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County to seek more complete census count in 2020

Mike A'Dair Reporter _ mike@willitsweekly.com

Supervisors have agreed to participate in the State of California's drive to get a complete count for every California county in the 2020 U.S. census. The drive is being coordinated by the California Complete Count organization.

In 2018, the California funded Legislature California Complete Count to the tune of \$90.3 million.

California is seeking an expanded, more accurate census in 2020, due to undercounting that took place during the 2010 census. According to that census, Mendocino County had an official population of 87,841 on April 1, 2010.

Supervisor Carre Brown enthusiastically supported the county becoming a member of California Complete Count, while enumerating a few of the reasons why the county was undercounted in 2010.

"The census is not working with the postal Brown said. system," "The census goes to road

Read the rest of Census

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Also included today

Above: Love is in the air at Diamonds & Gold, with several custom-made, heart-shaped options, including, from left: heart and diamond necklace, three-bangle and double heart bracelet, silver lock necklace, and double heart ring. Below: Owner and jeweler, Stephanie Casella, works on a repair brought into her shop Diamonds & Gold, located at 75 South Main Street in Willits.



A girl's best friend

Diamonds & Gold opens in Willits offering custom work, repairs and more

The cases inside 75 South Main Street are still filled with sparkling stones and glistening chains, but there's a

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new jeweler in charge: Stephanie Casella. Since January 1, Casella has taken over the old Kimberly's Jewelry store once owned by Larry

and Virginia Stranske and has started her own business Diamonds & Gold in the same shop, after returning from a

raised in California, Casella learned to make jewelry in her Ukiah High School days, taking four years of classes under the instruction of Mr. Mattson. After graduation, Casella apprenticed with Cynthia Tomas, a jeweler in Philo, who also inspired Casella with sculpting and other fine art techniques.

"I remember making my first ring at the age of 15," reminisced Casella. "I did a wax cast and stone set with

A'winwin solution' for Outlet Creek fish and landowners

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Valentine's

Day!

Joanne Moore Reporter joanne@willitsweekly.com

A creek basin is the geographical area drained by a creek and its tributaries, and most everyone reading this article either lives in or very close to the Outlet Creek basin.

Outlet Creek is about 18 miles long, and there are approximately 150 perennial stream miles in its basin. It begins its journey just north of Willits, winding northward close to Highway 101 and then eastward along Highway 162, where it becomes a major upper tributary of the Eel River - a federally designated Wild and Scenic River and California's third largest river system.

Federally listed threatened and endangered species and species of special concern, including salmon, chinook coho salmon, and winter-run steelhead trout, inhabit the basin in relatively small populations.

The coho salmon populations in the southern

Read the rest of Solution Over on page 9

News from Little **Lake Fire**

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Fire Little Lake Department activity is in high gear, said Chief Chris Wilkes during Tuesday night's Little Lake Fire District board meeting.

"Our call volume is way up," Wilkes said. "Last year we responded to a record of more than 683 calls. So far, we are just shy of 100 in 2019 which is on track to break records again."

The department regularly hosts trainings and provides professional certifications for its volunteers. Firefighter Tylor Yadon recently passed his DMV test for fire engineer, which brings the total number of department engineers to 18 with a 19th, Eli Owen, finishing soon.

At the same time, volunteers and the district's small paid staff are moving from the Firehouse on East Commercial Street to the auxiliary station on Baechtel Road, just south of the Senior Center.

"The move is going well," Wilkes says. Deputy Chief John Thomen, Training Chief Eric Alvarez and Administrative Assistant

Read the rest of Fire Board Over on page 9 12-year stay in Maine.

This is the second incarnation of Diamonds & Gold, however. Casella previously owned a business in Ukiah with the same name for over a decade and has been excelling at her craft for some 30 years now. Born and





Willits 'Welcome' sign has bit the dust

Willits is in need of a new "Welcome" sign, as the large wooden "Welcome to Willits" sign standing on the south end of town for decades has fallen

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"It's been tipping over for a while now," said City of Willits Public Works Director Bill Wilson. "it's been getting worse and worse, but I think it finally

over.

came down last night."

Wilson said city staff were "trying to figure out what to do about it." The sign, originally a project put together by the local service clubs, is on private property, and right

> Read the rest of Welcome





Mr. Mattson. It's really turned into my favorite thing to do. I really feel like I see things three-dimensionally, so it

> Read the rest of Diamonds

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Far left: Stephanie Casella helps a customer choose the correct size before resizing his ring. A millimeter

gauge is used to determine the thickness of a ring.

City has approved six cannabis **business** permits

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

The City of Willits has received 24 applications for cannabis-related business activities, according to Director Assistant of Community Development Michelle Johnson.

Johnson said the city has received one application for an infusion operation, six applications manufacturing for of cannabis products, three applications for packaging and processing, five applications for cultivation, and nine applications for distribution of cannabis.

The city has approved applications two for manufacturing, three for distribution, and one for cultivation.

Johnson noted the city yet to receive any applications to operate a cannabis dispensary, because applications for dispensary permits have not yet been finalized. She added that she, Community

Read the rest of Permits Over on page 9

What do **YOU think?**

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

School bonds

To the Editor:

A big "thank you" to Joanne Moore for her remarkably clear explanation of how Willits school bond issues actually work ("New school bond measure in the offing?," February 7 edition). She actually made an important but complicated issue understandable.

One suggestion: Moore notes at the end that many of our schools are not eligible for repair funding because they were included in the ill-conceived measure in 2010 that was wisely halted.

This is clearly, as she states, "manifestly unfair" to our community.

Wouldn't it thus be appropriate for our city representatives to contact Assemblyman Jim Wood and Senator Mike McGuire to correct this problem before roofs cave in and boilers explode?

The only ethical vote

To the Editor:

I want to congratulate John Haschak for his vote on the pay raise for the assistant district attorney position. A 17 percent increase in salary is absurd. His was the only ethical vote.

Driving home the other day I came across county workers filling in potholes on our county road. Did they get a 17 percent increase? They did not.

So I put it to the other supes: Next time someone gets a 200K salary, how about thinking about the other county workers?

Debra Lesslie, Willits

A call to action

To the Editor:

Even though I write this letter in the middle of a snow storm, I am aware of the fragility of those of us that live along the Sherwood Road corridor when fire season begins this year. It may only be a downed power pole on Sherwood Road now, in the winter, but coping with a fire in this area will require greater attention to our surroundings and personal responsibility for the safety of our families and community.

The time to take personal responsibility for our safety begins now.

Sherwood Firewise is holding a "Call to Action" meeting of all Sherwood Road corridor residents on Thursday, February 21 from 6 to 8 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center. This Call to Action meeting is requesting individuals interested in exploring active involvement in one of the three working groups - Emergency in the videos sounds just like Preparedness, Communications, or Planning & Funding.

Learn what progress has been made to date to help our Sherwood Community and how you can be part of a proactive group of neighbors helping neighbors. Please register for the Mendocino County Evacuation Notices at the Sheriff's website, and also become personally knowledgeable and responsible for the actions you can take to keep your families and neighborhoods

We've been told by the sheriff and others that in cases of major disasters, residents may be on their own for the first 24 hours. Don't be stressed or overwhelmed; do be responsible and involved in disaster planning.

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now, the ground around the sign is totally wet and sloppy.

"At this point the sign is so rotten underneath," Wilson said, "it'll have to be rebuilt. We can't just throw it back up, and we'll have to try to figure out who's going to do what. Do we rebuild the same sign, or with a new design?"

