonalds; woe to folks leaving the inn and wanting to head north.

2. Crosswalks: Hopefully, they will be consolidated to only have one crossing Main Street at each intersection instead of the current two.

3. Jaywalking: With all the measures being implemented to calm traffic and increase pedestrian safety and access, I hope that jaywalking will have a severe crackdown, no tolerance for lawbreakers leaping into traffic mid-block. I currently stack my groceries in a special manner to withstand slamming on the brakes at 10 mph mid-block.

4. Bicycles, With all the specialty bike lanes and access, I hope some education will be implemented to alert cyclists of all ages that bicycles are vehicles and must obey the same vehicle code cars do, red lights, stop signs, peds in crosswalks. With a lane, comes responsibilities, And tickets. Even helmet tickets for under 18 without helmets?

5. Parking space loss: With two different groups and two different plans, there are two sets of lost parking spaces, totaling over 20 spaces lost, or at least a 13 percent reduction in parking downtown. With bulb-outs and curb lane breakups, this will also limit large spaces for trucks with horse trailers and RVs. If people cannot park their vehicles, there will be fewer pedestrians to visit business. If loading zones are marked on side streets, these are even more large spaces lost to oversize vehicle access. Folks in RVs have money to spend, and if they can't park easily, they will continue driving past town. Will they use the internet to flag Willits as RV friendly? I think only Burger King will win that business.

6. Freeway signage: Where's Willits? Without decent signage several miles away, passing drivers will not be able to plan to use the exits to obtain food, gas and groceries, Laytonville and Ukiah get their business,

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Above, from left: An information booth at the brunch with a slide show of photos describing daily life at the school. Flowers provided by Fortunate Farm and Black Dog Farm. Student Lyndsey Burns talks about learning how to handle and care for the free-range meat chickens.



School breakfast

Grange School of Adaptive Agriculture hosts farm-to-table brunch and tour

A diverse, curious and hungry group of more than 50 people gathered at the historic Carriage House on Ridgewood Ranch Saturday morning to be wowed by the Grange School of Adaptive Agriculture, with an informational presentation and a brilliantly crafted brunch catered by Jason Pluck and Caroline Radice from Black Dog Farm.

The GSAA, formerly the Grange Farm School, decided to offer a free Sunday brunch to local supporters and their friends interested in helping sustain the school. Believing in an ever-changing world which consistently affects and challenges farmers, the school changed its name in spring to the "Grange School of Adaptive Agriculture" to reflect their beliefs in integrating and adapting new or renewed forms of agriculture to keep current with the needs and challenges of farming biosystems.

Before and after the brunch, very lively, informative and inspiring talks were given by Tim Ward, GSAA's director of Fundraising and Programming, Ruthie King, director of Operations, AJ Barrett, member of the Leadership Team, and Hunter Flynn, a second-year farmer at Tequio Farm.

During King's talk she informed us that the GSAA is a pioneer in the new farming

movement. "We're attracting world-renowned agriculturists who are coming from around the world; they're cutting edge in their field. They're coming here to teach because we offer a platform for really progressive thought," King said. Because of this, Mendocino County is becoming home to many graduates of the GSAA – which poses a set of needs for the new farmers: places to farm and ways to produce income from their hard work. The GSAA has become a resource for these people because it is widely integrated into the farming, ranching and food distribution community in the county and beyond.

During Barrett's talk, he introduced us to the concept that many of the students are "leavers." They're people who've had one or two college degrees, jobs or life experiences and felt unfulfilled in their careers. Many have chosen to leave those situations and learn about farming or one of the many food-related businesses to study and experience.

Doug Mosel, a "leaver" himself – from a farming family to consultant to farmer again at the Mendocino Grain Project – conducted a humorous set of interviews with current students Lyndsey Burns and James Bording, and former student and

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At right, from top down: Doug Mosel with microphone, interviews Joshua Sternberg, a former student and current GSAA field manager, and students James Bording and Lyndsey Burns. People from different communities in the county came together, sharing some of the tastiest and freshest food found in Mendocino County. Brunch servers, GSAA students and staff: Eva King, Bati Alon, Daniel Spiro, James Bording, Lyndsey Burns, Ruthie King. Below, left: Ruthie King, director of Operations, speaks to the GSAA's leadership role in the new farming movement. Below, right: Brunch menu. At bottom: Platters of newly harvested vegetables topped with Tres Bien goat cheese.



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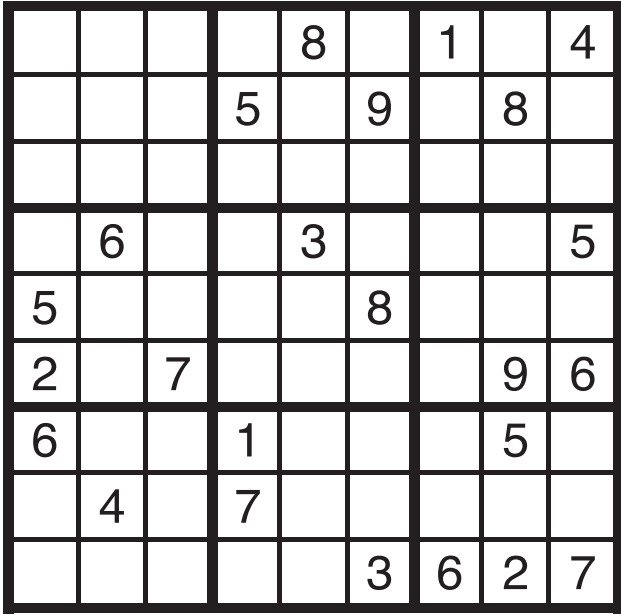
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Sudoku:

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

GARDEN WORD SEARCH

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 62 indicating the starting positions for the clues.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Employee stock ownership plan
- 5. Teaspoon
- 8. Type of IRA
- 11. Restore courage
- 13. Pet Detective Ventura
- 14. Discount
- 15. Where rockers play
- 16. Light Armored Reconnaissance (abbr.)
- 17. Computer manufacturer
- 18. Nomadic people
- 20. Liquefied natural gas
- 21. Steps leading to a river
- 22. Benign tumors
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Type of wall
- 31. Pop folk singer Williams
- 32. Greek Titaness
- 33. Expresses purpose
- 38. Type of school
- 41. Least true
- 43. Delighted
- 45. Church building
- 47. Replacement worker
- 49. A sign of assent
- 50. Semitic gods

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Major division of time
- 2. Withered
- 3. Portends good or evil
- 4. Single sheet of glass
- 5. More long-legged
- 6. Scrutinized
- 7. Archway in a park
- 8. Oliver __, author
- 9. Ancient Greek City
- 10. Type of shampoo
- 12. __ King Cole
- 14. Adventure story
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Disappointment
- 25. Evergreen shrub
- 26. Parts per thousand

- 55. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea (abbr.)
- 56. Partly digested food
- 57. Fevers
- 59. Genus of trees
- 60. Midway between east and southeast
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Gallivant
- 63. Hideaway
- 64. Source
- 27. Midway between northeast and east
- 28. Chinese surname
- 29. Poplar trees (Spanish)
- 34. Electron scanning microscope
- 35. Actor DiCaprio
- 36. Equal (prefix)
- 37. Cartoon Network
- 39. Revealed
- 40. Remove lice
- 41. Supervises interstate commerce
- 42. Whale ship captain
- 44. Baited
- 45. Bleated
- 46. Swedish rock group
- 47. Air pollution
- 48. Carbonated drink
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Ottoman military commanders
- 53. Type of job
- 54. One point east of southeast
- 58. Sex Pistols bassist
- Vicious



Local firefighters and veterans salute during the national anthem.
Photos by Damian Sebouhian

Patriot Day

Veterans, first responders commemorate 9/11 with annual ceremony

"Please help us to never forget those who died on September 11, 2001," pronounced Reverend Mike Smith during this past Sunday's Patriot Day memorial ceremony, held at Willits City Park on a pleasantly warm afternoon.

Damian Sebouhian
Reporter
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Organized by the American Legion Post 174 and Commander Roger Ham, members of the Little Lake Valley Fire Department, Willits City Police Department, the Sheriff's Office and the Brooktrails Fire Department, as well as various members of the public, gathered to honor those who lost their lives during the attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001.

"When you read about tragedy in a history book that happened before your time, it's not the same [as] when you see it happen in your lifetime," said Little Lake Fire Deputy Chief John Thomen. "To me it seems to hit home a lot harder because of that."

"I'm sure everyone here remembers

that day and what they were doing," said Brooktrails Fire Chief Daryl Schoepner. "I myself was getting ready for work and turned the news on in time to see that a plane had struck the north tower. Three hundred and forty-three of our brother firefighters were lost during that event. It was through their efforts that hundreds and hundreds of people were saved that day. Let's all continue to remember and bless them."

Said Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez: "We need to stay vigilant and always remember."

