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# WHS students to receive **new laptops**

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Willits Unified School District Superintendent Mark Westerberg announced all high school students in the district will receive their own Dell Chromebook laptop for the year starting in October.

Students will get much of their class materials through the Chromebook, and will be able to use them at school and take them home, Westerberg told district trustees at their September 4 meeting.

"This is a real game changer for us," he said. "It will change how our kids think about what they do, and it will change their ability to do things."

To prepare for the change over the summer, the high

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#### Kelsay headed to **state prison**

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**Brooktrails** Former resident Christine Kelly Kelsay, 35, was sentenced 104 Tuesday to months in state prison embezzling almost \$500,000 from a Laytonville market over a seven-year period and admitting to lying under oath during her trial. The sentence includes 60 months for the original embezzlement and 44 months consecutive for the perjury.

"With credits earned and to be earned, it is believed Kelsay will be required to serve approximately 48 more actual months of incarceration," said Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster in a Facebook post following

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#### Ruff Fire 95 percent contained

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The Ruff Fire, which burned 50 acres of vegetation and timberland off Highway 101 and Woodruff Road north of Laytonville, was 95 percent contained by Wednesday morning, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The blaze, which started just after 2 pm on Saturday, September 10, closed down Highway 101 for more than two hours after flames jumped the roadway and briefly threatened three homes.

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Above, from left: Pineapple tomatoes, a Rosa Bianca eggplant and a variety of veggies from the garden of Donna Schindel. Below: The best thing about this time of year is the rainbow of delicious options that come out of home and community gardens.

Carden SPOW



Above: Donna Schindel holds three giant scallop squash grown in her garden. Below: Winter starts ready to be planted in the freshly turned beds.



# Donna Schindel's garden beds burst with summer fruits and veggies

It's taken about 30 years, but Willits gardener Donna Schindel says the garden at the Schindels' Willits valley home has gotten just about as big and bountiful as it's ever going to get.

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"The garden is finally at that point where I just can't quite keep up," laughed Schindel as she surveyed the rows of plants covered in healthy leaves and dripping with fruits and veggies from what seemed like every

limb. "This year, everything I grew came from seeds, many of which I saved myself from prior gardens, and everything has done so well, my husband Greg and I have been giving baskets away left and right so we're not wasting anything."

Schindel's green thumb was honed by working for many years in the nursery industry and being an avid gardener herself. This year, she credits some of her gardening success to a good dose of goat manure from Shamrock Ranch, household and yard-waste compost, and additions of Mykos Mycorrhizae, a natural and organic single species of beneficial soil fungi meant to help increase nutrient water availability.

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Below, from left: Baskets of zucchini, eggplant, beans, tomatoes, carrots and beets all came from the garden of Willits' Donna Schindel.

Photos by Maureen Moore and Donna Schindel.



## A look at the county's cannabis tax measure

With less than two months until Election Day, county supervisors are hoping enough voters are swayed to push Measure AI – the county's cannabis tax ordinance – to victory in November, along with its companion advisory Measure AJ regulating how to spend the majority of that new tax revenue.

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To win, AI will not only have to get over 50 percent of the vote, but must also beat out Measure

AF, the voter-submitted "Heritage Initiative," which has its own cannabis tax language as well as regulations and a permit structure for the entire industry.

If Measure AI gets the most votes, but both get over 50 percent, then AF would still go into effect, with the tax code written in AI. However, if Measure AF gets the most votes – and over 50 percent – then it will be adopted in its entirety.

Measure AJ would "advise" the board of supervisors to spend the majority of the cannabis tax revenue from Al (if it passes) on four major purposes: Fire and emergency medical services, county road repair, mental health, and marijuana enforcement.

Regarding taxes, both Measures AI and AF start with a 2.5 percent county tax on gross receipts from medical marijuana cultivation, but AI has some additions. It would also implement minimum square footage taxes, from \$1,250 for gardens 2,500 square feet or less, up to \$5,000 for gardens larger than 5,000 square feet.

Also under Measure AI, starting in 2020 supervisors would be able to raise the 2.5 percent gross receipts tax by 2.5 percent each year, up to a maximum of 10 percent.

Mendocino County Second District Supervisor John McCowen was on the board's ad hoc committee that drafted the cannabis tax measure, along with Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse. McCowen feels the measure's tax flexibility is one of the advantages of Al.

He said the measure's original draft had automatic tax increases built into it, but he supported giving future boards the option of increasing taxes or not.

"I think [whether they raise the tax] will be based on how

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Voter registrar hears

#### criticism at BOS

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Mendocino County voter registrar Sue Ranochak agreed to make modest changes in the county's electoral procedure Tuesday following discussions with the board of supervisors.

Ranochak agreed to have further discussions with county Assistant CEO Alan Flora regarding physical changes to her office's vote counting room, as well as adding temporary personnel to her staff during the crucial election canvassing period.

She also was asked by Supervisor John McCowen to consider consolidating some voter precincts in the

#### Read the rest of Criticism

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# McCowen criticizes county cannabis consultant

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Supervisor John Mc-Cowen on Tuesday criticized a consulting group's project description of the supervisors' draft cannabis cultivation ordinance, saying the 14-page document was written in such a way he wondered if the consultants understood what the county is trying to do with the measure.

The document was drafted September 1 by LACO, a consulting group retained to help county staff meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act in the cultivation ordinance.

"I think a lot of this was written by a consultant quite ignorant of the nuances" of

Read the rest of Cannabis

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BOS gets update on sheriff's pot program

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Mendocino County Undersheriff Randy Johnson on Tuesday told supervisors his team of inspectors has completed 281 inspections since July as part of the county's 9.31 medical marijuana cultivation program.

The program, run by the Sheriff's Office, offers temporary legitimization and a quasi-protected status for medical marijuana cultivators.

Johnson said two inspec-

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# 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 hav 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 concern. Seems the last couple years it

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,

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

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 the Farm-to-Table-on-the-Bypass Dinner planned by the Willits Chamber of Commerce is sadly misquided.

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?

talking from friends and family going to All of the points in your letter are about what meetings. Willits has always had a traffic Caltrans has already done. Fait accompli. Like you and many others, I opposed the has gotten worse. We have always had a Caltrans bypass as being too expensive, problem getting from one end of town to too damaging, too detrimental to the town's the other at certain times; one reason is economy, and a bad design compared to this town was built with only one road from more sensible options. They did what they

end to end, so we do not have much of a 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 Main Street Plan 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 wiselv.