Others have commented that the sign met its final end a few days earlier, but Tuesday night in Willits certainly saw some very hard rain and some gusty winds, as well.

Little Lake Fire Department had several calls on Tuesday that were related to power lines or trees down and blocking roadways, including

on Highway 20 and Ridgewood Road. One big tree fell into a residence on Ridgewood Road, sending residents to the hospital. PG&E reported 15 outages in the

Bruce Andich, Willits Willits area Wednesday morning, with 415 customers without power. Around 7:30 pm Tuesday evening, Facebook lit up with reports of a loud and low sound that rumbled and lingered for several minutes in the middle of the rainstorm. Some thought it was wind or thunder; some thought it was a jet heading to Alaska or a FedEx

plane that showed up on the flight tracking website.

But the most likely explanation may be a post from the Sonoma

County Airport Facebook page, put up late on Monday, saying three C-17 Globemaster III military cargo and transport aircraft would be training in the area within the next 24 hours.

These C-17s measure 174 feet long, with a wingspan of 169 feet, 10 inches, and they can fly fast: 450 knots at 28,000 feet. But videos on YouTube taken elsewhere of C-17s show these planes can fly low and slow, too - and loud. The sound what Willits residents - and some people elsewhere in the county heard on Tuesday evening.

However, Willits Weekly was unable to confirm officially before press time that a C-17 flew over Mendocino County Tuesday night.

Rep. Huffman, Assemblymember Wood to hold Ukiah Town Hall

On Tuesday, February 19, Congressman Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) will hold a community town hall with special guest Assemblymember Jim Wood at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Street. The lawmakers will answer constituent questions and talk about their shared priorities for representing California's North Coast

The town hall – set for 5:30 to 7 pm – is open to the public. Seating is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis up to capacity. Constituents can RSVP and find additional information about the town hall program at www.eventbrite.com/e/congressman-huffmans-ukiahtown-hall-21919-tickets-55792597160.

Please contact Huffman's San Rafael District Office at 415-258-9657 or email Huffman.CAScheduling@mail.house.gov with any questions.

– Submitted by the Office of Congressman Jared Huffman (CA-02)

The rest of From Page 1 Census

addresses. Well, look at how many people have post office boxes. All those get sent back. And we all know when you get out into rural areas, and the mailman is not dropping off, there's many locked gates to go through.

"I think we were undercounted the last time around. This is partly what the funding is for, so we can get out there and tell people how to do it."

According to a staff report about the 2019 census in Mendocino County, which was included as background on the agenda item, "In the 2010 census, in some census tracts as many as 40 percent of households failed to return and complete a questionnaire.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Tammy Moss Chandler told supervisors her agency will take a leading role in working to expand the reach and the accuracy of the 2020 census. Chandler said HHSA will form a census committee with various community partners and draft a strategic plan to expand the count.

Chandler report back to the board "later in the spring" about the progress her committee has made.

Mendocino Community Foundation board member Paula Cohen said undercounting in the 2010 census cost Mendocino County a bundle.

"Mendocino County, because of its undercounting in the 2010 census, probably lost out on somewhere between \$90 million and \$100 million a year," Cohen said. "That affects many, many programs. It seems imperative that we engage our citizens in being counted in the next census."

Cohen noted the Community Foundation will be working with Mendocino County HHSA on the county's census committee.

Chandler named the community groups and organizations participating in the census committee. In addition to HHSA and the Mendocino Community Foundation, they include Mendocino County Public Health, Mendocino County Department of Social Services, the Mendocino County Library, the City of Ukiah, Mendocino College, Mendocino County Office of Education, North Coast Opportunities, First 5 of Mendocino, tribal governments, local health centers, Family Resource Centers, and United Way of the Wine Country.

According to the staff report, Mendocino County has several hard-to-count populations, including children under 5 years old, veterans, the homeless, non-English speakers, undocumented county residents, and people who hold "anti-government views."

The staff report indicated the government will use computers to expand the reach of its 2020 census. "People will be encouraged to go on line to complete the census form. For those without internet access, kiosks manned by knowledgeable census staff will be available in public areas,"

the report stated. Third District Supervisor John

that we need to do this.

count. "Undercounting has been affecting us in Mendocino County and

in California for a long time – especially

with our demographics. So, the money

is a big part of the problem, or reason





BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2019

YOUR DRAGON 3

Above, from left: Young popcorn entrepreneurs, Prince and Atlas, hold up their profits. Soul food including greens, mac and cheese, chicken and cornbread is served at the Black History Month Celebration and Dinner. Amadou Camara. Marshailena Butler and Maria Soumah create the beat for the dancers.

At left: Jaynene Johnson of Zocalo Collective performs a solo dance.

At right: High-energy dancers delight the

Below: Carla Starla DJs and sings. At bottom, from left: Jazz-minh Moore and Jocelyn Ffriend enjoy the Black History Month Celebration and Dinner they organized. Drummers and dancers at the Black History Month Celebration share a moment of friendship. The diners discuss race and other issues.





'A Cultural Event'

Black History Month Celebration and Dinner offered soul food,

African dancing, art, poetry, education and more

"You know, they don't do anything here for Black History Month," mused young Frida Friend. Although Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated and explored in the local schools, the statement began a quest for two close friends, Jazz-minh

Mathew Caine They wanted to create an event at eatures Write which dialogues would be started, cultures would be exposed to each other.

and children could be educated as to the differences and the shared humanity of other races. They created the first Willits "Black History Month Celebration and Dinner," an evening of education and entertainment, a confluence of cultures, an opportunity to interact with the black community of Willits.

The February 9 event, for which the Little Lake Grange generously donated their space (hall and kitchen), lasted five hours and morphed through various phases, beginning with a chance for people to mingle and to visit booths featuring goods and information from black-owned businesses in the area. One such was Lea Marie Bell's cupcakes, which are intricately designed with icings full of whimsy and flowery colors. Other booths offered African-American information and books as well as clothing.

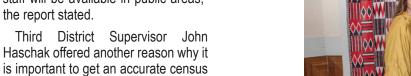
The Black Future Society had a booth. They are a new and growing organization that supports black kids in the area. Kyle, a white woman with a black son, worked at the booth. "It's really important to be involved," she stated. "Our world is not white, and most of our world tends to cater to white people. I think it is really important to include all peoples in the world in our lives."

Across the room was the Poetry Corner, fronted by the talented DJ Carla Starla who invited children and adults to pick or write a poem to recite while standing on her poetry stump. The attendees listened respectfully, even as some of the children struggled through the poems they had chosen, getting through them with some adult help. The adult readers and poets brought their works to life with passion. The poems mostly reflected the black experience in America.

Jazz-minh Moore, artist, art instructor, and event co-organizer, created an extremely popular collaging corner, complete with magazines, mostly with black themes. Children and adults could cut up the images in order to build collages which reflected their race-oriented experiences. Also exhibited at the event were works by well-known contemporary black artists, mostly from

Tightwad Tuesday Titles for Feb. 19th are in RED - All tickets: \$5

Read the rest of Over on Page 10 History



Moore and Jocelyn Ffriend, Frida's aunt.

A strong neighborhood with residents supporting each other is a resilient neighborhood. Come to the meeting on February 21, and join your neighbors in creating a safer community.