During the September 11, 2001 attacks in New York City, the Pentagon and over Pennsylvania, 2,996 people were killed, and more than 6,000 others were wounded. It is widely considered to be the deadliest terrorist act in world history and the most damaging attack on American soil since the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

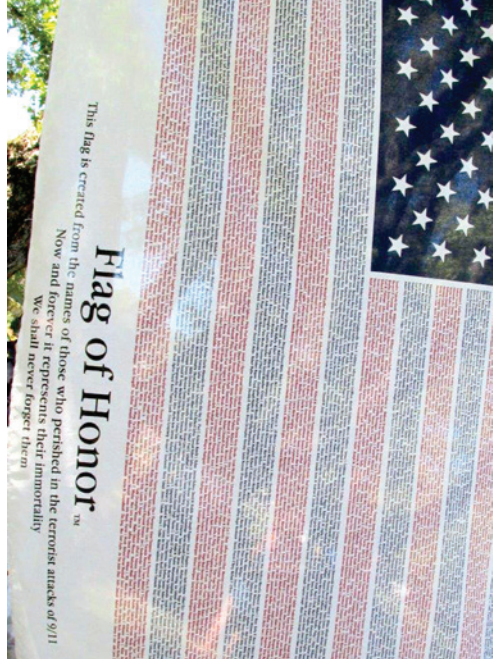
On September 4, 2002, President George Bush, Jr. proclaimed September 11, 2002, as the first Patriot Day.



Above: American Legion member Matt Dearing plays the bugle. Below: Deputy Fire Chief John Thomen discusses the loss of firefighters during 9/11.



At left: Willits Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez addresses attendees. At left, below: American Legion Post 174 Commander Roger Ham salutes during opening ceremonies. Below: The "Flag of Honor," made of the names of all those lost on 9/11.



Congratulations
Birth
Announcement
Henry
Oliver
Haschak

Welcome, Henry Oliver Haschak, born August 11, 2016. We love you so much and are happy to finally hold you in our arms! With love, Mom and Dad (Jackie Cobbs and Kale Haschak).



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Thursday, September 15

Flu Shots at Senior Center: 10 am to 12 noon, Thursday, September 15, at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. "Shield yourself from the flu!" Provided by Rite Aid Pharmacy. 65+ bring your Medicare card; 64 & under, bring your insurance card, call provider to see if they will cover the shot.

Willits High School Soccer Games: at WHS home field against Kelseyville on Thursday, September 15. Girls game at 4 pm; boys game at 5:30 pm.

“Cover Crops for Fall and Winter: A Free Evening Class”: “Join us for tea, cookies, and an hour of information and humor on how to use cover crops to prevent weeds, hold soil, and increase fertility in your garden. We will cover what to plant, when to plant, and how to get the most out of these easy, trouble-free crops. Typically, you can just broadcast the seed, rake in or cover with a light mulch, and let them go ‘til spring – when you find that spring planting is easy and your soil is improved.” Class will be taught by Rachel Britten of Ecology Action. Plus plenty of time for questions, talking with the staff, and browsing. 7 to 9 pm. Bountiful Gardens Seeds, in the Evergreen Shopping Center.

Now and Then Films: “Earth”: **Now & Then Films presents Michael Pollan’s “Earth,” based on the Netflix documentary series “Cooked,” based on Pollan’s 2013 book of the same name. “Cooked” is “an enlightening and compelling look at the evolution of what food means to us through the history of food preparation and its universal ability to connect us.” “Earth,” the final episode in the series, looks at how fermentation preserves raw foods, including chocolate, wine, beer and cheese, and includes, as each episode does, a look at Pollan in his home kitchen in Berkeley.** Thursday, September 15 at 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. \$5 donation supports the film series. Trailers & short films at 6:30; main attraction at 7 pm. Serving organic heirloom popcorn with organic butter and Fair Trade chocolate.

Auditions for “A Christmas Carol”: First two days of auditions for the Willits Community Theatre production of the classic Charles Dickens story. 7 pm, Thursday, September 15 and noon on Saturday, September 17. Director Dawn Jacobs is seeking 5 men and 2 women, 20s to 60s, and two boys and a girl about 10 years old. Auditions are scheduled at the WCT Playhouse, 37 Van Lane, for Thursday, September 15 at 7 pm, Saturday, September 17 at noon, Tuesday, September 27 at 7 pm, and Saturday October 1 at noon. Call director Jacobs at 548-6225 for more info.

Shanachie Pub: Mamadou Sidibe, master kmale ngoni player, and Robert Usher, accompanist on West African instruments, play Thursday, September 15. 8 pm. “Twenty-five years ago Mamadou played a groundbreaking role in transforming the music of this region from its origins in hunters’ sacred melodies – played on six string donso ngoni (hunter’s harps) – to a music of philosophical observations, politics and daily life. Mamadou was one of the first to expand the instrument’s range with two extra strings, creating the popular karamale ngoni.” 50 South Main Street, behind Adam’s Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

What's Happening Around Town

Friday, September 16

Shanachie Pub: Peter Jong Chang plays Friday, Saturday 16. 9 pm. No cover. “Showcasing last year’s releases of Emerge/Sunset Coast, Blue Ruby/Rainy Life, and Deep Orchid/As Long As You’re Around, as well as the reissue of Emerge (self-titled), on CD, Peter Jong Chang returns to the West Coast for live performances, along with Jenn August (Blue Ruby) and Dan Meyer.” Visit <http://peterjongchang.com>. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam’s Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, September 17

CA Coastal Cleanup in Willits: Willits joins in the annual California Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 17, starting at 8 am. “This year, rather than concentrating on specific problem areas, we will be addressing the areas you think need work,” says organizer John Sherman, City of Willits. “I’m hoping we can spread out and cover the day-to-day problems throughout town. Main Street and Baechtel Road have needed some work for a long time. As we have in the past, we’ll be gathering in the east parking lot of City Hall, forming work parties and moving out from there. We’ll have pickup trucks and dump trailers to come to your work areas to load whatever’s been collected. You should dress appropriately, long sleeves, long pants, sturdy shoes and a hat to protect from the sun. We will supply the gloves, trash bags, and we have a limited supply of tools. Let’s get together, have some fun and do some good for our town.” Questions? Call John Sherman at 459-7122.

WHS Booster Club Golf Tournament: The Willits High School Boosters present their 4th annual Golf Tournament, on Saturday September 17 at the Brooktrails Golf Course, 24860 Birch Street. Registration 8 am;

tournament begins at 9 am. Four Person Scramble/ Shotgun Start. \$35 (includes green fees), lunch and a drink ticket; \$20 for members of Brooktrails Golf Course. All proceeds to benefit Willits High School athletic teams/clubs. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes. Closest to the pin contest. Info: Donna at 459-2752.

WHS Senior Class Rummage Sale: “Come support the Willits High School Senior Class of 2017! We will be holding a Rummage Sale on September 17, beginning at 9 am and ending around 3 pm. The sale will be held at Les Schwab, 1565 South Main Street. With various items for sale, including: clothing, trinkets, furniture, etc. All funds will be put towards the Senior Class trip at the end of the school year. Please come support your local students, and help us raise the funds we need! Questions or concerns can be brought to WHS leadership at Willits High School, main number: 459-6589.”

Laytonville Art Walk: the 5th Annual Laytonville Art Walk is set for Saturday, September 17. “Come have a full day of family fun on the 101 and support the youth art programs of Laytonville! As always, there will be live music, the spectacular kids zone, and dozens of amazing local artists to excite and stimulate our minds, bodies and spirit. Dance, be inspired and embrace the beauty of our unique little town! Just a few examples of projects that Art Walk proceeds help fund are the awesome fabric

arts projects like the high schoolers’ flag project and the salmon banner (in last year’s parade!) and the annual students’ production with the Missoula Children’s Theater.”

Auditions for “A Christmas Carol”: second day of auditions for the Willits Community Theatre production of the classic Charles Dickens story Saturday, September 17 at noon. See Thursday, September 15 listing for more details.

WCT Monologue Workshop: Persons interested in participating in the next Monologue Season at Willits Community Theatre can attend the first workshop on Saturday, September 17 at 1 pm at the Willits Library meeting room. Facilitator Annie Samson says prospective participants will be encouraged to share in their writing and discussing their monologues through a series of on-going workshops. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more info or contact Annie Samson at 459-9014.

Shanachie Pub: Dirty Cello plays Saturday, September 17 at 9 pm. \$5 cover. “A high-energy and unique spin on blues and bluegrass. Led by vivacious cross-over cellist, Rebecca Roudman.... From down home blues with a wailing cello to virtuosic stompin’ bluegrass, Dirty Cello is a band that gets your heart thumping and your toes tapping.” Visit www.dirtycello.com. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam’s Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, September 18

“The Art and Business of Writing: From Conception to Bankable Royalties”: Join Jed Diamond, author of 13 books, including his latest, “The Enlightened Marriage,” and a panel of experts including Holly Madrigal, Sulin Bell, and Claudia Wenning, for a workshop on Sunday, September 18, 2016 from 10 am to 12 noon at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. “Learn how to turn creative ideas into fiction and non-fiction writing, how to self-publish for fun and profit, how to get published by major publishers, how to use social media to build a platform, how to write articles that sell and much more.” \$10. Info: Jed Diamond at 707-354-0758.