Gary Owen, Willits

#### Jail Garden Project

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 hardworking inmates enjoy being part of the

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.

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.

to have closer resources and local services. It will allow our courts to get some of our non-violent inmates some improved mental

Sheriff Tom Allman, Willits

## Feedback on

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-

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

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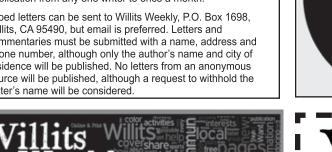
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Above, from left: An information booth at the brunch with a slide show of photos describing daily life at the school. Flowers provided by Fortunate Farm and Black Dog Farm. Student Lyndsey Burns talks about learning how to handle and care for the free-range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

# School breakfast

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

A diverse, curious and hungry group movement. "We're attracting worldof more than 50 people gathered at the renowned agriculturists who are coming historic Carriage House on Ridgewood Ranch Saturday morning to be wowed by the Grange School of Adaptive Agriculture, with an informational

a brilliantly crafted

Ree Slocum

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-vear farmer at Tequio Farm.

the GSAA is a pioneer in the new farming

During King's talk she informed us that Read the rest of Over on Page 11 Grange

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

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

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

and experience.

community in the county and beyond.

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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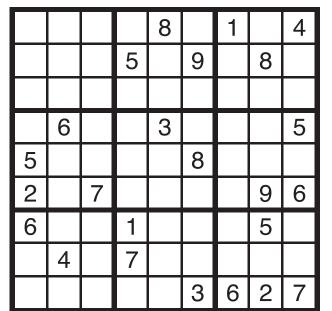
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16. Light Armored Reconnaissance (abbr.) 17. Computer manufacturer

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

Dead Sea

56. Partly digested food 57. Fevers

60. Midway between east and southeast

62. Gallivant

1. Major division of time 2. Withered

4. Single sheet of glass 5. More long-legged

7. Archway in a park 8. Oliver \_\_\_, author

10. Type of shampoo

54. One point east of

55. Ancient kingdom near

59. Genus of trees 28. Chinese surname

61. Jewish spiritual leader

63. Hideaway 64. Source

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3. Portends good or evil

6. Scrutinized

9. Ancient Greek City

12. \_\_ King Cole 14. Adventure story 19. Satisfy

23. Disappointment 24. Evergreen shrub 25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)

26. Young snob (Brit.)

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29. Poplar trees (Spanish)

34. Electron scanning microscope

35. Actor DiCaprio 36. Equal (prefix)

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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

southeast 58. Sex Pistols bassist

"I'm sure everyone here remembers the first Patriot Day.

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

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

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Damian Sebouhian

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lot harder because of that.'

Local firefighters

and veterans salute during the national

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"Please help us to never forget those who that day and what they were doing," said Brooktrails Fire Chief Daryl Schoeppner. "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."

Patriot Day

Veterans, first responders commemorate

9/11 with annual ceremony

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

During the September 11, 2001 attacks n 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



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





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tors have been working hard since the program was closed to new applicants as part of a legal settlement between the county and the Mendocino County Blacktail Association.

On June 22, the final day 9.31 was open to new candidates under the provisions of the settlement. the Sheriff's Office received 200 applications to join the program, Johnson said.

Since the beginning of the year, he noted, 337 growers have applied to join 9.31. Six dropped out of the program, and three were removed because of violations of the law or complaints. Of the remaining 328 program participants, 25 were in the 9.31 program in 2011.

Forty-six inspections are still pending, Johnson said, and 76 permits have been issued.

Relations between the Sheriff's Office and 9.31 applicants have positive, Johnson "Overall. the applicants have been very cordial, very compliant."

Laytonville attorney Hannah Nelson, who specializes in cannabisrelated legal issues, praised the work of Johnson and his officers.

"They've done tremendous job," Nelson said, especially considering the "last-minute cramming in of a lot of changes."

"I just want to have that on the public record," she said. "I have a lot of ongoing contact with the office, and every single time they've been nothing but helpful

"I've heard from a lot of my clients and other community members." Nelson added. "And they have told me the same thing, completely unsolicited so that is the word on the street. Everybody is really quite happy.

The 9.31 program has had a colorful and checkered history. It was adopted by the board of supervisors in January 2008 and suspended in March 2011 under threat of legal action by the U.S. Department of Justice. After the September 2015 adoption of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act by the California Legislature, the 9.31 ordinance was revised by the board of supervisors' medical marijuana ad hoc committee and by the board itself. It was adopted by supervisors on May 17 as an urgency ordinance.

The Mendocino County Blacktail Association filed the lawsuit on June 8, alleging the county did not follow California Environmental Quality Act rules when it adopted the revised ordinance.

The urgency ordinance was adopted in tandem with creation of a permanent medical marijuana cultivation ordinance, currently in the process of being written. County legal and planning staff have indicated the process of drafting a permanent ordinance that will comply with CEQA regulations will take a minimum of eight to 10 months, measured from the start of the planning process in April.

The CEQA process of noticed public hearings and a thorough and responsible environmental assessment of the impacts of the project was not followed in adopting the urgency ordinance.

City of Ukiah to enable local citizens, including McCowen himself, to vote in person in the

McCowen also requested that Ranochak issue one or more interim reports on election results to the public during the weeks-long canvassing period. Currently, the public has no idea how candidates or ballot measures are faring in close

While Ranochak did not specifically agree to McCowen's requests, she did not say she would not do them.

"Am I supposed to be providing more updates?" Ranochak rhetorically asked the supervisors. "I'm willing to look at it. Am I gonna change my mind? Maybe not." Ranochak also told supervisors: "Races typically don't change from the results on election night.

Ranochak, formally the county's assessorcounty clerk-recorder, holds elected office. so she does not work under the direction of the board of supervisors. However, supervisors do control the budget for her department, which includes that of registrar of voters.

The focus on Ranochak and the local voting process came at the request of Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse, who requested a discussion with her several months ago. At the time the request was made, Woodhouse said he wanted to know why Ranochak's office was so slow in getting election results out.

Ranochak said her department was affected by both the county's geography and state

"Mendocino County is a large county, and our road system is ... well. We have a lot of two-lane roads. It takes a lot of time to get some of those votes in to Ukiah." Ranochak said.

