

Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku



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				5				8
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Level: Intermediate

How To Sudoku:

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

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CLUES ACROSS

- Cathode-ray tube
- A leglike part
- Old world, new
- Sec. of Def. Panetta
- Greek god of E or SE wind
- Supervises flying
- In a way, bothers
- Federal savings bank
- Stout lever with a sharp spike
- F.S. Fitzgerald's wife Zelda
- Snakelike fish
- Scads
- Prophet
- Former 'Daily Show' star
- Organized crime head
- Oil obtained from flowers
- 2X WWE Divas Champ
- Brine cured Canadian cheese
- Slow oozing
- Volt-ampere
- Phenyl salicylate
- European defense organization
- Anglo-Saxon theologian
- Macaws
- Soviet peninsula
- Large long-armed ape
- Protects from weather
- Mops
- Bridge expert
- Fabric woven from goat and camel hair
- Capital of Honduras
- Tell on
- Wooden clog
- Beloved
- Fed
- Decays
- Single Lens Reflex

CLUES DOWN

- Applauds
- Actress Zellweger
- Obtained by addition
- Chief executive officer
- Flees
- Murres genus
- Wong, spy
- Works well as a remedy
- Tripod
- A nautical unit of depth
- Most populous Native Am. people
- Genus Capricornis
- Universally mounted spinning wheel
- Spanish shawl
- Romaine lettuce
- Alias
- A way to beat
- Son of Jacob and Zilpah
- Amount of time
- Most gulleful
- Younger US political party
- Electrical resistance unit
- Side way
- Milton's Cormus composer Henry
- Sheep up to age one
- Green algae
- Capital of Morocco
- S.E. French city on the Rhone
- Asian nation
- Great No. Am. RV Rally
- Culture medium and a food-gelling agent
- Inflamed lymph node swelling
- Native of Edinburgh
- Belonging to a thing

READY-TO-WEAR WORD SEARCH

I A G C F S W S T W P H I W M S D Y H R S
 K C O R F A H P W B G S W F T S A E R C T
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BUTTONS	INSEAM	SILK
COAT	JACKET	SKIRT
COLLAR	LAPEL	SLACKS
CORSET	LENGTH	SPORTS COAT
COTTON	LINGERIE	SPORTSWEAR
COUTURE	PLEAT	SWIMSUIT
CREASE	POCKET	TAILOR
CUFF	POLYESTER	TUCK
DESIGN	SEAM	UNDERWEAR
DRESS	SEASONAL	WOOL
FROCK	SHELL	ZIPPER

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 182 incidents this week.

During this seven-day reporting period, Willits Police Department officers were assigned 34 criminal investigation reports, made 17 arrests, issued 11 citations, and investigated 3 traffic collisions.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

January 17

7:40 am: MARSHALL, William, 36, of Willits was stopped for a moving violation in the 1700 block of South Main Street. Officers determined his license was suspended, and he was on active Mendocino County probation. At the time of the stop, Marshall was in possession of drug paraphernalia. He was arrested for 11364 HS (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), 14601.1(a) VC (Driving on a Suspended License), and 1203.2(a) PC (Violation of Probation).

9:30 am: A red 1994 Acura Integra (CA license 3UKJ574) was reported stolen from the 200 block of Bonnie Lane.

6:30 pm: A report was filed alleging a violation of a restraining order.

January 18

At about 1 am, officers contacted MAXFIELD, Charles, 41, of Willits as the driver of a vehicle during an enforcement stop for a registration violation in the 600 block of Crest Drive. After observing drugs on the person of Maxfield, officers conducted a search and located about

WPD Activity Report

January 17 to January 23

Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue

15 grams of what they suspected to be methamphetamine on his person and in his vehicle. Maxfield was placed under arrest pursuant to 11377(a) HS (Possession of a Controlled Substance).

8:30 am: A report was filed for a violation of a restraining order.

At about 5:40 pm, officers were dispatched to a reported fight in the 1400 block of South Main Street. They arrived and contacted WARNER, Junyette, 37, of Willits and a male victim. During the course of their investigation, officers determined Warner and the victim were in a dating relationship and, during an argument, she shoved him twice. Warner was placed under arrest pursuant to 243(e)(1) PC (Domestic Battery).

At about 9 pm, officers contacted RINGLER, Cody, 24, of Willits and issued him a citation for an outstanding Mendocino County warrant.

January 19

At about 12:05 am, LENHART, Cameron, 27, of Willits was arrested pursuant to 23152(a) and 23152(b) VC (DUI) and 1203.2(a) PC (Violation of Probation) in the 10 block of Baechtel Road.

10 am: A report was made regarding a theft of a firearm from a parked vehicle in the 10 block of Northbrook Way.

1:40 pm: A report was filed for the theft of a license plate of a vehicle parked in the 200 block of Humboldt Avenue.

7:30 pm: A vehicle was reported stolen from the 10 block of East Mendocino. Officers located the vehicle on Sanhedrin Circle.

January 20

At about 7:10 am, a black Honda Accord (CA license 4FJY577) was reported stolen from the Wagon Wheel Mobile Home Park.

At about 1:30 pm, a vehicle was reported stolen from a business in the 1500 block of South Main Street. Officers located the vehicle in the Wagon Wheel Mobile Home Park. The investigation into the above vehicle thefts is ongoing; however, officers have identified a possible suspect. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact us.

At about 3:30 pm, there was a vehicle collision in the 300 block of South Main Street.

At about 10 pm, officers were on patrol

in the 1200 block of South Main Street when they observed a registration violation on a vehicle that was parked in the shadows near a business at that location. They contacted the occupants of the vehicle and ultimately arrested FREASE, Angela, 36, of Covelo pursuant to an active Mendocino County felony warrant. The owner of the vehicle, REYES, Ruben, 46, of Covelo was found to have a loaded .45 caliber handgun in the vehicle. He was arrested pursuant to 29800(a) PC (Felon in Possession of a Firearm) and 30305(a) PC (Felon in Possession of Ammo).

Parked in the stall directly adjacent to the vehicle mentioned above was another vehicle. Officers noticed the vehicle was unoccupied, and the windows were down. On the floorboard of that vehicle, in plain sight, was a large plastic bag that contained about 1 pound of suspected methamphetamine. A search of that vehicle revealed a second plastic baggie, containing about 13 more grams of suspected methamphetamine.

January 21

At about 1:30 am, officers arrested ACKERMAN, Leah, 48, of Willits during a traffic stop in the 1400 block of South Main Street, pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

At about 3 am, officers cited VORIS, Angie, 41, of Willits during a traffic stop

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC Meetings concerning Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the 2016/17 Budget

The Willits Unified School District will be holding meetings to receive input from the public on matters pertaining to the LCAP and 2016-17 Budget.

Open Meeting Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.
Brookside Elementary School • Room 10
20 Spruce Street • Willits, CA

— AND —

Open Meeting Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.
Willits High School • Media Center
299 North Main Street • Willits, CA



Willits Amateur Radio Society

Ham operators gather for 1,200th breakfast meeting

The Willits Amateur Radio Society, or WARS, held its 1,200th breakfast meeting on Saturday at its current meeting place, Lumberjacks in Willits. More than 40 ham operators from Fort Bragg, Santa Rosa, Lake County, Laytonville and Willits gathered to celebrate the group's milestone.

WARS generally holds its weekly meetings every Friday at 8 am in the back room of Lumberjacks, to discuss all things amateur radio as well as to inform newcomers about how to become an operator.

Len Gwinn, president of WARS – who has 56 years of ham radio experience – spent much of his time during Saturday's breakfast advising a couple of people completely new to the world of ham radio.

"They had seen the notice in Willits Weekly," Gwinn said. "And now we're looking around for a little hand-held scanner to loan them and a book to loan them so they can see what the test questions are like."

Being a ham operator is very much like owning your own personal radio station. Once you pass the first licensing test issued by the FCC, you are considered a ham "technician," and you receive your own unique call letters.

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At top, from left: Iola, a ham operator from Santa Rosa who attended the Willits breakfast; a hand-held transceiver; and Shelley Rae, a ham operator from Sebastopol.

Photos by Damian Sebouhian

Above: Ham radio enthusiasts at Lumberjacks.

Photo by Tim Hanna

We've got spirit yes we do!

Willits High School holds Spirit Week leading up to Saturday's Winter Ball

Students at Willits High School have been dressing up in decade-specific attire for Spirit Week, which has yielded a colorful campus. Tuesday was '80s day, and students showed up in neon, netting and spandex, showcasing the bright fashions of the decade. A dozen girls, at left, posed for a fun photo featuring the '80s look. Wednesday got groovy, as students donned 1970s attire, and on Thursday, students will be going vintage with 1950s styles. Fridays are traditionally "Green and Gold Days," where students wear the school colors, and the week of festivities will culminate Saturday with the semi-formal dance, the Winter Ball.

— Maureen Moore



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At right: Len Gwinn, president of WARS, with friends.

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Far right: Sonoma County ham operator Allen Spivak, at left, front, and Joyce Cader, at right, front, hold up their transceivers.

Photo by Damian Sebouhian

Below from top: Len Gwinn has 56 years of ham radio experience. Ham operators Allen Spivak and Don Cader. Joyce Cader, treasurer and webmaster of WARS.

Photos by Damian Sebouhian



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From there, all you really need in order to start talking with other ham operators is a hand-held portable two-way radio.

Like most broadcast radio stations, as a ham operator, you are required to identify your call letters at the beginning and ending of your transmission as well as every 10 minutes between.

"One of the myths is that you have to have a giant antennae and all this expensive equipment," said Joyce Cader, secretary and webmaster for WARS. "We're very capable just using these small hand-held radios. They cost as low as \$39."

Although they're the size of walkie-talkies, hand-held ham radios are far more powerful because, according to Cader: "They pick up the ham radio band. I could talk on this easily to Ukiah, Fort Bragg or even Lake County."

Because so few people in relation to the world's population know anything about ham radios, much less can call themselves operators, the group is very tight-knit and incredibly supportive of each other.