Willits Airport Day & Burger Fly-In: 24th annual Airport Day at Ellis Field is set for Sunday, September 18, 9 am to 3 pm, free admission. Airplane and helicopter rides over Little Lake Valley and the 101 bypass will be sold; plus aircraft on display, burgers and hot dogs by the Willits Lions Club, and root beer floats by the Willits Senior Center. REACH to host an open house of their copter base, plus guided tours of a state-of-the-art H125 helicopter; CalFire to demo an emergency helicopter lift operation; and information booths by other organizations and emergency responders. American Legion Post 174 color guard to open the celebration with a flag ceremony. Willits Municipal Airport is located 4.8 miles northwest up Sherwood Road and then 1 mile east on Poppy. Follow the “Airport Day” signs. Info: 707-841-6252.

“Fathers, Families, and the Art of Relationships”: “Inside The Heart and Soul of Two Long-Time Artistic Visionaries.” Sunday, September 18 from 1 to 3 pm, at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 E. Commercial

Street. With author Jed Diamond and artist Cynda Way. “Hear Jed and Cynda talk about the artist’s way and how their family histories have influenced their art. You’ll be able to see their art in action, ask questions, hear the truth about their personal journeys, and how you can actualize your own artistic dreams and visions.” With booksigning for Diamond’s new book, “The Enlightened Marriage,” and live music by Just Enough. Info: Jed Diamond at 707-354-0758.

Delbert Anderson Jazz Trio: The Native American jazz trio returns to Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, September 18 at 2 pm. The threesome thrilled its audience last year at WCT, and its lineup now includes Southwest rap artist Defi. Navajo horn player Delbert Anderson is joined by Mike McCluhan on stand-up bass and drummer Nicholas Lucero to make up the core trio, formed in the deserts of the Southwest, which has performed at concerts throughout the United States. Advance tickets, \$15, available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets also available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Train Singer & Son Benefit: St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church is hosting a Benefit Concert on Sunday, September 18, from 4 to 6 pm, featuring Train Singer Greg Schindel and his son, Malakai Schindel. The Schindels are regular entertainers on the California Western Railroad’s Skunk Train and will be performing traditional train songs as well as original compositions. Proceeds from this event will be used to support local organizations Willits Daily Bread, Willits Kids Club, Willits Community Services, and Ecology Action. 1 North Main Street; 459-3066. Tickets, \$10, are available at the door or at Cat’s Meow, 29 South Main Street.

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groups/336984016475010/ for more info on 4-H in Mendocino County and Willits.

Dances of Universal Peace: Monday, September 19 from 7 to 9 pm at Room 4 of the Grange, 291 School Street. “Sacred circle dances incorporating song & movement from the World’s wisdom traditions which connect us to inner & outer peace.”

Tuesday, September 20

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: “War Dogs,” “Bad Moms,” “Finding Dory,” and “Hell or

High Water.” For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Thursday, September 22

Mendo Wildlife Volunteers: New organization meets Thursday, September 22, 5 to 8 pm, at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willits Avenue, Laytonville, with info about what’s happening to protect wildlife and rescue injured wild animals in Mendocino County. Please bring food to share. Call 707-357-5693 or visit www.mendowildlife.com for more info.

Friday, September 23

Round Valley Indian Health Center’s 36th annual Health Fair: Kicking off Round Valley Indian Tribes’ Indian Day Celebration, with free admission, everyone welcome! Friday, September 23 from 10 am to 3 pm at the health center, Highway 162 & Biggar Lane. Includes Walk/Run at 8 am, registration at 7:30 am. Opening prayer at 10 am. BBQ starts at 12 noon, \$1 plate includes steak, beans, salad, bread, corn on the cob, & dessert; veggie option available. (No take outs). Live music & entertainment. Free health screenings: blood pressure, BMI, blood sugar, flu vaccines, diabetic retinal screenings. Elder & disabled bingo (55+) in the morning, with great prizes. Booths from various organizations and agencies. Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office K9 demonstration, face to face demo and fingerprints.



2016 California Indian Days Co-Ed Softball Tournament: Friday, September 23 starting at 4 pm to Sunday, September 25, ending at 5 pm. Softball at Hidden Oaks Park in Round Valley, with 17 teams signed up so far. Visit the “California Indian Days Co-Ed Softball Tournament” page on Facebook for updates.

Lego-Palooza!: A two-day festival of Lego fun at the Willits Library, Friday, September 23, 4 to 8 pm is Lego Movie Night: a back-to-back movie marathon of Lego movies! Saturday, September 24, from 11 am to 3 pm is “It Takes a Village”: an afternoon of Lego creativity, as everyone gathers to help us build our village. The library has Legos, or you’re free to bring your own as well. It’s going to be a Lego-Palooza! Be there, or be “square!” Info: Benjamin MacBean, youth services librarian, 459-5908.

Willits High School Football Games: at WHS home field against Clearlake on Friday, September 23. JV game, with coach Billy Arms, 5:30 pm; Varsity game, with coach Mike Colvig, 7:30 pm.

‘Red Hot Patriot’: opening night is Friday, September 23 at 8 pm for “Red Hot Patriot – The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins” as presented by Mary Burns, for a two-week run at



Willits Community Theatre. “The one-person show celebrates the amazing wit and power of the famed Texas political satirist who for nearly four decades poked fun at American foibles. Actress Mary Burns brings her considerable talents to portraying the wit of Molly Ivins after appearing on the WCT stage in numerous acting roles over the years.” Directed by long-time WCT veteran, Mike ADair, the show is a second-stage production with limited sets and props, while the focus draws on the work of one amazing human being.” Performances continue Saturday, September 24 at 8 pm, Sunday, September 25 at 2 pm, Thursday, September 29 at 7 pm, Friday, September 30 at 8 pm, and Saturday, October 1 at 8 pm. \$10.

Saturday, September 24

Not Just Cowboy Poetry: Annual fundraiser for the Willits Library and Willits Daily Bread out at the beautiful Emandal-A Farm on a River. Headliner this year, Saturday, September 24, is the Queen of Boogie Woogie piano, Wendy DeWitt plus a thought-provoking, whimsical cowboy poet, Dick Warwick, from eastern Washington, and Dust in My Coffee, a cowboy band from the Sierra foothills. Tickets, \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate; kids under 12 \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate, include wood-fired brick oven pizza by Kashaya Adams plus apple pie and ice cream. Tickets at brownpapertickets.com, the Willits Senior Center, Willits Center for the Arts, Willits Library, at the gate, or by calling 459-9252. Concert starts at 3 pm; pizza from 2 to 3 pm and one hour after the show; silent auctions from 2 to 4:40 pm; live auction at the end of intermission. Come early; stay late; bring a chair/blanket and a picnic if desired. VIP tickets (\$125/person) include tasting of American craft distillery whiskey plus the chance to meet and greet all the performers (2 to 3 pm). More info: <http://emandal.com/not-just-cowboy-poetry-2016>.

‘Red Hot Patriot’: 8 pm for “Red Hot Patriot – The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins” as presented by Mary Burns, 8 pm. Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, September 23 listing for more details. \$10.

Shanachie Pub: Jacob Green plays Saturday, September 24 at 9 pm. No cover. “An acoustic, multi-string player, and one man band, performing original songs of blues/folk/grass style covers, on guitar, dobro, banjo, ukulele & mandolin, while simultaneously playing harmonica, stomp box and foot tambourine.” Visit www.jacobgreenmusic.com. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam’s Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, September 25

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am, Sunday, September 25 (and every 4th Sunday). “Join your friends at the Grange Breakfast! \$8 buys you a plate of the best “scratch” pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods.... Choose our Sourdough Wholegrain, Hank’s Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-free, Beeler’s Quality Bacon, Organic Local Farm Fresh Eggs, Real Butter, Juice, Organic Coffee or Tea. Live music. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Extra sides of Organic Fruit and Amish Organic Maple Syrup. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial, 1 block west of 101)

‘Red Hot Patriot’: 2 pm matinee, Sunday, September 25, Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, September 23 listing for more details. \$10.



COLUMN | At the Movies



‘Cafe Society’

Note: Ignore the critics. (I’m not a critic, I’m a reviewer.)

The Story: This is a love letter and romantic comedy/drama from Woody Allen. In the sunny, golden light of 1930s

Daniel Essman, Columnist

Hollywood, Bobby from the Bronx (Jesse Eisenberg) is looking for a new, better and more exciting future working for his Uncle Phil (Steve Carell), a top Hollywood agent with important friends, by that I mean Movie Stars. Life looks good for Bobby, and even better when he meets Veronica (Kristen Stewart), who is kind, quiet and most importantly ... not phony. Love happens. But heartbreak is soon to follow.

