

Little Lake Grange

rejoins new California state grange

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In a difficult and controversial vote, the membership of the Little Lake Grange in Willits last month decided to reconcile with the recently formed and nationally recognized California Chartered State Grange.

The vote brings to a close one phase of the local experience of a sixyear convulsion within the national and state grange movements.

That convulsion was centered along political lines. On one side of the divide in the California

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Caltrans dropped from Eberhard's arrest suit

By Nicholas Iovino

FRANCISCO SAN (Courthouse News) - A photojournalist arrested while covering a protest against a controversial highway project in Northern California has agreed to drop his lawsuit against the state's Department of Transportation.



At top, from left: Raindrops falling on a large puddle, creating rings and free-flying droplets. John Sherman, City of Willits flood plain administrator, stands with his city vehicle. This low-laying area on Locust Street was heavily saturated from last week's rain.

Above: Sherman smiles from underneath an umbrella while observing the newly added floodplain area at the westernmost end of West Commercial Street.

Photos by Maureen Moore Below: One of the FEMA flood plain maps.

Floodplain answers

City to host FEMA outreach meeting January 19

The City of Willits will host a FEMA flood maps public outreach meeting from Damian Sebouhian Reporter damian@willitsweekly.com

5 to 7 pm on Tuesday, January 19 in the City

Council chambers at City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street.

The revised Floodplain Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for Mendocino County Read the rest of issued by the Federal Emergency

Services Agency have shown an increase in the Willits floodplain area from previous maps. Many local homeowners are concerned they may have to buy flood insurance or rebuild their properties to come into regulatory compliance.

"A lot of people are concerned about what this really means to them," said John Sherman, flood plain administrator for

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New chair, new year at Willits school board

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Willits attorney Christopher Neary, elected chairman of the school board at trustees' December 2 meeting, has brought a breath of fresh air to board proceedings.

At the January 6 meeting, Neary presented outgoing board President Cynthia Carni with a plaque congratulating Carni for her service as board president for the past two years. He thanked Patricia Johnson for some very astute relationship building that Johnson has accomplished over her term as superintendent of schools, while opposing

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Supes address internet outage

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The board of supervisors on Tuesday took action three routine items on connected with a farfrom-routine event: the September 3, 2015 fiber optic outage that crippled Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte counties for 24 hours. The outage occurred after an exposed section of the main line was cut by vandals near Henry Station Road, west of Highway 101 near Mendocino County's southern boundary. Thus far, AT&T has declined to install a second alternate main line to the North Coast which would carry the signal if the main

However, Steve Eberhard will continue to pursue claims against the California Highway Patrol and officers that arrested him when his case goes to trial in February.

Eberhard, who is a photographer for the Willits News, was arrested in July 2013 as he covered a protest against the Willits Bypass Project, a four-lane

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Woman last seen in Willits found dead on the coast

Sheriff's deputies are still trying to determine how a 33-year-old coast woman staying at a Willits residential facility met her death on a state beach at the south end of MacKerricher State Park on January 7.

Anne Nicole Shapiro



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Question still open on how to spend 'extra' school funds

The question of how to use an "extra" \$775,000 in state funding promised to the district in December has not yet

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District Financial Officer Tanya

Michel announced at the December 16 meeting a nest egg of \$775,000 had come to the district thanks to California Gov. Jerry Brown, who figured it was time for the state to pay up some of its mandated costs to the school districts.

According to Michel, California has long promised to pay the schools for the many mandates the state puts onto the schools. For an equal length of time, the state has failed to make good on that promise, and a considerable backlog of mandate money had accrued to school districts all over the state - sort of an eternal IOU from Sacramento.

Last year Brown decided to pony up. The state will give districts a "mandate block grant" to take care



'Fire safe' report accepted ... with reservations

Mendocino County Fire Safe Council Executive Director Madeline Holtkamp battled to a draw with supervisors Dan

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com Hamburg and John McCowen during the January 12 board meeting.

The two supervisors growled

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and rumbled at Holtkamp's tentative submission of the long-awaited scope-of-work report addressing how to make Mendocino County more "fire safe."

The submission was tentative because it included a paper written by University of California Cooperative Extension Forest Advisor Greg Giusti which was still in draft form. Giusti had requested more time to finish the paper.

Last spring, as the County of Mendocino and state of California were heading into their fourth straight year of

environmental drought, activists and coastal fire district officials asked the supervisors to restrict how Read the rest of Outage Over on Page 10

March 1 deadline fix for pot bill moves forward

Assembly Bill 21, North Coast Assemblyman Jim Wood's bill to remove the March 1 deadline from last year's Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act, was unanimously passed by the state Senate Government and Finance Committee on Wednesday.

Assemblyman Wood said, "Nobody intended to give local lawmakers such a short timeline to develop regulations for an industry as complex as medical cannabis."

As passed and signed by the governor on October 9, 2015, if cities and counties do not create their own ordinances by March 1,

Read the rest of Deadline Over on Page 11

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Gratitude for HMH staff

To the Editor:

A heartfelt "Thank You" for the kind care I recently received at that luxurious life-saving spa known as Howard Memorial Hospital. To the entire staff, many of whom are old friends and former

students, gratitude is due for the generosity and blessings they have sent my way.

Loving thanks, and stop the endless wars.

Mary Norbert Korte, Willits

Thanks to the county

To the Editor:

The Friends of the Long Valley Public Library and the Hosted by Little Lake Grange and Lanny Cotler, executive Mendocino County Library Advisory Board wish to thank the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer Carmel Angelo, and County Counsel Kit Elliott for their work in facilitating the transfer of the old bookmobile to Laytonville. The bookmobile will house the latest addition to the county library system. This library station will be located on the grounds of the old Laytonville High School.

The Long Valley Friends of the Public Library have worked hard with Jayma Shields Spence, Healthy Start director, and Joanie Potter, superintendent of the Laytonville Unified School District, to secure a central location for the new library station. In time, the station will house an inventory of materials and have internet access. This is an important step in providing better service to library patrons of the north county.

Susan Bradley, Friends of the Long Valley Public Library

Marc Komer, Library Advisory Board

KLLG: Low-power radio for Willits

To the Editor:

Imagine that Willits had its own radio station - one whose focus and signal were only for Willits, the greater Little Lake Valley, and parts of Brooktrails and Pine Mountain.

It would not be like KZYX/Z, KOST, KMFB or KUKI, public or commercial stations that serve broader areas with general interest programming. It will be of, by, and for our local citizens!

Think of a low-power radio station as the only means for a community to talk to itself when the grid goes down no phone, no cells, no internet, no electricity! It's not too hard to imagine. Clearly, narrow-casting live and local information can be vital to our community and its first responders in times of emergency or disaster. Instant coordination among the people concerned and involved.

All sectors of our community need access to the news, views, entertainment and emergency services that an exclusively local KLLG can provide. Our two newspapers

to communicate with itself! That's what a low-power radio station is So - come to our first meeting if you have any interest in making this happen. We need to create a team! No radio experience is necessary. If you care about your community, local communication – and if you see the need – come and learn how much time, resources and money are needed to make this happen. If we build it, they will come.

KLLG, 97.9, Willits, will broadcast at the maximum of 100 watts and serve exclusively the 95490 community.

> First meeting: Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 pm, in Room 10 of the Grange, after Emandal Choir rehearsal.

Second meeting (if you can't make the first): Sunday, January 24, 4:30 pm, in Room 10 of the Grange.

director. For more info: 707-367-1812 or lanny@kllg.org. Lanny Cotler, Willits

Bountiful Gardens 2016 catalogue is out

To the Editor: It's always a pleasure to bring the Bountiful Gardens catalog to you in the midst of winter, as you make plans for the new growing season. Bountiful Gardens staff work throughout the year, researching newly available plants, books and tools that we think will be of use and interest for you. They also decide on information that might be added to deepen gardeners' understanding of their own gardening situation.

New this year you'll find two pages on gardening in various regions and climates, with both general guidelines and some specific varietal suggestions to help tailor your garden to your local conditions. As usual, we've added plenty of new veggies with an emphasis on heirlooms that offer great flavor, and reliability. This year we have put special emphasis on varieties that are resistant to disease.

Many of you have asked for seeds and information on helping the endangered monarchs and other butterflies. In answer to this need, we've developed the Butterfly Garden Collection, which includes seeds for several flowers that draw butterflies. Creating habitat for beneficial insects of all kinds has been a priority with us for some years. The Bee-Friendly and Good Companions Collections have introduced many gardeners to bee plants and pest-eating insects, respectively. The Butterfly Collection adds a new layer of sustainability to your garden. There are no duplications between these three collections.

A very hopeful new development this year has been the Open Source Seed Initiative, of which we are proud to be a partner. Please note all of the exciting Open Source varieties available to you in this 2016 catalogue. They keep the development of food crops where it belongs - in the hands of the farmers and gardeners, not multinationals. Of course, the old heirloom varieties provide the foundation

One of the best ways to strengthen a community's pride, organization and plays an important role in supporting our resilience and self-sufficiency is to create an open, mission of providing the knowledge and tools for people equitable and instantaneous channel for the community to become self-reliant, sustainable gardeners. On the last couple pages of the 2016 catalogue, you can learn about Ecology Action programs around the world, as well as our exciting new gardening website, www.biointensive.net, featuring videos teaching all aspects of Grow Biointensive Gardening

> For over 33 years Bountiful Gardens has been offering highquality open-pollinated seeds, tools and books. We invite you to browse through this catalog to find the resources you need for your own mini-farm or garden, joining people worldwide in finding local solutions to global challenges.

John Jeavons, director, Ecology Action, Willits

Editor's note: You can get a copy of the new 80-page Bountiful Gardens catalogue by requesting it on the website, www.bountifulgardens.org (click "2016 Catalogue Request"), by calling 459-6410, emailing bountiful@sonic. net, or dropping by the Bountiful Gardens Willits storefront at 1712-D South Main Street in the Evergreen Shopping Center.

Thanks to Home Health Care

To the Editor:

My husband and I would like to sincerely thank the professional caregivers sent to our home by Adventist Health Home Care Services of Mendocino County. After spending a week at Memorial Hospital in Santa Rosa, my husband was sent home to continue his recovery, and I to attend to his wound care. We live about 20 minutes out of town, and my husband was hardly able to stand, much less walk, for several weeks after leaving the hospital.

Our Home Health Care provider for three months was Dennis Porter, RN. Dennis consistently provided excellent care to my husband, and sensitive support to both of us during this very stressful time. Because Dennis came to our home, we did not have to struggle to find a way to get to town for the necessary frequent lab work, and Dennis was also able to closely supervise the wound care that I was providing. Dennis provided the necessary feedback required to our local doctor, as well as to the physician in

Santa Rosa who performed my husband's surgery. I would also like to thank Jared Woods, physical therapist, who also came to our home and provided my husband with the professional knowledge, competence, encouragement and support that he needed in getting back on his feet.

Not only were both health care providers sent to our home, but we were able to call for help and support – if needed - during the night. In writing this letter, I want to thank. publicly, the two gentlemen who cared for my husband and I for three months. I also want to strongly encourage anyone who needs Home Health Care to take advantage of this wonderful service being provided by Adventist Health in our town.