And by virtue of a 2007 order by former California Secretary of State Debra Bowen, Ranochak said, her office must conduct a hand count of the results instead of a machine count. Bowen issued her order so Californians would be spared the electoral fraud that allegedly has occurred in states where electronic voting machines are used to count votes.

Ranochak also noted her office completed its canvass (a process that involves checking,

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the ordinance, McCowen said.

The project description is important because it creates the "first impression" for state and federal resource agencies, as well as the public. about the project. Comments from the agencies and the public help the county to determine whether or not an environmental impact report for the project is necessary. A misleading project description doesn't help agencies draft meaningful comments.

McCowen noted three areas of the project description he called misleading. The first was a section called "Prior Effects of Cannabis Cultivation" found on page 5 of the document. In this section, LACO wrote, "For the purposes of this initial study, the lead agency assumes that existing operations which qualify for permits under the proposed ordinance are generally physically indistinguishable from those which do not qualify.

McCowen said LACO got that wrong, and growers who do not qualify for permits are distinguishable from those who do qualify.

This led to a highly nuanced philosophical debate between McCowen and county Planning and Building Services Lead Planner Andy

"I would suggest we've heard the comment that we need to define 'baseline.' But we need to define it in the context of what can be supported by case law," Gustafson said. "We aren't obligated to analyze the impact of unpermitted grows, but we can look at it, above and beyond what the illegal grows are today."

Gustafson said CEQA case law had established that illegal conditions can be ignored when trying to establish the baseline of an environmental situation.

McCowen, however, argued that including the unpermitted and unpermittable marijuana grows in the county's baseline for this project would be helpful in showing that the proposed ordinance will improve the environment.

"Illegal activity is part of the baseline." McCowen said. "All the marijuana that is being cultivated now - whether it is totally compliant

#### Laytonville man held for carrying weapon

A 60-year-old Laytonville man was arrested Saturday morning shortly after 9:30 am when sheriff's deputies discovered a 10-inch-long dagger concealed in

Deputies had stopped Rocky Gene Boccaleoni after discovering him walking along the road in the 45000 block of Highway 101, according to a Sheriff's Office press

The deputies "observed a hatchet lying next to Boccaleoni's feet," and then found the dagger tucked in his

Boccaleoni was arrested for possession of a dirk or dagger and booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was held in lieu of \$15,000 bail.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County

double-checking and triple-checking) of votes cast during the June 7 primary election on June 30. For that election, she said, Mendocino terms of early completion of the canvass.

McCowen urged Ranochak to provide the public with additional updates that would reflect the totals as late-arriving votes, mail-in votes, and provisional ballots are added to the total.

"Given the shift to vote by mail, we have also had a shift to a great majority of votes not being reported on election night, [and that may] call into question the results of the election, McCowen said. "I do think we could provide an earlier update. I think the benefits of that would outweigh whatever liabilities would accrue from not doing this."

Ranochak said she and her elections staff frequently discuss how the election and canvassing process could be improved. "We are constantly talking, analyzing, how we can do

However, the elections wing of her office is short-staffed currently, down to three people from five, she said.

Ranochak added she has considered the benefits of enhanced training and believes increasing staff salaries would help employee

A relatively small amount of money, between \$2,000 and \$3,000, could enable her to add another team of canvassers to her office during the canvassing period, she said.

Assistant CEO Flora said he could find the money somewhere and would make it available to Ranochak.

#### Ranochak accused of hostility to observers

Three women decried their treatment at Ranochak's hands during the June 7 primary and thereafter, while they were observing the canvassing process.

Cynthia Raiser Jeavons, Aleshanee Akin, and Deborah Moore said Ranochak was hostile toward them and made it difficult for them to observe what was happening in the elections

"We felt a concerted effort was made to ensure the observation process was as difficult as possible," Jeavons said. "Our view of the County was in the top 20 counties in the state in canvassing process was blocked by several boxes. So we couldn't see what was happening. We finished the process really wondering about the accuracy of the vote count.

"The very first experience that I had was, I was told to 'step away from the window,'" Moore said. "We were not given the feeling we could ask questions. We can't say there is something wrong going on in the office. We can't say that because we don't know, because we can't see."

"At the very end, when it seemed there was a break in the canvassing, Aleshanee and I sat in the hallway and waited for the break to end and for work to resume," said Moore. "We had been there for a long time. Aleshanee had been there for two weeks, and I had been there for one week. To go into the office and to ask, 'When are you resuming work?' and to be told, 'The process is complete' - and to have a feeling of being stone-walled.

"We were not told we could ask questions. We were simply told the process was done. And from our perspective, it was very difficult for us to believe what we were being told

That is why, when the reporter came down, we discovered the process was not done. We had been lied to.

"I have a very unfavorable feeling about this," Moore said, "I don't care to be lied to, especially by a county official in a process that is supposed

Akin claimed Ranochak had threatened to call the sheriff to have the observers removed from the premises, a charge Ranochak denied

Ranochak also said when Moore and Akin had asked her what was happening at the end of the process, she had replied, 'The counting was done,' not 'The canvassing was done.'

Part of the reason why Ranochak did not want observers in the room may have to do with the configuration of the office in which the canvassing took place. Flora said he wanted to talk with Ranochak about the possibility of altering the configuration of that space to better accommodate election observers.

Ranochak agreed to meet with Flora

with state and local law, or totally out of the box or for those parcels for which applicants are - that all, collectively, is the baseline.

"It's a challenge," he admitted. "We don't have precise listings of all the locations where this is happening. But there are thousands of sites – many legally compliant and many not. All together, this is part of the baseline.

"And no matter how illegal it is, it's still part of the baseline condition. So, when we are analyzing the project, I believe the impacts of our project are far less than the baseline [impacts] if we couple the regulatory framework with effective enforcement."

McCowen also criticized two later sections of the project description in the penultimate section of the report, "Anticipated Project Impacts." Both referred to anticipated future phases of the cannabis cultivation ordinance

Phase 2, as described by LACO, was an openended phase in which the county would deal with site clearance and grading, soil preparation and pesticide application, grading for roads, installation of water pumps, ponds and irrigation equipment, power-generating equipment and lighting for security and growing, and other issues, presumably throughout all of the various zoning types regulated by the ordinance.

This might lead the reader to conclude that Phase 2 would have a large, but indeterminable. impact on the county's environment.

McCowen said this was wrong. He clarified that Phase 2 would apply only to medium- and large-sized indoor grows in industrial zones.