My Thoughts: A series of loves – I love romantic movies, 1930s era milieus – nightclubs, clothes, jazz, furniture, cars, movie stars, intellectuals and gangsters, and star-crossed lovers just trying to make it work. I am a big fan of Kristen Stewart, ditto for Jesse Eisenberg. Also, Parker Posey is in the flick, and as indie film lovers know, she’s got movie.

Parents: Too sophisticated for children. Teens and up.

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

WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS 56th ANNUAL

RANCH RODEO

CHECK-IN 5 PM OCTOBER 1, 2016 STARTS AT 10 AM

CALCUTTA AUCTION & BBQ COOKOFF \$10 Tickets / Buffet: 12 pm

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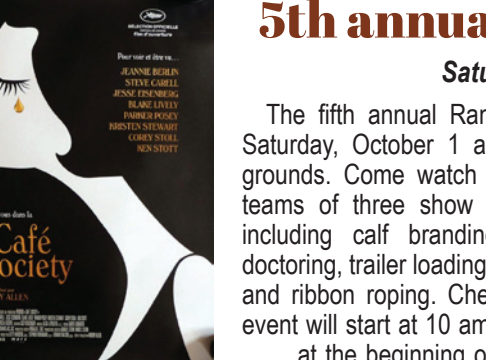
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DEADLINE FOR WILLITS WEEKLY: Monday prior to Thursday publication

Senior Center Lunch

Week of September 19 through 23

Monday: Chicken/Bacon Pizza
Tuesday: Tamale Pie Casserole
Wednesday: Pulled Pork/Bun Salad
Thursday: Chicken/Apple Salad
Friday: Ham/Pineapple

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, entrée, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

5th annual Ranch Rodeo

Saturday, October 1

The fifth annual Ranch Rodeo event will be held on Saturday, October 1 at the Willits Frontier Days rodeo grounds. Come watch real-life cowboys and cowgirls in teams of three show their skills in on-the-ranch tasks including calf branding, working ranch horse, ranch doctoring, trailer loading, reverse team roping, team sorting and ribbon roping. Check in will begin at 9 am and the event will start at 10 am. The Calcutta auction will be held at the beginning of the event; spectators can bid/bet on which team will win and enjoy a 30/70 split of the proceeds if their team wins. The barbecue cookoff will also be held during the event; tasting tickets are \$10 each. Admission to rodeo is free of charge. Fun Kids Dummy Roping Event at 2 pm. Ranch Rodeo entries will be available online at <http://willitsfrontierdays.com>; yearround.html. For more information please contact Willits Frontier Days at 459- 6330 or Robbie Burgess at 489- 0476.

WCT Monologue Workshop

Saturday, September 17

Persons interested in participating in the next Monologue Season at Willits Community Theatre can attend the first workshop on Saturday, September 17 at 1 pm at the Willits Library meeting room. Facilitator Annie Samson says prospective participants will be encouraged to share in their writing and discussing their monologues through a series of on-going workshops. Samson’s effective group process will aid participants in laying the groundwork for their culminating performances at a third annual “Speakeasy” event to be held at the WCT Playhouse in 2017.

Samson says of the very popular series, “This is your chance, folks. Create an original five-minute monologue, then learn to deliver it, without script, on a bare stage, and experience the amazingly appreciative audience from our local community.” Samon admits the process can initially be scary, but for participants who commit to the monologue spirit, it always ends up being “absolutely fun.”

The “Speakeasy” events have become sell-outs over the past two years at WCT. This past July, 12 participants performed for two shows to accommodate the rave response. For more information, contact Annie Samson at 459-9014.

– submitted by WCT

Train Singer & Son Concert

Tickets \$10.00 at the Door

Available in Advance at Cat’s Meow 29 S. Main St. Willits, CA

GREG SCHINDEL
MALAKAI SCHINDEL

Sunday, September 18, 2016
4:00 PM 6:00 PM
A Fundraising Event

St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church
1 North Main Street
Willits, CA 95490
(707) 459-3066

Free Bridge Lessons

Ongoing Saturdays at the library

Free bridge lessons at the Willits Library will again be available weekly, Saturday mornings 10 am to noon, started on September 10, ongoing through November 5.

Studies by the University of California at Berkeley and others have shown that bridge measurably strengthens the immune system and that bridge, as a “brain game,” improves short-term memory and has even been proven to push back the symptoms of Alzheimer’s. If you have considered playing bridge, but have felt it was too complicated or confusing; if you played bridge in college and have forgotten everything you knew about it; or if you want to meet new people and learn a lifetime skill, then these classes are for you. Come alone or come with a friend. If you can’t make the first meeting, that’s fine: The lessons are ongoing, and late-comers are accepted. For more information call Donna, 459-9035.

‘Red Hot Patriot – The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins’

Opens Friday, September 23

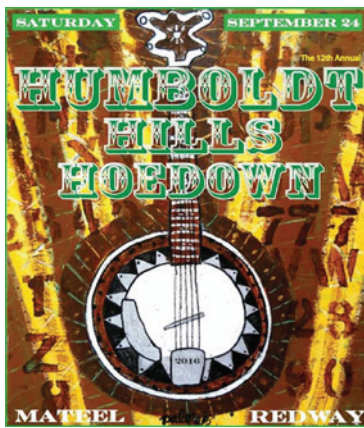
“Red Hot Patriot – The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins” as presented by Mary Burns opens for its two-week run at Willits Community Theatre on Friday, September 23. The one-person show celebrates the amazing wit and power of the famed Texas political satirist who for nearly four decades poked fun at American foibles. “An authentic rendition of Ivins’ life, drawn in part from her incisive and often funny opinion columns, and performed on stage in the form of incoming AP News bulletins, along with multi-media photos, sound and music. Burns brings her considerable talents to portraying the wit of Molly Ivins after appearing on the WCT stage in numerous acting roles over the years. She says she was drawn to the Ivins material mainly out of her love for the columnist’s brilliant use of humor in writing about the outrages of her times, from racism to cynicism, and inequality.” Directed by long-time WCT veteran, Mike ADair, as a “second-stage” production with limited sets and props. Performances are on Friday, September 23 at 8 pm, Saturday, September 24 at 8 pm, Sunday, September 25 at 2 pm, Thursday, September 29 at 7 pm, Friday, September 30 at 8 pm, and Saturday, October 1 at 8 pm. Advance tickets are \$10 for all shows and available in person 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. – Steve Hellman, for WCT

Annual Mendocino County Fair And Apple Show

September 16 to 18, Boonville

The annual Mendocino County Fair and Apple show is set for Friday, September 16 through Sunday, September 18 at the Boonville Fairgrounds in Anderson Valley. “Started in 1924, in Mendocino County’s historic and picturesque Anderson Valley, the County Fair and Apple Show has remained an old-time harvest festival.” 9 am to midnight daily. Ag, floral and home arts and fine arts displays; 4-H and FFA livestock; food and drink; strolling entertainers, Annual California Wool & Fiber Festival, and more. “Wander over to the Ag Building to find amazing displays of Anderson Valley apples and other award-winning produce, to include the giant pumpkins. This where you can taste locally-produced cider and wines, to accompany a piece of freshly-baked apple pie.”

Event schedule: Jr. Swine Show at 3 pm; Lamb Palace Wine Tasting at 5 pm; Apple Bowl Varsity Football at 7 pm. Saturday: Singer Andrea Pearson at 12:30 and 3:30 pm; CCPRA Rodeo at 8 pm; Rodeo Dance in the Apple Hall, featuring McKenna Faith at 9:30 pm. Sunday: Church Service at 8 am; Sheep Dog Trials at 10 am; Classic Car Show at 10 am; Parade at 12 Noon; CCPRA Rodeo at 2 pm. Admission: \$9 adults; \$7 age 13 to 18; \$6 age 7 to 12; free for kids 6 and under. Special promotion on Friday: Seniors 65+ over, \$3, and children 12 and under, free. Carnival admission: \$30 for daily unlimited rides before 6 pm. Visit <http://mendocountyfair.com/> for full details.