Someone with a lot of experience and knowledge, like Len Gwinn for example,

is readily available to impart his wisdom to newcomers to the field. He is what they call an "Elmer." The origin of the word is lost to obscurity, as is origin of the word "ham" itself, but an Elmer's job is to initiate and enlighten.

There are a lot of benefits to becoming a ham operator, especially during crisis situations or when the power grid goes down.

During last September's power outage that affected much of Northern California due to a severed fiber optic line, Joyce Cader jumped into action.

"I was sent to the hospital in Ukiah to make sure they had communications between the emergency control office and its ambulances," she said.

When all other forms of communication were down -- landlines, cell phones, the internet -- ham radio operators were there to help maintain order.

Contact and communication with the ham frequencies can be more than one-on-one exchanges. For instance, Cader runs what is called a network, or net, which is a group of ham operators who gather over their radios for chats on particular subjects. Cader's net is a women-only group called a "YL," which

stands for "Young Lady."

"Any lady ham operators that want to can call and join my net, and have a conversation [on a particular topic]," Cader said. "Last week we had a round table discussion about the question: If you could live anywhere in the world, where would that be and why?"

People who have more advanced ham operator licenses are allowed to communicate to others in much farther reaches.

"With my license, I can talk around the world," Gwinn said. "Sometimes the contacts are just signal reports, about how strong the signal is, and maybe a location."

Or, as Cader put it: "You can have a normal conversation with someone as if you're sitting across the table from each other, only you're thousands of miles away."

To learn more about how to become involved with amateur radio, attend a breakfast meeting at Lumberjacks on any Friday morning at 8 am. If you're interested in becoming a licensed operator, the members of WARS will support you in any way they can.

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Sweet Patty Cat



Patty is the sweetest cat you can find. She loves hugs and head-butts. Patty would be the kind of cat that would sit with you on the couch and watch TV, and then sleep on your pillow afterward. She is great with kids and other cats, and would do great in any home. Come meet Patty, and take home your forever cuddle buddy and friend.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, where you can come visit, play with and/or adopt dogs and cats, is open to prospective adopters from 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday, and from 11 am to 3 pm, on Saturday and Sunday, 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley (right down the street from the Broiler). Info: 707-485-0123 or hsimc@pacific.net or visit www.mendohumanesociety.com.

Smart Tiger

Tiger is a 2-year-old neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 52 pounds. Tiger is not only a stunning dog, he is also playful, smart and attentive. This guy loves walks and playing fetch! He would enjoy another friendly dog in his forever home. He has tested positive for heartworm and has had his treatments. Tiger has a long, healthy life ahead of him. During the weeks of his treatment, he will need to rest and would love to do so in a loving home!



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

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in the 1400 block of South Main Street, pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant

At about 3:30 am, officers cited ELLISON, Jhanna, 22, of Willits during a traffic stop near the north city limits, pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

10:30 am: Traffic collision reported at the intersection of Highway 20 and South Main Street.

At about 12:20 pm, officers cited JEWELL, Amanda, 24, of Willits for an active Mendocino County warrant.

1:45 pm: Theft from a vehicle was reported in the 10 block of Northbrook Way.

At about 9 pm, officers responded to a reported disturbance at a residence in the 200 block of East Valley Road. During their subsequent investigation, they discovered HILL, Vinson, 30, of Willits had been in an altercation with the victim. The altercation turned physical, which resulted in injuries to both parties. Officers determined Vinson was the primary aggressor and placed him under arrest pursuant to 273.5(a) PC (Domestic Battery w/ Injury).

10 pm: A report was filed alleging a violation of a restraining order.

January 22

4:15 pm: SHIVLEY, Tyler, 30, of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of East Commercial Street and arrested pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

January 23

At about 2 am, officers contacted MAYNARD, Andrew, 36, of Willits while he illegally camped in the 300 block of South Main Street. Maynard was found to be under the influence of alcohol, in violation of a term of his probation. He was arrested pursuant to 1203.2(a) PC.

At about 7:40 pm, officer responded to a physical altercation in the 200 block of South Main Street. Over the course of their investigation, they determined SCHAFFER, Robert, 62, of Willits had been in an argument with his girlfriend. At some point during the argument, Schaffer reportedly tried to push the victim out of her own vehicle. Schaffer was arrested pursuant to 243(e)(1) PC (Domestic Battery).

At about 10:15 pm, MENDOZA, Francisco, 25, of Willits was contacted in the 1300 block of South Main Street and cited for an outstanding Mendocino County warrant.

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Sip Some Soup

Neeka Aguirre will offer Thai Beef Noodle soup on February 6

Neeka Aguirre, with her 13-month-old daughter Thera, pose in front of the Willits Creamery exhibit at the Mendocino County Museum.

Photo by Jenny Senter

Memories of the fun atmosphere and great soups of the Sip Some Soup events she has attended in the past inspired Mendocino County Museum's part-time staff member Neeka Aguirre to enter her Thai Beef Noodle soup this year, representing the museum in the contest.

She is excited to support Willits Daily Bread and their main fundraiser, on Saturday, February 6 at the Willits Community Center, from 5:30 to 7 pm.

Aguirre said she and her husband, Larry, have missed the Thai Beef Noodle soup they used to get in restaurants in San Diego before moving north to Mendocino County three years ago. Aguirre has been experimenting and refining her own recipe for Thai

Beef Noodle soup, and feels confident that she has successfully recreated the flavors of their favorite soup from their favorite San Diego restaurant.

Aguirre, who also teaches history at Mendocino College, has purchased a new – and large – slow cooker in order to make the two gallons of soup required so every attendee can get a taste. She will have Sriracha Hot Sauce on hand for those who like a little spice in their Thai soup. She recommends that attendees bring muffin tins so they can more easily carry multiple soup samples.

Cindy Savage, director of Willits Daily Bread, is still accepting items for Sip Some Soup's silent auction. If you have questions about the contest, have a silent auction item you want picked up, or want to sign up, contact Savage at 459-2579 or 707-367-5669.

Willits Lions Club gives \$500 to WCS Fund Drive

Jim Marill, director of Willits Community Services and Food Bank, accepts a \$500 donation from Lions Club President Verd Vanbezooyen for the WCS Winter Fund Drive. The Lions Club motto is: "Where there is a need, there is a Lion."

"I really appreciated the opportunity to talk with the Lions Club members about what WCS does," Marill told Willits Weekly, "and to hear about all their wonderful activities. The amount of dedicated service that this club, and so many other groups, provides to our community always amazes me. Thank you, Lions, for your generous contribution and all your great work!"

The Willits Lions meet the first and third Thursdays at 6 pm at the Boy Scout Hut, located in Recreation Grove. Guests are always welcome! For information about joining the Willits Lions Club, call Van Bezooyen at 489-5364.

– Carol Deuel, Willits Lions Club



OBITUARY |

Ardis Walker

Ardis Loreen (Reyes) Walker passed away on December 19, 2015 holding hands with her daughter and son-in-law, Erin and Ian Fitzpatrick. A native of Willits, Ardis and her twin sister were born on July 11, 1937 at Howard Hospital, delivered by Dr. Raymond Babcock.

She was the fourth of six children to Arthur (Hard Rock) and Polly (Carrie) Reyes: Velden, Milton, Iris, Lanny, and Darrell. She was a member of the Round Valley Reservation with lineage tied to the Pomo and Wallaki Native American tribes. Ardis's passing signifies the closing of a chapter for the family. She was the last remaining sibling as her twin Iris passed away in June 2015.

Music was at the heart of the Reyes family. All of the members of the family played an instrument, and they would get together often for jam sessions. There was



a seldom a get-together where music wasn't involved. Ardis played the alto sax in the Willits High School band, where she graduated in 1955.

After high school, she was briefly married to Glenwood Harper. She lived primarily in Willits for her entire life. She married Charles Walker in 1965.

Ardis worked at Little Lake Industries on the furniture assembly line, where she found, and appreciated, the rhythm of the assembly line. She took pride in and loved the physical nature of hard work.

She loved Howard Hospital. Not only was she a part of the first set of female twins born at the hospital, her daughter, Erin, was born there, too. Ardis worked at the hospital for 15

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OBITUARY |

Willard Amick

Willard Arlen Amick, 81, of Willits passed away on January 15, 2016. Willard was born January 3, 1935 to Willard Amick and Caroline Amick in Portersville, California.

Willard married Mary Jordan on March 13, 1960 in Reno. They were married 56 years. Willard worked at both Willits Redwood and the Harwood mill for a combined 40 years before retiring. His co-workers always called him "cockroach."

Willard enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping with his family. He also enjoyed tinkering on cars and doing woodworking at his home.

Willard was preceded in death by both parents, Willard and Caroline; his two brothers, Oz and Louie; as well as his three daughters: Sally Ann Amick, Mary Sue Marsh, and Vicky Schmidt.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Amick; his grandchildren, Christina, Johanna, Dean, Michael, Kevin, Pat, Tiffany, Willie, Felicia, Amber, and Lacey; his great-grandchildren Alasia, Shannon, James, Zamora, and 17 others; and his great-great-grandchild Emberlynn.

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Thursday, January 28

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Friday, January 29

Fruit Tree Pruning Slideshow: Nurseryman Dave Watts of Sanhedrin Nursery presents this free slideshow on Friday, January 29 from 6 to 9 pm at the Willits United Methodist Church, located at School and Pine Street in Willits. No registration needed. Questions? Call 459-9009. See Sunday, January 31 listing for information about a free pruning workshop at Sanhedrin Nursery.

Saturday, January 30

"The Sacred Art of Eating": The public is invited to a free lecture entitled "The Sacred Art of Eating" given by Lisa Tremont Ota, registered dietitian, public health nutritionist and author, on Saturday, January 30 in the Council Chambers at Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street. Doors open 10 am; lecture from 10:30 to 11:30 am; book-signing to follow. Fee-based workshop (advance reservations recommended) from 1 to 4 pm. Info or workshop reservations: Janae.Stephens@456-7035.