Thanks to the heart and soul, energy and support of over 100 people, the Good Will Appeal and New Year's

Eve dance were hugely successful, raising over \$11,000,

enough to pay the restitution and administrative costs of

\$10,879.52 for Will Parrish. He will start the New Year

Maria Bates, Willits

Good Will Appeal gratitude











It's Time Noodle House

Downtown casual eatery turns into sit-down ramen house restaurant

It's Time, the sushi and noodle bar in downtown Willits, received a makeover recently, morphing from a drop-in, grab-and-go, do-it-yourself lunch spot to a more refined full-service ramen restaurant.

Now dubbed "It's Time Noodle House," the restaurant features ramen bowls in a sit-down dining experience.

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and Oco Time in Ukiah. "Ramen is very popular in Japan, and noodle houses in San Francisco and New York do very well. We wanted something fun and special for Willits - and something different than what was available in Ukiah.'

Ukiah will retain the grab and go sushi, the noodle bar, chicken soup and the like, and Willits will be billed as the destination for the new ramen selections. Non-broth and wheat-free options are also available in addition to the traditional choices.

Several dishes are available to choose from including options like Willits Veggie, that has homemade roasted vegetable miso paste with dashi broth and black garlic oil and is topped with avocado, pumpkin, ni-tamago (a marinated boiled egg), radish watermelon, bok choy, beet bean sprout, tomato confit and kaiware daikon for the latest updates and specials. sprout. Another includes

the Coconut Red Curry At left, top: Yoshiki and Naoko Sakane, owners of It's Time Noodle House. At left, middle: The new interior of the eatery. At left: Sushi is still available - while it lasts! - in the cooler.

Above, right: One of the new

Ramen: a coconut red Thai curry broth with cage-free Rocky Jr. chicken wing, crunchy fried ramen noodle, chopped tomato, beet bean sprout, red onion slice, cilantro and lime

Bowls and salads are also on the menu, including the Wild Tuna Poki Salad including cube-cut Butsu wildcaught fresh tuna with Ocotime poki sauce mix with organic green salad mix, Masago fish eggs, fried tortilla chips, cucumber, kaiware daikon sprout, sesame seed, green onion, carrot and beet. Another offering is the Pork Char Siu Bowl with Salmon Creek farmer-raised Yongen-Buta (pork), prepared with ramen char siu and teriyaki sauce with ni-tamago, Japanese pickles, kinpira burdock root, bok choy, green onion and sesame seeds, over your choice of white rice or organic brown rice.

Side dishes of edamame, shrimp and veggie tempura, miso soup and spicy fish sticks are still available. and the cooler will be stocked daily with a fresh selection of graband-go sushi. Special sushi requests can be placed a day in advance for pick-up the following day.

It's Time Ramen House is also extending its hours: Monday through Friday from 11 am to 8 pm and Saturday from 5 to 8 pm. They are located at 35 West Commercial Street and can be reached by calling 459-2621. See the full menu for all three restaurants online at www.ocotime. com, or check out the "It's Time Willits" page on Facebook



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"We wanted to do something new and special and fun," explained Yoshiki and Naoko Sakane, owners of Maureen Moore It's Time Noodle House, and the popular It's Time

are wonderful, but their communication is mostly one-way, and comes out only once or twice a week. Radio is there 24/7 – and works in both directions. Instantly interactive!

Imagine: on your refrigerator you have KLLG's daily/ weekly schedule. A quick glance tells you the day and time of the local info or programming you seek. Local news that goes into greater depth and detail. Local sports that bring the community together, old and young. Local arts, music, commentary, and the participating voices of our youth will give us a richer, clearer sense of ourselves.

for Open Source breeders to build on, and we are pleased to have both old and new open-pollinated varieties. To the Editor:

Speaking of heirlooms, our broad selection of flavorful and healthful ancient grains is the most complete of any catalog we know of. Those with gluten issues should note that we have three pages of gluten-free grains. Also, check out our compost crops section. Labor-saving compost crops prevent weeds and prepare the garden for spring by adding fertility all winter.

Read the rest of Bountiful Gardens is part of the Ecology Action

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Roller Mania

Roots volunteers at work

The popularity of the 1924 Buffalo Springfield tandem steam roller at Roots events in Willits and on our "road trips" is evident. This popularity spurred the organization to take on the restoration of the 1921 Kelly Springfield three-wheel steam roller, which

we hope to have ready by this Chris Baldo September's Roadworks 2016 Contributing Writer Center for the Book fundraiser in San Francisco. We also decided to bring the 1928 Buffalo

Springfield gasoline road roller out of mothballs and get her show-ready.

The gasoline roller, Construction Number 14795, was built in 1928 by the Buffalo Springfield Roller Company of Springfield, Ohio. It was purchased used in 1950 by Joe Ortega Construction of Cotati from George Williams of Marin Equipment Company. Joe used the roller on a variety of projects in Marin and Sonoma counties, including the paving of the first two streets in Rohnert Park.

The roller was purchased from Joe Ortega in 1998 by Chris Baldo and moved to Willits. Bob Walker, a mechanic in Willits, was hired to get the roller operational. This involved building a new fuel tank and cleaning the fuel system, fine-tuning the electrical system and magneto, and installing a new oil pressure gauge. The roller was operational in March 1999 and was displayed at several Roots events, including the Redwood Region Logging Conference. Since

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then, the roller mostly languished in the Roots Work Building, forgotten except for the occasional admiring look.

The gas roller was operational, but needed significant cosmetic work. The roller was largely dismantled and cleaned in preparation for painting. The louvered hood needed some "body and fender" work to repair some indignities that it suffered over the years. The little Waukesha gasoline motor was

> Read the rest of Over on Page 9 Roller









Above: Root of Motive Power's Troy James and James Anson pose with the newly restored 1928 Buffalo Springfield gasoline roller. Below, left: Troy James shows how the roller would be cranked to start. Below, center: The shiny new motor under the crisp green painted cover.

Photos by Maureen Moore

At bottom, left: Bob Walker, a Willits mechanic, puts the roller through its paces in 1999 in the Willits Redwood Company log yard. Walker's efforts were to make the roller operational and leave the cosmetic restoration for another day. Below, center: The Buffalo Springfield 1928 gas road roller after it arrived in Willits in 1998. Below, right: James Anson adjusts the carburetor with Troy James on the operator's platform. The first step in the new restoration was getting the roller operating again after 15 years in storage.

Photos by Chris Baldo



Department handled 166 incidents this week.

During this seven-day reporting period, Willits Police officers were assigned 17 criminal investigation reports, made 10 arrests, issued 9 citations, and investigated 4 traffic collisions.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

January 3

4 am: Officers contacted MANSFIELD, George, 55, Ukiah in the 200 block of East Valley Street during an investigation into an allegation that Mansfield stole from Mendocino Safeway. In addition to the theft, officers also determined Mansfield was under the influence of drugs and placed him under arrest pursuant to 488 PC (Petty Theft) and 11550(a) HS (Drug Influence).

January 5 9:50 am: Officers were dispatched to a domestic altercation in the 200 block of McKinley Street. As a result of an investigation, it was determined LINDE-CARNES, Colton, 24, Ukiah had been in an altercation with the female victim, during which he forced his way into her residence. When she threatened to call the police, he grabbed her and took her cell phone. Linde-Carnes was arrested for 211 PC (Robbery), 243(e)(1) PC (Domestic Battery), and BOLTON, John, 39, Willits, who'd been 1203.2(a) PC (Violation of Probation).

WPD ACUVILY Report

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January 3 to January 9 Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue

2 pm: Reported theft of a license plate in As officers attempted to contact Bolton, the 400 block of McKinley. he refused to comply with their commands and ran into the roadway where he actively

January 4 impeded traffic. Bolton was eventually 12:20 am: While conducting a vandalism detained and arrested pursuant to 647(f) investigation at the Willits Post Office, PC (Public Intoxication) and 148(a)(1) PC Officers contacted MORRIS, Dena, (Resisting Arrest). 53, Willits. During their investigation it

January 6 was determined Morris was on active

County Probation and 4 pm: Reported theft of several hundred was under the influence of a controlled dollars of merchandise from Safeway. substance. Morris was placed under arrest 5 pm: Officers responded to a reported pursuant to 11550(a) HS (Drug Influence) theft at Safeway and contacted NORTON,

and 1203.2(a) PC (Violation of Probation). James, 35, Willits and MORRIS, Dena, 53, Willits. An investigation revealed Norton had left the store without paying for several 3 am: Subject cited for camping in the items and was on active Mendocino County 1400 block of South Main Street. probation. Further investigation revealed 4:30 pm: NIETO, Ramon, 45, Willits was Morris was also on active probation, and cited pursuant to an outstanding Mendocino because of recent alcoholic beverage County warrant. consumption was in violation of the terms

of that probation. Norton was arrested for 11:30 pm: Officers responded to a report 488(a) PC (Petty Theft), 11550(a) HS (Drug of a subject causing a disturbance in the 700 Influence), and 1203.2(a) PC (Violation of block of South Main Street, and contacted Probation). Morris was cited for 1203.2(a) identified as the source of the disturbance. PC (Violation of Probation).

12:10 am: Officers responded to a disturbance at 1250 South Main Street, wherein it was reported someone had locked himself inside of a public bathroom. Upon arrival, Officers were able to gain entry into the backroom and contact the subject, who initially provided a false name. Officers determined the subject was PAQUET. Matthew, 30, California and that Paquet was a wanted felon who was the subject of an outstanding California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation parole hold. Paquet was placed under arrest pursuant to 3056 PC (Parole Hold) and 148.9(a) PC (Providing False ID).

8 am: Reported missing person

block of Creekside Drive

January 8

11 pm: Reported assault in the 300

January 9

12:15 am: WHARTON, Geri Ann, 40, Willits was arrested pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant

2:20 pm: Officers responded to Howard Hospital to investigate a reported dog bite. 6:30 pm: Stolen vehicle recovery in the 100 block of Fort Bragg Road (Highway 20).



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Saturday, January 16

January Jump: first annual country-western dance and spaghetti feed to benefit the Willits Food Bank, featuring Country Western/Bluegrass music by April Moore & Ranch Party out of Garberville. Saturday, January 16 at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Plus a silent auction. Doors open at 6 pm for spaghetti dinner; music from 7:30 to 11 pm. Tickets are \$15 (includes dinner); available in Willits at J.D. Redhouse. Children 12 and under \$2 at the door. Hosted by Cosmic Pickle Productions; sound by Ancestor Radio

Productions. Visit https://www.reverbnation.com/ aprilmooreandranchparty to check out the band.

Shanachie Pub: Google Mountain Resort, "Mike Jay and his crew will be at the pub for a night of unexpected feel good jams." 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, January 17

"Strategies for Coping with Stress": free workshop, January 17-19, 6:30 pm at the Friendship House next to the Willits Seventh-day Adventist Christian Church, 399 West Mendocino Avenue. "Feeling overwhelmed? Discover effective ways to cope with stress and avoid health issues that can result from poor stress management. This is a free class for all. For more information call 459-5714.