12th annual Humboldt Hills Hoedown

On Saturday, September 24, the Humboldt Hills Hoedown is celebrating its 12th year of Bluegrass & Beyond with music on both the indoor and outdoor stages at the Mateel Community Center in Redway. Featured artists this year are the Indie Folk-pop band, The Shook Twins; country rockers, Curly Wolf; hard-driving California honkytonkers, Miss Lonely Hearts; hill country blues band, Hillstomp; Midnight North, The Pine Needles, Laura Benitez & The Heartache, Hot October, Jesse Daniel & The Slow Learners, Three Times Bad, Cliff Dallas & The Death Valley Troubadours, Way Out West, Hicktown Homeboys, April Moore & Ranch Party, The Real Sharks, and more! The Humboldt Hills Hoedown will also feature a lively kid corral, mouthwatering BBQ dinners, a cakewalk, backwoods betting games, and a whole lotta country fun – including a bar for 21 and over. Great live bluegrass, country blues, folk and country rock all in an early fall day! Come enjoy! Doors open at high noon with music ‘til midnight. All ages. Advance tickets at www.eventbrite.com; info: visit www.mateel.org

Ongoing Events

Willits Summer Farmers Market: the Willits Farmers Market is now in Bud Snyder City Park, from 3 to 6:30 pm every Thursday afternoon. Veggies, strawberries, cherries, flowers, local meats and local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

“Generations”: Willits Center for the Arts September show featuring three artists from three different generations: Tristen Santana Cockrall-Castro, Morgan Rex and Peter Onstad. Gallery hours are now Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. More info: 459-1726 or www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

Artist Nancy Adair at Re-Evolution: Nancy Adair is showing her paintings at the Re-Evolution gallery/shop through September. She will be at the gallery at noon on Saturday, September 10 to talk with visitors about the paintings. Re-Evolution is a gallery and fair trade clothing and accessories emporium located at 15 West Mendocino, 11 am to 6 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Call Re-Evolution at 204-0607 or Nancy Adair at 459-5239 for more information or to set a special time to meet the artist at the gallery.

KLLG Radio Action Group: meets Mondays at 5:30 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 10. Learn about and participate in building Willits Hometown Radio. Volunteers needed. More information is available at www.KLLG.org or by calling Lanny Cotler at 367-1812.

Tuesday Night Potluck Bingo: Potluck dinner and bingo every Tuesday at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. “Be sure to bring a dish to share!” 5 to 7 pm; \$5 buy-in; 50 cents per card. Info: 459-6826.

Al-Anon Meeting: Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid at the Evergreen Shopping Center. Saturdays at 10 am at St. Francis Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street. “Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.”

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

Library Coloring Club: Want a little color in your life? Then by all means, come to the library! The Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, is hosting a Library Coloring Club, every Tuesday at 6:30 pm for ages 14 and up. “We’ve got the crayons and the paper – you bring the imagination.”

Willits High School Athlete of the Week

These athletes are coach-nominated players who stood out recently for a personal or team best. Willits Weekly tries to include at least two athletes and encourages all the coaches to submit nominations for their teams.

Boys Soccer | Julian Gomez, 17, Senior



Photo by Wayne Waters

Position: Striker

Breakfast of Champions: Scrambled eggs, French toast and orange juice

Love for the Sport: "I love the thrill of the competition and the intensity of the matches and the way the coaches encourage us to achieve our goals."

How Long Playing the Sport: Since kindergarten

In an away game against Credo High School in Rohnert Park on Friday, September 2, Julian scored all three goals in our 3-0 victory. In the first half he scored two impressive goals, one with his right foot and one with his left. In the second half he completed the "hat trick" and sealed the game for us with a beautifully timed header over the Credo goalkeeper. I'm very proud of Julian for all the work that he has put in academically and athletically to get to this point, and I'm happy to see it paying off for him and his team.

- Coach Noel Woodhouse



Tree Collards

Tasty, tall and nutritious brassicas grow well in Willits

"Tree collards are one of the most nutritious plants you can eat," said Richard Jeske, who has over 30 years of experience growing and propagating the unique and little-known perennial vegetable.

Damian Sebouhian Reporter damian@willitsweekly.com

and likes green vegetables, there's no reason you would not want to add tree collards."

Tree collards are in the brassica family, along with broccoli, cauliflower and kale, and, like collard greens, are high in calcium, potassium, folate, and beta carotene.

Unlike the popular collard greens, however, tree collards grow for many years straight, get up to 10 feet tall, and rarely flower or go to seed.

"If you go to a nursery, there's not

Read the rest of Tree Collards Over on Page 11



At top: Willits gardener Richard Jeske, with a tree collard cutting in hand, talks about his specialty crop. Above: Tree collards, a good winter crop for Willits, can grow up to 10 feet tall. At left: Cuttings from tree collards set into the ground to root.

Photos by Mathew Caine

A pleasure to look at...

Quilters display their best creations in Laytonville

"Quilty Pleasures," the LVQ - Girls Gone Stitchin' quilt show the last weekend in August was another great success. Near record attendance, cool breezes and smokeless skies made it a pleasure to look at quilts, pillows, wall-hangings, tufteds, Ron Crane's washing machines in action, talk with Norma Branson while viewing an antique quilt, and chat with friends from near and far. We had visitors from Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake and Sonoma counties and beyond.

We could see visitors had a difficult time choosing their favorite quilts because votes were cast for everything entered in the show, but in the end the following artists were the winners who received hand-crafted ribbons: People's Choice Favorite Quilt - Lindsay Hansen; Quilter of the People's Choice - Karen Mattson; Best Use of Color - Gwen Wood; Quilt You Would Most Like to Sleep Under - Lindsay Hansen; Most Whimsical - Kaylyne Van Saun; Best Wallhanging - Nina Morosi; Best Pillow - Kaylyne Van Saun; and

"Water" Challenge - Nina Morosi. Congratulations to all!

Raffle winners were: Quilt Raffle - Daniel Young; Kitchen Basket - Joe Scott; Wine Basket - Jesse Carpenter; Pet Basket - Yvonne Niesen; Coffee & Tea Basket - Sue Gowan; Sewing Basket - Lynn Schardt; and Garden Basket - Nancy Davis. Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets this year. All proceeds from the show go toward scholarships for 2017 Laytonville High School graduates.

Lastly, we thank our ladder climbers and bundle carriers (you know who you are) for their energy, muscle and patience in setting-up the show each day. It would not happen without you!

We hope to see everyone again next year so mark your 2017 calendar for the last weekend of August.

- submitted by Jody McGeen, the Fat Quail Quilt Shop



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Soroptimist International of Willits would like to remind the public that since AT&T no longer prints residential numbers in their directory, we rely on residents to update us on any needed change to the Willits Community phone book. This change could be your phone number (landline or cell) address (home or P.O.), addition of a new business, addition of a new listing, or removal of a listing for moving or death. We are happy to add or update your listing in our directory. You can email your information to willitsphonebook@gmail.com or call Loraine Patton at 621-0173 and leave her a message. All changes need to be made by December 1st of this year in order to make the NEW 2017 Directory.

"The Key Is Within You"
"The Most Secret Part Of Yourself Is The Heart Of Love"
Harold Klemp, "Spiritual Wisdom on Prayer, Meditation and Contemplation", p. 33
You are invited to an Eckankar Worship Service on September 25, 2016, 11 a.m.-Noon The Hill House 10701 Palette Drive, Mendocino, CA Free, non-denominational service. Everyone welcome. A Community Service by Eckankar: Ancient Wisdom for Today Questions? Call April, 707-972-2475

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The rest of Tree Collards From Page 10

going to be a seed packet that says 'tree collards' on it," Jeske explained. "You can only get [tree collards] through cuttings or plants that (people like me) have propagated through cuttings. That's why they're less well-known."

For the last few years Jeske has supplied cuttings to the local Bountiful Gardens Seed Company.

"Every Monday I get a call from Bountiful Gardens, and they'll tell me how many orders they have for me," said Jeske. "Usually it's at least 10 orders [per week]."

Jeske fills the orders, and Bountiful Gardens mails them out to people all over the country, excluding Hawaii and Alaska. A single order is composed of three cuttings, each cutting approximately 8 inches long and a half-inch in diameter, with what is called a "terminal bud" left at the tip.

According to Jeske, the bud grows quickly into a leaf, once it's planted in soil.

"The leaves are quick to grow, but the roots take some time to develop," Jeske said, adding that he uses a simple mix of peat moss and perlite for the soil and waters them no more than once a week, once the tree collards are established.

Jeske credits John Jeavons, founder of Ecology Action, as someone who helped establish and propagate tree collards in California.

The rest of Schindel From Page 1

"I did a side-by-side comparison using Mykos, and it really made a wonderful difference," said Schindel. "Since I grew all my plants from seeds this year, I was able to take advantage of several applications. Each time you transplant, you dip the plant's roots and soil into the powder. It worked great!"

In her 10 raised beds and surrounding hillside terraces, Schindel's summer bounty includes: scallop squash, gypsy peppers, Rosa Bianca eggplants, kale, carrots, a filbert tree, apple trees, an Asian pear tree, Persian baby cucumbers, Rutgers tomatoes, Amish paste tomatoes, pineapple tomatoes, basil, rattlesnake beans, Romano beans, asparagus, lettuce, zucchini, blueberries, Reliance grapes, Interlaken grapes, fall golden raspberries, and loganberries.

Looking to fall and winter, the bounty will adjust as seasonal items pass their peak and are removed to make room for cold-weather goodies. The beds will be turned and restocked with broccoli, kale, cauliflower, cabbage and other winter edibles.