WCT auditions for "Witness For The Prosecution": The Willits Community Theatre will be holding auditions for the classic courtroom drama, "Witness for the Prosecution," by Agatha Christie, on Saturday, January 30 at noon and Wednesday, February 3, at 7 pm. Auditions will be held at the WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane, just behind Shanachie Pub in downtown Willits. Director Joe Dowling is seeking four women and 10 men between the ages of 25 and 80. Among the women, Dowling wants two between 25 and 35, one between 35 and 45, and one between

40 and 60. For the men, he'll take four in their 50s to 70s, three in their 40s or 50s, and three between 25 and 40. Questions? Call Dowling at 459-1200.

The Edgar Loudermilk Band: featuring Jeff Autry. This bluegrass concert will benefit the Willits Rotary Club's scholarship fund. With opening band Judd Tucker. "Edgar's music career has encompassed many of the top acts in bluegrass music, including Rhonda Vincent, and Russell Moore and Illrd Tyme Out. Jeff Autry is well known for his work on the Bluegrass Sessions albums 1997-2001." Also music by locals Sarah Rose McMahon and Forrest Glycer during farm-to-table dinner by Black Dog Farms. Saturday, January 30 at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Doors open / dinner at 6 pm; music 7 to 11 pm. Tickets \$20; no-host dinner: \$10 to \$15. Children welcome: \$2 for children under 12 at the door. Tickets available in Willits at Willits Furniture and JD RedHouse, and at Ukiah Natural Foods Co-Op and DIG Music in Ukiah. See article on page 10 for more details.

Shanachie Pub: Luv Fyah and Binghi Ghost backed by 7th Street Sound. Reggae / Roots / Dub from Berkeley. 10 pm. \$7. cover. Visit www.reverbnation.com/7thstband. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, January 31

Free Fruit Tree and Grape Pruning Workshop: Dave Watts, nurseryman, of Sanhedrin Nursery, and Richard Jeske, orchardist, present this free workshop on Sunday, January 31 from 10 am to 3 pm, rain or shine. Meet at Sanhedrin Nursery, 1094 Locust Street, and bring a lunch. See Friday, January 29 listing for information about a free Fruit Tree Pruning Slideshow. Questions? Call Sanhedrin Nursery at 459-9009.

Monday, February 1

Free Zumba Party at Energize Willits: Energize Willits would like to welcome you to visit our new location for a free class, 1431 South Main Street (the Willits Charter School), on Monday, February 1, at 6 pm. All ages welcome. Check us out on Facebook, or call 583-9385.

What's Happening Around Town

Tuesday, February 2

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: "Joy" and "The Revenant." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

ATW Talk on Sugar Addiction: Send a Valentine to yourself, and attend the February Avenues to Wellness talk by Diane Smalley, acupuncturist, who will talk about "the No. 1 choice you can make to improve your health": to release the hold that sugar has on your taste buds. Smalley will offer strategies to overcome sugar addiction. Tuesday, February 2 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Lakeside Room at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Free; donations appreciated; refreshments will be served. "Sugar is more addictive than cocaine; over-eating sugar is at the root of many diseases; discover an herb that quells sugar craving ... fast!" Info: 459-2777 or www.avenuestowellness.org

Wednesday, February 3

Free Admission Wednesday at County Museum: Mendocino County Museum offers free admission on the first Wednesday of every month. 10 am to 4:30 pm. 400 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-2736 or www.mendocinomuseum.org.

Thursday, February 4

"A Positively Magical Evening": A free event with special guest Billy Riggs, Thursday, February 4, at 7 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. "Motivational speaker and magician, Riggs will inspire and amaze with his message and magic. Voted one of America's Top Five Most Entertaining speakers in 2014, he uses illusions and comedy to grip audiences, move them to action, improve attitudes, turbo

charge sales and service, and change lives." Sponsored by the Willits Christian Churches Fellowship. Free and open to all. For more info: 456-3591.



There is more to life than the sweet tastes! Sugar is more addictive than cocaine! Discover an herb that quells sugar craving... fast!

Shanachie Pub: Singer/songwriter Aaron Ford, Folk / Americana / Blues. Visit www.cdbaby.com/Artist/AaronFord. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

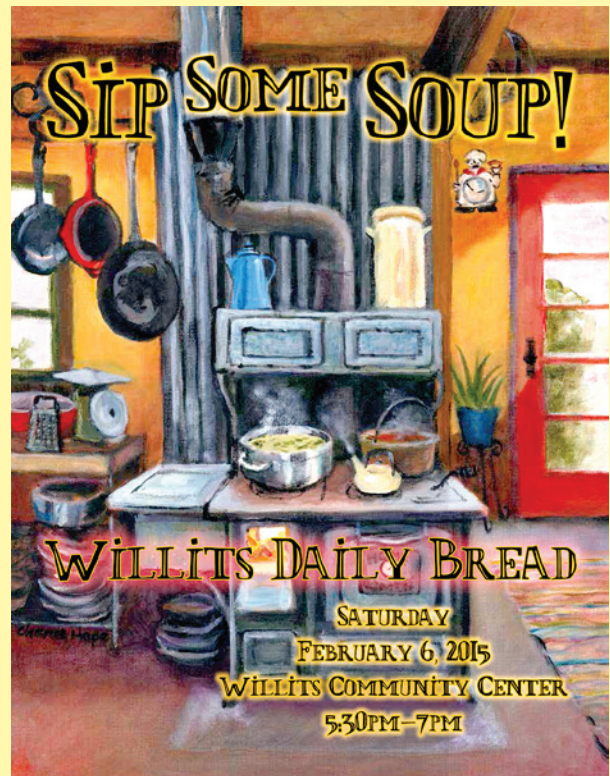
Friday, February 5

Willits Home BREW Club: This month's meeting of the Willits Home BREW Club will be Friday, February 5, at 7 pm at Willits KOA, 1600 Highway 20. Topic: Belgian ales. Learn about special VIP tour for BREW club members of Sierra Nevada Brewing coming up in February. "We gladly welcome any interested persons to come and check us out. We have a monthly program, a lending library, and some lending equipment." Visit <http://willitshomebrew.weebly.com> for meeting dates and more information.

Saturday, February 6

Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee meeting in Willits: The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee, supervisors Tom Woodhouse and John McCowen, will host a public town hall meeting on Saturday, February 6, 2 to 5 pm, at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, to provide residents with an opportunity to hear a brief update and share their recommendations with the committee regarding potential revisions of the county's marijuana cultivation ordinance (code section 9.31). More info: Sarah Dukett at the Mendocino County Executive Office at 707-463-4441 or duketts@co.mendocino.ca.us.

Sip Some Soup: this annual (and popular) fundraiser for the Willits Daily Bread food program is set for Saturday, February 6 at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street, from 5:30 to 7 pm. Sip Some Soup features a wide variety of soup entries by a variety of local groups,



Willits Garden Club Meeting

This month's meeting features guest speaker Dianne Smalley, talking on "Body Positions to Use While Gardening." Monday, February 8, 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, 16100 North Highway 101, 6 miles south of Willits, west of Highway 101, south of Ridgewood (Seabiscuit) Ranch. Social time starts at 12:30 with coffee and refreshment, and Smalley's talk starts at 1 pm. Guests are welcome, and there is no charge. For more info: Gary Bodensteiner 459-2708 or Kitty McDill 489-6203.

Mendocino College seeks 10-minute scripts for Festival of New Plays

Local writers take note: There's never been a better opportunity to try your hand at play writing. Mendocino College is currently seeking short plays by local authors to be produced on campus this spring.

The new semester is underway at the college, and one of the most exciting events of the college's spring theater season is the annual Festival of New Plays. Once again, theater professor Reid Edelman will use short plays written by local authors to teach directing and acting students about the joys and challenges of working with new scripts. These plays will be produced in the college's annual festival at the end of the semester.

This production of student-written scripts is now in its 13th year. For the past 12 years, Edelman has worked with English instructor and playwright Jody Gehrman to find and develop student-written plays. Anyone residing in Lake, Sonoma or Mendocino counties is eligible to submit an original play.

"We clearly have an abundance of talented writers in this area," says Gehrman, "but only a small percentage of them even think about writing a play. Playwrights aren't born, they're coerced by people like us to try it once. After seeing their work produced, most become addicted; it's a tremendous high to sit in a theater and watch your ideas come to life."

The deadline for submissions is Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14, 2016. There are no limitations in terms of theme or content, but small casts (two to five characters) and minimal technical requirements are recommended for optimal chances at production. Scripts should have a running time of no longer than 10 minutes. Electronic submissions should be saved as PDF files. For more information or to submit your play, contact Jody Gehrman, 468-3150 or jgehrman@mendocino.edu. You can also mail your play to 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah, CA 95482.

2016 Willits Redwood Little League Registration ongoing to February 19

Visit our website to register for the 2016 Willits Redwood Little League season: <http://wrlf.ligay.com>. All players must register through our website. Late registration will be placed on a waiting list with no guarantee of team placement. Do not register late! Registration fee: \$95 for first player; \$85 for each additional player. For more information contact Melissa Coughlin 707/354-2226 or check "Willits Redwood Little League" on Facebook

An Evening to Remember

You are invited to "An Evening to Remember," a Valentine's Dinner fundraiser for the Adventist Christian School of Willits on Sunday, February 14.

Dinner will be served at the school gym - transformed into an "Italian Villa" with ambiance, lighting, and décor to make your experience memorable - at 22751 Bray Road. The menu features a variety of pastas and sauces, a full salad bar, and wonderful desserts. Service begins at 5:30 pm. Advance tickets: \$10 (available at The Goods Shoppe or at the school; \$12 at the door. Info: 459-4333.

'Grassroots Solutions and Corporate Power'

at Mendocino College now starts February 8

The 14-class Community Extension workshop on "Grassroots Solutions and Corporate Power" at Mendocino College's North County Campus, 372 East Commercial Street in Willits, will now be meeting on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 pm in Room 8030. The first class will be on February 8.