McCowen said the LACO consultant made a similar gaffe in the description of Phase 3, set to begin on January 1, 2020. LACO characterized this phase as expanding "the potential intensity and location of new cultivation sites to include all permit types and several additional zoning classifications.'

According to McCowen, that characterization was misleading. McCowen said, in the view of the majority of the board of supervisors, Phase 3 will apply to people seeking new permits. That much is true. But new permits will be granted only for applications for parcels designated "Ag"

willing to undertake a watershed assessment to determine if there is enough water to support cultivating marijuana without adversely affecting the water supply. The LACO project description failed to mention those limitations.

McCowen initially asked for the board's permission to sit down with Gustafson and work out the differences between his version of the ordinance and LACO's. But Supervisor Carre Brown said she didn't want McCowen to do that, Board Chairman Dan Gierde suggested McCowen could draft a memo to Gustafson, outlining his views and recon McCowen said he would do that.

After considerable discussion, Gustafson invited McCowen to have a personal discussion with him and a LACO representative. McCowen agreed to that, and Brown and Gjerde agreed McCowen could do so.

During marijuana discussions on Tuesday, only three supervisors were present: McCowen, Gjerde and Brown. Supervisor Dan Hamburg recused himself because a family member is enrolled in the county's 9.31 marijuana program. Supervisor Tom Woodhouse was absent from the day's proceedings.

#### Important change to cannabis ordinance

The board confirmed Tuesday that permit types for cannabis cultivation will be based on square footage of the growing site. That's a shift from previous iterations of the ordinance, which were based on plant count. A memo from Gustafson and county Agriculture Commissioner Chuck Morse clarified the change was made to bring the ordinance into alignment with state law.

"The issue has not been discussed by the board in the context of the cultivation ordinance, but staff continues to recommend alignment with state law, which relies only on square footage, except for the cottage-type permit. Square footage is used in this draft," the memo from Gustafson and Morse said.

The board unanimously approved the future use of square footage in the cultivation

#### Tomahawk lands Covelo man in jail

A 25-year-old Covelo man is being held without bail after sheriff's deputies found him in possession of a tomahawk while on county probation. Daniel Taylor was arrested at about 11 am on August 31 in the 24000

block of Agency Road in Round Valley. After discovering Taylor with the tomahawk, deputies contacted

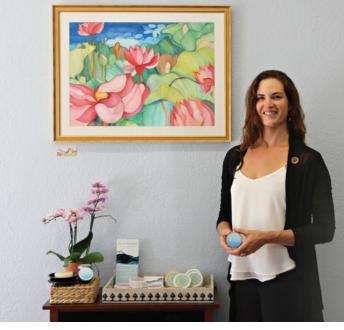
Taylor's probation officer, who told them Taylor was violating his parole by

possessing the weapon. The probation officer added Taylor was also in violation of his parole by not properly reporting to his parole office, resulting in his immediate

arrested for violation of county parole. This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County

Sheriff's Office.





At far left: Sally Pringle demonstrates the cupping technique. At left: Kelly Foutz stands by one of Margaret Pirouette's painting and the display of hand-made soaps. Below: The new staff of Completely You: Sally Pringle, Jezara James. Beth Bashore, Laura Gielow and Kelly Foutz. Further below: Foutz places hot stones down the spine for total relaxation. At bottom, fron left: Bashore works with a client on the floor with one of her massage techniques. Pringle checks in a client and prepares for a session. Gielow demonstrates a chair massage, just like the fiveminute massages they will be offering for free at Mariposa Market on September 26.

# Year Two for 'Completely You'

Main Street Message studio and day spa offers new services in second year

Maureen Moore

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May 15 marked the one-year anniversary of Beth Bashore's massage studio "Completely You," located just across Main Street from Chase Bank in downtown Willits.

The "Completely You" exemplifies Bashore wants customers to view

the studio's offerings "We want everyone to be able to

customize each session to meet their specific needs," explained Bashore. "After a thorough intake process with your therapist, the session can include just what you want to focus on. We can focus on specific areas, or offer head-to-toe relaxation." Bashore's studio is now established

with new staffers who offer a unique selection of techniques. The shop is also now more consistently staffed, too, making walk-in availability more possible

"We like to say, whether you're a construction worker with a schedule change, or a group of six with plans for a spa day, we can accommodate you!" said Bashore.

Bashore herself is able to provide massages that range from soothing to fullstrength which also focus on joints and connective tissue, offering relief and relaxation for hips, ankles, wrists, shoulders and other overworked areas. She

also offers cleansing and rejuvenating Laura Gielow brings a gentle energy and soothing nature for her clients and can find and work out problem areas clients may not even know they had. She is able to recognize energies and

Kelly Foutz has a background in yoga instruction and has picked up some special massage techniques

return a calming experience for her

from her time in Hawaii. She is able to bring these techniques to the mainland and provide a unique,

Sally Pringle is a Tuina (balancing of the chi) specialist. She went to a school of Oriental medicine and provides an invigorating yet relaxing, percussion-like massage to the

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Read the rest of Massage

energetic experience.







# **Pretty Girl**

Pretty has been at the shelter a very long time, since March 28, 2016, and she longs for a home to call her own. As we have gotten to know Pretty, we believe she will do well in a home where there are not a lot of visitors as she tends, at times, to get nervous meeting new people. She warms up to people she knows, and she is walked by many volunteers at the shelter. But she'd also be a wonderful best friend for a single person or adult couple. All this gorgeous girl – 6 years old and 53.7 pounds – wants to do is be loved and please her people. What more could a dog

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and 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 more of the wonderful adoptable animals, please visit www.mendoanimalshelter.com or visit the shelter. More info about adoptions: 467-6453.

Please join us the 2nd Saturday of every month, September 10 this month, for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk, and help us get every dog out for some exercise!





Redwood Meadows is an active independent senior community featuring 101 apartment homes, primarily a mix of one and two bedroom apartments which are single story 4-plex cottage-type set amongst seven acres of park like landscaping.

We are a smoke-free and pet friendly community. We boast a community center where activities are held like card games, Bingo, birthdays and socials. We also have a barbecue area for residents to get together for social functions. Redwood Meadows is conveniently located adjacent to the William F. Harrah Senior Center with a thrift store, cafeteria and taxi service, and Howard Memorial Hospital is just blocks away.