While Schindel's efforts span to the extreme side of gardening, as visually evidenced, too, by several ginormous scallop squash Schindel had sitting on the porch as they awaited their fate, anyone can enjoy container gardening on their porch or yard. Schindel suggested starting with something easy, fast and rewarding, like lettuce.

"The biggest thing is to grow something you actually want to eat!" said Schindel. "It doesn't matter if you are able to grow the best turnips [she wrinkles her nose] - if you don't want to eat them as I found out I sure didn't want to - then it is all for nothing! Make sure you put that effort, energy and water into something you can't wait to use."

Husband and wife team, Caroline Radice and Jason Pluck from Black Dog Farms and Catering created a variety of simply and exquisitely seasoned plates brimming with marinated fresh summer vegetables, German potatoes and

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Roots of Motive Power

Annual September steam-up shows off the collection

A surprise visit from George Atkinson, great-grandson to Guy F. Atkinson – the original owner of the Bucyrus Erie steam shovel – was just one of the many highlights of this past weekend’s successful Roots of Motive Power annual Steam-Up Festival.

“Guy F. Atkinson was a contractor, and his company used [the Bucyrus] up and down the coast,” George Atkinson told Willits Weekly while witnessing the fully restored, 75-ton machine in action for the first time in his life.

Atkinson, a contractor himself out of Los Angeles, said that a visit to Roots of Motive Power was a long time coming.

“I really appreciate the work that’s been done here,” said Atkinson. “[The Bucyrus] was a worn-out machine that they kept for historical purposes, but nobody had taken the effort to put it back into working condition except for [Roots of Motive Power]. They’ve

At top, from left: Jill Peacock holds her original woodpecker steam-roller-printed art. Chad Johnson and Rick Olson of the San Francisco Center for the Book. Fran Gardner displays her original print, a “backwards “G” and dragon for “Gardner’s Rest.” At right: Roots volunteers Eli, James, and Jesse hang out on the Kelly Springfield roller. At right, below: George Atkinson, great-grandson of Guy F. Atkinson, original owner of the Bucyrus steam shovel with his wife, Sue. Below: The Bluestone locomotive pulls the passenger cars around the bend.



done a huge amount of work, and it’s really remarkable.”

The Guy F. Atkinson Company bought the steam shovel from the Bucyrus-Erie Company of Wisconsin in 1932 and immediately put it to work on the Gabriel Highline Road project near Axusa, California.

In its day, the Bucyrus steam shovel was used for many major projects, including help with constructing the 1939 World’s Fair Exposition buildings in San Francisco and the Tower of the Sun structure on Treasure Island. The Bucyrus was also instrumental in the construction of the Panama Canal.

The old giant machine was on full display for the festival in the back of the Roots yard, as it periodically moved mounds of dirt from pile to pile.

Another steam-engine machine with a lot of history up and running for the festival was the 1916 Heislir 2-truck steam locomotive. The train ran both Saturday and Sunday, pulling a car and a caboose full of visiting passengers on tracks that loop around the Roots property.

The Mondo family took the train ride on the insistence of their two daughters Bella and Zandria. Julie and Tony Mondo’s daughters had become interested in trains after the family won the Roots Christmas raffle two years ago.


“The prizes included a train set that we put up around our Christmas tree,” Tony Mondo said.

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Above, left: The Mondo family, from left: Bella, Julia, Zandria, and Tony, ride the Roots train. Above, right: Martha and Jerry Cover visiting from Cover’s Apple Ranch in Tuolumne, where they have a miniature train. Below, left: Finnegan Lyon-Harris and Basil Frew work on the 1928 Buffalo Springfield gasoline road roller. Below, right: Eric Hansen operates the Kelly Springfield steam roller. At right, above: Lee Bryant, left, and Phil Jacques, fireman and engineer on the Bucyrus Erie 50 B steam shovel. At right, below: Ric Martin in his Roots shirt keeps the fire going for the steam donkey.





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7. Electric vehicle charging stations: Willits is in a prime spot for recharging stations, being situated in the middle of the long grade from Ukiah to Laytonville. Capitalize on this golden opportunity to attract these drivers to park and re-charge downtown. EVs are the future: Even local residents may want to recharge before returning to 3rd Gate or Pine Mountain.

8. Volunteer firefighter parking: Somebody with a large SUV or full-size pickup, please try parking in the diagonal spaces east of City Hall [being considered to replace the designated firefighter parking across from the fire station]. Park four of them next to each other, if you can: I foresee lots of building wall repairs from rear bumpers.

I fear that way too much emphasis is being placed on sidewalks and bikes, and not enough on getting folks parked and out of vehicles to use the sidewalks. Somebody driving five to 10 miles into town for supplies, and finding parking only in Safeway’s lot, is not going to be buying local.

Michael Burgess, Willits

County budget online

To the Editor:

The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Mendocino County Adopted Budget book is now available to the public. The book is available to view or download at www.co.mendocino.ca.us/administration/budget.htm. [637 pages and 25.5 MB]. A limited number of hard copies are available for purchase at the Mendocino

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table. She has a medical emphasis and also offers acupressure and cupping.

Jezara James has an athletic background and specializes in sports massage, using a broad pressure which helps reduce and release the lactic acid and buildup that can be present in muscles.

While individual massages are always an option, Bashore noted a new trend is emerging: group and couples massage. With four separate rooms, each equipped with heated beds, robes and slippers, several people can come and enjoy a relaxing experience together.

“It’s become a popular thing to do,” said Bashore. “We have had people with out-of-town company come together, we’ve had families, and of course couples. It’s something fun to do in Willits that groups can do together.”

The clean, professional and inviting atmosphere extends out from the private rooms and into the waiting area. Infused water and comfortable couches sit under art on the walls by local artist Margaret Piroquette. The heating and air conditioning throughout the studio

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Other Roots festivities took place at the Rec Grove park and included more steam-powered machines on display and a screen-printing activity for the public, featuring the pressing work of both the Buffalo and Kelly Springfield steam rollers.

Participants created etchings of their own devising using the provided materials of linoleum sheets and chisels. Sebastopol Artist Rik Olson and Chad Johnson of the San Francisco Center for the Book were on hand to help ink up the etchings, and position them to be steam-rolled and pressed permanently onto paper.

Both Olson and Johnson have a long history with the Center for the Book, a non-profit organization that incorporates the art and craft of letterpress printing, bookbinding and artists’ bookmaking.

The company will be borrowing the two Roots steam rollers – the Kelly and the Buffalo Springfield – for this coming weekend’s Annual Roadworks Steamroller Printing Festival in San Francisco.

County Executive Office, 707-463-4441.

This year’s budget was prepared based on three additional budget preparation workshops, held in March, April and May and adopted after two days of budget hearings in June. This process was critical in developing a budget that is responsive to community needs, as well as an entirely re-envisioned budget document format that provides more information to the public, in a way that is easier to understand.

The budget addresses the needs of the citizens of Mendocino County with a focus on maintaining and improving county services, investment in employees, investing in critically failing infrastructure, continued long-term debt reduction, and building and maintaining the general reserve.

The county budget is also available through the County Budget Portal at <https://comendocinoca.opengov.com/transparency>. The portal was launched in the fall of 2015 in an effort to provide a more inclusive and transparent budget. Mendocino County partnered with OpenGov.com to provide a new web-based financial transparency and business intelligence tool that dynamically presents the county’s revenues and expenses, from multi-year trends to line item level details.

By using the OpenGov platform, residents and staff can use this website to have access and a better understanding of the county’s budget.

Carmel J. Angelo, CEO,
Mendocino County
Executive Office

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well the industry is doing,” McCowen said. “Many people expect that with the increased legalization, the price of marijuana will fall.... I think it makes more sense to wait and see what’s really going on in terms of the economics of this new industry as it comes further above ground.”

The county’s Measure AI also would implement a \$2,500 flat tax on all non-cultivation-related cannabis businesses, such as distribution, manufacturing, delivery or testing.

Both measures have stipulations for “non-medical” cannabis in the likelihood that Proposition 64 (the state measure that would legalize adult recreational use) passes this fall, or something similar passes later.

Measure AF would tax non-medical cannabis at 5 percent, while the county’s AI would tax it the same as it does medical cannabis, starting at the 2.5 percent level.

Though it’s not on the ballot, another factor in the election is the board’s own county cultivation ordinance with a comprehensive regulatory and permit structure supervisors have been working on.

The cultivation ordinance is available for public view in its current form at www.co.mendocino.ca.us/planning/publicnotices. It’s called the Medical Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance, or MCCO.

The county MCCC could go into effect if Measure AF fails, although it still needs to go through an extensive environmental and public review before going to the board for a vote. According to McCowen, Measure AF doesn’t have to go through the same California Environmental Quality Act review, since it’s a voter initiative.