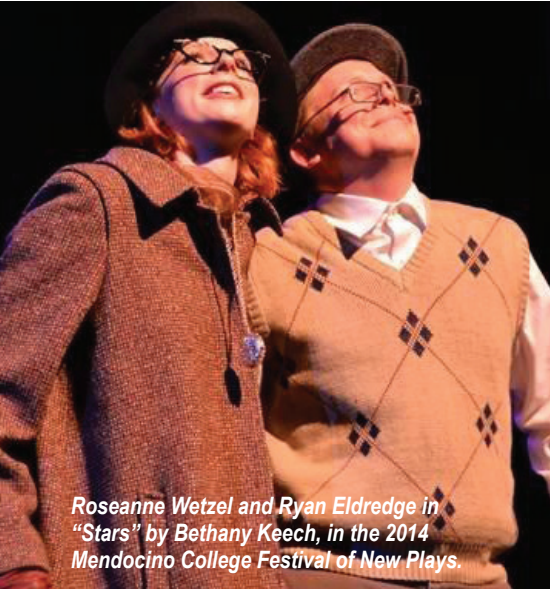
Discussions will cover: The history of popular democracy and its fight against corporate power; how these two movements function today; and solutions for the future of Mendocino County and the world. The only prerequisites are an open mind and interest in our evolving world. Participants may come for one or all of the classes, as they choose.

The 14 sessions will be split into four subject areas: Corporations, Democracy, & The Rise of Grassroots Popular Power (February 8, 15, 22, 29); Economic Democracy vs. Monopoly Capitalism (March 7, 14, 21); Saving the Environment from Corporate Destruction (April 4, 11, 18); and Global Governance: Who or What will Rule the World? (April 25, May 2, 9, 16).

This class links to, supports, and is supported by the work of Paul Cienfuegos, Jim Hightower, The Alliance for Democracy, Move to Amend, Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, Democracy School, Global Exchange, and the many other people, programs, and institutions working to counter anti-democratic corporate forces at work in our economy and government.

You can sign up for the workshop by phone at 707-468-3236 or online at www.mendocino.edu/tc/pg/5841/register_for_a_comex.html. The cost is \$25 for all 14 workshops.

Questions: Jim Tarbell at 964-1323, rtj@mcn.org, or Margaret Koster at 459-5970, mkoster@pacific.net.



Roseanne Wetzel and Ryan Eldredge in "Stars" by Bethany Keech, in the 2014 Mendocino College Festival of New Plays

Indoor Youth Soccer starts February 6

Soccer for boys and girls ages 3 through 13 at the Baechtel Grove Middle School gym, 1150 Magnolia Street. Games are played on Saturdays, February 6 through March 12. Times: 9 to 10 am, ages 3-5 (co-ed); 10 to 11 am, ages 6-8 (co-ed); 11 am to 12 pm, ages 9-10 (co-ed); 12 to 1 pm, ages 11-13 (boys); and 1 to 2 pm, ages 11-13 (girls)

Instructors are Willits Youth Soccer coaches who will be volunteering their services; \$30 for the 6 week session; all funds collected will be used to fund WYS soccer travel teams. No uniform required; shoes wear indoor shoes or non-marking tennis shoes; The workshop is focused on skill building, touches on ball, and passing; The fee is non-refundable and must be paid prior to first session. Sign up at Ace Copy or Imagination Station. Questions? Call Saprina Rodriguez at 354-2539.

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Sunday, February 7

Sober Grad annual Pancake Breakfast: this annual fundraiser for Sober Grad's drug- and alcohol-free graduation night party for all Willits area graduating seniors is set for Sunday, February 7, from 8 to 11 am at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Breakfasts will be served by members of the Class of 2016 (and Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez among other volunteers) and cooked by the Grange's pancake breakfast chefs, including delicious pancakes made from scratch, scrambled eggs, bacon, orange juice, and coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Breakfast-Go also available. Tickets \$6/adults, \$5/ senior citizens and \$4/10 & under. Sober Grad's Valentine Raffle Basket will also be on display at the breakfast; drawing to be held on February 13. More info: call Angi Edgar at 459-2260 or email WillitsSoberGrad@gmail.com.

Sunday Bingo: monthly Sunday Bingo on February 7 this month, at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Doors open 10:30 am; snack bar opens at 11 am, games begin at 11:30 am, bingo buy in \$10, specials \$2 and up.

COLUMN | At the Movies



"The Revenant"

The Story: The Montana/Dakota wilderness. It's winter, 1823. Hugh Glass (Leonardo DiCaprio) is a trapper. He's the good guy. There's a bear mauling. A murder. Mass killings. Cruelties and injustices. Snow and ice and starvation. John Fitzgerald (Tom Hardy) is also a trapper. He's the bad guy. Fitzgerald and Glass are at odds from the very beginning. Past all the grime and treachery, there is some nobility despite it all. But only the toughest and the luckiest survive.

My Thoughts: Alejandro González Iñárritu won last year's Academy Award for Best Director for "Birdman." He's nominated again this year for "The Revenant." He deserves the recognition. He has crafted an epic. The movie is violent and grueling. It's a celebration of toughness, physical and emotional ... toughness, but not phony manliness, not machismo.

All the grueling violence serves a heroic principle: that a man or woman faced with suffering should never give up, never stop fighting for breath, never give in to death. Endurance is everything. Hugh Glass's struggle against brutal injury, intense pain and near starvation in the frozen wilderness is hard to watch. But I did watch and was mesmerized.

Parents: It's America's history, but "The Revenant" is just not for kids. I repeat: not for children. Age 12 and up.

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

Save the Date Senior Center Lunch

"In the Next Room or, The Vibrator Play," opens February 12 at Willits Community Theatre

36th Willits Classic footrace (walkers welcome), Sunday, February 14

Tommy Castro Band, Sunday, February 14, Little Lake Grange

WHS Boosters Winter Fashion Show, February 20, Willits Community Center

Week of February 1 through February 5

Monday: Lemon Tilapia

Tuesday: Pinto Beans/Ham

Wednesday: Tamale Pie

Thursday: Pizza

Friday: Pork Loin

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

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. Music this week, January 28: Dorian May plays solo jazz piano. Next week, February 4: the Farmers Market Band.

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

'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: Every 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.org

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 buy-in; 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 in."

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 time.

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 MHM 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 Tilton: 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.



Above, left: Da Grand Pooba of Cosmic Pickle Productions, left, and Willits Mayor Bruce Burton, right, pose with Burton's banjo at the Willits Redwood mill. Above, right: The Jug Tucker Band, opening for the Edgar Loudermilk Band, at the Little Lake Grange Saturday night.



A Willits Rotary Bluegrass Benefit

Edgar Loudermilk Band with Jeff Autry at the Little Lake Grange

Willits is going to see another top-notch bluegrass show this Saturday, as promoter Bruce Burton – with help from Da Grand Pooba of Cosmic Pickle Productions – puts on a benefit for the Willits Rotary Club scholarship fund at the Little Lake Grange.

Headlining the traditional bluegrass show is the Edgar Loudermilk Band, with special guest Jeff Autry. "Edgar's music career has encompassed many of the top acts in bluegrass music, including Rhonda Vincent and Russell Moore and Illrd Tyme Out," said Burton, a bluegrass banjo player himself. "Jeff Autry is well-known for his work on the 'Bluegrass Sessions' albums, 1997-2001. This is an infrequent opportunity to hear really professional musicians in a small venue."

Loudermilk was only 9 when he began playing bass in his family's bluegrass band. "Bluegrass is a family music," Burton said. Pooba agreed: "Instead of picking on their parents, the kids are picking with their parents!" he laughed. Saturday's show is an all ages show, with teens and children welcome (\$2 for children under 12 at the door).

Last February, Burton brought Edgar Loudermilk to the Willits Center for the Arts, with Dave Adkins, also as a benefit for the Rotary scholarship fund.

Pooba had a big show scheduled for the same night at the Grange, with West Coast bluegrass-y favorites Hot Buttered Rum, to benefit the Grange Farm School. "This town has a love for bluegrass," Pooba said, although there was some concern that Willits wouldn't be able to support two such events on the same night. But "we co-promoted each other's shows," he said, and both venues had a great turnout. This year, the two promoters decided to work together.

Also on the bill Saturday night is Jug Tucker Band from North Carolina, with locals Sarah Rose McMahon and Forrest Glycer playing during dinner, a no-host "farm-to-table" feast provided by Black Dog Farms.

With the Rotary Club's annual crab sale – "our stalwart major fundraiser" – not in the picture this year, due to the closure of the California crab fishery, Burton hopes to make up for that with this benefit concert at the larger Grange venue (with a capacity of 400), that has been known to sell out. "We'll be delighted if that happens," Pooba said.

Tickets for the January 30 show are \$20, with dinner ranging from \$12 to \$15. Tickets are available at Willits Redwood Company, Willits Furniture and Dig Music in Ukiah, as well as at the door. For more info, call 489 0155.

Rotary Club Scholarship Fundraiser

the Edgar Loudermilk Band

featuring Jeff Autry

Hosted by BLACK DOG FARMS

Saturday, January 30, 2016
Little Lake Grange
291 School Street, Willits, CA

Doors Open/Dinner 6 pm Music 7:30 until 11:00

Tickets available @ Willits Furniture
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Backyard Birds

First home-hatched chick of season for Willits flock

A new addition to the Logan family flock appeared last weekend, a Rhode Island Red cross chick, Elsa, who was the first hatched in the Willits family's coop.

"My 4-year-old daughter Tinley usually names all of them," laughed coop owner Alicia Logan. "Regardless of whether it's a rooster or hen, it has been dubbed Elsa... EVERYTHING is Elsa nowadays!"

Logan has been raising chickens for about three years and started her flock with birds raised by her dad, Ron Lovell. Between chicks that turn into excess roosters and battles with neighborhood dogs and wildlife critters, Logan continues to replenish her flock. She gets new chicks from local stores and from her dad.

This year, however, she decided to try her own hand at breeding some new babies herself, and recently acquired a mixed-breed rooster, Olaf, who was bred to Red Bird, the mother of Elsa.