1475 BAECHTEL ROAD *WILLITS, CA 95490* 707-459-1616 MON-FRI 10:00-4:00

#### 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," from 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

From Michael Pollan's "COOKED" Tetralogy

EARTH

Fermentation of

**Our Favorite Foods** 

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 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 Laytonville Art Walk: the 5th Annual Laytonville 15. 8 pm. "Twenty-five years ago Mamadou played a Art Walk is set for Saturday, September 17. "Come groundbreaking role in transforming the music of this—have a full day of family fun on the 101 and suppor region from its origins in hunters' sacred melodies the youth art programs of Laytonville! As always, - played on six string donso ngoni (hunter's harps) - there will be live music, the spectacular kids zone, to a music of philosophical observations, politics and and dozens of amazing local artists to excite and daily life. Mamadou was one of the first to expand the stimulate our minds, bodies and spirit. Dance, be "Fathers, Families, and the Art of Relationships": instrument's range with two extra strings, creating inspired and embrace the beauty of our unique "Inside The Heart and Soul of Two Long-Time Artistic

behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

COLUMN | At the Movies

**'Cafe Society'** 

Note: Ignore the critics. (I'm not a

The Story: This is a love letter

and romantic comedy/drama from

Woody Allen. In the sunny, golden

Daniel Essman Hollywood,

(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

most importantly ... not phony.

Love happens. But heartbreak is

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

know, she's got moxie.

children. Teens and up.

is in the flick, and as indie film lovers

Parents: Too sophisticated for

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality

attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination

soon to follow.

Stewart), who is kind, quiet and

light of 1930s

Bobby from

Bronx

critic, I'm a reviewer.)

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:

#### 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.

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.

Senior Center

Lunch

Week of September 19

through 23

Wednesday: Pulled Pork/Bun

soup, entrée, vegetable,

bread, dessert, and drink. 1501

Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Thursday: Chicken/Apple

Friday: Ham/Pineapple

Monday: Chicken/Bacon

Tuesday: Tamale Pie

Pizza

5th annual Ranch Rodeo

Saturday, October 1

Casserole

arts projects like the high schoolers' flag project Street. With author Jed Diamond and artist Cynda High Water." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com 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 Saturday September 17 at the 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 Ells 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 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.

the popular kamale ngoni." 50 South Main Street, little town! Just a few examples of projects that Art Visionaries," Sunday, September 18 from 1 to 3 pm, Walk proceeds help fund are the awesome fabric at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 E. Commercial

Valle. "Hear Jed and Cynda talk about the artist's 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696. way and how their family histories have influenced their art. You'll be able to see their art in action,

Calling All

MendoWildLife Volunteers

let's collaborate & envision

together, celebrating equinox

& our precious wildlife

Sept. 22 ∘ 5-8pm

Harwood Hall in Laytonville

44400 Willits Ave

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.

What's Happening Around Town

**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 Def-i. 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.

#### Monday, September 19

**Enrollment for Willits 4-H** Club: Enrollment for the Willits 4-H Club is set for Monday, September 19, at 6:30 pm, at Blosser Lane Elementary School. http://cemendocino.ucanr. edu/4-H\_Program/Join\_4-H www.facebook.com/

groups/336984016475010/ for more info on 4-H in

19 from 7 to 9 pm at Room 4 of the Grange, 291 School Street. "Sacred circle dances incorporating responders. American Legion Post 174 color guard song & movement from the World's wisdom traditions coach Mike Colvig, 7:30 pm. which connect us to inner & outer neace."

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

#### Thursday, September 22

Mendo Wildlife Volunteers: New organization meets Thursday, September 22, 5 to 8 pm, at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis 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

#### 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



face demo and fingerprints.

2016 California Indian Days Co-Ed Softball Tournament **Round Valley Indian Reservation** 

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.

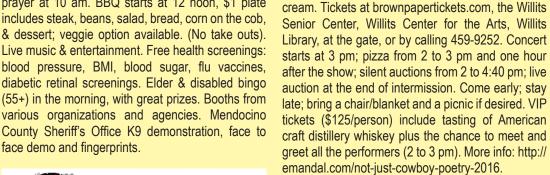
Lego-Palooza!: A two-day festival of Lego fun at the Willits Library, Friday, September 23, 4 to 8 pm is Lego Movie Night: a back-to-back movie marathon of Lego movies! Saturday, September 24, from 11 am to 3 pm is "It Takes a Village": an afternoon of Lego creativity, as everyone gathers to help us 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

'Red Hot Patriot': 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

Mary Burns, left, plays Molly Ivins, right.



'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.

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 A'Dair, the show is a

second-stage production with limited sets and props,

while the focus draws on the work of one amazing

numan 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

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

Saturday, September 24

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 Glutenfree, 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)

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



And Apple Show

September 16 to 18, Boonville

The annual Mendocino County Fair and Apple show is set for

Event schedule: Jr. Swine Show at 3 pm; Lamb Palace Wine

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 234-0607 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

**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,

"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:

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

the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

459-1726 or www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

Radio. Volunteers needed. More information is available at www.KLLG.org or by calling Lanny Cotler at 367-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.

Soroptimists International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at

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

Volleyball Open Gym: at Baechtel Grove gym; Sundays and Tuesdays at 7 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at

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

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday,

Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 10 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook. com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565. Shanachie Pub: Jazz Night every second and fourth

Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable. Open Mic Night every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7:30 pm; pre-signup list starts at 3 pm when the Pub opens. "An eclectic array of local musicians and even performers from around the world!" 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

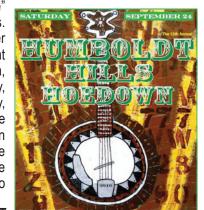
Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room: Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street. Info: 459-2444.

Laytonville Summer Farmers Market: Mondays, June through October, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, garden bouquets, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.