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King Dav

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." – Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tuesday, January 19

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "Star

Call to WCA Member Artists

Annual Willits Center for the Arts Members Art Show in February is calling for artists. Submit two pieces of artwork, any medium, wall art framed and ready to hang. Artwork will be juried. Artwork accepted Monday, February 1 and Tuesday, February 2, from 2 to 5:30 pm at the Art Center, 71 East Commercial Street. Members show opens Saturday, February 6 with a reception from 6 to 9 pm. Info: www.willitscenterforthearts.org or 459-1726.

City of Willits water main flushing program started



showtimes: www. novotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

FEMA Flood Outreach Meeting: On Tuesday, January 19, the public outreach meeting from 5 to 7 pm in the City Council

chambers at City Hall, 111 Thursday, East Commercial Street. FEMA representatives will be there to answer questions about the revised Floodplain Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and Mitchell

explain the map adoption process. Property owners who think their property might be affected should attend this meeting. The preliminary Main FIRMs along with other flood management-related information are available for your review by going behind to www.cityofwillits.com. For any questions or Restaurant. concerns, please contact Floodplain Administrator 459-9194. John Sherman at 459-7122.or jsherman@ willitscity.com.

Hazmobile in Willits: The HazMobile household Wednesday, January 20

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter/Shots Van in Willits: docino County's Animal Care Services Carea-Van will be in Willits, Wednesday, January 20



over-population!" Meeting for KLLG Radio Willits: a meeting for those interested in a



Classes start Monday, January 25

Semester

Mendocino College has a full selection of community college MENDOCINO COLLEGE classes set for the spring semester, beginning on Monday, January 25, 2016. Registration is happening online at Mendocino.edu or by

Spring 2016 visiting any one of our four locations, CLASS including the North County Center, **SCHEDULE**

What's Happening Around Town

pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, gasoline,

solvents, acids, bases, toxic cleaners, auto and

household batteries, mercury and fluorescent light

tubes, that can't go in the trash, for recycling or

special disposal. Free to households; 15 gallon

limit/per day. Larger amounts from households as

well as small business waste is also welcome at

the collection, but an appointment must be made

and a fee will be applied per gallon of waste.

When bringing materials to the HazMobile, the

our beautiful tea displays and join us for a cup of

locally blended black tea on Friday, January 22,

between 2 and 4 pm. Willits Library, 390 East

Commercial Street, Info: 459-5908.

public should be careful that

items are kept in their original

containers (except motor oil

which can be consolidated),

that nothing is leaking, and that

all containers are tied down.

Info and schedule, call the

Recycling Hotline, 468-9704.

or visit www.mendoRecycle

Tea at the Willits Library:

celebrating tea! Come see

The Willits Library

Wars" and "The Big Short." low-power local radio station in Willits, KLLG, "of, accepts toxic materials like paint, antifreeze, by, and for our local citizens!." No radio experience necessary. First meeting, Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30 pm; second meeting: (if you can't make the first), Sunday January 24 at 4:30 pm, both

Maps meetings at in Room 10 of the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Hosted by Little Lake Grange and Lanny Cotler, exec. dir. For more info: 707-City of Willits will host a 367-1812 or lanny@kllg.org or see "KLLG: Lowpower radio for Willits," on page 2.

> January 21 Shanachie Pub: Holman Revue. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Street, Adam's Info

> > Mitchell Holman

Friday, January 22

hazardous waste collection team will be at the Willits Corporation Yard, 380 East Commercial Street, on Friday, January 22 and Saturday,



Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194. Saturday,

January 23

details.

Hazmobile in Willits: at the Willits Corporation Yard, 380 East Commercial Street, on Friday January 22 and Saturday, January 23, from 9 am

John Kuhry of the Economic Development and to 1 pm. See Friday, January 22 listing for more Financing Corporation, the agency working on

Forum on local investing Sunday, January 24

Should you make this investment in our local economy? What do you need to know to make your Tuesday: Baked Sole decision? WELL (Willits Economic Localization) Wednesday: Pulled Pork has been at the forefront of promoting ways to invest in building our local economy. Our series of

forums in 2012-13 was a major impetus in Economic Development & Financing Corporation (EDFC) Friday: Pork Loin Roast establishing a Direct Public Offering that enables ordinary citizens to make such investments.

This past September, many Willits folks heard the 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older:

establishing this first Direct Public Offering for \$250,000 (\$1,000 minimum investment) and Matt Gilbert of Mendocino Wool & Fiber, whose plans for a wool processing plant in Ukiah (already with building permit) would be the DPO's investment project. Further info is available at www.edfc.org or contact John Kuhry at 467-5953. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more

> 'The Greater Good': Now & Then Films presents The Greater Good, families forever changed by vaccination, screening Sunday, January 24 at 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. "The Greater Good' weaves

together the rarely heard stories of three families adversely impacted by vaccination. This important perspective on the issue of vaccine safety has been left out of the mainstream media debate for too long. These courageous families

show us that it is (marine) (100 mil.) (100 mil (100 mil) (100 mil) (100 mil) time to Think Again about this issue.' More info: www. greatergoodmovie. org/about-the-film. Suggested donation THE GREATER GOOD \$5 to \$10. "Serving heirloom organic popcorn with real organic butter and Fair Trade chocolate Info

refreshments." Willits," on page 2. 459-6362. Local

Event: COLUMN | At the Movies "Last chance to find



The Story: Doofus step-dad Will Ferrell is sincerely trying to win the love and trust of his two snotty step-children Daniel Essman when Mark Wahlberg, their charismatic

biological father who rides an Indian motorcycle and does one-arm pull-ups, suddenly returns from g-d knows where and tries to replace Ferrell in the children's lives. Some hilarity ensues ... because it's a comedy.

My Thoughts: Cruel, kick-the-nerdin-the-nuts kind of humor for about 90 minutes. Lottsa folks like this film, and while I know that pretty much all humor is cruel, I had trouble with this one. It is essentially a one-joke picture ... variations on the ineffective, but reliable doofus trying to compete with his uber-cool rival for his children's affection and perhaps (more hurtfully)

Ongoing Events

Willits Winter Farmers Market: from 3 to 5:30 pm every Thursday at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street Winter produce, local meats and local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

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

'Pigments of Our Imagination': January show at the Willits Center for the Arts, featuring Diza Hope, Judy Chance Hope, Laura Corben, Laurel Miller, Robert Permenter, and Margaret Pirouette. 71 East Commercial Street. Show runs through January 31. Gallery hours are Thursday and Friday from 4 to 7 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 2 pm.

Inner Resources Institute: three free programs at the new Inner Resource Institute, 1500 Hearst Road (at Hearst and Valley roads in the old Grace Baptist Church building). • Morning Meditation: Every morning at 6 am. • Kirtan: Évery Thursday at 7:30 pm. Devotional singing and chanting led by Chinmayan. . Sunday Morning Service: 10:30 am. Satsang and fellowship consisting of a short talk on practical spirituality; meditation; Kirtan and worship; and a prayer service in which we pray for individual, family and humanity's needs. Info: 707-357-4676 or innerresourceinstitute@yahoo.com.

Vintage Toy Display: Inspired by the theme, "Let's Pretend," Mendocino County Museum presents an exhibit of vintage toys, including dolls dating back to 1903, vintage Barbies and accessories from 1968, as well as a fully furnished Victorian-style doll house. Paper gingerbread men will be available to decorate. 400 East Commercial Street. Exhibit displayed through January. Museum hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm. \$5 adults; \$1 ages 6-18; children 5 & under are free. Free first Wednesday of each month. Visit www.MendocinoMuseum. orq

The Mentoring Program: Free classes for girls in grades 6 through 10 in the Willits school system. Friday afternoons from 4 to 5 pm. Class subjects rotate: Herbs, Crafts, Yoga & Movement, Life Skills, and Cooking and Home Arts. Room 4 in the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, the Cultivate Wellness Studio, Call Michelle Cummins for info: 972-1601

Tuesday Wii Bowling: Every Tuesday at the Harrah Senior Center Dining Room, 1501 Baechtel Road. 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Info: 459-6826.

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 buyin; 50 cents per card. Info: 459-6826.

Willits Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club: Monday night workshops at the Willits Center for the Arts, upstairs in the great room. Newer dancers from 7 to 8 pm; plus dancing from 8 to 9 pm. Lawrence Johnstone, caller. Guests always welcome! Info: Jenny Watts, 459-9526.

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 Willits Library Public Events: "Pajama Story Time" for families. Tuesdays at 7 pm. "Stories for Crawlers and Walkers," Thursdays at 11 am. Technology group for help with hand-held devices, Fridays at 1 pm. Youth Game Night, ages 10-14, Fridays from 5 to 7:30 pm. Drop-in Knitting Circle. Saturdays from 3 to 4:30 pm. 390 East Commercial Street, More info: 459-5908 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 any



Week of January 18 through January 22 Monday: Swiss Chicken Casserole

Thursday: Egg, Bacon Potato Bake Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from

\$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 details of this new opportunity, and several made



Sunday, January 24

Grange Pancake Breakfast:

Little Lake Grange hosts a

Lake Grange

Pancake Breakfast every

fourth Sunday at the

#670. 8 to 11 am.

Choose Sourdough

Wholegrain or Hank's

Famous Buttermilk

Pancakes, Beeler's

Quality Bacon, organic

local farm fresh eggs made

to order, real butter, juice, organic

willitsgrange@gmail.com or 459-9716.

coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors; \$5 under 10. Extra

sides of organic fruit in season (\$3) or Amish

maple syrup (\$1). 291 School Street (two blocks

south of Commercial, 1 block west of 101). Info:

Meeting for KLLG Radio Willits: a meeting for

those interested in a low-power local radio station

in Willits, KLLG, "of, by, and for our local citizens!"

No radio experience necessary. First meeting,

Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30 pm; second

meeting: (if you can't make the first), Sunday

January 24 at 4:30 pm, both meetings at in Room

10 of the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Hosted by Little Lake Grange and Lanny Cotler,

exec. dir. For more info: 707-367-1812 or lanny@

WELL

Investing

kllg.org or see "KLLG:

Low-power radio for

out: Should you make

this investment in our

local economy? What

do you need to know to

make your decision?"

Sunday, January 24,

at 4 pm at the Willits

Little

January 11 6224.

On January 11, 2016, the City of Willits started its annual water main flushing and valve operating program. The of classes in various formats throughout purpose of the flushing program is to remove accumulated sediments that may have collected during the normal courses to meet different student operation of the water system. The flushing is expected to needs in all of the communities we take approximately one month to complete.

The flushing starts at the base of Pine Mountain and continue westerly into town. The flushing of Main Street is expected to commence on or about January 18, 2016 and placement. could take up to one week.

Main Street flushing will occur at night in order to register for classes using WebAdvisor, minimize the impact to businesses. Motorists are urged to which can be found by visiting use caution in these areas, as the roads will be wet and Mendocino.edu. New students can the city's work crews will often be in the roadway.

Customers may experience a drop in pressure along with discoloration of their water for short periods in the Admissions and Records at 707-468areas being flushed. Although the water may be brownish, 3101. it is safe to drink. Care should be taken in washing clothes, particularly whites, as they may be stained. Please check your water for discoloration before washing clothes.