"Red Bird is a great mother," explained

Logan. "She's one of the youngest hens, but was acting really broody, so we decided to let her hatch some." With still three eggs to hatch, Elsa, the first out of the shell, was born on Saturday and is doing well.

Logan noted that though the start of the project was a little complicated, it's now pretty easy raising her own flock. Set-up, coop security, and getting into a routine can seem daunting, but once the fresh eggs start rolling ... out, collecting them becomes a fun part of the day.

"We love collecting the eggs and just watching the birds," said Logan. "The birds free range in the yard, which really has helped keep bugs and snails at bay, and it makes me happy to know I'm feeding my family eggs from happy, well-raised chickens."

Logan's flock of 19 are yielding her eight to 11 eggs a day.

— Maureen Moore



Above: The new little chick, Elsa, peeks out underneath Red Bird's wing.

At right: Tinley Logan, 4, holds the new baby chick, Elsa, under the careful supervision of family dog and chicken-friend, German shepherd Nala.

Photos by Alicia Logan

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Help Wanted
Manager, Willits Center for the Arts: Part-time contract position, 64 hours a month, managing the Willits Center for the Arts. Send your resume and salary requirements to WCA, PO Box 503, Willits, CA 95490. For more information call June @ 456-1203.

Community HU Song
In our fast-paced world, are you looking to find more inner peace? Join us for a Community HU Song, Thursday, January 28, at 6 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 E. Commercial Street. HU (pronounced hue) is a simple, uplifting prayer or mantra that can help you experience divine love and an inner calm. All faiths are welcome. Sponsored by Eckankar: Experience the Light & Sound of God. Information? Please call 972-2475 or visit miraclesinyourlife.org.

Help Wanted
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COLUJMN | Intuitive Patterns
February 2016

Osho Zen Tarot: Morality, Intensity, Moment to Moment

Medicine Cards: Squirrel, Mountain Lion, Beaver

Mayan Oracle: Akbal, Kan

Ancient Egyptian Tarot: Queen of Swords, 2 of Wands, The Devil

Aleister Crowley Deck: Queen of Wands, Ruin, Change

Healing Earth Tarot: 4 of Rainbows, 10 of Wands, 2 of Rainbows

Words of Truth: Shame, Purity, Female

Do you feel like you are building a bridge, but the materials are either not showing up or are defective in some way? Welcome to the club. You have weathered the first storm of 2016, which was the Mercury Retrograde in January with Jupiter also going retrograde, so I am sure in January there were many small bumps and irritations.

I know all of us wish that some of this intensity would slow down for just a moment, but the situations in life are altering so quickly it is as if suddenly in midstep you have to make a quick slight adjustment. That makes everyone feel a bit off center and uncertain. We might as well get comfortable to being a little bit uncomfortable for the next seven months as the swings of extremes feel as if they are becoming the norm.

I think it is interesting that in the Mayan Oracle we have two archetypes in sequence, Akbal and Kan. Akbal is like the dark, deep and fertile ground, and Kan is the seed preparing to sprout. So as there is darkness before the dawn, so too are all of us in a state of preparation for an opening to a new possibility. The weakness with these cards is that you can become too self-critical, too internal, and too afraid of change. But change is all there is in life, and when you refuse to change, that is when you begin to die a little bit at a time.

Right now the mirrors are very close to your face. Those upsets and triggers that are setting you off are a mirror of those disowned patterns that are very difficult to see. That is why we have Akbal dominating the energies right now. February is all about embracing your inner shadow processes to learn from their gifts. Not an easy take when you feel as if the ground underneath you is less than stable.

This is a month when your inner insecurity is clearly on the surface. You doubt your choices, and you doubt the reasoning behind them. Everything feels not completely real or solid. The bottom line is that you do not feel safe, but safety is overrated. Being safe often means being in a box and not coming out. Well, the box is soaked and the sides are beginning to bend and collapse, so it is no longer safe in that box anyway.

This is where movement is better than no movement. Creative processes are messy and fraught with unseen circumstances and outcomes. But all seeds must sprout (Kan). For that seed, there is a moment when you can't turn back. It really is not as bad as your mind is making it out to be. What is outside that fear that you have been holding onto so tightly is family, connection and love. The storm is over if you let go. Your fear is creating the storms in your life. Discover what is beyond the mind's distorted window.

Smash that image of guilt, shame, or not being worthy enough. Just leap and go forward into the purity of your being, knowing full well that it is enough. Be brave. Lead yourself into the fertile fires that you know will give you the transformation you want. Nothing your mind is telling you is correct.

Feel with your heart, and move your body in the direction that it is magnetically drawn towards. You are thirsting for new experiences. You are feeling bored with your old self. You long for a new way to perceive reality. Take the risk. Open to what shows itself to you, and let something besides your mind lead you onward.

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The rest of Skillet | From Page 3

pair plan to travel and "not have to rush to be back by Monday mornings!" as well as work in the garden.

"I love to can and grow veggies, and look forward to getting to do some homesteading fun," said French. The Country Skillet was a rite of passage of sorts for many young women in the community – many worked as waitresses and hostesses over the years, and the space has also served as a meeting room for the Willits Rotary Club and the Soroptimist International of Willits in the recent past.

It was also a staple stop for those traveling through Willits, including many bikers participating in the Redwood Run over the years.

Regular customer Gloria Kouris said The Country Skillet was the choice location in years past when her family came to visit Willits.

"When the family would come in from Salt Lake City, we always would bring them here," Kouris said. "They used to make this amazing chicken cacciatore for dinner, but everything has always been delicious."

Kouris and Bobbi Yokum were on their way into the restaurant Tuesday morning, and were glad they'd stopped in for one last weekly breakfast date before Thursday's closing.

"I've always loved the breakfasts here," Kouris said. "Their hash browns are the best, and their eggs Benedict, too. However, this morning, I think plain poached will be my order!"

As The Country Skillet chapter closes, a new one begins. French noted the new owner, a gentleman from the Bay Area, is interested in keeping the establishment a restaurant and serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days a week.

"We don't really know the specifics," said French, "It might get a new name, might be a mom-and-pop style restaurant or maybe a larger franchise. We just really hope the new place is good for the town and that it will create another good option for eating in Willits. We'll just have to wait and see!"

The rest of Ardis | From Page 7

years as a housekeeper, and was was Employee of the Year in 2001.

Later in life, Ardis played the piano every day and, over the last six months, she was teaching herself how to play left hand on the piano or bass clef. Each day that she played, her routine was to play a song for each of her siblings and her parents. She loved her group of "swimming women" who would get together weekly for regular exercise and socializing. She was a regular at the Willits Senior Center, where she enjoyed playing bingo and name that tune.

She also was grateful to spend several afternoons a week visiting with her adoring and cherished granddaughter Ella. Ardis will be missed.



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At right: Members of the Class of 2016 are selling tickets to the Sober Grad breakfast, from left: Flor Haschak, Carlos Velardo, Sylvia Friend, Olivia Cooper and Mitchell McKinley.

18th annual Sober Grad Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 7

The Sober Grad committee is busy with preparations for their 18th Annual Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with the Little Lake Grange. The breakfast will be on Sunday, February 7 from 8 to 11 am. Tickets are being sold by members of the Class of 2016; they are also available at the Willits High School office or at the door.

If you haven't been to a breakfast at the Grange, you're missing out. The breakfast includes delicious pancakes made from scratch, scrambled eggs, bacon, OJ, and coffee, tea or hot chocolate all for just \$6/adults, \$5/senior citizens and \$4/10 & under. Breakfasts-To-Go are also available for those who may need to get to work or are on a tight schedule. Just stop in and tell Angi at the door you'd like a Breakfast-To-Go!

The Valentine Raffle Basket will be at the breakfast. There are



some wonderful items in this basket including: 1 dozen roses from Flowers by Annette; many items donated by Cat's Meow (formerly Trillium); more donations from Adam's Restaurant, El Mexicano, Suzanne Pope, Karen Cavanaugh, Rebecca Smith, Tango, Re-Evolution, JD Redhouse, Brooktrails Golf Course, Sparetime Supply and more. The winning ticket will be drawn on February 13.

Start your Super Bowl Sunday off right with a healthy breakfast while supporting the Sober Grad Committee to put on a drug- and alcohol-free party for all Willits area graduating seniors. For more information call Angi Edgar at 459-2260 or email WillitsSoberGrad@gmail.com.

– Joyce Waters for the Sober Grad Committee



Varsity Basketball | Sylvia Friend, age 18, Senior, #11

Position: Shooting Guard

Breakfast of Champions: Oatmeal with bananas

Love for the Sport: "It's competitive and fun."

Years Playing the Sport: Seven years

Sylvia is a senior on the varsity girls basketball team. Sylvia has invested a tremendous amount of time and energy into earning a starting position on the team. When Sylvia isn't practicing with the team, or diligently taking care of her academics, you most certainly will find Sylvia on the blacktop at one of the local schools practicing her shooting and ball handling skills. Sylvia played a large role in both of our games last week. Scoring points when they were needed most, taking care of the ball, and playing consistent defense from start to finish.

– Coach Jody Ward

Vacancy on Little Lake Fire board

Interested persons are hereby notified that pursuant to Government Code 1780 there is a vacancy on the Little Lake Fire Protection District Board of Directors created by the resignation of John Bixler, effective January 11, 2016.

The position to be filled is a two-year term until the next scheduled election in November 2017. The seat will go to election in November 2019 for the final two years of the term, completing the total of four years.

Applications are available at the Little Lake Fire District

Office, 74 East Commercial Street.

Interested parties must be registered voters living within the Little Lake Fire Protection District. Applications are due by February 8, 2016; the selection of applicant will occur on February 9 at the board's regular meeting.

The board of directors consists of five members that currently meet on a monthly basis on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 5 pm at Little Lake Fire Protection District's main station on Commercial Street.

County hires new mental health director

Longtime mental health staffer and program director Jenine Miller has been hired as director of the mental health division of the county's Health and Human Services Agency.