If Measure AF doesn’t pass, there would be no real regulatory framework to implement the taxes in Measure AI (if it passes), until the board passes its cultivation ordinance. However, McCowen, who is strongly opposed to AF, thinks the county MCCC could be in place before the start of the next outdoor growing season in spring 2017, although he admits that depends on how smoothly the environmental review goes.

“I’m very optimistic we will have an ordinance,” McCowen said. “The board is completely in support of it. I think it could come back to the board in either December or January for the board to consider. The unknown is, would anyone challenge it with a lawsuit claiming the environmental process wasn’t sufficient?”

The current draft county MCCC contains no language regarding the non-cultivation cannabis businesses that the \$2,500 flat tax would address, but McCowen said the board plans to pass an ordinance for these as well.

“The county has committed to developing permits for all of the state license types, and we expect those will all come online in 2017,” he said. “Now that the cultivation ordinance is ready to undergo environmental review, I expect we’re going to see action on developing those other permit types.”

The “state license types” he refers to fall under the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act; it was passed in 2016 by the state and goes into full effect in 2018. MCRSA outlines different cannabis permits which counties can choose to adopt or not.

Both the AF Heritage Initiative and the county’s

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Laytonville resident California Highway Patrol officers assisted with voluntary evacuations in the 900 block of Woodman Creek Road.

Six air tankers and two helicopters initially battled the fire, but were released Saturday night, according to a Santa Rosa Press Democrat report.

There were no reports of property loss.

CalFire and inmate crews were joined by Laytonville Fire Department volunteers, and assets from Little Lake Fire Department, Leggett Volunteer Fire Department, the Ukiah Valley Fire District and Potter Valley Fire Department to battle the blaze, according to CalFire Fire Prevention Specialist Lesley Smith.

Laytonville resident Chris Darr told blogger Kym Kemp at Redheaded Blackbelt “he and a crew from JW Morrison, Inc. helped save the home of one of his boss’s neighbors.”

“I was cruisin’ back from town to get ready for a wedding,” Darr said, when he saw smoke from the fire.

“I pulled into my boss’s,” Darr told Kemp. “We go on fires sometimes with our dozers.”

Darr’s boss had a water truck, Kemp explained, and they piled in, then drove towards the flames.

“The fire was blowing so it was spotting all over the place,” Darr told Kemp. “We just took the water truck to a neighbor’s and made sure she got out safe.” The men helped her get her animals and property out of the house, then “started working to save the house.”

At one point the fire “came about 50 feet to 100 feet from her house,” Darr said.

“We got the lady’s water system going,” Darr told Kemp. Then firefighters showed up. “Once they all showed up, we took off to make sure our boss’s house didn’t burn down.”

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Editor’s note: Kym Kemp’s Redheaded Blackbelt blog out of southern Humboldt County, <http://kymkemp.com>, specializes in live-blogging fire reports, and is a great source for anyone seeking details on fires in the region.

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MCCO draw from MCRSA, and both would adopt its tiered, parcel-size-based permit structure, but there are significant differences between the two.

For example, with the proper permits, AF would allow for parcels over 20 acres to grow up to 1 acre (43,560 square feet) of cannabis, the maximum amount allowed under MCRSA. The county cultivation ordinance would cap it off at 10,000 square feet, for parcels over 10 acres. McCowen pointed out – going by an average plant size of 100 square feet (10 x 10) – the county ordinance would still allow around 100 plants to be grown, four times the amount allowed under the current 9.31 ordinance of 25 plants per parcel.

McCowen, who signed as one of the proponents of the rebuttal argument against Measure AF on the ballot, feels that initiative goes too far in expanding farm sizes and zoning allowances, and its restrictions and regulations are not strong enough, especially given the increase in production it allows.

“I think AF, however well-intended it may have been, is fatally flawed in at least half a dozen critical areas,” he said. He cites reduced setbacks from schools, parks, youth-oriented facilities, churches and residential treatment centers, and also allowing increased cultivation in “virtually every zoning district” among these flaws.

McCowen also believes the county MCCC has stronger protections against outside business interests moving into the area. While Measure AF has a two-year Mendocino County residency requirement for anyone to receive a cannabis permit, the county MCCC would require you show proof you’ve used a parcel for cannabis cultivation prior to 2016 in order to receive any permit for that parcel until the year 2020. It would be possible to transfer your permit from one parcel to another, under certain conditions, into a proper zone.

McCowen said the board’s overall goal with the MCCC and county cannabis policies in general is to strike a balance between the business interests of cannabis farmers and the rest of the community, and he feels the county’s ordinance will do this better than Measure AF, given a chance.

“It achieves a greater balance between the needs of the industry and the needs of the general community and the environment,” he said. “I’m interested in trying to regulate the existing cultivators we have, allow for a reasonable expansion of production, but also balance that with public safety and protection of the environment.”

He also believes it’s fair to ask cannabis farmers to contribute to the county with taxes, and Measure AI is the right vehicle to do that.

“I think everyone can recognize that marijuana has had significant impacts on the county,” he said. “Especially as we’re allowing for expanded production and expanded business types, it’s time for the industry to start paying its share of the taxes.”

Measures AI, AJ and AF can all now be viewed on the county website, exactly how they will appear on the ballot, along with all the other county measures, at www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr/measure.

Editor’s note: Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse, who was on the ad hoc committee that developed Measure AI, told Willits Weekly he was declining any further comment on marijuana issues.

Coast man nabbed following foot chase

A 45-year-old Mendocino Coast man was arrested September 1 after a sheriff’s deputy ran him down when he bolted from his car following a morning traffic stop in the 100 block of Kawi Place in Willits.

Donald Ralph McCloud is being held without bail in county jail on a Texas fugitive warrant. He also is suspected of possessing methamphetamine and narcotics paraphernalia.

The chase began at about 10:20 am following a traffic enforcement stop, according to sheriff’s Lt. Kirk Mason.

After pulling his car into a dirt parking lot on Kawi Drive, McCloud bolted from the car and a foot chase began between McCloud and the deputy, Mason said.

The deputy, he noted, ordered McCloud “to stop running on numerous occasions,” however McCloud, a Point Arena resident, “continued to run from the deputy.”

Finally, the deputy warned McCloud he would deploy his Taser if he did not stop, but “McCloud continued to run.”

“The deputy then deployed his Taser,” Mason said, and “McCloud stopped running and was apprehended.”

It was later determined McCloud was wanted on a Texas parole hold, Mason said. While searching him, the deputy also found “a methamphetamine smoking pipe and methamphetamine.”

McCloud was taken to county jail, where he also faces charges of driving a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked license.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office.



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Airport Day on Sunday

Take an airplane or copter ride over the Little Lake Valley

This Sunday, September 18, the City of Willits presents the 24th annual Willits Airport Day & Burger Fly-In to celebrate its popular community airport. Airplane and helicopter rides over the Little Lake Valley and 101 bypass will be sold, and a variety of aircraft will be on display.

The Willits Lions Club will offer hamburgers, hot dogs, and sodas, and the Willits Senior Center will sell their popular root beer floats.

Expected exhibitors include REACH Air Medical Services, CALSTAR, CalFire, California Highway Patrol, Willits-Brooktrails Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Brooktrails Fire Department, Little Lake Fire Department, Willits Police Department, KLLG, Willits Hometown Radio, and others.

During the event, REACH employees will hold an open house at their medical services base at Willits Airport with guided tours of a state-of-the-art H135 helicopter and their office and staff quarters. CalFire will demonstrate an emergency lift operation with their helicopter.

Other services will offer displays, exhibits and information booths. American Legion Post 174 color guard will open the celebration with a flag ceremony. Willits Airport Day & Burger Fly-In is scheduled from 9 am to 3 pm on Sunday. Admission is free!

Willits Municipal Airport is located 4.8 miles northwest up Sherwood Road and then 1 mile east on Poppy. Follow the "Airport Day" signs. Additional information on the 2016 Willits Airport Day & Burger Fly-In is available by calling Airport Manager Dan Ramsey at 707-841-6252.

— submitted by Dan Ramsey, airport manager

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Emandal hosts annual fundraiser for Willits Library, Willits Daily Bread

Still in the realm of Not Just Cowboy Poetry, this year's fundraiser for Willits Library and Willits Daily Bread will feature an absolutely amazing piano playing performer, the Queen of Boogie Woogie herself, Ms. Wendy DeWitt! Totally mesmerizing when she is on stage, she's beyond incredible. To add to the afternoon's entertainment: a thought-provoking, whimsical cowboy poet, Dick Warwick, from the plains of eastern Washington. Well-known in Australia, he's come home with numerous awards each time he recites. Yet that's not all! A cowboy band from the foothills of the Sierras, Dust in My Coffee. What a line-up!

Come to the concert on Saturday, September 24, not only to have a good time, but to provide funds for both the library and our local food for the hungry. Additionally, Willits Senior Center will have their own Silent Auction ... with proceeds going to their new roof fund.