> Doreen Blumenfeld, Communications Group co-coordinator, Sherwood Firewise Communities

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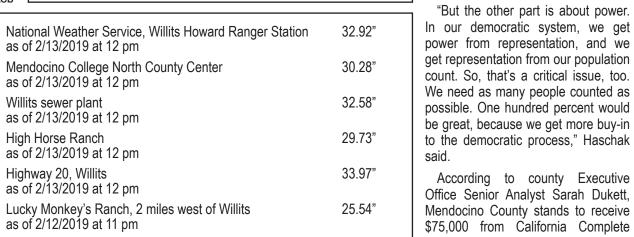
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Precipitation in the Willits area as of February 13 (Note: Willits Weekly's "rain year" started

September 29, with the first local rains.)

Rain Totals in Willits





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Willits Weekly's **Puzzle Page**

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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February 5 6:45 am: LAWSON. Kenneth Treavor (28) of Willits was contacted near the north end of the Willits bypass. He was arrested pursuant to 14601.2 VC (Driving with a License Suspended for DUI), on

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felony charges of violation of probation. and on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation. 12:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing near mile marker 47.73 North Highway 101 6:21 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of Margie

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2:04 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of South Main Street 8:05 am: GRIFFIN, Alysia Jolene (33) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block VALENTINE of South Main Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disobeying a

> court order. 9:11 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street. 5:39 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 800

block of South Main Street. 6:24 pm: BOLTON IV, John William (42) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of West Commercial Street. He was arrested

February 4 to February 10 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly The officers of the Willits Police of trespassing in the 1500 block of South Department handled 217 incidents in this Main Street and issued a warning. 4:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of a fire in the 2200 block of East Hill Road.

> 7:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of a prowler in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

February 8

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

12:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:58 pm: Officers initiated a robbery investigation in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

10:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Baechtel Road and East Hill Road. 11:10 pm: Officers responded to a report

of a suspicious person in the 200 block of South Main Street.

February 9

6:28 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street. 8:37 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1200 block of Locust Street. 9:11 am: Officers responded to a report

of vandalism in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:37 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1700 block of South Main Street. 12:02 pm: Officers responded to a report

of trespassing in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning. 12:18 pm: Officers responded to a

domestic disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street. 6:59 pm: Officers responded to a report

of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning

9:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Hazel Street.

February 10

7:56 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of South Street and issued a warning. 5:05 pm: IRELAND, Casey Allan (25) of Willits was contacted near the intersection



Farmers' Convergence

7th annual farming community conference comes to the 'Heart of Mendocino County'

Workshops at this year's event include:

Seed Saving and Varietal Trials

This discussion group will do a deep dive into

Submitted by North Coast Opportunities

North Coast Opportunities is excited to once again bring the North Coast Farmers' Convergence to Ridgewood Ranch this Sunday, February 17 management resources from 8 am to 6 pm. The MendoLake Food Hub and the School of Adaptive Agriculture are leading the charge on this annual event, which brings together food producers from Lake, Mendocino, Sonoma and discussions and workshops on a wide range of topics. Humboldt counties, along with local food retailers, chefs and food activists.

The North Coast Farmers' Convergence is a celebration of our region's growing, local food system Soren and Gina, Strong Roots Farm and the vital profession of farming in Northern California. Since the inception of this event, the unique and specialty varietals. Do you have a variety Farmers' Convergence has brought together over of winter squash that you absolutely adore? Have you 150 local farmers, ranchers, retailers and advocates for a day of networking, education and inspiration. spent the last 10 years perfecting a variety of sweet According to participants, successful outcomes of the day include: forging successful connections that enhance our local economy; linking farmers with needed resources; and sparking new or renewed buyer contracts for food producers.

The 7th Annual Farmers' Convergence promises to build on the successes of previous years with new workshops, speakers and additional, intensive educational sessions.

"I love getting all the ideas, and those little nuggets help launch me into new ideas for the next season," says Laytonville farmer Irene Engber of Irene's Garden, who participated in last year's event. Ruthie King, a member of the New Agrarian Collective and the School of Adaptive Agriculture, will kick off Sunday morning with an inspiring welcome. This year's keynote speaker will be Donna D'Terra, the founder and director of Motherland Botanical Sanctuary and Herb School, where she has taught classes for the past 35 years. D'Terra will share her passion for local, sustainable and regenerative herbalism

A local panel of innovative farmer-activists will round out the morning, sharing their work in the community to revolutionize the local food system. This panel will include: Isabel Quiroz of Tequio Community Farm; Daniel Ryberg of Mendocino County Jail Gardens' Project: Caroline Radice of the MendoLake Food Hub; and Joshua Sternberg of New Agrarian Collective.

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regular compost.

Climate Smart Farming Later in the morning, Michael Foley, a member of Green Uprising, will lead a workshop on taxes, Britta Baskerville, community education specialist for bookkeeping and record-keeping for very small Mendocino County's UC Cooperative Extension farms to introduce farmers to free and low-cost farm-Explore the upcoming funding opportunities

provided by the CA Dept. of Food and Ag. for farmers This year's Farmers' Convergence includes an and ranchers interested in implementing new climateimpressive lineup of experts and innovators in smart technology and practices. the agricultural community who will lead breakout Hands-on with Soil Health

one of the Rachel Britten, instructor at the School of Adaptive workshops at the 2018 Agriculture

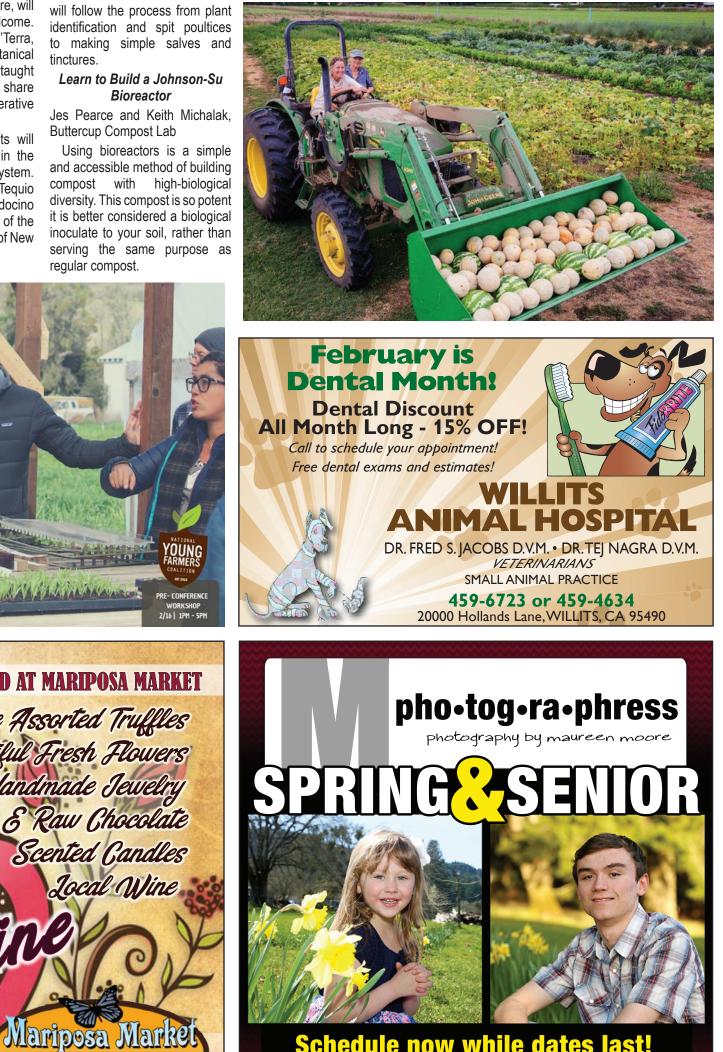
Ever wonder what's going on with your soil? Britten Convergence Kali will help you understand where to start with this Feiereisel hands-on workshop all about the science of soil. She Anna Cox and will share practical steps you can take to improve your John March soil's health. Britten is known for her ability to make work together complex topics fun and accessible – this workshop is during a not to be missed! workshop at