Former director Tom Pinizzotto was removed from the county's head mental health position in October, and HHS Director Stacey Cryer has been serving as interim acting-director of mental health.

Miller began working in the mental health division in 2008. She has been a clinician with adult services, a program administrator in charge of crisis and adult care management, a senior program manager in charge of adult and children's mental health services, and has simultaneously been senior program manager and deputy director of the mental health division.

Miller has a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Dominican University, a Master of Arts in clinical psychology from Alliant International University, and a doctorate in clinical psychology, again from Alliant International University.

According to Cryer, the county worked with a recruiting firm, Alliance, to perform a search and recruitment campaign to fill the position, and Miller was the successful applicant in the process.

"Jenine has knowledge and history with Mendocino County and has well-established relationships and connections with the community that will serve us well as we move forward in providing mental health services in Mendocino County," Cryer said.

Miller became director of mental health on January 17.

Supes' marijuana ad hoc committee to hold town hall meeting in Willits

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee will hold a town hall meeting on Saturday, February 6, in Willits to provide residents with an opportunity to hear a brief update and share their recommendations with the committee regarding potential revisions of the county's marijuana cultivation ordinance (code section 9.31).

In the final hours of the 2015 legislative session, the California Legislature passed a Medical Marijuana Regulatory Package that was signed by the governor on October 9, 2015, which consisted of three bills: Assembly Bill 266 (Rob Bonta, D-Oakland), Senate Bill 643 (Mike McGuire, D-Santa Rosa) and Assembly Bill 243 (Jim Wood, D-Healdsburg).

In response to the new legislation the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors created a marijuana ad hoc committee, consisting of Supervisors John McCowen and Tom Woodhouse, to review the county's 9.31 marijuana cultivation ordinance and report back to the board with recommended revisions to address local conditions and concerns in light of the new state legislation.

In December 2015, the ad hoc committee developed a process overview and timeline, with the goal of bringing back recommendations to the board of supervisors in March 2016. Additionally, the committee is considering a recommendation to launch a 9.31 pilot program in the spring of 2016.

Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse stated: "This town hall meeting will give residents a chance to hear directly from the ad hoc committee on the 9.31 revision process and allow us to better understand the thoughts and concerns of residents, stakeholders and interested parties throughout the county on amendments in order to comply with the new legislation."

The marijuana ad hoc committee will be hosting the public town hall meeting on Saturday, February 6, from 2 to 5 pm at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

For more information, please contact Sarah Dukett at the Mendocino County Executive Office at 707-463-4441 or duketts@co.mendocino.ca.us.

– submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

Amazing Athletes of Willits High School



JV Basketball | Daisy Barrett, age 14, Freshman, #12

Position: Post

Breakfast of Champions: Waffles with syrup and sometimes whipped cream

Love for the Sport: "How competitive it is."

Years Playing the Sport: Since fourth grade.

I would like to nominate Morgan Riley and Daisy Barrett for a shared "Amazing Athlete" this week.

In the last two games, Morgan scored 16 points and Daisy scored 20 points. Morgan has 7 steals. Daisy has 20 rebounds. Morgan has 5 assists. So I believe they both have contributed substantially.

Morgan is our leading scorer of the year so far, with 124 points, averaging 8 points per game. Daisy is the second leading scorer, averaging 7 points a game. Between the two of them, they typically play the most minutes out of the squad. Daisy is strong under the basket. Morgan is aggressive and hustles all the time.

– Coach Paul Riley



JV Basketball | Morgan Riley, age 15, Sophomore, #2

Position: Point Guard

Breakfast of Champions: Frosted Mini Wheats cereal

Love for the Sport: "The pace of the game, and the sportsmanship, too."

Years Playing the Sport: Since third grade.

Wrestling | d'Artagnon Meek, age 16, Junior

Breakfast of Champions: Cereal

Love for the Sport: "The team aspect."

Years Playing the Sport: Five years.

Wrestling at the 140 pound weight class, d'Artagnon Meek was down 7-1 at the end of the first round at our meet last week.

He dug deep and rallied through the next two rounds to bring the match score within one point, and then topped the performance with a pin in the last seven seconds of the match to score six points for his team and secure a victory over Kelseyville.

Our most important rule in wrestling is "Never to quit". d'Artagnon defines that rule with his actions.

– Coach Brian Bowles



Wrestling | Gabby Agenbroad, age 17, Senior

Breakfast of Champions: Breakfast burrito

Love for the Sport: "I love the team and getting in shape."

Years Playing the Sport: Seven years

Note: "I won my last two tournaments!"

Gabby Agenbroad has earned back-to-back titles, placing first in Berkeley and last weekend at Pacifica. Her hard work and perseverance through a shoulder injury is paying off for this defending NCS section champion!

– Coach Brian Bowles

The rest of Cameras | From Page 1

The biggest challenge and, perhaps, downside to the use of body-worn cameras is the cost of storing all that information. According to the journal article: "As the velocity and volume of data grow exponentially over time, user licenses, storage space, security costs, maintenance, and system upgrades can potentially translate into billions of dollars worldwide."

Gonzalez said he had considered going with a model that stores the video directly to the cloud, removing the need for an onsite server.

"[Going in that direction] has its drawbacks," Gonzalez said. "[For one], the DA's office would need to subscribe to our cloud and pay that company, and they don't like that idea. Plus our backbone into the cloud wasn't strong enough. Cloud-base may be the way we go in the next evolution of this, but right now, having our own server gives us a little more control and more security."

The public cannot – on demand – get access to video recorded by officers, but must first make a public records request: "All applicable records laws apply regarding any release of video to the public," Gonzalez said.

To find the complete Journal of Quantitative Criminology study on body worn cameras, go to: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs10940-014-9236-3>.

The rest of Bypass | From Page 1

announced that an estimated \$754 million would have to be cut from projected – and previously committed – transportation funding for the next five years. That's about 38 percent of the funding for the five-year cycle.

"What this means is that almost every county in California that relies on this source of funding for projects that improve traffic and air quality will have to cut or delay projects indefinitely," stated CTC Chair Lucy Dunn in the press release. "The commission adopted the most optimistic scenario we could make in good conscience, in the hope agreement will be reached on a number of reforms and new funding increases currently under consideration by the Legislature. But failing that, I fear we will be faced with even more draconian cuts next year."

The funding cuts are the result of "anticipated additional reductions in a portion of the gasoline excise tax which is the major source of state funding for the program," the press release continued. "Set at a level of 18 cents a gallon just a few years ago, the price-based portion of the gas tax dropped to 12 cents per gallon last year. The estimate approved by the CTC today projects that this revenue will fall another 2 cents a gallon for the coming fiscal year and that stabilization of this source may take longer than expected. Each penny reduction in the gas tax decreases revenue to fund state and local roads by about \$140 million per year."

The question of funding for related Willits bypass projects and mitigation projects – or "child projects" – has not been definitively answered and will not be finally answered until the CTC makes its actual cuts at an April meeting.

Phil Dow, director of Mendocino County's Council of Governments, which distributes state transportation funding for local projects, said he was "not concerned" about funding for the "child" projects. These projects include a re-do of the Sherwood Road and Highway 101 intersection, the Ryan Creek fish passage project, construction on Main Street agreed to between the City of Willits and Caltrans as part of the "relinquishment" agreement whereby the city takes over responsibility for maintaining Main Street north of Highway 20 after the bypass opens, and the multi-year wetlands creation mitigation project.

"The mitigation projects are part of the Willits bypass project," Dow said. "It will cost the taxpayers, ultimately, a whole lot more money if they're not completed on a timely basis."

Willits City Manager Adrienne Moore said the city had been in touch with MCOG and Caltrans to talk about how the bypass projects might be impacted, and Moore and Mayor Bruce Burton both said they'd be lobbying Sacramento for the Willits projects.

MCOG staff is recommending cuts to already allocated projects in Mendocino County, including projects in Ukiah, Fort Bragg and Gualala; these recommended cuts will be on the agenda for MCOG's February 1 meeting. Local transportation agencies have an end-of-February deadline to submit their own suggested cuts to the state.

Damian Sebouhian Reporter damian@willitsweekly.com

is able to provide effective regulations to us."

For the last several months, the California Growers Association and its members have been playing the role of mediator between cannabis cultivators and the various branches of government tasked with creating and enforcing regulations.

Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse, the first speaker at the event and a member of the board of supervisors' ad hoc committee on marijuana, gave a very brief synopsis of where local government is at in regards to building trust.

"This is a time to break the line that separates government from the people," he said. "We've had enough fear and paranoia. It's time to rebuild our community together."

Woodhouse encouraged all interested citizens to contact the board of supervisors in writing, as board members have been taking the time to read about the concerns of the public on this matter.

Woodhouse also informed the audience of approximately 100 growers and other stakeholders that supervisors are in the process of creating plans for a "9.31 pilot program," but the debate about how many people to involve has stalled the program's progress.

"[The supervisors] are talking about a very small number of people in the pilot program this year," Woodhouse said. "I'm trying to push the number way up so nobody is excluded. We want people to feel comfortable with us. That will reduce the fear and make it work better."

When asked by a member of the audience to describe the details of the pilot program, Woodhouse said he didn't have an answer. "Too much is up in the air, he said, and government works slower than he wished it would sometimes.

"There's plenty of confusion about plant count and square footage. We're going to start with a framework and take steps."

It was clear from the audience's questions that the central concern of cannabis growers is the February 15 deadline for all growers with 2,000 square feet or more of cultivated area to submit a Letter of Intent, or LOI, to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Two staff members of the regional board attended the meeting and fielded questions like: "What is the tier system? How does one know what tier they are in? What are the requirements and fees for each of the tiers? What will happen if a grower doesn't submit an LOI by the deadline?"

According to one of those staffers, Kason Grady: "There are increasing fees and increasing responsibilities and requirements depending on the threat to water quality. Tier one is a low threat, tier two is a moderate threat, and tier three represents sites that need immediate restoration and fixes to either mitigate or prevent water quality impact."