## **Save the Date**

5th annual Ranch Rodeo, October 1, Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds

"Supper on the Bypass – A Farm to Table



## Experience," October 29, Willits bypass

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 Sarahs, 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;

**12th annual Humboldt Hills Hoedown** 

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

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MORE INFO: MARCY BARRY- 272-5395 | ROBBIE BURGESS 489-0476

# **Willits Airport Day** & Burger Fly-In

Sunday, Sept. 18, 9-3

Mendocino County and Willits. Dances of Universal Peace: Monday, September

#### Tuesday, September 20

# 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 Harrah Senior Center serves encouraged to share in their writing lunch five days per week from and discussing their monologues 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and through a series of on-going older: \$5.50 per meal; under workshops. Samson's effective 55: \$7 per meal. Includes group process will aid participants in laying the groundwork for their culminating performances at a third annual "Speakeasy" event to be

Samson says of the very popular series, "This is your chance, folks. The fifth annual Ranch Rodeo event will be held on monologue, then learn to deliver through November 5. Saturday, October 1 at the Willits Frontier Days rodeo it, without script, on a bare stage, at the beginning of the event; spectators can bid/bet up being "absolutely fun."

held at the WCT Playhouse in 2017.

on which team will win and enjoy a 30/70 split of the proceeds if their team wins. The barbecue cookoff will

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Concert Tickets \$10.00 at the Door



#### Free Bridge Lessons Ongoing Saturdays at the library

Free bridge lessons at the Willits Library will again be available weekly, Saturday mornings 10 was drawn to the Ivins material mainly out 2 pm. Admission: \$9 adults; \$7 age 13 to 18; \$6 age 7 to 12; free for Come create an original five-minute am to noon, started on September 10, ongoing of her love for the columnist's brilliant use kids 6 and under. Special promotion on Friday: Seniors 65+ over, \$3,

grounds. Come watch real-life cowboys and cowgirls in and experience the amazingly Berkeley and others have shown that bridge inequality." Directed by long-time WCT details teams of three show their skills in on-the-ranch tasks appreciative audience from our measurably strengthens the immune system veteran, Mike A'Dair, as a "second-stage" including calf branding, working ranch horse, ranch local community." Samon admits and that bridge, as a "brain game," improves production with limited sets and props. doctoring, trailer loading, reverse team roping, team sorting the process can initially be scary, short-term memory and has even been proven Performances are on Friday, September and ribbon roping. Check in will begin at 9 am and the but for participants who commit to to push back the symptoms of Alzheimer's. If you 23 at 8 pm, Saturday, September 24 at event will start at 10 am. The Calcutta auction will be held the monologue spirit, it always ends have considered playing bridge, but have felt it 8 pm, Sunday, September 25 at 2 pm, was too complicated or confusing; if you played Thursday, September 29 at 7 pm, Friday, The "Speakeasy" events have bridge in college and have forgotten everything September 30 at 8 pm, and Saturday, also be held during the event; tasting tickets are \$10 become sell-outs over the past you knew about it; or if you want to meet new October 1 at 8 pm. Advance tickets are 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 nm Ranch Rodeo entries

Two years at WCT. This past July, people and learn a lifetime skill, then these classes are for you. Come alone or come with a at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online Dummy Roping Event at 2 pm. Ranch Rodeo entries will be available online at http://willitsfrontierdays.com/ will be available online at http://willitsfrontierdays.com/ For more information. yearround.html. For more information please contact Willits Frontier Days at 459- 6330 or Robbie Burgess on the Land Contact Annie Samson at 459-9014.

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#### 'Red Hot Patriot – The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins' Opens Friday, September 23 "Red Hot Patriot – The Kick-Ass Wit Friday, September 16 through Sunday, September 18 at the Boonville

of Molly Ivins" as presented by Mary Fairgrounds in Anderson Valley. "Started in 1924. In Mendocino Burns opens for its two-week run at County's historic and picturesque Anderson Valley, the County Fair Willits Community Theatre on Friday, and Apple Show has remained an old-time harvest festival." 9 am to September 23. The one-person show midnight daily. Ag, floral and home arts and fine arts displays; 4-H and celebrates the amazing wit and power FFA livestock; food and drink; strolling entertainers, Annual California of the famed Texas political satirist who Wool & Fiber Festival, and more. "Wander over to the Ag Building to for nearly four decades poked fun at find amazing displays of Anderson Valley apples and other award-American foibles. "An authentic rendition winning produce, to include the giant pumpkins. This where you of Ivins' life, drawn in part from her can taste locally-produced cider and wines, to accompany a piece of incisive and often funny opinion columns, freshly-baked apple pie." and performed on stage in the form of incoming AP News bulletins, along with Tasting at 5 pm; Apple Bowl Varsity Football at 7 pm. Saturday: multi-media photos, sound and music. Burns brings her considerable talents Singer Andrea Pearson at 12:30 and 3:30 pm; CCPRA Rodeo at 8 to portraying the wit of Molly Ivins after pm; Rodeo Dance in the Apple Hall, featuring McKenna Faith at 9:30 appearing on the WCT stage in numerous pm. Sunday: Church Service at 8 am; Sheep Dog Trials at 10 am; acting roles over the years. She says she Classic Car Show at 10 am; Parade at 12 Noon; CCPRA Rodeo at of humor in writing about the outrages of and children 12 and under, free. Carnival admission: \$30 for daily Studies by the University of California at her times, from racism to cynicism, and unlimited rides before 6 pm. Visit http://mendocountyfair.com/ for full

- Steve Hellman, for WCT

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DEADLINE FOR

WILLITS

**WEEKLY:** 

Monday prior

to Thursday

publication

Boys Soccer | Julian Gomez, 17, Senior



Position: Striker

Breakfast of Champions: Scrambled eggs. French toast

**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





Above, left: Lindsay Hansen stands with her quilt, which won the "People's Choice Favorite Quilt" and "Quilt You Would Most Like to Sleep Under." Above and below: An assortment of the beautiful quilts on display.

## A pleasure to look at...

Quilters display their best creations in Laytonville

"Quilty Pleasures," the LVQ - Girls Gone "Water" Challenge - Nina Morosi. Congratulations Stitchin' quilt show the last weekend in August was to all! another great success. Near record attendance, cool breezes and smokeless skies made it a pleasure to look at quilts, pillows, wall-hangings, tuffets, Ron Crane's washing machines in action, talk with Norma Branson while viewing an antique guilt, 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 - Kaylynne Van Saun; Best Wallhanging - Nina



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

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

> - submitted by Jody McGeen, the Fat Quail Quilt Shop





**Tree Collards** 

Tasty, tall and nutritious brassicas

grow well in Willits

Richard

Jeske,

who has

over 30

years of

Read the rest of

Tree Collards

'Tree collards are one of the most

nutritious plants you can eat," said

experience growing and propagating

the unique and little-known perennial

"They're versatile, they're tasty,

they're not hard to grow," Jeske

continued, with his high praise for tree

collards. "Anyone who has a garden

Damian Sebouhian

and likes green vegetables, there's no

reason you would not want to add tree

Tree collards are in the brassica

family, along with broccoli, cauliflower

and kale, and, like collard greens, are

high in calcium, potassium, folate, and

Unlike the popular collard greens,

however, tree collards grow for many

years straight, get up to 10 feet tall,

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

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and rarely flower or go to seed.