Food Safety on the Farm

Luis Sierra, assistant director of CA Center for Cooperative Development

Strong Roots This training will be a great overview of food-safety Farm pile best practices. Sierra will present the basics of Good their tractor Agricultural Practices, as well as best practices for full of melons retaining high-quality produce through effective and these safe post-harvest practices. This training will discuss farmers will be leading how to integrate practical, useful and effective "righta workshop sized" food safety on the farm. titled. "Seed

Read the rest of Varietal Over on Page 11 Farmers Trials."



Farmers last year's event. Below: Sorer and Gina of Saving and

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summer cantaloupe? We want to hear all about it! The Art of Whole Animal Butchery Ruthie King and Eliot Hartley, New Agrarian Collective Learn the theory and practice behind humane slaughter and butcher techniques for sheep, including

their anatomy and physiology and the science behind different kill methods and low-stress handling of meat for improved quality.

Herbal First Aid for Farmers: Bug Bites, Burns, Backaches, Blisters and More

Sara Grusky, Prana, Anna and April This workshop will offer simple and accessible herbal remedies for common ailments. Discussion

and hands-on demonstrations will follow the process from plant identification and spit poultices to making simple salves and tinctures.

Learn to Build a Johnson-Su Bioreactor

Jes Pearce and Keith Michalak, Buttercup Compost Lab

Using bioreactors is a simple and accessible method of building compost with high-biological diversity. This compost is so potent it is better considered a biological inoculate to your soil, rather than serving the same purpose as

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pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), of Holly Street and Locust Street. He was 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and arrested pursuant to 11377 HS (Possession on felony charges of battery with serious of Methamphetamine), on felony charges bodily injury. of violation of parole, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled February 7 substance. 10:09 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South 5:34 pm: Officers initiated a missing

Humboldt Street. person investigation in the 1700 block of 2:54 pm: Officers responded to a report Elm Lane.



Dahruaru 7 to February 12, 2019 raining Chief Eric Alvarez

02-08-19 (Highway 20, mile marker 20.50) Fire Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire /ehicle responded to a big rig vs. SUV. Upon hicles arrival all occupants had self-extricated . Fire

from the vehicles involved. One patient was sisted transported to Howard Memorial Hospital. control Fire personnel removed the SUV from the up. All eastbound lane opening up single-lane ed by traffic control. 10 firefighters responded for led for service

02-08-19 (Safeway)

Medical: Little Lake Fire responded to a report of an altered male adult. Upon arrival no patient was located. Reporting party advised the male was observed exiting the store with a caretaker. Fire personnel then confirmed the patient had been transported to the hospital. 8 firefighters responded for service.

02-10-19 (Sherwood Road)

Powerlines down: Little Lake Fire responded to reported powerlines down. Upon arrival the powerlines were viewed across the resident's driveway. Fire Read the rest of Over on Page 9 LLFD



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ORGANIC & NATURAL FOODS

Thursday, February 14

Parenting Apart Workshop: "Looking for some solutions to increase quality of co-parenting with your ex-partner? Free, childcare included, and light snacks/refreshments. I am an accredited facilitator so if you need this course for court this will work! Please follow this link to register online and reserve your spot!" 10 am to 12 pm, at the Willits Family Resource Center, 474 East Valley Street. Each Thursday through March 7. Info eventbrite.com; search for "Parenting Apart" in Willits.

Valentine Rose Tea & Cookies: Re-Evolution, 15 West Mendocino. Thursday, February 14, 2 pm. Come meet the artist, Maria Alonso Cannilar, and pick up a creative Valentine for your loved one.

Willits Farmers Market: Market is at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, for the winter, Thursday, February 14, 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted

goods and jewelry, live music, free herb talk, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Pool Tournaments: Little John's Place, 383 South Main Street. Every Thursday, 5:30 pm. 459-5636. www facebook.com/littlejohnsplace

"An Evening to Remember": Valentine Dinner Fundraiser: Benefits the Seventh-day Adventist Church's youth group, the Pathfinders. Thursday, February 14 from 5:30 to 7 pm, the Seventh-day Adventist Christian School gymnasium, 22751 Bray Road, will become an 'Italian Villa" with ambience, lighting, and décor

to make your experience memorable. The meal

will feature a variety of pastas and sauces, with regular, vegan and gluten-free options, a full salad bar, wonderful desserts, and a photo opportunity. Fundraiser tickets purchased in advance are \$12; at the door, \$15. Tickets available at Mazahar, or RSVP at 707-954-0649. "This dinner is to raise funds to replace the trailer and camping gear that was stolen from the Pathfinders in November. Come and support the Pathfinders!'

Soroptimist Night at "Clue the Musical": Thursday, February 14, the Willits Soroptimists invite you to a special performance of "Clue – the Musical" at the

Willits Community Theatre. The Willits Soroptimists host this special performance to raise funds for their local scholarships and awards. Tickets \$20, include appetizers, coffee and water. Wine is also available for purchase. Appetizers will begin at 6:45 pm, with the play starting at 7:30 pm. Please contact Marilyn Harden at 459-5649 for tickets.

Friday, February 15 "Clue – The Musical": Willits Community Theatre, The audience members are invited to join in solving the crime in a live stage version of the long-standing popular board ame. Runs through February 24. riday, Saturday performances are

at 7:30 pm for \$25; Thursdays 7:30 pm for \$20; and Sunday matinees at 2 pm for \$20. Advance tickets for all regular shows, available at Mazahar. 38 South Main Street: online at brownpapertickets.com:

or by phone 24/7 at 800-838-3006. Tickets also available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Saturday.

February 16 Lichen Walk in Willits: "Explore the wonderful world of lichens on this field trip! We will explore two different habitats, one a manzanita and madrone forest, the other a redwood

only cancelled for heavy rain." Led by Jen Riddell,

602-326-3142 or jenariddell@gmail.com. Free,

East Commercial Street. Art Night: DIY Meditation Jars. forest. Saturday, February 16. Both are at the Tuesday, February 19, 5:30 to south end of the Willits valley and do not entail a 6:30 pm. Willits Library, 390 East lot of driving. Meet at CVS parking lot at 9:30 am Commercial Street. "Looking to in Ukiah or the Lumberjack parking lot (Evergreen relieve stress and calm your mind? Shopping Center) at 10 am in Willits. Bring your Come to the library and create your own lunch, 1 pm. Please dress for wet weather, own customized Meditation Jar

donation accepted. Valentine Dinner Fundraiser

Seventh-day Adventist Pathfinders You are invited to 'An Evening to Remember' February 14, 2019 Serving from 5:30 to 7 pm 22751 Bray Road

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Senior Center Chili Cook-Off

March 8

March 7

wonderful chili. Info: 459-6826.