For more detailed information about where the flushing will be occurring, customers may call Willits City Hall at 459-7104.



372 East Commercial Street; 459-

"We've scheduled a diverse offering designed to meet the needs of university transfer students and those the week including many Saturday interested in job skill improvement, personal enrichment and lifelong learning. Classes offered every day of serve," says Dean of Instruction Debra the week cover the traditional range Polak. Registering soon for the spring of general education college degree semester is advised to help guarantee topics.

Students interested in Mendocino Already enrolled students can College classes in all locations, including Willits, Lakeport and Fort Bragg, should consult the printed college schedule (available at each enroll online at Mendocino.edu. For location) or listings on the college additional assistance, call the office of webpage for details.

For nearly all students, community college costs are very affordable. Mendocino College offers coursework Mendocino College unit fees are just at four locations throughout the year. \$46 per unit. In addition, more than half The Ukiah Campus offers the largest the students who attend Mendocino list of course offerings. An extensive College qualify for some form of list of classes are also offered at the financial aid. Many meet the guidelines Mendocino College Lake and North

Centers.

that eliminate the unit fees, and others receive grants to cover college costs. "One of the items we find most

For more information about important to students today is a vast upcoming Mendocino College classes, array of choices for scheduling that or to make a counseling appointment, meets their needs," says Polak. "In please consult the college's Spring working with our academic counselors, students can set a course schedule that 2016 schedule recently mailed to local households, the Mendocino College allows them to meet other important website at Mendocino.edu, or visit family or employment commitments or call any of our Mendocino College without missing the chance to attend

college classes.'



Tribal Seeds

County Centers.

investments. In December, WELL's Coordinating per meal. Includes soup, entrée, Mendocino College offers classes Committee voted to invest \$2,000 of our Pay It Forward funds in this DPO. 459-6826 To date, more than \$185,000 has been raised for

the DPO, so it is 75 percent to the required minimum of \$250,000 that must be reached by early February. (If the goal is not met, all funds will be returned. over a six-year period, earning 2 percent interest.)

vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info:

Maureen

Moore

The Edgar Loudermilk Band

The Edgar Loudermilk Band: featuring Jeff Autry. This bluegrass Otherwise, the loans are expected to be paid back concert will benefit the Willits Rotary Club's scholarship fund. Also features farm-to-table food by Black Dog Farms. Saturday,

One major reason to participate as an investor January 30 at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Doors in this fund is the already-identified loan recipient: open / dinner at 6 pm; music 7 to 11 pm. Tickets \$20; no-host Mendocino Wool & Fiber Company. Matthew Gilbert, dinner: \$10 to \$15. Children welcome: \$2 for children under 12 who has been shearing sheep in our region for over at the door. Tickets available in Willits at Willits Furniture and JD 15 years, has detailed plans for a wool processing Redhouse, and at Ukiah Natural Foods Co=Op and DIG Music plant, which has already received a building permit in Ukiah.

in Ukiah. Gilbert notes that "this business fills a need

proposals we've seen."

John Kuhry at 467-5953.

which will help local ranchers get a better return, Call for soup makers provide high-quality product for local weavers and

OK. people of Willits, it's time to gear up artisans, and employ eight people full-time." for Willits Daily Bread's annual fundraiser. Sip The non-profit EDFC, with over 20 years of Some Soup, scheduled for Saturday, February experience in local loans, has vetted Gilbert's 6. We are looking for soup makers to sign up. financial and cash-flow analysis. Kuhry says, "It's We are trying to raise extra money this year to one of the most exciting and well-thought-out find a new kitchen so we can go back to feeding the hungry in a more communal way. We now

Another reason to invest: If you have money feed the hungry out of Saint Francis in the sitting in a bank account or CD, it's earning virtually Redwoods Episcopal Church.

0 percent, and it's profiting Wall Street, not Main We are very happy and appreciative to be Street. The minimum investment is \$1,000. If you able to continue with our mission, but it's a direct some of your funds here, it will benefit both small kitchen so we aren't able to do hot meals. you and our local economy! Please help us feed the people in need in our

Come to this final Willits forum on January 24 community. Call me at 459-2579 or 707-367-5669 for sign-up sheets or any information you to learn more and get answers to your questions. Further info is available at www.edfc.org or contact need.

- Madge Strong, WELL

- Cindy Savage, director, Willits Daily Bread



Tribal Seeds will be showcased as part of a three-band bill with UK reggae rockers, The Skints, and The Steppas from Hawaii. The award-winning reggae group hailing from San Diego, Tribal Seeds have become known for their spiritually

driven, refreshing rock vibe which they've infused with the roots style of reggae music. Doors will open at 7 pm with music starting at 8 pm. This is an all-ages show with bar for 21 and over, plus island-inspired offerings from the Mateel kitchen. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

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Reggae with Tribal Seeds

January 16 at The Mateel

On Saturday, January 16, the Mateel Community Center



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I will say that the performances are solid. The secondary characters are both funny. The story itself is not clever enough to be anything more than kind of interesting. The predictable resolution happens ... glad to get

that over with.

Parents: This film was not made for children. The humor is for adults. When my boys were voung. I wouldn't have let them watch this.

Note: Pluses for the "Freaks and Geeks" fans: Linda Cardellini is the female lead.

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



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 not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

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

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

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 10 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/ MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: World Music Mondays: Sign ups start at 7:30 pm sharp. Music starts at 8 pm.

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

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

Laytonville Winter Farmers Market: Mondays, November to May, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville

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'Pigments of Our Imagination'

Patrons enjoy opening reception for January Arts Center show

A dark and misty evening was a perfect evening to get that he couldn't adequately answer his son's questions together for the Willits Center for the Arts "Pigments of about the attacks so he decided they should visit the Our Imagination" opening reception on Saturday night. makeshift memorial site where flowers and candles On hand to greet the attendees were artists Margaret were left. Pirrouette. Diza Hope, Robert Permenter and Judy

Chance Hope. These friends were Jenny Senter as comfortable explaining their Features Writer friends' art, as they were their

own. There were moments of quiet

reverie while attendees spent time absorbing the artists' messages

Interrupted while admiring Laura Corben's landscapes, Donna Schindel said she is amazed at the local artists who have so much talent and "persist in their art." While Corben couldn't be at the opening, her art was well appreciated.

The "But WE Have Flowers" painting in the show is Margaret Pirrouette's response to her pain of watching the story unfold on television of the terrorist attacks on Paris in November. The painting is her response to an interview of a French father and his son at the site of the Bataclan attacks. The father explained on camera

As the camera rolled, his young son's questions and comments, along with his father's reassurances to his son that the flowers they looked upon were tokens of love, touched Pirrouette's heart. The father's words, "They might have guns but we have flowers," struck

Pirrouette as beautiful and led to her painting. Pirrouette went on to share that she "feels at home n the universe, where there is gentleness, love and passion." She said that she also loves music, dancing and singing and that she paints "wordless songs" early

Mother and daughter Judy Chance Hope and Diza Hope took time to relax and enjoy the many attendees that went to high school with Diza. Diza graduated from Willits High School but found her time spent in New





Above, left: Donna and Greg Schindel enjoy a visit with Bill Bruneau while admiring Laura Corben's art. Above, right: Erin Schon-Brunner, left. Diza Hope and Judy Chance Hope, right, catch up, with Margaret Pirrouette's "Five Butterflies" in the background. At left: Nina Larsen attends the WCA opening with her children, River and Liliana. Below, left: Artist Diza Hope with Willits residents Molly Sampson and Zack Hansen. Below, right: "But WE Have Flowers" is Margaret Pirrouette's answer to the Paris terrorist attack.



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Algebra, Geometry Help Wanted Willits Charter School seeks Tutoring, Test Prep a Part-Time Instructional Mac Smith 459-MATH Math/Science Aide. Job includes yard supervision. Skilled in working with Body Balance middle/high school students Workshop a must. \$10 per hour. earn how to: Apply basic Contact Jennifer Lockwood nassage techniques, utilize at jlockwood@willitscharter. voga and stretching moves, net or 707-459-5506. mprove posture, and find the power of your breath in this workshop. Explore tools Help Wanted o increase your health, MANAGING DIRECTOR achieve inner harmony, keep stress-related

Willits Community Theatre seeks permanent P/T diseases at bay. Saturday, administrator: marketing, January 23, 1-3 pm, Willits. \$35. 707-292-4397 computer graphics, finance, personnel, record keeping and community liaison.

Community HU Song Approx 10 hrs/wk. Salary negotiated. n our fast-paced world, Excellent are you looking to find communication skills a must. See willitstheatre. more inner peace? Join org for full job description. us for a Community HU Song, Thursday, January Submit resume to WCT, PO Box 80, Willits, or wct@ 28, at 6 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 E. Commercial willitsonline.com. Street. HU (pronounced

hue) is a simple, uplifting prayer or mantra that can Help Wanted help you experience divine FUND-RAISER - Willits love and an inner calm. Community Theatre seeks All faiths are welcome. individual to organize Sponsored by Eckankar: events and campaigns Experience the Light & to raise money. Obtain Sound of God. Information? donations from individuals & Please call 972-2475 or visit groups to WCT by building miraclesinyourlife.org. relationships. Explore new

fundraising opportunities

from a variety of sources.

Computer Help Work as independent Need help with your computer? I will come to contractor, base plus Part-time, commission. your home or business. no benefits. Excellent PC and Macintosh. Repairs and configuration \$40/ communication skills a must. See willitstheatre. hr. Tutoring \$20/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email org for full job description. Submit resume to WCT, macamergin@yahoo.com. PO Box 80, Willits, or wct@ willitsonline.com. Dog Training Classes starting 1/19/16. Go to www. wellmanneredmutts.com for Help Wanted further information. Or email Adventist Health-Homecare wellmanneredmutts@gmail. Hospice Services com Mendocino County. F/T P/T - Per Diem positions: RN, Home Health Aide, Duplex for Rent Physical & Occupational Deluxe 2 bedroom, 2 bath Therapist. Great Team & duplex in Brooktrails. All Great Benefits. Call Trudyappliances. Laundry room. H/R #456-3230. central heat & air, garage. Incredibly nice. No smoking, no pets. \$900/month plus

House for Rent \$1,800 deposit. Call 984bedroom, 2 bath house in Willits, west side, available February 1. \$1,200/month, Flea Market plus \$1,600 security deposit. No pets, no 215. Saturday, January 16, 10 to Call Don, 367-1573, for 3. Willits Community Center. application. Seasonal

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Treasures.



Point Sparring

On Sunday, January 3, 2016, Kyoshi Michael Tobin of Mendocino County Sheriff's Activities League Karate Programs and Sensei David Silver of Ukiah Shorinryu Karate teamed up to host an Introductory Sparring Seminar on Point Sparring techniques and strategies. About 25 local karate kids and adults participated.

The seminar was conducted at the Willits Body Works Gym and Martial Arts Center. SAL Willits children's karate classes are held on Thursday nights at 6 pm at the gym, 1511 South Main Street. They are co-ed classes, for ages 5 through 9 years. And at 7 pm, class is held for for tweens, teens and adults. All classes are free. Call Kyoshi Mike Tobin at 354-0565 for more info or visit www.facebook. com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague.