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



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 ou can email your information to willitsphonebook@gmail.com o 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.

Coming Soon:

**MAGNIFICENT 7 & STORKS** 

**WAR DOGS** 



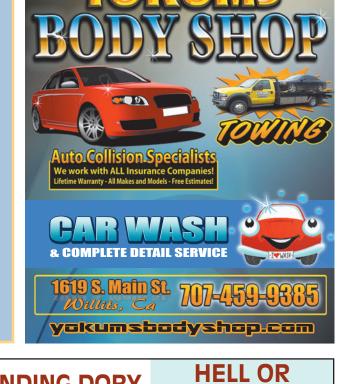
#### "The Key Is Within You"

"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



Movie Times for 9/16 thru 9/22

6:10 & 8:45pm

Sat/Sun:

& 8:45pm

Mon-Thurs:

5:10 & 7:45pm

1:00, 3:35, 6:10

#### **BAD MOMS**



(R) 1 hr 40 mins 6:00 & 8:15pm Sat/Sun: 1:30, 3:45, 6:00 & 8:15pm Mon-Thurs:

(PG) 1 hr 43 mins Fri: 4:30pm at/Sun: 12:00, 2:15 & 4:30pm on-Thurs: 4:30pm All Shows \$5

**FINDING DORY** 



**HIGH WATER** 

Fri-Sun:

This Week's Tightwad Tuesday Titles are in RED - All tickets: \$5

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."

down and today has an abundance of tree collards he is 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

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

## Schindel

From Page

"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

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 raspber-

ries, 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."

dynamic way.

nature through extensive observation. "We become radicalized by what we see, he stated. He thinks this system of farming goes well

And if the speakers Agriculture,

Thanksgiving Coffee.

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"Those go to the Food Bank, or I feed them to the chickens. I may have more plants than I need right now, so I'd love to have more places that I could distribute these for sale." As far as harvesting the leaves for food, Jeske likens the greens to kale.

"I've got more leaves than I have use for," Jeske said.

Despite losing most of his plants to two consecutive

nights of 20-degree weather last winter, Jeske doubled

relationship was formed

"Anything you can use kale for, you can use tree collards for," Jeske said. "I prefer collards because you don't have to plant them every year, and I like the way they taste better, especially during the winter." Tree collards are known to

According to Jeske tree collards grow well in the Mendocino climate or any area that the temperature does not fall below about 20 degrees, as his own experience

get sweeter after "kissed" by a light frost or two.

This year, he'll be protecting his beds using Remay garden blankets, just in case there's another cold spell.

Other tree collard facts: They are sometimes called "purple tree collards" because in the cooler months the leaves and stems turn a beautiful light purple color. They do not need a lot of water

They can grow in full sun (which is not recommended in the hotter areas of the country), or in half-shade or more. The plants themselves, grown by Jeske, are available in Willits at: missing text, missing text missing text, missing text, missing text, missing text, missing text, missing text, missing text missing text, missing text, missing text, missing text.

Jeske also has a unique variety of grape plants for sale, most of which you cannot find in nurseries. He will be holding his annual grape tasting event sometime in October, with the exact date to be announced later. Jeske And a beautiful tree collard can be reached at 459-5926

into the powder. It worked The rest of Grange From Page 3

"John Jeavons is really an

important figure in our area

for promoting tree collards,"

Jeske said. "He saw the

value in them, and he began

Jeavons and Ecology

Action, the organization

behind Bountiful Gardens

Seed Company, used to

sell tree collards only once

a year, during pruning time.

"They determined that

they could sell them all

year-round," Jeske said.

distributing them.'

GSAA Field Manager Joshua Sternberg. Burns, having had a glamorous job working in music and event production, found it draining, and she wasn't making a difference. After working in another field she realized she wanted to make a real impact, so she has chosen farming to help people get in touch with food in a more

Believing we need more and more farmers, former teacher Bording has joined the GSAA to learn how he can make a deeply fulfilling career more in keeping with his skills and beliefs. Sternberg has learned how to interact with

beyond soil to community and communication with

weren't inspiring enough, the food topped off the idea that local, diverse, organic, wellconnected and exquisitely prepared food in the community was essential. Fresh ingredients were provided by the Anderson Valley Community Farm, Tres Bien Creamery, Black Dog Farm, Floodgate Farm, Strong Roots Farm, Covelo Organics, Fortunate Farm, Seeley Farm Stand, Potter Unconventional Fairall's Farm Fresh Eggs, and

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

peppers, sweet potato biscuits with country sausage and gravy, Southern style slowcooked greens, hard-boiled rainbow eggs, with GSAA newly canned Green Zebra tomato ketchup, red onion and Pinot Grigio marmalade, and Red Delicious apple butter. Even the most finicky eater was challenged to go home hungry

At the very end, with the last of the fruit salad and coffee, was a gentle call for support of all kinds for the values and mission of the GSAA.

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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 Damian Sebouhian coast," George

Atkinson Reporter damian@willitsweekly.com 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

Willits

Power was a long time coming. "I really appreciate the work that's been done here," said Atkinson. "[The Bacyrus] 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 pile to pile.





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

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

Another steam-engine machine with a lot of history up and running for the festival was the 1916 Heisler 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

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 put up around our Christmas tree," Tony

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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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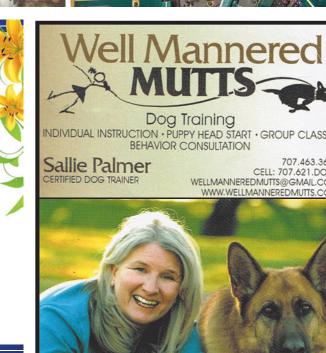
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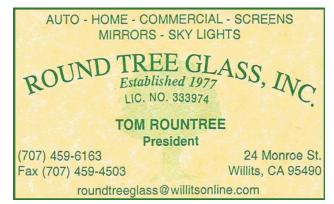












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Electric vehicle charging stations: Willits is in a prime spot for recharging stations, being situated in the middle of the long grade from Ukiah to Laytonville. Capitalize on this golden opportunity to attract these drivers to park and re-charge downtown. 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. budget. ca.us/administration/budget.htm. [637 pages and 25.5 MB]. A limited number of hard copies are available for purchase at the Mendocino



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 conditioning throughout the studio new therapists.