Convergence: Hosted Food Hub, North Coast

and the School of Adaptive Agriculture. The 7th annual North Coast Farmers' Convergence is set for Sunday, February 17, 8:30 am to 7 pm, at Ridgewood Ranch, 16200 North Highway "The North Coast Farmers' Convergence

for the winter, Thursday, February 21, 3 to 5:30 pm. See Thursday, February 14 listing for more details.

150 local farmers, ranchers, retailers and advocates for a day of networking, education inspiration. Tickets, and including lunch, are \$20 or \$30 for two, available at www. brownpapertickets.com, no one will be turned away: www.facebook.com/ Visit events/2373253476294278 for more info. February 8 - 24, 2019 "Clue - The Musical": Sunday.

February 15 listing for details.

Tuesday, February 19

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo

Theatre: All 2D movies that are

in their second week are \$5 on

Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for

all ages, all showings. This week's

Tightwad movie: "The Lego Movie

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call 459-6696 for showtimes. 57

Supplies provided. Ages 5 and up.

What's Happening Around Town

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Farmers' Convergence Sherwood Firewise Communities Call to Action Meeting: For Sherwood Corridor residents. brought together over Thursday, February 21, 6 to 8 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center. SFC is seeking volunteers for various working groups of Emergency Preparation, Communications, and Planning & Funding. Current status of various projects will be updated as well as plans for the future. If you haven't signed up for but SFC or the SafetyNet (incident notification system to be completed by June 2019) please attend to receive valuable information about how you can help keep your home and our community safer before the 2019 fire season begins. Info: info@

sherwoodfirewise.org.

February 17, 2 pm at Willits Signs of Resilience: Eel River Chinook Salmon See Trends': The Now and Then Film Series at the Grange Community Theatre.

and the Eel River Recovery Project co-present: "Signs of Resilience: Eel River Chinook Salmon Trends." Thursday, February 21, 6:30 pm for trailers and shorts prior to the feature at 7 pm. "The Eel River in Northern California is arguably the best opportunity for wild salmon recovery on the

entire west coast. There will be a panel discussion after the film hosted by ERRP to engage the audience on this urgent topic." Donations of \$5 to \$20 or more to support the ongoing work of ERRP, the filmmakers and the Grange but no one will be turned away. Serving

organic popcorn with real organic butter, and fair trade chocolate. Info: eelriverrecovery.org, 707-223-7200.

"Clue - The Musical": Thursday, February 21, 7:30 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See February 15 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Wolf Tree. Thursday, February 21 7 pm. "Wolf Tree brings solo Acoustic Americana / Alt Country to the intimate stage at Shanachie Pub." No cover. 50B South Main Street.

Friday, February 22

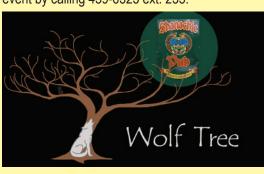
"Take It and Go" Tri-Tip Dinner: The Willits Educational Foundation offers this drive-thru tri-tip dinner, February 22, pick up 4 to 6 pm at Willits FFA Ag Farm, 139 North Main Street, across from the Taco House \$60 dinner includes a whole tri-tip, Caesar salad, beans, Emandal bread, cookies, and a rose from Flowers by Annette. Feeds four Tickets: Cat's Meow, 29 South Main Street or Yokums Body Shop, 1619 South Main Street.



"Clue – The Musical": Friday, February 22, 7:30 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See February 15 listing for details

Saturday, February 23

Drip Irrigation for Beginners: "Want to grow your own food? Do you love to garden, but don't because of high water cost? Are you tired of hand watering? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you must come to our Free Drip Irrigation Class, Saturday, February 23, 11 am to 12:30 pm, at DripWorks, 190 San Hedrin Circle. Learn the necessary components of drip irrigation. Let us show you how simple and effective drip irrigation is. Get help planning your system for your garden. Receive a gift for attending. Please RSVP for this event by calling 459-6323 ext. 235.



Wolf Tree: Live solo acoustic Americana featuring guitar, mandolin, and harmonica every fourth Sunday at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. This month: Saturday, February 23, 11 am to 2 pm No cover.

Pinewood Derby: Willits Cub Scout Pack 42 invites the public to its Pinewood Derby. Saturday, February 23, 5 to 8 pm, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Registration 5 to 6 pm. Races start at 6 pm. Free fun for everyone, with a Kids Racing Area, and a Derby Car Practice Track.

pm at Willits Community Theatre. See February 15 listing for details.

Sunday, February 24

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: "Join your friends at the Little Lake Grange pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 am, Sunday, February 24 (and every fourth Sunday through October). \$8 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods": Choose

sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Free breakfast for firefighter; one breakfast per official ID. Extra: sides of organic fruit, \$2 to \$3 and Amish organic maple syrup, \$1. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial Street; 1 block west of Main Street)

"Clue - The Musical": Sunday, February 24, 2 pm at Willits Community Theatre. Closing performance. See February 15 listing for details.



'The Lego Movie 2: **The Second Part'**

The Story: A long and silly title for a "we're silly and we know it" animated comedy with music. Lego people are featured. Lego aliens are attacking Lego city and destroying Lego

constructions faster than the familiar Lego Dan Essman characters can rebuild. Queen Watevra Wa'Nabi (voice of Tiffany Haddish) kidnaps Lucv (Elizabeth Banks). The ever-cheerful Emmet Brickowski (Chris Pratt) builds a houseshaped Lego spaceship and sets on a quest to save her. Cheerful songs are sung. Manic dancers dance. Kindness and understanding create peace between opposing factions. Every Lego person is happy, happy, happy. Wackiness reigns.

My Thoughts: Picture tongues in cheeks; that's this flick. Irritating songs will

become worms in the brain. The characters all tell self-aware and self-aggrandizing or self-deprecating jokes. Spectacular colors splash the screen. Animated dance routines dazzle. Nonstop jokes and disasters overwhelm. Silliness is celebrated. So, despite my negative attitude about movies that are extended ads for product, this is an enjoyable family flick.

Parents: Fine for children, though I believe it is too hectic and disordering for the younger ones, maybe even scary. Little children don't understand irony. Also, the character Queen Watevra the shape shifter is genuinely freaky, maybe even disturbing (is she good? is she bad?). Plus side: this flick honors courage and selfsacrifice, and the arty animation is brilliant.

Ongoing Events

Little John's Place: Every Wednesday Pool Tournament 12:30 pm, \$5 buy-in. Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5 pm, we'll buy the pizza, you buy the beer. Thursdays, Pool Tournaments starting at 5:30 pm. 383 South Main Street. 459-5636. facebook.com littlejohnsplace/

Free Herb Talks: Every Thursday, 4 pm, at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, The Mendocino Herb Guild,

"Pure Imagination": Lynn Zachreson, Oils and Watercolors, and David Weitzman, Jewelry. At the Willits Center for the Arts 71 East Commercial Street. The show runs through February 24. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm Roots Engine House Tours: Docent-led tour of the Engine

House most Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 am to 4:30 pm Join a Roots of Motive Power docent to view classic motorcars, a steam train engine, and more - up close.

Weekly Meditation Class: Tuesdays 12 to 1 pm. The Muse, 34 East San Francisco Avenue. By donation. Sarah Garney leads The Gavatri Mantra with a short talk.

Marijuana Anonymous 12 Step meeting: Every Tuesday at 6 pm. Meeting place is the Back Alley building in Catherine Lane, directly behind the United Methodist Church, which is at the corner of School and Pine, right across from the Grange.