The annual fee schedule for tier one status is \$1,000, for

tier two, it's \$2,500; and for tier three, it's \$10,000. These fees will be reduced for tiers one and two if a cultivator is a member of a group that has been approved by the appropriate regional water quality control board.

A tier one status means a cultivator will not be required to create a water resource protection plan.

Tier one characteristics include: 1. Cultivation in an area equal to or less than 5,000 square feet. 2. Growing on slopes with a gradient of less than or equal to 35 percent. 3. The grower conducts no water diversion from the months May 15 through October 31. 4. The distance between the closest cultivation area to surface water is at least 200 feet.

"Submit the letter of intent with your name, address and what tier you're in along with a check," Grady said. "Once that's turned in, we'll give you a site-specific ID within 30 days of turning in the LOI form, then you'll submit your reporting information, including your site-specific ID."

Tier two operations are those that do not meet the standard conditions for tier one and whose square footage of grow space is between 5,000 to 10,000 square feet. A grower can still qualify for tier one status if their grow space is larger than 5,000 square feet (but no larger than 10,000), as long as they implement a water resource protection plan that meets the other characteristics of tier one.

Tier three, according to the regional water board, "is a cleanup tier, which requires the development and implementation of a cleanup and restoration plan" for that specific site.

For growers unsure of which tier they fall into, or who need help in implementing a water resource protection plan to effectively place themselves in tier one or two, there are authorized third-party consultants from whom they can get help.

"An approved third-party consultant can do things that we can't do," said Grady. "They can advise fixes [and how to implement them]. Staff at the water board can't do that; we can only say whether or not it's in compliance. Third party consultants can also help develop water resource protection plans."

Grady stressed the important thing is to not scare people away from sending in their letters of intent.

"We have a progressive enforcement policy," Grady said. "We don't just jump to fines right away, unless there's a big problem with discharging; we might take separate enforcement actions in that case. Generally speaking we're talking about enrollment in our program. Enrollment equals compliance at this point."

Grady and other members of the water board are continuing their series of planned clinics, and strongly encourage local cannabis growers to attend one. The next clinic will be held February 1 in Arcata at the Community Center from 2 to 7 pm.

On February 2, an enrollment clinic will be held in Ukiah at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Street, from 2 to 7 pm.

General information about the water board's Cannabis Cultivation Waste Discharge Regulatory Program – and a link to the notice of intent form – can be found at www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/cannabis.

Find the California Growers Association at www.calgrowersassociation.org.

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The prizes are: "\$25 Free Play", "\$50 Free Play", "\$75 Free Play", "\$100 Free Play"

WEDNESDAY

Six Shooter HOT SEATS

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Hot Seat Drawings 10A to 3P - Two random winners/hour for \$50 Free Play/winner.

Part #2
2X Points (5p to 10:30P)
Hot Seat Drawings 6P to 10P - Two random winners/hour for \$100 Free Play/winner.

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Customers may receive only Two Scratch Card on February 14th for this promotion. All Free play that is won via the Hot Seat drawings must be used by 2A on the same gaming day, or the winnings (Free Play) will be removed from the customer's account

Services District; Dave Roderick of the Hopland Fire Protection District; Emily Stracham of the Mendocino Fire Protection District; and Michael Schaeffer of the Comptche Community Services District - represent fire districts serving unincorporated areas of Mendocino County that are "suffering from lack of support [by] the County of Mendocino and underfunding issues," according to Chris Neary, attorney for the MCAFD.

The organization filed a notice of its intention to circulate a petition with the county on December 2, 2015, beginning a 15-day period that would allow Elliott to prepare a ballot summary. That summary, Neary said, was due December 17.

Instead, Elliott, "acting in her official capacity as acting-county counsel" filed a civil suit on December 15, arguing the proposed initiative "violates the state constitution." Elliott asked the court to hear the matter December 17, "the very day," Neary claims, "she [was] statutorily compelled to provide the ballot summary so [MCAFD could begin to] petition for voters for support of the initiative."

If it makes it to the ballot, and is approved by voters, the initiative would mandate that the board of supervisors divulge, in the county's proposed and final adopted budget, "for purposes of transparency," which county agencies receive Prop. 172 funds and how much, and "include a line item for funds to be distributed to local fire agencies."

The initiative also asks the county to divide some 30 percent of the estimated \$7 million Prop. 172 funds it receives annually to county fire agencies, starting in fiscal year 2017-2018.

MCAFD wants each of the county's 21 fire districts to receive "a minimum distribution equal to two percent of the total funds allocated to local fire agencies." Any remaining funds would be parceled out to the districts based on the population of each local fire agency service area, divided by the total population of the unincorporated areas of Mendocino County.

Those populations figures would be determined using the "most recent data available from the State of California controller."

The initiative also mandates supervisors to notify local fire agencies of any reductions or revisions to the official budget request, as well as file public notice of any intention to reduce or revise the districts' budget request. It also directs supervisors to hold public hearings in each of the county's five supervisory districts, "to ensure population and geographical representation," should the board decide to reduce or revise the amount of money fire districts will receive.

Those mandates, Elliott argues in her suit, violate California's constitution because they would interfere with the board of supervisors' "responsibility for fiscal management and improperly interfere with the discretion and authority of constitutionally elected state officials to establish priorities for public safety funds."

Elliott also claims in her filing that the initiative, if enacted by voters, would be pre-empted by state law and mislead the electorate into "believing that they can mandate how local government divides the monies received from the state for public safety" with "an initiative measure that would be invalid if passed."

She asks the court to rule that "any further processing of the proposed measure by county personnel, including [herself] would be an inappropriate expenditure of public funds," and that "preparation of a ballot title and summary for the proposed initiative would be misleading and confusing" to anyone wishing to sign "any petition within which said ballot title and summary would be incorporated."

Neary and MCAFD argue Nadel should dismiss Elliott's complaint out of hand, claiming the county "has brought this action ... to stop [Orth and company] from exercising their rights of petition and restrict their freedom of speech," pointing out "the California constitution reserves to the people of California the right to propose initiatives."

He also contends Elliott's claims as to the validity of the ordinance the initiative would engender "are premised on a misrepresentation - whether by mistake or intentionally - of the language and effect of the proposed initiative."

The initiative, he asserts, "does not interfere with the board of supervisors' duty to fiscally manage the county, but rather ... has the effect of requesting the board to consider funding issues of local fire agencies - leaving [supervisors] with full authority to determine whether or not to do so."

During a January 12 report to the Brooktrails Community Service District Board of Directors, Neary said he had been told the board of supervisors "knew nothing about the suit" before Elliott filed it "on her own."

Where current Prop. 172 monies are going remains unclear to county officials, according to Orth.

Auditor-Controller Lloyd Weer has "declined to provide information" concerning the flow of 172 funds, stating he is "independently elected and not required to report to the county Executive Office."

There is widespread speculation the cash is being used to finance unfunded pension liability for the district attorney and sheriff's departments, a move Neary says is "perfectly legal."

However, he adds, both Sheriff Tom Allman and DA David Eyster would prefer the monies "fund current operations."

Looming over the initiative's future is a March 11 deadline to gather the 2,500 signatures of verified county voters to place the initiative on the June ballot, or an August 12 deadline to place the measure on the November ballot.

conversation with Willits Weekly, Allman said he doesn't yet know where the facility would be located. He also said the question of whether or not the old Frank R. Howard Hospital in Willits could be used for that purpose has not yet been answered.

"What I want to do is, either we build a new facility, or we retrofit the old facility," Allman said. "We are going to have to do a lot of asking questions and getting answers to find out which will be the best way to go."

He and a group of associates are crafting language for the initiative now. Allman recently stated in public that he believes mental health is the No. 1 public safety issue in Mendocino County. This is largely because his deputies spend such a large portion of their working time dealing with people with mental health issues.

According to Allman, his officers spent about 1,000 hours in 2015 dealing with people with mental health issues. A lot of that time was just "standing by" in emergency rooms while people were in crisis. This means that, while they were dealing with mental health issues, those deputies weren't working to protect the public in other ways.

Allman added that having a local facility would be a positive step, both for the county and for the patients. "People who are 5150'd are taken out of county, either to Yuba City or to Vallejo," Allman said. "That's a long way from family and friends, and it's not the best way to calm down somebody who is going through a psychotic episode."

"At the same time, let's face it, keeping somebody housed in Butte County or in Solano County doesn't do much to keep money here in Mendocino County. If we are really serious about keeping our money local, then we need to keep our services local, too," Allman said.

Currently, the county's mental health system seems poised for transition. In October, Judge Ann Moorman blasted county staff, including County Counsel Katherine Elliott and former Mental Health Director Tom Pinizzotto, for the county's poor performance in dealing with jail inmates in need of competency restoration services.

Deputy Public Defender Anthony Adams, who has some familiarity with goings on within the county jail, told Willits Weekly in October he attributed responsibility for the breakdown to Ortnr Management Group, the county's private provider for mental health services for people older than 24 years of age.

On December 15, a group of medical professionals presented a critique of Ortnr Management Group to the board of

to determine if there is a suitable pool of candidates. The screening committee will deal with applications only and can be thought of as a "paper screening" step.

At that point, the screening committee will determine if the search for a new superintendent can proceed to the next step, or if the district will need to use an alternative method to find a new superintendent, such as hiring an executive recruitment firm to locate other qualified candidates. If there is a suitable pool, the screening committee will select three to five finalists for the position.

The February 19 meeting will be closed to the public.

The second step will take place on March 2, when an interview committee will meet to talk with finalists face to face.

During the January 20 meeting, the school board and the public held a long discussion about the composition of the interview committee. Finally, WTA President John Haschak suggested the four main stakeholders in the district be allowed to place three representatives each on the committee: three from WTA,

apartment above the bar.

The fire was discovered by a Willits Police Department officer, who called in a report of a "fully engulfed top-story residence on fire."

Little Lake Fire Department responded and began fighting the fire from the rear of the building. A bottom apartment tenant was awakened and evacuated by police officers.

At 4:20 am, Ross was spotted inside the bar holding what looked like a black semi-automatic pistol to her head. "During the incident, she was waving the firearm," Willits Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez said.