– submitted by Michael Tobin

The rest of From Page 5 Roller

strong and only needed a carburetor kit to smooth out fuel delivery. Buffalo Springfield built its own two-speed transmission with forward and reverse clutches, a unique device.

With the roller in a partially dismantled state, the parts and pieces were cleaned, primed and painted. The engine, transmission and running gear received a coat of flat black engine paint, the body was painted Kelly Springfield green, and the wheels and other external components received a gloss black finish. Then the machine was re-assembled and began to look whole again.

With some polishing of the brass and some new hood latches, the roller was show-ready. If only we could finish the Kelly Springfield restoration in that short of a time frame.

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home



Taz is a big, 7-year-old guy that needs lots of loving. He came to the shelter after his owner moved and could not keep him. He does great with other cats, kids and people of all kinds. Taz loves belly rubs and will roll over to show you his black-and-white tummy. He loves to sleep but loves to cuddle. Come meet Taz!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, where you can come visit.

play with and/or dogs and cats, is or prospective adopters to 5 pm, Wedr through Friday, and fro

The rest of From Page 8 Pigments

hosts karate seminar

York to be a great opportunity for growth in her art. Many in attendance at the opening reception were long-time admirers of Judy's work. They were excited to see what she had been working on recently.

At left: A group

the participants, including hosts Kyoshi Michael

Tobin, back row, second from left and Sensei David

Silver, back row,

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Below: SAL karate

Owen, geared up

photo from Sunday's SAL karate seminar. showing most of

Willits resident Eloise Toomey, who has painted with Robert Permenter and Pirrouette, was enjoying sharing art with her granddaughter at Saturday's opening reception. She loves to paint, but finds it hard to find time to create.

Permenter's art had one person remarking to him that his work "reminds me of Cynda's [Valle Rogers] work" to which Permenter exclaimed, "That's a great compliment!" His art is evocative of the hours spent in Cynda Valle Rogers' workshops but his art is his definitely his own. His largest piece in the show, "An Artist, an Intimate View," had many people stopping to stare and then expressing amazement at the several images within the image.

"Pigments of Our Imagination" runs through January 31 at the Willits Center for the Arts Gallery, 71 East Commercial Street. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 4 to 7 pm, and Saturday and Sunday, 12 to 3 pm.

If you are interested in helping out at the Willits Center for the Arts (no art experience necessary to volunteer), please contact Nancy Nazarian Reed at 707-459-1239.

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Johnson and supporting Trustee Laurie Harris on an issue Johnson wanted to deal with in closed session

For the first time in a year, Harris looked happy at a board meeting.

The issue arose during the part of the board meeting dedicated to trustee comments. Harris said she had not received information from Johnson she had requested at the December 2 meeting concerning a comparison of expenses involved in driving buses to Sonoma County for repairs versus what it would cost to hire an additional mechanic and repairing the buses in Willits

Johnson said she had not yet gotten the information, but she soon would and she would put it on a closed session agenda for the next regular board meeting. Harris said she wanted to talk about it in open session so everyone could know what was going on. Johnson said discussing it in open session would be inappropriate because it was a personnel issue. But Neary said he agreed with Harris.

"This is a small town, and sometimes you just have to accept that occasionally personnel-type stuff has to be talked about in public session," Neary said. "Let's do it in open session.

Johnson looked at him and nodded.

A few minutes later, Neary found an opportunity to praise Johnson. "I am proud that we have a good relationship with Willits Charter School and with Willits Elementary Charter School," Neary said, "I am under the impression that is not the way it is everywhere." Then, looking directly at Johnson, Neary continued. "And I believe this has happened because of your efforts. And I thank you for that."

New superintendent search

Neary appeared to be attempting to build a bridge of trust with John Haschak, the Blosser Lane teacher who has been president of the Willits Teachers Association for 10 of the past 15 years. That effort colored the question of how to find and hire the next district superintendent, after Johnson's presumed departure at the end of the current school year.

Both WTA and representatives from the California School Employees Association have stated they want to be involved in the selection process.

Haschak said he opposes hiring a consultant to run the selection process, citing as a primary reason the cost of the consultant.

"I think the cost savings argument is a false argument," Neary said. "Remember the district office argument, that we had to give up the district office over there on Pearl Street because it cost \$2,000 a month? We did that and look what happened." Neary was apparently referring to some board members' criticism of the \$150,000 cost to move the district office, including \$51,112 for new furniture.

Although Neary opposed Haschak on a point of rationale, he ended up siding with him on policy. He recommended putting out feelers within the district and throughout other districts in the area. He asked if district Director of Human Resources Laura Sleeper would take charge of the process.

Sleeper said she would, and told the board she could have the position advertised on three web-based educational employment clearing houses by the end of the week.

Neary urged a two-step process. "We should start off inhouse, put out a circular this week or maybe next week, let it sit out there, and see what happens. Then we take a look

timberlands. The company's policy is to manually cut into live tan oaks and to apply the herbicide Imazapyr to the trees. The herbicide kills the tree and leaves it standing in place in

the forest. This practice is referred to as "hack and squirt." Many county residents feel the hack-and-squirt practice constitutes a threat to public safety.

Faced with a clamoring public and a call for action in a drought year, supervisors handed the ball to Holtkamp and her organization, the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council. They paid the council \$25,000 to figure out what would be involved to assess whether hack-and-squirt constitutes a threat to public safety. At the same time, supervisors charged Holtkamp with updating the county's Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

On Tuesday, Holtkamp delivered a draft version of the scope-of-work assessment and requested a two-month extension on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The scope of work, a five-page document - including the cover letter and a two-page appendix – offers a list of six elements that ought to be included in any credible study.

First, according to the scope of work committee, any contractor would have to do a field study of forest conditions. They would have to identify a sampling of areas which have been subjected to the hack-and-squirt treatment for which data could be obtained. They would have to study data for these areas, including data on fuel loads.

They would have to be sure that this data included imber stands from each of the four cardinal points in the compass: north-facing, south-facing, east-facing and west-facing stands. They would also have to sample data from different periods in the death and regeneration cycle of tan oak treatment, from one year after treatment to decomposition at 10 or 15 years.

Secondly, the contractor would have to determine if there are any additional risk factors, such as ignition sources or other vegetation types in the study areas.

Thirdly, the contractor would have to consult with CalFire to assess its policy "as it relates to dead standing trees and any protocols or regulations that assess the

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line goes down once again

Supervisors accepted a report on the outage prepared by Trish Steele, executive director of the Broadband Alliance, and voted to become a party to a Public Utilities Commission's administrative procedure investigating and assessing the causes of the breakdown. The board also agreed to sign a letter by State Senator Mike McGuire and Assemblyman Jim Wood, in which the legislators urged telecommunications behemoth AT&T to meet with representatives from affected counties.

Each of the votes passed unanimously.

According to Steele's report, the outage that befell the North Coast on September 3 and 4 was a whopper, the fourth outage in Mendocino County in 13 months. Steele wrote that while it is difficult to accurately assess calls to a secondary Public Safety Access Point. Although how many people were affected, the combined population the rerouting of the 9-1-1 occurred guickly, many people of Humboldt and Mendocino counties is some 220,000 people, and it appears "tens of thousands" of people were because the service remained out on their end." Steele affected in the two counties.

Mendocino Redwood Company treats tanoak trees on its potential for increased fire hazard.

Fourthly, the contractor would be asked to identify the most severely at-risk areas among the study sites.

Using the collected data, the contractor would use a fire hazard model to "determine the rate of spread, BTUs and flame height prediction to determine location and periods of time since treatment to determine fire hazard risk."

That portion of the work would take into consideration such factors as whether the site is in the coastal or inland part of the county, the standard seasonal temperature. and the level of humidity.

The contractor would be asked to answer the questions: 1) "Is there a trend suggesting that the period of time since treatment is a factor in influencing potential fire hazard?" and 2): "Are there particular aspects where the potential for increased fire hazard is present due to tanoak treatment?"

Fifth, the contractor would identify alternative treatments that could be used to reduce fire danger in the affected areas, including "wildland/urban interface areas, other areas with ignition sources, and remote timberlands.

The sixth job of the contractor would be to identify any sources of funding to perform these tasks.

Supervisors Hamburg and McCowen did not seem happy with Holtkamp's work product. "My concern about all of this is that we will be spending a lot of money, and we will be spinning our wheels and, at the end of the day, we will be getting a study that will basically tell us the same information that is contained in a lot of other studies," Hamburg complained.

McCowen seemed upset that Holtkamp, in his opinion,

had not fully delivered the goods asked for. He asked that the scope of work include a requirement that any contractor who would take on the job be required to do an assessment of what timber companies, particularly MRC, is doing now to treat tanoaks, and to make recommendations for alternative treatments.

Holtkamp replied those directives are already included in items 1, 4 and 5, as noted above.

Supervisors unanimously received Holtkamp's report and extended the due date for her revision of the county's Community Wildfire Protection Plan

percent said the event was very distressing or produced great anxiety.

Of the 342 business owners who responded, 21 percent said their capacity to conduct business was reduced to 75 percent of normal; 21.6 percent said their capacity was reduced by 50 percent; and 26.3 percent said their capacity to do business was cut to only 25 percent of normal. Another 15.8 percent of business owners said they could not function but stayed open, while 11.4 percent reported they could not function and closed their doors.

In Mendocino County, Steele noted, quick action helped ameliorate the disaster. The "Mendocino County Emergency Operations Center was activated at 10:45 am [on September 3] rerouting all incoming 9-1-1 emergency

still could not call 9-1-1 or receive reverse 9-1-1 calls,

made several recommendations in her report: 1.)

connections in all in-county central offices and regional

offices need to be redundant and diverse; 2.) redundancy

and diversity should be supported by a competitive multi-

carrier environment: 3.) emergency 9-1-1 Public Safety

Answering Points should be interconnected with an

engineered solution that all dialed 9-1-1 calls will always

reach a staffed PSAP; 4.) Mendocino County should

develop broadband goals and a strategic plan to realize

Supes move local energy issue to committee

Supervisors on Tuesday unanimously agreed Willits, Fort Bragg and Point Arena, would be given the board's newly reactivated Public Resources the opportunity to decide whether or not to join the Committee should study whether the county should power consortium, Syphers added. join an alternative electric power consortium.

He noted his organization is currently on a The committee includes Second District steep growth curve, with the City of San Francisco Supervisor John McCowen and Fourth District and San Luis Obispo having recently initiated the

process of joining the organization. He said the The board has yet to recent decline in energy costs worldwide resulted indicate which energy consortium it wants the energy contracts that would keep SCP rates low supervisors meeting. county to join. However, for the next 10 years. over the past year it has

consortium would be problematical. He said if it turned out to be a sticking point with supervisors, he could go back to his board and explore options. He also told the board that, if all goes well, he would predict a launch date of May 2017.

SCP is the nearest example of a communitychoice aggregation program, or CCA. In essence, about the Northern California Power Authority, CCAs buy power from independent energy Ukiah's energy consortium. He noted that whereas producers and sell it to the public, using existing SCP's rates might be 2 to 5 percent lower than Pacific Gas and Electric Co. infrastructure. Costs PG&E's, NCPA's rates are 30 percent lower. are comparable with those of PG&E – sometimes

> Grandi suggested there might be certain services NCPA could perform for the County of Mendocino.