"Believe": Alcohol Ink paintings by Julie Bullock, alcohol ink art. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 East Commercial Street. Each painting is a one of a kind, as she does not offer prints of any of her original paintings. More info: www.facebook.com/ DbDesigns17, instagram.com/dbdesigns17.

Marta Alonso Canillar: Well-known local artist shows her rich oil paintings. ReEvolution Gallery, 15 West Mendocino Street. "Promise of Paradise": "In celebration and acknowledgement of the people who launched this watershed movement in local history a half-century ago," KZYX Radio 91.5 FM is now airing "Promise of Paradise: Back to the Land Oral Histories of Mendocino County," every Thursday at 3:30 pm. Visit: www.kzyx.org/programs/promise-paradise to listen previous episodes

Vintage Toys Exhibit: The Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, hosts an exhibit of vintage toys Runs through March 18, 2019. Explore toys of the past. Open Wednesday through Sunday. 10 am to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-2736. Brown Bag Lunch Program: Lunch served to the hungry in the City Park across from the Willits Police Station every Saturday at 1 pm. If rain: Under the overhang at City Hall, across the street. Served by various community-minded organizations. For information, call the Food Bank at 459-3333.

Boomer's Friday Night Karaoke: 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of every month, Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville. pm to 1 am. No Cover. 21+ Please bring I.D. Hosted by DJ-Ken Steely Entertainment with KJ/DJ-Ken Steely & Anna. Come for dinner, stay for the fun.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings at Howard Memorial Hospital: Held once a week on Mondays, 6 to 7 pm in the Seabiscuit Conference Room. Open to everyone and anyone who needs support recovering from alcoholism. Info: Cici at 456-3591

Willits Farmers Market: Indoors at the Little Lake Grange,

291 School Street, winter hours: 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Emandal Chorale: The Chorale is open to all who wish to sing a cappella songs of peace and justice. Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 367-1573

Friday Potluck Bingo: Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm: games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum

bingo buy-in \$5. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826. Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group: Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

German Conversation Class: Ongoing non-denominational German conversation/book reading class is open to new members (middle to advanced German speakers). No charge but donations gladly accepted. St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm. Info: Doris Wiel 456-9246 Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or honemann@vahoo.com 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 Willits Library Activities: Tuesdays: 3:30 to 4:15 pm, "The Storyteller": fun interactive stories. Wednesdays: 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group," and 3 to 4:30 pm "Lego Day" (bring your imagination and start building); Fridays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm 'Therapeutic Coloring." Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908



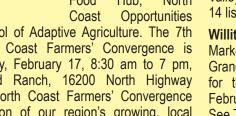




Community Theatre. See February 15 listing for details. Sunday, February 17

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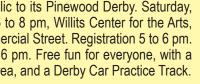
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The Willits Community

Guest Artists Series

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"Clue – The Musical": Saturday, February 23, 7:30



Senior

Week of February 18 through February 23 Monday: Southwest Chicken Pasta Tuesday: French Dip Wednesday: Chicken Parmesan

Thursday: Beef Tips & Noodles Friday: Birthday Turkev

Dinner

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days to make a collective and impactful difference for per week from 11:45 am small grassroots non-profits." Vote in person for one to 1 pm. \$6.50 for those of the following non-profits: NAMI (National Alliance 55 and older; \$8 for those under 55. Includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 13601 Old River Road, Hopland. 100Strongmendo. Baechtel Road. Info: 459com. 6826. Mendo-258666471502987/.

Tempest: Celtic Rock March 3

The Celtic Rock band Tempest brings its high-energy fusion music to Willits Community Theatre on March 3 at 3 pm. "Since forming in 1988, Tempest has delivered a globally-renowned hybrid of Folk Rock sounds, fusing Irish reels, Scottish ballads, Norwegian influences and other world music elements. The San Francisco Bay Area band has released 17 critically acclaimed CDs and performs at countless folk and Celtic festivals worldwide. Advance tickets: \$20, available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets also available at the door until sold out. The Willits Community Theatre is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Willits Senior Center and Willits Rotary Club present 36th Annual the 13th Annual Chili Cook-Off. at the Senior Center. Women's listory Gala 1501 Baechtel Road, Friday, March 8, 5:30 to 7 pm. 26 Celebration Sheriff Tom Allman will once again MC the event. Fresh-baked corn bread, hot dogs, root beer floats March 3, 2019 and brownies available to go with the chili entries. Sunday 12:30 pm Everyone is welcome to enter their family, personal or group's best chili for great prizes and bragging rights; and the public is invited to come taste some 100+ Women Strong Inaugural Gathering

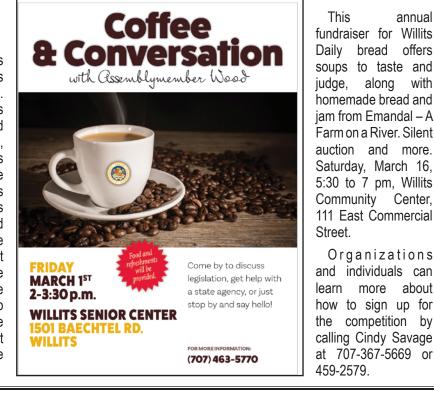
"Where individual philanthropy is pooled together 'Blind Date with a Book' February 12 - 16

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Looking for a good book to read? Take a Dolan - "Story Dance." Silent for Mental Illness), School of Adaptive Agriculture, chance and go on a blind date with a book auction and appetizers, the Caring Kitchen Project. The non-profit with from the "Blind Date with a Book" display desserts. Tickets \$10 at the the most votes will receive \$10,000 to help in their at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial door. Mendocino Women's efforts. Thursday, March 7, 5:30 to 7 pm, Campovida, Street. Coalition.

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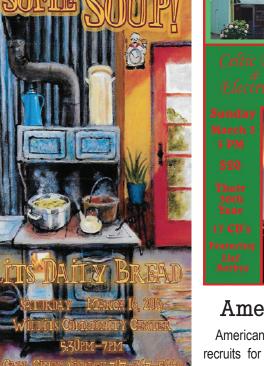
facebook.com/100-Women-Strong-Inland- Sip Some Soup March 16



Cannabis Program Satellite Offices February 21 - Covelo February 14, 22 – Laytonville

Daily bread offers Mendocino County's cannabis program is holding soups to taste and This free five-week course will "Satellite Offices" in Laytonville and Covelo in February, judge, along with cover all of the subjects on the including a presentation detailing local "cannabis homemade bread and FCC Technician Class amateur accommodation" districts. Hosted by the Department jam from Emandal - A radio license test. Classes: of Agriculture and Planning and Building Services. Farm on a River. Silent Tuesday nights, 6 to 8 pm, Cannabis accommodation districts are intended to auction and more. March 5, 12, 19, 26 and March support the continued operation of existing cultivation Saturday, March 16, 2. Testing will be conducted sites in residential areas. If you live in the Covelo core, 5:30 to 7 pm, Willits the Fairbanks Road, Laytonville, or South Leggett after course completion. Community Center, areas, your property may be included in one of the Course is free with \$15 FCC 111 East Commercial testing fee. Willits High School, cannabis accommodation districts. Covelo: Thursday, February 21, 12 to 3 pm, Satellite Office; 4 to 6 pm, 299 North Main Street. Visit presentation, at the Covelo Common Space, 23925 http://mcoe.k12oms.org/1707-Organizations Howard Street. Laytonville: Thursday, February 14 and 162500 to register. Students are and individuals can learn more about Friday, February 22, 12 to 3 pm; Satellite Office: 4 to encouraged to obtain a copy of

how to sign up for 6 pm; presentation, at the Laytonville Garden Club, the 2018-2022 Technician Class the competition by 375 Harwood Road. Info: Department of Agriculture, study manual from W5YI Group calling Cindy Savage 707-234-6830. Department of Planning and Building at W5YI.org or Amazon.com. at 707-367-5669 or Services, 707-234-6650. www.cannabisprogram@ Info: Steve Turner, KJ6EIF at 459-2579. 467-5021. mendocino.org.