New this year, Willits Center for the Arts will present their very first "Farm Art Flip" ... which will help keep the new center going. Numerous local artists of the area are donating unique pieces of art, created from things they've found while strolling through "junk" piles on neighbors' farms and ranches. Hence the name ... objects flipped into art Farm Art Flip!

With every ticket comes wood-fired brick oven pizza by Kashaya Adams. It will be served prior to, and after the concert. Apple pie and ice cream? Get that at intermission!

Whiskey tasting? As a VIP (\$125/person) you'll have the opportunity to meet and greet all the performers, as well as taste American Craft Distillery Whiskey from 2 to 3 pm. The concert is at 3 pm. Pizza from 2 to 3 and one hour after the show. Silent auctions from 2 to 4:40 pm. Live auction at the end of intermission. Regular tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate; kids under 12 \$15 in advance; \$20 at the gate. Tickets at brownpapertickets.com, the Willits Senior Center, Willits Center for the Arts, Willits Library, at the gate, or by calling 459-9252.

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— submitted by Tamara Adams, Emandal

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Kelsay's sentencing hearing before Superior Court Judge Ann Moorman.

Kelsay had been serving her four-year sentence for embezzling from Geiger's Long Valley Market in county jail before investigators determined she had lied 23 times during her April jury trial, Eyster said. In a pre-planned plea bargain, she admitted to two counts of perjury and a single count of submitting false financial declarations in a separate family law matter, the DA said.

When she is transported to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from the Low Gap jail facility in Ukiah, Eyster believes Kelsay will be "initially housed at the Central California Women's Facility in Chowchilla for classification and final institution assignment."

Moorman also ordered Kelsay to pay \$552,235 in restitution for the money she stole from her employer; the restitution agreement calls for the "legal rate" of 10 percent annual interest on any unpaid balance.

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school was "rewired," and new wireless hubs are still going in. Even for those with no internet connection at home, the Chromebook will store materials while at school for them to use when they leave campus, and then sync up when they return.

"A one-to-one [student to computer] scenario evens the playing field for every child," said Westerberg. "The poorest child and the wealthiest child go home with the same technology."

During a presentation to trustees, Westerberg ran through the advantages the Chromebook program will give students, including improved communication with teachers through email; improved computer skills and proficiency at a younger age; less need for heavy, expensive textbooks; automatic internet links if a student is having trouble with a subject; and the streamline effect of every student using the same software associated with Chromebook.

Westerberg said the plan will not add to the school's overall budget since funds already allotted for technology will be used, while savings will accrue to the district on textbooks. The Chromebooks cost about \$220 each, and while the average textbook costs around \$150, he said.

California is a leader in the use of online "FlexBooks," which will be free for the district, Westerberg added. He estimated almost 70 percent of hard textbooks eventually would be replaced with Chromebook-accessed materials.

Every student will fill out a usage agreement before obtaining their laptop, and then return them at the end of the year so they can be reprogrammed and made ready for use by next year's students.

Westerberg said eventually middle-school students in the district would use Chromebooks as well, starting with eighth-graders who would likely get used ones from the seniors when that set is replaced. In the meantime, much of WHS's old computers and technology can soon go to Baechtel

Supes appoint Hamburg to Clean Power board

Supervisor Dan Hamburg will represent Mendocino County on the board of directors of Sonoma Clean Power Authority. John McCowen (Second District) was appointed Tuesday as alternate. The vote was 4-0, with Supervisor Tom Woodhouse absent.

Sonoma Clean Power Authority is a "community choice aggregate" or CCA organization, empowered by state legislation approved in 2002.

CCAs buy electric power from various markets and use existing major utility infrastructure to deliver energy to homes and businesses throughout the state. Because CCAs are non-profit organizations, they can sell energy more cheaply than commercial, for-profit corporations that must provide dividends to shareholders.

Sonoma Clean Power Authority offers energy that is "cleaner" or more environmentally benign than energy provided by regional provider Pacific Gas and Electric. The price ranges from about 1 percent below PG&E's standard price, to about 10 percent higher than PG&E's standard price, for SCPA's ultra-clean, 100 percent solar-powered energy mix.

Local ratepayers will be given an opportunity to "opt in" with SCPA or to stay with PG&E.

The organization is based in Sonoma County and recently has approved expanding to Mendocino County and various cities in the county, except for Ukiah, which has its own independent energy provider.

According to county Deputy CEO Christopher Shaver, SCPA directors have not yet voted Hamburg onto the board. That is slated to occur on October 10.

Thereafter, the organization will update its implementation plan and file it with the California Public Utilities Commission (November 1), will receive CPUC certification (December 31), will commence public outreach in Mendocino County, advising local residents of benefits of switching over to SCPA (February 1, 2017), will begin enrolling local customers (March 15, 2017), will have a second wave of enrollment (April 15, 2017), and will begin service delivery to local customers (June 1, 2017).

According to Shaver, if the city councils of two of the three non-Ukiah cities in the county (Fort Bragg, Willits and Point Arena) vote to allow their residents to opt in to SCPA, the cities will gain an additional seat on the Sonoma Clean Power Authority board.

Grove, since it won't be necessary at the high school.

Board President Christopher Neary said trustees fully supported Westerberg's plan, so there was no need for a vote because discussions and budgeting had already taken place. He said originally Westerberg had talked of implementing the one-to-one Chromebook plan by next year, and he was happy they were able to find a way to get it going sooner.

"Not only is it substantively adding to the ability of our educational program," said Neary, "but it's sending a message to students that we're serious about education.... I think it's going to create a lot of excitement around this high school.... I imagine it's going to be received very well, and we're going to see very quickly a lifting up of student morale."

Trustee Georgeanne Croskey said she was "very excited" about the new program. "I think we are setting our kids up to be ready for whatever they want to do, and that's the goal."

Strong words from WTA

Willits Teachers Association President John Haschak had strong words regarding comments made by the school board at the August 3 meeting, which he felt unfairly placed too much blame on the WTA for lack of pay raises for beginning teacher salaries in the new contract.

In a lengthy statement, he detailed what he saw as WTA's continuous efforts over the last two years to try to increase starting pay during negotiations, which he felt were negatively impacted by a lack of leadership on the part of the board, and lack of capability by then-Superintendent Patricia Johnson.

"WTA was left at the table with a superintendent who did not have any ability and/or understanding to negotiate the district's finances," said Haschak. "Yet the district had the responsibility and legal requirement to negotiate with WTA.



Under construction

Major work is underway at old Vassar's Pizza building

Alert community members driving on Main Street north of Commercial have noticed that major work is underway at the old Vassar's Family Pizza building, which has been vacant for several years. On Tuesday afternoon, a pair of workers were removing the roofing from the southern addition to the building, and a large pile of concrete chunks was stacked out back. The main portion of the west side of the building has also already been removed.

"The owner of the building, Roberto Vasquez, started

— Maureen Moore



Traffic stop ends in drug arrest

An August 25 traffic stop in the 300 Block of East Commercial Street resulted in the arrest of a Willits man on suspicion of transporting drugs for sale.

According to a Sheriff's Office press release, 39-year-old Charles Gielow, a passenger in the vehicle deputies pulled over, was free on bail from Mendocino County Jail at the time of the early afternoon traffic stop, and two warrants had been issued for his arrest.

After being taken into custody, deputies discovered Gielow was in possession of 21 grams of heroin, 1.17 grams of methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia, the Sheriff's Office reported.

Deputies placed Gielow under arrest on suspicion of felony transportation for sale, felony committing the same or similar offense while released on bail, misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance, and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

He is being held in county jail in lieu of \$155,000 bail.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

So we continued to negotiate without a budget person in the room for the district."

He pointed out WTA ended up negotiating for fully paid health benefits, which "helps those making lower salaries disproportionately," such as new teachers.

"This was our attempt to help those new hires when all else broke down," he added.

"WTA feels it has done everything it could in good faith to meet the critical need of enhancing our salary schedule in order to hire the best applicants for WUSD employment," Haschak said. "This has not been reciprocated on the part of WUSD. Please place the blame accordingly.

"You're the school board, and our understanding is that you're overseeing negotiations, the conduct of your negotiators, and the direction. If this is not the case, as it seems like it wasn't, then learn from this situation and correct what needs to be corrected."

Neary acknowledged the somewhat chaotic circumstances of the negotiations, given Johnson's impending resignation, among other things. With a new superintendent in place, Neary said he doesn't foresee the same thing happening next time, which will be soon since the current WTA contract is only for one year.

"We're going to have a much tighter ship on negotiations next year, I guarantee you," Neary said.

Other news

Students from the Willits High School chapter of Future Farmers of America led off the meeting with a slide presentation about their experience at the Redwood Empire Fair in Ukiah in August. Several kids from the group won awards in a variety of different competitions.

WHS Principal Robert Chavez told trustees the academic decathlon program is returning to the high school. History teacher Mary Colvig will teach the class.



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