When Hamburg asked if Mendocino County Geof Syphers, CEO of Sonoma Clean Power, could join NCPA, Grandi admitted he did not know. appeared before the board Tuesday to talk about Syphers said it was clear that if the county Grandi said.

decided to join SCP, the City of Ukiah would not Hamburg said he was surprised by Grandi's offer be a member, since Ukiah already belongs to an independent power provider, the Northern

Other cities in Mendocino County, including Resources Committee.

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Supervisor Dan Gjerde.

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of Sonoma Clean Power.

SCP board of directors

friendly than that of PG&E.

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Willits.

heard several presentations from representatives

In addition to moving the issue to committee,

the board directed Fifth District Supervisor Dan

Hamburg to attend a February 4 meeting of the

slightly less, sometimes somewhat more - but the

energy mix is thought to be more environmentally

issues pertaining to the county's joining SCP.

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of current-year mandate expenses. To help offset the mandates that have fallen upon districts in the past. Brown decided to pay off the debt in one lump sum, based on in the flood plain, and all of those kinds of questions." average daily attendance, which comes to \$775,000 for

According to Michel, the check has not yet arrived. have.

At the December 16 meeting, Johnson told the board of trustees she had a plan on how to spend the money. Johnson wants to buy two new school buses worth \$200.000 each. In addition, she has allocated \$200,000 for new textbooks and \$175,000 for paving both the front driveway and the student parking lot at Willits High School.

While the school board was assimilating this plan, Trustee Alex Bowlds said he preferred to spend the money to fix the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system at Blosser Lane Elementary School instead of buying the buses

According to Johnson, the Blosser HVAC system is the worst in the district. It is a money-guzzler and an energyguzzler, and it is falling apart. In fact, by January 1. the system in three classrooms had completely broken down. and district maintenance crews had installed individual HVAC units in the three classrooms at a cost of \$14,000 each.

about to launch, and with the cities of Santa Cruz County to stream meetings on YouTube

The County of Mendocino began live streaming some of its official meetings on its own YouTube channel last week, beginning with the January in SCP being able to purchase long-term, low-cost 4 Local Agency Formation Commission meeting and the January 5 board of

According to county CEO Carmel Angelo, the move was necessary Syphers cautioned changing the name of the because of the dissolution of Mendocino Access Television, the previous provider of access to public meetings and other local programming. MATV

announced in early November that it would be Mike A'Dair closing down on December 31, 2015.

Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com County meetings will continue to be available through local cable programming, Angelo said.

Mel Grandi, director of electric utilities for the City As well as the live stream, archived county meetings are also available to of Ukiah, appeared before the board and spoke stream on demand through the YouTube channel - and so far, they've been posted by the next day after the meetings.

> To find the YouTube channel, go to www.youtube.com and search for "Mendocino County Video" - look for the county seal in the search results. Access is also available by clicking the "Live Video" tab on the board of supervisor's page on the county website, www.co.mendocino.ca.us/bos.

County Information Services is now responsible for video production of meetings previously handled by MATV, including the board of supervisors. LAFCO, and the Mendocino Council of Governments. Additionally, for the The NCPA is a joint powers authority consisting first time beginning in February, access to Mendocino County Planning of 16 cities. Currently no county is a member. Commission and Civil Service Commission meetings will be provided to the public through live streaming and video archives on the YouTube channel.

"The county envisions a future agreement with a new non-profit service and NCPA wasn't even on his radar. He suggested provider for the county and other local government entities, and anticipates he would look forward to finding out more about the preparation of a joint request for proposals in mid-2016 which would NCPA during upcoming meetings of the Public include other interested parties such as the City of Ukiah and the City of Fort Bragg." Angelo said.

the City of Willits. "Does this mean they have to go get positional satellite technology which determined the city insurance? And how do they know whether their house is

FEMA representatives will be present at the meeting, to answer these and other questions concerned citizens may

Sherman strongly urges all property owners who think their property may be affected to attend the meeting and get the answers they need. The FIRM maps, along with other information, are posted on the front page of the City his optimism. of Willits website at http://thecityofwillits.com - scroll down below the photo of the Willits City Council to see the links.

Referencing the maps, Sherman explained: "The red areas indicate an expansion in the floodplain, and the areas in green represent a decrease in the floodplain. All the reds are in the city, and all the greens are in the wetlands."

The updated maps were designed using new geo-

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facility in the 400 block of South Main Street. Her body was center of Willits in central Mendocino County. discovered at 11:58 am on the beach in the 1200 block of

floodplain zone had increased. "These are the first digital maps we've ever had for the community," said Sherman.

According to FEMA regulations, if a property is owned free and clear, the owner has no obligation to alter their buildings or buy insurance. If properties are within the flood zone and owe a mortgage, then insurance is required.

Regarding the recent rain activity, Sherman expressed

"I'm happy to see the rain," he said. "Other than the little flooding we had a few weeks ago, we're doing great. Our reservoirs are overflowing; we're in pretty good shape for the first time in a long time."

For any questions or concerns about the upcoming meeting. Sherman can be contacted at 459-7122 or jsherman@willitscity.com.

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of Little River had last been seen at around 5 am at the rerouting of Highway 101 around the notoriously congested

Late last month, Eberhard agreed to voluntarily dismiss Caltrans as a defendant from the case



at the pool. At that point we can see if we need to go out to a consultant.

Neary also advocated finding a place in the process during which representatives from the WTA and the CSEA could participate in candidate interviews.

After much discussion, the board agreed to hold a public meeting during the third week in January at which time it will finalize the process for selecting the next superintendent.

"This will very likely be the most important decision that this board will make this year," Neary said.

The decision won some positive feedback from Haschak. "I appreciate your approach on this, and we'll see how it goes," Haschak said. "But I think that if we do go local on this, you're going to get more buy-in."

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A survey conducted by Steele after the outage provided some interesting facts

Steele received 627 responses to her survey, with 95 percent of the responses coming from people living in Mendocino County. Of those responding, 87 percent said they experienced the loss of their internet, 52 percent said the outage disrupted their cell phone service, and 36 percent experienced a total loss of their land lines, while 25 percent experienced a partial loss of landline service. Some

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those goals; and 5.) fiber routes should be inventoried and any exposed cabling needs to be buried or otherwise 18 percent experienced a loss of ATM secured

machine functionality, while Letter from McGuire. Wood 99.3 percent of respondents

said they were impacted to Supervisor Dan Hamburg also presented the board with a letter written by State Senator Mike McGuire and co-

On a more personal level, signed by State Assemblyman Jim Wood, addressed to 31.7 percent of respondents AT&T and urging the company to meet with representatives said they lost all ability to from Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino and Humboldt counties.

communicate, while 46.8 Hamburg described the letter as a "very pointed percent said they lost most response" to the various promises and excuses offered ability to communicate; 55.3 by AT&T in the wake of the blackout, and read part of the percent said they could not letter into the record. communicate with members

of their family, while 56.5 "While we are encouraged by AT&T's recent commitment percent said family members to upgrade its network, we remain deeply concerned by could not communicate with the company's lack of engagement and accountability to

local public officials and to those who are charged with 52 percent ensuring the public safety," McGuire wrote.

described the event as mildly "It's rather sharp language, but I think maybe that what's distressing or producing needed to get AT&T's attention," Hamburg said. some anxiety; 25.9 percent The board voted unanimously to add Chairman Dan said it was distressing or

produced anxiety, and 8.5 Gjerde's signature to the letter.

The full Broadband Alliance 24 Hour 7 Days a Week report, "September 2015 Emergency Service • Call Anytime Telecommunication Outage Tom Wake - Plumbing and the Impacts on Residents Serving in Mendocino and Lake Counties of Mendocino County," can **Full Service Residential, Commercial** be viewed online at www. Faucets & Tubs •Garbage Disposals •Pipe Repairs •Gas Lines •Fixture Replacement mendocinobroadband. org/wp-content/uploads/ For Fast Service Call Outage-Report-as-707-391-4343 approved-11216-by-BoS. Lic: #884811 nd

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In a separate telephone conversation, Johnson said over the past week the HVAC systems in two more classrooms have broken down, making a total of five classrooms not being served by Blosser's decrepit system.

Installing new, stand-alone units in these five classrooms will cost \$70,000. A new high-grade system that would provide HVAC for all Blosser Lane's 22 classrooms would cost \$250,000.

At the December 16 meeting, the board and Johnson tossed the guestion around for a few minutes and resolved to discuss it more fully in the future. The matter was not discussed at the board's January 6 meeting.

Contacted by phone, Johnson said a decision on the question has not yet been made.

"We have to replace two buses," Johnson said. "Two buses in our fleet are out of EPA compliance, and are going to have to be scrapped. We have reached a tentative agreement with a district in the San Diego area, which is buying a large number of new buses. We thought we would piggyback on with them. If we do that, we could be saving something on the order of \$40,000 on each bus."

Johnson said a decision on purchasing the new buses must be made by March 1.

The rest of From Page 1 Deadline

regulation of cannabis cultivation will default to the state Despite unanimous support for the date fix, much of the conversation before the vote surrounded concern over another issue not included in AB 21.

As part of the marijuana act, cities and counties gained the authority to prevent medical cannabis patients from growing cannabis for their personal use.

Both the American Civil Liberties Union and the Drug Policy Alliance have formally opposed AB 21 unless it includes language that precludes local jurisdictions from banning cannabis being grown for personal use.

"I am committed to working as hard as I can to resolve the personal use issue, and I have gone on the record making that commitment," Wood said. "Removing the March 1 deadline is not controversial and requires urgency legislation so we can assure communities they will have the time they need to develop regulations.

"The issue of growing cannabis for personal use while, critically important," Wood continued, "is unfortunately not without some controversy. According to the language of North Main Street in Fort Bragg after the sheriff's office received several 911 calls regarding a deceased female on what coast residents refer to as "Haul Road."

The state park personnel who found Shapiro's body requested assistance from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Detective Unit, according to Investigative Services Bureau Lt. Shannon Barney.

Shapiro, who had been experiencing mental health issues, had been reported missing to the Willits Police Department at around 8 am

Shapiro did not own a vehicle, Barney said. The sheriff's office is requesting public help to determine how the woman managed to travel from Willits to Fort Bragg.

Anyone who may have seen or given a ride to Shapiro is encouraged to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, he said. Business owners or private citizens who own a video/still camera surveillance system on a potential route from the Willits area are being asked to review their system to see if Shapiro is present in the video or pictures.

Anyone with information related to the case is asked to contact Detective Clint Wyant at 456-3880 or the Mendocino County Sheriff's Tip Line at 234-2100. This report was based on a press release from the

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

the new regulatory package signed by Gov. Jerry Brown on October 9, if cities and counties do not create their own ordinances by March 1, regulation will default to the state.

If these issues are combined into one bill, it will result in the March 1 deadline remaining on the books for a longer period of time resulting in more bans.

Hezekiah Allen from the California Growers Association said: "Cal Growers is firmly supportive of legislation to remove the March 1 deadline and legislation to protect patients' rights.... Every day that the March 1deadline remains in law, more cities and counties ban cultivation. With each ban, hundreds of family farms are re-criminalized and our membership's ability to work toward collaborative implementation of the MMRSA is inhibited."