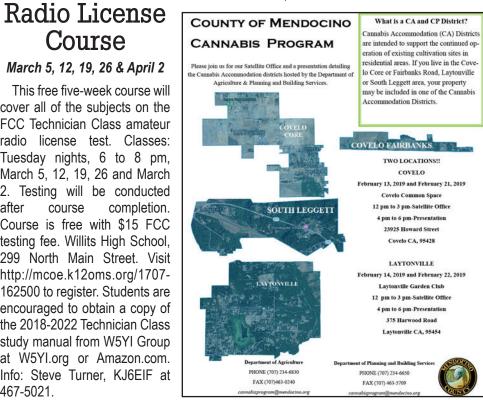


Amateur

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American Legion Wants You!

American Legion Post 174 is looking for new young recruits for their service organization. "You served your country, now help serve our veterans and community." Meetings every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Legion Hall, 189 North Main Street. Roger Ham, Post Adjutant 456-9858 or Bob Ireland, Post Commander 707-272-1997.



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

Legos ... so guard your pocketbooks.

Warning: it celebrates being a builder ... with

Summer Arts Fair **Vendor Applications** Deadline: March 20

Food, craft and handmade artisan vendors nterested in selling at this year's Mateel Center Summer Arts and Music Festival, set for June 1 and 2 at Benbow State Recreation Area in Garberville, are invited to apply. Complete the online vendor application or download application at http://mateel. org/vendors - select Summer Arts & Music Festival. Questions?: Ashley Wilma at vendors@mateel. org. Deadline is March 20.



Willits Cub Scout Pack 42 **Pinewood Derby** Saturday, February 23rd 2019 5:00pm to 8:00pm Willits Center For The Arts **Open To The Public**

Registration 5:00pm to 6:00pm Races Start At 6:00pm Free Fun For Everyon **Kids Racing Area Derby Car Practice Track**





Send in your calendar listing to willitsweekly@gmail.com

Deadline is Monday for Thursday publication!

Willits Seed Lending Library: Offering information on seed saving and gardening. Seeds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables are free to seed library members, and seed donations are gladly accepted

Drop-In Knitting Circle: Every Saturday of the month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your own projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary - everyone is welcome to drop in." Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or lotusb3@earthlink.net.

Soroptimist 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 St. John's Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

Weekly Life Changes Discussion and Support Group: Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 am. In the Conference Room at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Every Wednesday at AHHM's Roots Restaurant, 1 Marcela Drive, 6 to 7 pm. Register today: 540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm. Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons ages 3 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Tweens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/ MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565

Shanachie Pub: Tuesdays, 7 pm: "Wabi Sabi" with host Mitchell Holman, formerly of It's A Beautiful Day ("Whitebird") features different artists every week. Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. 8 pm. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, Info: 459-9194.

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



Owen Sebastia

Wrestling | Roger Garcia, 16, Freshman How Long Playing the Sport: Two years Breakfast of Champions: Eggs Love of the Sport: "I just love it." Other Sports Played: Football

Roger taught his opponent what a double leg take down is. He is a freshmen standout with the goal of being a four-time league champion. Roger's dedication to the sport and positive attitude has delivered him an undefeated league record.

- Submitted by Coach Brian Bowles



Congrats WHS wrestlers **2019 League Champions**

Congratulations - again! - to the Willits High School wrestling team, which won League Champion honors Saturday at the Coastal Mountain Conference Wrestling Championships in Kelseyville.

The Wolverine wrestlers won 203 points; Lower Lake took 175; Middletown came in at 124 points; and

WHS wrestlers will next compete in the North Coast Section Championships "double elimination tournament" on Friday, February 15 and Saturday, February 16 at

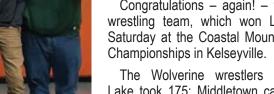
Wrestling | Owen Sebastian, 17, Junior How Long Playing the Sport: Four years Breakfast of Champions: Waffles Love of the Sport: "The individual part

of it." Other Sports Played: None

Owen performed like a veteran captain as he showed the rest of the team how to win with honor. He pinned his opponent in the banana splits. He has dedication, perseverance, and tenacity, and a neverquit attitude.

Roger Garcia





Kelseyville won 96 points.

James Logan High School in Union City.

The basics are working wonders

By Mark Westerburg, WUSD superintendent

COLUMN | WUSD Report Card

I have a friend in the Navy who says, "Inspect what you expect." Basically, he says we can set expectations all day long, but if we don't follow up with inspection (measuring our progress), those expectations may not amount to anything.

I've been very public about my belief that the way to assure success in our schools is by simply reinforcing the basics - reading, writing and arithmetic

Last year, before embarking on our new English - Submitted by Coach Brian Bowles

language arts curriculum, Unlocking the Code, we tested our youngest students to assess their basic skills in recognizing letters and understanding the sounds that letter combinations make. A few weeks ago, we did our midterm assessment and the improvement is shocking, even for those of us who expected great results.

All students are graded using a stoplight approach: green for good, yellow for those who need a little extra support, and red for students who are way behind. Last year, we had several kids who scored in the red zone, some who scored in the yellow zone, and a relatively small number who scored up in the green zone. Well, we've basically turned our stoplight upside down. This year's kindergarten students were mostly in the green zone, some were in the yellow zone, and zero were in the red zone.

The transformational change this year is that teachers have the training and the resources to help students grasp the concepts that will serve as their foundation for reading. Studies show that when students do not read at grade level by third grade, a cascade of negative consequences makes it really difficult for them to ever catch up. When students cannot read well, they don't comprehend material in any studies, whether t is language arts, social studies, science, or story problems in math.

Sadly, students get embarrassed and their self-confidence plummets. Too often, they become overwhelmed and tire of failing, frequently to the point where they stop putting in the effort required to succeed.

If you look at the special education roster, a vast number of kids are placed there because of their lack of reading skills. Special education is an incredible resource for those with mental and physical disabilities that make it difficult to learn. It was never intended as a massive remedial language arts program.

At this point, we plan to keep doing what we're doing. At Brookside Elementary and Sherwood School, where we teach the earliest grades (transitional kindergarten through second grade), we'll use Unlocking the Code to introduce and reinforce all the skills students need to read well. We'll wait to test students for special education until third grade, unless they have an obvious mental or physical challenge that requires extra resources.

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personnel remained on scene until PG&E arrived. 9 firefighters responded for service.

02-10-19 (Highway 20, mile marker 23) Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported traffic accident. Upon arrival the vehicle was viewed off the roadway with no occupants around. Rescue 5430 checked the surrounding area to locate any injured occupants - none were found. 10 firefighters responded for service.