The pistol turned out to be a replica, but "in the dark it looked very real," the chief said.

Eventually Ross was "talked out of the building," and spoke with WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue outside on Commercial Street. "Sgt. Donahue actively engaged Ross," who would "point the gun to her head then yell and scream."

supervisors, claiming Ortnr was focusing too much on locking down people who were already in a mental health crisis in their Yuba City facility and not doing enough to provide preventative services so people don't go into crisis. This statement to the board of supervisors was signed by 53 locally based medical professionals.

In addition, Tom Pinizzotto, former director of the county's Mental Health Division, was removed from his position in October. Pinizzotto's second in command, Jenine Miller, became mental health director on January 17. Over the past few months, the Lee Kemper Consulting Group has been conducting a review of the county's mental health system. The results of that review are due to be made public February 19 in a report to the board of supervisors.

Willits resident and Howard Foundation President Margie Handley, who has been advocating that the old Howard Hospital in Willits be used as the county's crisis center and lock-down facility, was not available for comment as this story went to press.

Neither county CEO Carmel Angelo nor HHSA Director Stacey Cryer would say, or could say, how much it might cost the county to operate and staff a psychiatric health facility.

"As of today, I have no idea what the sheriff is proposing," Angelo said. "I just have no idea. I can't answer that question, because there are so many variables."

"Once something is in writing, we might be able to quantify that, if we are asked to do so," Angelo said.

Redwood Community Services is the county's private provider for mental health services to children and youth. Willits Weekly asked RCS Executive Director Camille Schraeder how much she thought it would cost for her organization to run the potential PHF, but she also said she couldn't answer that question now. Schraeder did say she is a member of a group of people who have been working - separately from Sheriff Allman's group - on just that issue.

Schraeder added she had been pleased to learn Allman has come up with an initiative idea. "I think it's kismet," Schraeder said. "To me it means this is an idea that has a chance of happening, when more than one group wants the same thing, or close to the same thing."

"There are multiple things going on right now," she said. "Thank God there is a wellspring of people with the time, the talent, and the caring concern to work on this problem and make something good happen for this community."

three from CSEA, three appointed by the school board, and three district staff members.

Haschak's suggestion was regarded as an elegant solution and accepted. The board then discussed which staff members would serve on the committee, and appointed Baechtel Grove Middle School Principal Maria de los Angeles Munguia, district Financial Officer Tanya Michel, and Executive Secretary Trina Cardillo to the committee.

Board President Chris Neary stressed the three board appointees would not be school board members, but would be community representatives appointed by trustees.

Neary also defined the role of the interview committee. "I'm not looking for some kind of votes or tally, that kind of thing. What I want is for the committee to interview each candidate and then make a comment on each person."

The March 2 meeting will be closed to the public.

The third step will take place on March

under the supervision of the Sheriff's Office, which now administers and manages animal care's sister division, animal control. Supervisors decided to leave animal care under the aegis of Environmental Health, a division of the county's Health and Human Services Agency.

The county issued a request for proposals to outside organizations to operate the facility in June 2015, and the executive office and the county's Health and Human Services Agency are looking at responses.

County CEO Carmel Angelo wrote in her CEO report for the January 12 board of supervisors meeting: "The executive office and HHSA are working collaboratively on the final evaluations, and anticipate recommendations to be presented to the board of supervisors in February 2016."

The 2013-14 Mendocino County grand jury reported on conditions in the animal shelter and gave the unit a negative report. They said the shelter was understaffed, underfunded, and unable to adequately house the animals brought to it on a daily basis. They noted the building and grounds were subject to rat infestation and pointed out this "contributed to the low morale of county employees as well as presenting a health issue."

The report also noted the facility was in need of maintenance and repair, but the county budgeted zero dollars to that purpose in 2012-13 and again in 2013-14. The 2015-16 final budget indicates the county again allotted no monies for animal care building maintenance in the current budget year.

In the current year budget, HHSA Director Stacey Cryer noted animal care put 857 animals out to adoption in 2014-15, an increase of 13 percent over the previous year. In addition, 623 animals were returned to their owners, an increase of 9 percent over the previous year. The budget notes 342 animals were given to animal rescue organizations, a decrease of 54 percent from the 2013-14 total of 738 animals placed with rescue organizations.

3, when the school board interviews the candidates and makes a final decision on who to hire as the next district superintendent. This meeting also will be closed to the public.

Human Resources Director Laura Sleeper announced that, to date, three people have submitted applications for the position. Sleeper added she thinks at least two more people have stated they will apply.

She noted the job announcement will be published this week in EdCal, a publication for professional educators with a statewide reach. She believes that announcement should result in several more applications turning up on her desk.

At the direction of the board, Sleeper is soliciting questions from the public, which may be asked by the interview committee to the finalists. Sleeper said interested members of the public may submit questions, together with what they consider to be the correct answer, to the district at laurasleeper@willitsunified.com. All submissions will be kept confidential.

Defender Linda Thompson, asked the court to include involuntary administration of antipsychotic medication in the woman's treatment.

Following her release from the hospital, Ross entered a "no contest" plea to the arson charge; the remaining charges against her were dropped, Geniella said.

Ross had been arrested twice by WPD in 2014: on October 18 for misdemeanor battery, "use of force or violence upon another" (she was held in county jail for three days), and on October 26 for misdemeanor vandalism and petty theft (she was released later that same evening).

Ross was also arrested "on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance" in January 2014 and November 2013, and arrested "on suspicion of drunk driving" in August 2013, along with probation violations.

In 2009, Ross was arrested on suspicion of child endangerment.

Happy 108!

Willits' Edie Ceccarelli turns 108 on February 5



Above: Edie Ceccarelli, who turns 108 on Friday, February 5.

Below: Ceccarelli sits with her friend, Evelyn Persico.



Photos by Maureen Moore

Next Friday, February 5, marks the 108th birthday of Edie Ceccarelli, who will celebrate the occasion at the Willits Senior Center at their monthly birthday luncheon from 12 to 1 pm. The community is encouraged to come and wish Ceccarelli a Happy Birthday!

Lunch is just \$5 for lunch-card members, \$7.50 for non-seniors under the age of 55, \$3.50 for children, and \$5.50 for the public 55 and over.

The lunch will consist of soup, pork loin, with gravy and mashed potatoes, veggies, and a whole wheat roll and dessert, too.

"Edie's the oldest born-in-Willits citizen!" Ceccarelli's friend and cousin Evelyn Persico exclaimed. "We'd love the community to come and wish her Happy Birthday next Friday. It was great luck that it worked out that the luncheon was going to be held on her actual birthday – it's perfect!"

Since August, Ceccarelli has been living at the Holy Spirit residential care home in the Haehl Creek subdivision. She moved out of her west-side duplex last summer after acknowledging she didn't want to live by herself anymore. She is now very comfortable in her sunny spacious room with six resident housemates.

"The staff here is so very nice and so very kind," said Ceccarelli. "They do so much for all of us here, and I really appreciate it."

Outside her sliding glass door are some of potted plants she enjoyed caring for at her previous residence.

Landscaping is still in the works at the home, which opened back in March 2015, and Ceccarelli looks forward to spring when more flowers will be in the yard.

"I loved to garden, just like my mamma," reminisced Ceccarelli. "She always planted beautiful gardens, and could swing that spade better than any man, better than daddy even!"

Ceccarelli's father, Agostino Recagno, owned a service station, a grocery store and a second-hand store over the years.

"My dad trusted everyone," explained Ceccarelli with tears in her eyes. "It didn't

matter if they could pay; if they were hungry, he would trade them services. It was a different time. People had pride and did something to help one another; they were attentive and considerate to other's needs. It was a different era. I miss him, God rest his soul."

Agostino and his wife, Maria, had seven children; Pete, Frank, Edith, Virginia, Anita, Anette and George. Ceccarelli was the eldest, born in 1908.

Ceccarelli's brother, George "was a builder!" and helped construct the Willits Community Center, which was a Purity Grocery Store at the time. Another brother, Pete, also had a contractor's license. George was also a pilot and enjoyed flying his own plane locally, after serving as a pilot in World War II.

Ceccarelli married her high school sweetheart, "Brick" Keeman. They lived in Santa Rosa for 36 years and had a daughter, Laurie, before eventually retiring to Willits. After 51 years of marriage, Keeman passed away.

She married her second husband, Charles Ceccarelli, in 1986, and the couple lived in Ukiah until Charles' passing, when Edie returned again to Willits.

Ed Burton enjoyed spending time with Ceccarelli after her return, accompanying her to local events and dining.

Burton escorted her, limo and all, to the packed Little Lake Grange where she celebrate her 100th birthday. The pair also took a cruise on the Mexican Riviera for her centennial birthday.

Since Ed's passing, son Bruce and grandson Ernie still enjoy Sunday dinners with Ceccarelli, sometimes eating at home, or having a night out.

Willits Weekly encourages all members of the centennial birthday club (or their family members) to contact the Willits Senior Center at 459-6826 to try and help start a list of those aged 100 or more in the Willits area.

Happy Birthday, Edie!

– Maureen Moore



Bulbs (and more!) are Blooming

The rains and intermittent warm-ish weather have encouraged spring bulbs to poke up above the surface – with some of them blooming! – all signs that spring is on its way. Paperwhites (top right), always some of the first to pop open, were visible in the Redwood Meadows senior housing landscaping on Monday; on Locust Street, the first bright yellow crocus (at top left)

showed its face Tuesday, and daffodil sprouts (top center) were reaching towards the sky on Sunday.

The little grey mushroom, left, only lasted about 24 hours, growing up from the wood chip and chicken-poop composted soil on Sunday as well.

A confused indoor Christmas cactus is in

full bloom on Mill Street, where outside, the camellias are budding for the third time, after dropping buds twice after cold January nights. Do you have pretty pictures of spring happening in your yard? Post your photo to our Facebook wall, with a caption, and help to show off the beauty of Willits at this time of year.

– Maureen Moore

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