AB 21 was scheduled to be heard in Senate Health Committee this afternoon but has been rescheduled for next week.

- submitted by the office of Assemblymember Jim Wood (D-Healdsburg), who represents the 2nd Assembly District

"We decided to dismiss them voluntarily and proceed against CHP and the arresting officers," Eberhard's lawyer Duffy Carolan, of Jassy Vick Carolan, said. "The only claim that remained against Caltrans was a claim for false arrest under state law "

As part of the settlement, Caltrans agreed to cover its own legal costs but provided no monetary relief to Eberhard, according to Caltrans spokesman Phil Frisbie,

Another condition of dropping the suit against Caltrans was that Frisbie submit to a one-hour interview with Eberhard's legal team before the trial kicks off on February

"As the public information officer for Lake and Mendocino counties, I've been closely involved with media, providing interviews and access to the project in order to get photos and video," Frisbie said.

In his original complaint, Eberhard claimed that the CHP and Caltrans engaged in "a pattern of harassment and intimidation" toward him and other journalists covering the contested highway project

Eberhard also claims he was arrested and jailed for trespassing on the construction site without a Caltrans escort while others were simply cited and released.

Frisbie denied allegations that Caltrans conspired to restrict media access to the project in order to suppress negative publicity stemming from coverage of protestors being arrested for trying to halt construction activities.

"We always try to provide access to the media as quickly as we can, but it has to be in a safe manner," Frisbie said. "We require that media in construction areas be escorted by Caltrans, and they have to wear the minimum safety equipment.'

In a ruling issued in November, U.S. District Judge James Donato narrowed the claims Eberhard can pursue against CHP and officers that arrested him to allegations that they chilled his First Amendment rights and that the agency can be held liable for the violations under state law.

The voluntary dismissal of Caltrans with prejudice, which does not require a court order, was recognized by the court on December 22.

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Basketball | Macy Hendry, age 17, Senior Position: Post

Breakfast of Champions: Cheerios Love for the Sport: "That it's a contact sport." Years Playing the Sport: Five years, since eighth grade

My Amazing Athlete for this week is Macy Hendry. Macy is a senior on the Willits High School varsity girls basketball team. Macv missed last season due to an injury. Macy has spent the preseason preparing to make a powerful impact on the court. Each week and every game Macy has been improving, and in our first league game last Monday vs. St. Helena, Macy put it all together. She was a dominant force on the court! She had 14 rebounds and 8 points, and her presence in our press was tremendous. Macy is a team leader. She always encourages and inspires her teammates with her positive attitude and work ethic. - Coach Jody Ward

Starling Catherine

Eventide

John Fredrick Holmen, Jr. of Willits passed away on

Photo by Hollie Nass

Amazing Athlete of Willits High School



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT Alaska Perry Handschug

"Our delightful Alaska, so cuddly and sweet; those majestic blue eyes make our hearts skip a beat; our bundle of joy, so sweet and so nice; we're excited to celebrate our new gift of life." Izzy, Shawna and River welcomed Alaska Perry Handschug on December 19, 2015. She measured 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and 19.5 inches long.



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interpreter and intelligence analyst, which included two tours of duty in Vietnam. Shortly after discharge, he met his wife, Ginny Gutierrez, in Pittsburg. They were married 41 years, during which they

was born December 14,

1948 to John F. Holmen, Sr.

raised their two children, Michael and Cristin.

Welcome to Starling Catherine Eventide! She was officially Lara Eventide, and brother, Caspian, who have had her since she was 3 days old. Starling was born on March 27, 2015 at Santa Rosa Memorial and weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 17.5 inches long; now she is a beautiful and happy 9 months old. Starling, you are such a sweet soul, and our little angel. We think that we are the luckiest parents in the world to be blessed with you as our daughter. We are so happy to have

> Pacific as a log scaler for more than 25 years. John also worked for the County of Mendocino for several years before retiring. John's hobbies included coin collecting and building model air planes.

> He was preceded in death by his father John Holmen, Sr., mother Della Holmen, sister Susan Church, brother Leif Holmen, and grandson Austin Halverson.

and Della Arendts Holmen He is survived by his wife, Ginny, son Michael Holmen in Decorah, Iowa. John's (Amber), daughter Cristin Halverson (Mike), son Diem family moved to Pittsburg, Nguyen (May), and eight grandchildren, Ava, Alex, Dylan, California when he was a Ethan, Jimmy, Christina, Annie and Tracy. He is also survived by his brother Eric Holmen (Melodie), sisters Martha Taylor (Mark) and Rogna Haley (Brian), his cousin Andra Zamacona, and

numerous other family He served six years in the members. Army as an aerial imagery

A memorial service will be held at a later date. The family prefers contributions to The Wounded Warriors of America or The American Cancer Society.

\$4.4 million in federal grants for district health centers

Congressman Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) announced dentistry, women's health, obstetrical in December that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration has awarded more than \$4.4 million in federal funds for 2016 to four health centers in Huffman's 2nd Congressional District.

With these federal grants, health centers in Humboldt, Marin. Mendocino, and Sonoma counties will be able to continue providing primary care to populations in need, including low-income and homeless populations, children and families, and medically vulnerable individuals. Health centers provide critical services for their patients, many of whom have no other access to preventative and primary care

"These funds will allow health centers across California's North Coast to continue providing the excellent and essential services that my constituents depend on," Congressman Huffman said. "Making sure these organizations have reliable federal support is vital not only to their operations, but to the well-being of thousands living in their communities.'

Mendocino Community Health Clinics, which received more than \$1.7 million in this federal grant, operates across three sites, including Little Lake Health Center in Willits, Hillside Health Center in Ukiah, and Lakeview Health Center in Lakeport. MCHC serves approximately 60,000 people, primarily rural, low-income, and elderly individuals, and those diagnosed with chronic illnesses or dual diagnoses.

MCHC Health Centers provide comprehensive health services including primary medical care, pediatrics,

The rest of From Page 1 Grange

grange's body politic are those granges that support organic and regenerative agriculture and progressive politics; on the other side are those granges that support traditional agriculture and conservative politics.

"Ironically," said Little Lake Grange Master Annie Waters, "in this most recent episode, the most radical of granges joined the traditionals. It's kind of like the bypass. At what point do you declare yourself to have caved in? At what point are you willing to surrender your ideals so you can continue to exist as an organization, so you can continue to work for change from within the greater organization you belong to? With this vote, our grange has declared itself to have reached that point."

The struggle is centered around former California State Grange Master Bob McFarland, elected in 2009. This was a time when the most serious problem facing the state grange association was the aging of its membership, and the failure and closing of many local granges across the state.

McFarland, who visited Little Lake Grange several times, is a charismatic man who embraced the progressive politics and sustainable farming philosophy espoused by many Little Lake Grangers in recent years. His goal was to help the state grange organization bridge the chasm between those fading, senescent granges and the regenerative, revitalized granges McFarland found flourishing in Willits investigated the bylaws by which the granges are run. and a few other places in the state.

According to Waters, when one of the octogenarian

care, counseling, psychiatry, chiropractic and specialty care.

In November, the three MCHC Health Centers were among six clinics in Northern California out of 217 clinics assessed by Partnership HealthPlan of California that received the top scores.

"This is a huge accomplishment," said MCHC Health Centers Medical Director Dr. Tom Bertolli. "This lets public clinics or private providers.'

PHC is a non-profit, community-based health care organization that contracts with the state to administer Medi-Cal benefits through local care providers like MCHC Health Centers to ensure Medi-Cal recipients have access to high-guality, comprehensive, cost-effective health care. Baechtel Medical Clinic in Willits was also one of the six top scorers of the 217 public and private medical clinics that were assessed.

PHC's clinical measures focused on helping patients manage their diabetes, making sure women were screened for cervical cancer, and assessing childhood obesity. Other measures included providing access to outpatient care, so patients did not have to go to hospital emergency rooms; using resources wisely (i.e., not wasting money, using efficient procedures); and providing patients with a good experience where they felt heard and received the information they needed to make good decisions.

suspension. McFarland refused to go on indefinite leave

and, as a result, the national organization kicked the entire

California state grange organization out of the national

organization. This left all of the granges in California with a

decision: Should they follow McFarland and stay with the

California State Grange, or should they declare themselves

The Little Lake Grange decided to follow McFarland.

"In 2012, we became a separate entity," said Waters.

In 2013, it chartered a new California State grange

organization, under the leadership of Ed Komsky. Some

24 local granges in California, out of what had been

approximately 180 granges, decided to follow Komsky and

In June 2014, those 24 granges held an election and

voted Komsky to be master of the official, nationally

endorsed state grange organization. Since then, Komsky

has been consolidating his power and ushering the lost

"Komsky has been pressuring all the old-line granges to

rejoin the Chartered California State Grange," Waters said.

Waters said local grange members thoroughly

"The halls themselves belong to the local granges, but

"He gave us a deadline of December 31 of this year."

The national grange organization did not sit idly by.

willing to follow the national grange?

his new chartered state grange.

sheep back into the fold

Ebert said.



people know we are providing top- MCHC Health Centers Associate Medical Director Justin Ebert talks with a patient at quality care, whether we're compared to Hillside Health Center in Ukiah.

"Because we're located in small, rural locations, people sometimes assume they aren't receiving top-quality care; these scores prove otherwise," said MCHC Health Centers Associate Medical Director Justin Ebert

"Our health care teams choose to live and work in Lake and Mendocino counties for the same reason everyone else does: It's beautiful, and we like the slower pace of life. We could work in large, metropolitan health centers with well-known reputations, but we choose to be here,

"We are really proud of our team," said MCHC CEO Carole Press. "Our whole staff works together to support each other as they care for our patients, and I believe the patients can feel the difference."

This report was based on press releases from the office of Congressman Jared Huffman and from the Mendocino Community Health Clinics.

McFarland and his grange organization - is \$10,000 in arrears in its dues. Even though Little Lake has been paying its dues faithfully and on time to the McFarland grange, the Komsky grange hasn't been getting that money – and it wants it

Most of the 160 granges that did not follow Komsky are in the same predicament. As an inducement, Komsky told the renegade granges their debts would be forgiven if they came back in by December 31 of this year.

"We chose to make the transition and to re-affiliate." Waters said. "Because of the amnesty program, we were given the possibility of re-affiliating and having our debt on our past dues forgiven. This way, we don't have to pay the dues twice. We've already paid the old grange, and we've been paying it since August 2012."

Waters said the vote to re-affiliate was by a "vast majority" of those present at the meeting. "It was almost a consensus. There were only a couple of 'no' votes."

Waters said the vote means the progressive element within the granges is now tasked with, once again, having to work with the state and national organizations to get them to adopt a more progressive agricultural philosophy.

"It means we have to do it again," Waters said, laughing. "The national organization recently approved a statement saying the national grange supports all kinds of agriculture, including GMO agriculture."