The rest of

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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.

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

County Executive Office, 707-463- The rest of

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

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

> Carmel J. Angelo, CEO Mendocino County **Executive Office**

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makes it a great place to cool down or warm up while relaxing year-

The studio is open from 10 am to 6 pm Monday through Saturday. Appointments can be made easily by calling or texting 972-4368, and day-of appointments are available, too, though Bashore says that a heads-up request earlier in the day is helpful in their scheduling, but not

Completely You's basic rates for basic services are \$70 for a 60-minute European relaxation massage, \$100 for a 90-minute massage, \$80 for a 60-minute deep-tissue massage, and \$120 for a 90-minute deep-tissue massage. Foot and sugar scrubs, hot towels for the feet, facials, and much more are also available.

Contact Completely You for more information or to schedule an appointment: 972-4368 or stop by 225 South Main Street in downtown

The staff will also be doing free five-minute massages at Mariposa Market on Monday, September 26 Pirouette. The heating and air to introduce the community to the

"We'll put these puppies on a flatbed truck and drive them down to San Francisco," Olson said of the rollers. "They close off one block of Rhode Island Street for the festival. It's a huge turnout of people. There will be 20 print booths on display for the public, and the steam rollers will provide the ink pressing."

Olson has been an artist since 1953 and specializes in wood engraving and other etching mediums. Find his work on the web at www.rikolson.com

To learn more about Roots of Motor Power and the approximately 100 pieces of restored pieces of train and logging equipment onsite at its East Commercial Street property, go to www.rootsofmotivepower.com.

For more about the San Francisco Center for the Book, visit https:// sfcb.org/home.

Don't forget to attend Roots' next family event, the Holiday Express on December 3, which features Santa Claus arriving on a steam locomotive, Christmas trees, trains, carolers and refreshments.

without bail in county jail on a Texas CalFire and inmate crews were joined by Laytonville fugitive warrant. He also is suspected Fire Department volunteers, and assets from Little Lake of possessing methamphetamine and Fire Department, Leggett Volunteer Fire Department, the narcotics paraphernalia. Ukiah Valley Fire District and Potter Valley Fire Department

The chase began at about 10:20 am to battle the blaze, according to CalFire Fire Prevention following a traffic enforcement stop, according to sheriff's Lt. Kirk Mason.

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

Donald Ralph McCloud is being held

the 100 block of Kawi Place in Willits.

Laytonville resident Chris Darr told blogger Kym Kemp After pulling his car into a dirt parking at Redheaded Blackbelt "he and a crew from JW Morrison, lot on Kawi Drive. McCloud bolted from Inc. helped save the home of one of his boss's neighbors.' the car and a foot chase began between "I was cruisin' back from town to get ready for a wedding," McCloud and the deputy, Mason said.

The deputy, he noted, ordered McCloud "I pulled into my boss's," Darr told Kemp. "We go on fires "to stop running on numerous occasions," however McCloud, a Point Arena resident "continued to run from the deputy." Darr's boss had a water truck, Kemp explained, and they

Finally, the deputy warned McCloud he would deploy his Taser if he did not stop, "The fire was blowing so it was spotting all over the but "McCloud continued to run." place," Darr told Kemp. "We just took the water truck to

a neighbor's and made sure she got out safe." The men "The deputy then deployed his Taser, helped her get her animals and property out of the house, Mason said, and "McCloud stopped running and was apprehended."

At one point the fire "came about 50 feet to 100 feet from 
It was later determined McCloud was wanted on a Texas parole hold, Mason said. While searching him, the deputy also "We got the lady's water system going," Darr told Kemp. found "a methamphetamine smoking pipe Then firefighters showed up. "Once they all showed up, we and methamphetamine. took off to make sure our boss's house didn't burn down."

McCloud was taken to county jail, where he also faces charges of driving a motor Editor's note: Kym Kemp's Redheaded Blackbelt blog vehicle on a suspended or revoked license. out of southern Humboldt County, http://kymkemp.com. This report was based on a press release specializes in live-blogging fire reports, and is a great from the Mendocino County Sheriff's

The rest of

her house," Darr said.

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source for anyone seeking details on fires in the region.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Six air tankers and two helicopters initially battled the

fire, but were released Saturday night, according to a

Santa Rosa Press Democrat report.

Specialist Lesley Smith.

sometimes with our dozers."

There were no reports of property loss.

Darr said, when he saw smoke from the fire.

piled in, then drove towards the flames.

then "started working to save the house."

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 Al 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 "nonmedical" 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

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

The county MCCO 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 MCCO 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

The current draft county MCCO 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

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 MCCO 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 MCCO 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 MCCO 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 Al 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

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/

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

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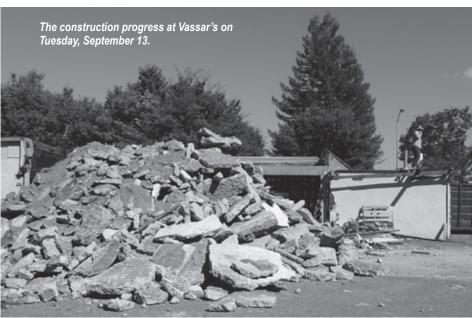
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#### Major work is underway at old Vassar's Pizza building

north of Commercial have noticed that major work is but as these things go, the more unsound material underway at the old Vassar's Family Pizza building, he removed, the more he exposed," explained John which has been vacant for several years. On Tuesday Sherman, code enforcement officer for the City of afternoon, a pair of workers were removing the roofing from the southern addition to the building, and a large structure completely and with my approval, removed pile of concrete chunks was stacked out back. The the remainder. The goal is to rebuild the building and main portion of the west side of the building has also reopen as a retail store for now, with a long-term goal of

"The owner of the building, Roberto Vasquez, started

Alert community members driving on Main Street performing some structural upgrades to the building Willits. "He decided that he needed to replace the roof installing a new kitchen and reopening as a restaurant."

#### The rest of Kelsay From Page 1

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 preplanned 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

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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#### The rest of Laptops

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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

"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 eighthgraders 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.

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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

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.



#### 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

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

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 vear, and he was happy they were able to find a way to get

"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

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

#### 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

"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.

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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