As the dust settled from the vote. Waters has had time to reflect on the work remaining to be done within the state and



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Arrangements under the He attended Santa Rosa J.C., earning an A.S. degree care and direction of Ankerin Forest Technology. In 1978, John and Ginny moved Lucier Mortuary. to Mendocino County where John worked for Louisiana-



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Janice Holder: beloved aunt, Jo McGee; children: Annette (Ted) Curtis, Gene "Scooter (Shevelle) Alton Holder II, Samantha (Luke) Burg, Susan (Clint) Stansberry. Ernie Stephens, and John McCullough. He is also survived by 16 beloved grandchildren and three treasured greatgrandchildren, and by many others who love and will miss him

> Veteran's Honor Services will be at 11 am on January 16, 2016 at the Little Lake Cemetery, followed by a Celebration of Life at the Brooktrails Lodge from 1 to 4 pm.

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

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granges in rural California was put up for sale, a dispute arose about which entity would get the profits from the sale. McFarland wanted to keep the exhausted grange alive; others wanted to use the profits from the sale to prop up other older granges. McFarland and his executive committee rendered a decision from on high.

"The decision on how to solve that problem did not please everybody," Waters said.

As a result, McFarland was put on suspension for two months. When he came back to his office, the national grange organization told him he had to take an indefinite

The rest of From Page 2 Letters

The Good Will Appeal resulted in over 50 people (listed below) contributing a total of \$3,450. Will's friends and admirers made additional contributions directly to him of around \$3,900, and the New Year's Eve dance and silent auction put us over the top, netting over \$3,255. All the businesses and volunteers that made this dance so successful will have to be thanked in a separate letter - this one is already getting too long.

Will had climbed into a stitching machine and brought the illegal draining of wetlands and the destruction of an ancient Pomo village site to a halt for 11 days. He succeeded in calling statewide attention to the massively overbuilt freeway bypass around Willits and the needless destruction of 2,000 trees, salmon runs, wildlife and archeological sites and artifacts. Will was ordered to pay restitution for the work stoppage

The Willits bypass has been contentious from the start. Thousands signed petitions and hundreds packed City Council meetings and county supervisors meetings begging our elected representatives to find a better way. As construction began, the lovely Warbler began a long-running tree sit among an old grove of oaks and protected nesting bird sites at the site of the southern interchange.

More tree-sits followed as well as additional acts of civil disobedience. Over 50 people were arrested. A court suit is pending for the callous destruction of a major Pomo village site, and the ongoing disregard for federally mandated consultation with descendants of the original inhabitants

Caltrans' own traffic studies showed a lack of traffic north of Willits,

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they have to stay a grange hall. You can't sell it without an agreement by the state grange organization. But a corollary is, the state grange can declare a local grange dysfunctional and can dissolve your organization.

The members of the Little Lake Grange, who have put so many hours and more than \$300,000 into regenerating both the organization and the building of the Little Lake Grange, decided bucking Komsky in the next round of the fight was just too risky.

Mendocino County of \$42 million so far.

to a better future.

village sites are being discovered by bulldozer.

There was also a monetary motive for reconciliation. According to the view of the new, chartered state grange, Little Lake Grange – because it elected to stay with

national grange organizations. "I will encourage the grange to return to our vision and mission, and not encourage these political differences and issues to cloud our greater mission, which is unifying our community around working for small farmer rights, healthy local food availability, seed sovereignty, increasing food production, and supporting all people as they work toward these goals," Waters said.

"I believe very much in the power of local community, and this is the important work to be done, in the grange and without. Life is short, and we have lifetimes of work to be done," Waters said.

Two north county meth arrests

and the project was shelved at least twice. A safer, less destructive A 33-year-old Willits man is being held alternate route through Willits was studied and priced at \$12 million, without bail in Mendocino County Jail but the aerial freeway design was pushed through, with a cost to after he attempted to flee from Mendocino County sheriff's deputies attempting to Activists continue focusing attention on work in the 2,000 acres of serve outstanding arrest warrants at a mitigation lands where the destruction is ongoing and more Pomo home in the 1800 block of Lupine Drive on Saturday, January 2 at 1:30 pm.

Payment of the restitution, with singing and dancing, is scheduled Tyler Elza didn't make it very far, and for Friday, January 22 on the courthouse steps in Ukiah. Watch for was found to be in possession of about more details. We hope you will join us in continuing to light the way 5.75 grams of methamphetamine and a narcotics-related smoking pipe when subsequently searched. Good Will Appeal donors: Toni Amelung, Rosalie Anchordoguy and

Henry Shebitz, Kim Bancroft, David and Linda Beebe, Judi Berdis, Elza was arrested on suspicion of Jenny Burnstad, Pat Collins, Gina Covina, Rosamond Crowder, possessing a controlled substance, Carlin and Jed Diamond, Ellen and David Drell, Helen Falandes, possession of drug paraphernalia, Tom Fristoe, Robin Goldner, Karen Gridley, Richard Hincker, Lena violating probation, and for the two arrest and John Hofmaister, Steve Keyes, Cynthia Raiser Jeavons, warrants

Robin Leler, Debra Lesslie and Doug Hundley, Freddie Long and On Sunday, January 3 at about 10:39 Brian Weller, Kathy Maples, Christopher Martin, Dennis Miller and am, sheriff's deputies conducted a Mary Burns, Marcia Rautenstrauch, William Ray, Sue Short, Jan probation search at a home in the 10 Shriner, Sheryl Smith, Madge Strong, Ken Sund, Naomi Wagner, block of Refuse Road in Covelo, arresting David West and Hugh Boone, Joanne Wimberly, Anne Vander 20-year-old Josepha Basurto on three Horck, Mary Zellachild, California American Indian 500-mile Spirit local arrest warrants, including a no-bail warrant for possession of stolen property.

> When deputies searched the young Robin Leler, on behalf of woman, they found 7.9 grams of suspected Save Our Little Lake Valley, Willits nethamphetamine.

> > Basurto was booked into the county jail on all three warrants and on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine for sale.

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

Runners, and Scott Bulkley and Friends of Outlet Creek.



From left to right: Willits Garden Club President Kitty McDill, guest speaker Carol Cox, Vice-President Gary Bodensteiner, Secretary Fran Gardner, and Treasurer Pat Collins at the January meeting.

Gardening in Small Spaces Carol Cox speaks at Willits Garden Club's January meeting

The Willits Garden Club hosted a talk on Monday, January 11 by long-time Ecology Action member and Willits resident Carol Cox, titled "Gardening in a Small Space."

Co-author with John Jeavons of the book "The Sustainable Vegetable Garden" and with nearly three decades of biointensive gardening experience, Cox imparted her wisdom to

Damian Sebouhian Reporter damian@willitsweekly.com the attendees at the Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse.

"Ecology Action's goal is to teach and research small-

scale, organic, closed-system gardening for people who can raise their own food," Cox told the group, adding proudly that her car has a bumper sticker that says, "Compost Happens."

For people who have limited space, creating strong vegetable yields can be a challenge.

"In thinking about a small space, you don't have room for a lot of plants or a lot of beds, so it's important to focus on roots," Cox explained. "If you understand roots, you understand why you need to go down deeper in the soil than you did before."

While most gardeners start with beds whose soil is loosened down to roughly 10 inches, Cox explained that in order to create a strong root structure, soil should be loosened down to at least two feet.

This can be accomplished through double digging, using a garden fork for the second step to get deeper and loosen the soil. The looser the soil, the more pore space for air to get through.

"That air is very important," Cox said. "The microbes that live in the soil and help your plants grow are aerobic. They need oxygen, so there needs to be soil air in order for your plants to thrive."

In that regard, Cox cautioned gardeners not to over-water the soil, as too much water will clog pore spaces, blocking the necessary air the roots and microbes need.

With deeper, loosened topsoil, more pore space is created, allowing the roots to spread out and go deeper as well.

it tested through a company called Timberleaf Soil Testing (www.timberleafsoiltesting.com).

"They will send you a printout of all the desired levels of nutrients," she said. "And what you need to add in order to create that balance."

On the topic of composting, Cox discouraged gardeners from using tumblers, as they doesn't properly duplicate nature's process.

"Nature drops leaves in the fall and moisture comes up from the soil and loosens the leaves," Cox explained. "There is a succession of organisms that go through the material and decompose it. If you're turning a compost machine every day, then this is not happening."

Rather, Cox prefers either creating piles on the ground itself or in bins. The bins she uses have sliding doors at the bottom so she can access the decomposed and ready-to-use compost. She throws fresh compost – kitchen waste and the like – on top.

For people growing in small spaces, it's important to create a balance of two types of compost. Ecology Action calls these types "mature" and "immature." Immature compost is found in kitchen scraps and decomposes quickly. Mature compost is made from materials such as corn stalks and straw, which decompose very slowly.

The immature compost creates nitrogen, and the mature compost creates carbon.

"What the microbes need," Cox said, "is both the nitrogen to give them energy and the carbon from the mature stalk material that helps them build their bodies."

Because many small-space gardeners don't create as much mature compost through their kitchen scraps, Cox suggested using newspapers, used paper towels, and even toilet paper.

"Often I will take newspaper, and crumple it up and layer it in the compost bin," she said. "One layer of immature material followed by a layer of mature material."

When all is said and done, the ideal small garden bed is 24 inches deep with loosened soil, three to four feet wide,



Baked Polenta with Sauteed Broccoli Rabe and Pancetta

2 cups chicken stock

Sea salt

1 1/3 cups coarse yellow cornmeal, or substitute instant polenta

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

6 ounces thickly sliced pancetta, cut into 1/4-inch cubes

- 1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 2 large cloves, thinly sliced

1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes

2 pounds broccoli rabe, thick stems removed and discarded, cut into 3-inch lengths

Freshly ground black pepper

1/2 cup freshly grated Pecorino Romano cheese

Preheat the oven to 425 F. Lightly oil an 8x11-inch or 9x13-inch baking dish.

In a medium-size saucepan, bring the chicken stock and 2 cups water to a boil. Add 1 teaspoon salt and gradually whisk in the cornmeal until smooth. Cook over medium heat, stirring with a wooden spoon until it has thickened, about 10 minutes. Pour the polenta into the oiled baking dish and smooth the top; brush the top with 1 tablespoon of the olive oil. Bake for 1 hour 15 minutes, or until the top and bottom are golden and crusty.

Meanwhile, in a large deep skillet, heat the remaining 3 tablespoons of olive oil over medium-high heat until hot but not smoking. Stir in the pancetta and cook until golden, 4 to 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the onion, garlic and pepper flakes, and cook, stirring until the onion softens, 5 to 6 minutes. Add the broccoli rabe and 1/4 cup water, season to taste with salt and pepper, and toss gently. Cover and cook until the broccoli rabe is softened, about 5 minutes. Uncover and cook, stirring occasionally, until the water has evaporated and the broccoli rabe is completely tender, 2 minutes longer.

"The bigger the root system, the more access the plant has to nutrients, water and air, the essentials it needs to thrive."

In other words, the bigger and healthier the root system, the bigger and healthier the plant.

Rather than bringing in soil from an outside source, Cox explained that it is better, when beginning a garden, to use the soil you have on site and to improve it with compost. In order to determine the health of your soil, Cox suggested getting and fertilized by compost that has been decomposing for several months, containing a balance of mature and immature material.

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