02-11-19 (Sherwood Hill Drive)

Gas leak: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported gas leak and the smell of gas around the residence. Fire personnel used a combustible gas meter, a CGI, to check in and around the structure. No gas was picked up inside the residence with the CGI. A small amount of gas was picked up by the gas meter. PG&E arrived to service the meter. 6 firefighters responded for service.

02-11-19 (Baechtel Road)

Medical: Little Lake Fire responded to a person in need of assistance getting up back into their chair. Fire personnel assisted the patient back into the chair and checked for further injuries. 7 firefighters responded for service.

02-12-19 (Highway 20, mile marker 30.80)

Hazardous conditions: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported tree into powerline. Upon arrival a large tree was viewed across the roadway blocking both westbound and eastbound lanes. Powerlines were also running across both lanes. Fire personnel advised motorists to remain in their vehicles. Once PG&E arrived on scene, the powerlines were secured and removed from the roadway. Caltrans arrived on scene and cleared the roadway. 12 firefighters responded for service.

02-12-19 (Ridgewood Road)

Tree into house: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported tree into a structure. Upon arrival a large tree was viewed through the back section of the structure. Initial reports were provided, and all occupants were out of the residence en route to Howard Memorial Hospital. Fire personnel at scene secured the utilities and notification to PG&E was made. 12 firefighters responded for service.

02-12-19 (Ridgewood Road)

Hazardous conditions: Little lake Fire responded to a tree into power lines. Upon arrival a tree was viewed blocking both lanes with powerlines down. PG&E removed the wires from the roadway. A tree crew would be needed to open the roadway. due to a second uprooted tree leaning above the initial call for service. 12 firefighters responded for service.

02-12-19 (Ridgewood Road)

Hazardous conditions: While clearing a call for service, Little Lake Fire personnel observed a transformer explosion. Upon arrival a large tree was viewed across the roadway with powerlines down. PG&E arrived and removed the powerlines. A section of the tree was removed to allow for emergency vehicles to return to the valley floor, 12

The rest of Solution From Page 1

sub-basin, which includes Willits, represent the furthest inland spawning run remaining in California - 160 miles to the Pacific Ocean.

Chinook, coho, and steelhead are anadromous, meaning they live in both freshwater and saltwater at different points in their lives. They hatch in freshwater, migrate to the ocean to mature in food-rich saltwater and eventually complete their life cycle by returning to their freshwater streambed homes to spawn, then die (although steelhead trout can spawn more than once before they die).

timeline.' For the spectacularly long and impressive journey these fish make, both going and coming, they obviously need water the whole length of the way.

And they are not getting enough of it in lots of places, including Outlet Creek and its tributaries.

A 2016 draft "Eel River Action Plan" prepared by numerous organizations and government agencies, recognized the Outlet Creek watershed as "flow impaired," writing that creeks "that were formerly perennial now lack surface flow in late summer even in wet or normal flow years."

Mia van Docto, a conservation hydrologist with Trout Unlimited, is using gauges to monitor streamflow in the basin's major tributaries: Ryan, Baechtel, and Broaddus creeks

She has accumulated one year of data, which, she says, shows "streamflow condition is very low in all study sites." "The good news, though, is that it doesn't

take that much water to keep fish alive," she added.

To that end, Trout Unlimited has partnered with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, with funding from the California Wildlife Conservation Board, in a project designed to increase streamflow in the basin as well as water security for landowners.

Fish get enough water to survive and "people get water security and fire protection," says van Docto.

The group is looking for landowners on key Outlet Creek spawning tributaries to come on board, and they recently held an information session at the Willits Art Center to introduce the project, which they describe as "a win-win partnership."

Waterways of particular interest to the The department has had increases project are Broaddus. Baechtel, and Rvan in the Special Department Life Assist category due to an increase in creeks. However, landowners adjacent to other creeks in the basin, including Mill, medical supplies. Willits, Long Valley, Davis, Haehl, Conklin, Fulweiter, Cherry, Coral, and Berry creeks are not excluded from consideration.

It goes like this.

Matt Clifford, staff attorney for Trout Unlimited's California Water Project, began

The rest of Fire Board From Page

volume. Wilkes said. More calls mean Michelle Schnitzius have moved into more fuel use. Significant funds are the former training classroom on Baechtel Road. Fire permits can now outstanding due to the district sending be picked up at that location. The out strike teams to various wildfires. move is necessary so construction of These outlays are reimbursed, but it the new firehouse can proceed. takes some time for the government repay the funds it owes the districts.

The chief and board discussed the

Finances and timelines

Third-party legal counsel "We're in the middle of two different processes," Wilkes said in advisability of hiring a third-party legal his firehouse update. "We're in the middle of the financing process and counsel.

in the middle of deciding the project "Historically we have always used county counsel," said Wilkes. He

described asking for a legal review District staff has been working with and it taking a month or more for a representatives of Raymond James Financial, which is underwriting the reply loan for the new firehouse. The board "I understand they are busy but was provided a financing timetable we're dealing with a lot of different which describes the responsibilities contracts and a lot of pieces of the of the stakeholders: the fire district, puzzle for the firehouse," he said. "We the bond-and-disclosure counsel, need a swifter response.

the trustee U.S. Bank, and the As the district moves into the underwriter. All are collaborating to financing process this could become move financing forward. more of an issue. Wilkes has

According to Wilkes, one of the big consulted with Jim King of Mannon. decisions fire district board and staff King, Johnson & Wipf law offices in will be making is around the project Ukiah, King is willing to act as thirdtimeline. They are working with a party counsel on a case by case firehouse consultant to determine the basis. Third District Supervisor John best time to go to bid. Haschak, who attended the fire board

meeting, offered to find out what There is a recommendation to open caused the delay from the County the bids July 1, which is later than Counsel's Office. Staff thanked originally planned. The construction Haschak, but explained they are is scheduled to be a one-year build, charged a similar fee either way, and meaning if the bid award was made that King is more responsive. in July, construction would start

in August and be completed the The board supported this action. following August and open for use by Debt management policy October 2020.

approved Board Chairman Tony Madrigal The board also approved raised concerns regarding opening unanimously a debt management bids in the summer when crews are policy for the district. This was drafted already committed, suggesting that by the bond counsel, and describes pushing bid openings to winter could result in better pricing.

to delay the project too much.

Budget review completed

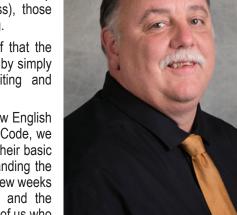
how the district will manage capital improvement debt. Wilkes said it is a dynamic process, The policy must be attached as an but the district wants to be careful not

addendum annually to the budget and holds the board accountable for the long-term debt.

The fire district board completed The policy is standard procedure the mid-year budget review, and and a requirement for financing. Wilkes complimented everyone for It restricts budgetary spending to working hard and keeping on budget. assure investors who buy firehouse bonds that the department funds are

> being handled prudently. The meeting ended with a sincere thank you and appreciation for the recent fire department Crab Dinner.

"Because of mandated upgrades for EMTs we had to purchase This event is held to thank the glucometers, epinephrine, a CPAP families and Willits area employers machine," Wilkes said. Little Lake who allow their volunteer firefighter Fire is also is receiving Narcan, the employees to leave at a moment's overdose prevention drug, which notice to respond to a call.



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In a nutshell, here are my three goals for students when they leave Brookside: 1. Second-grade reading level 2. Second-grade-level mastery of math numeracy

3. Enjoy school

As students grow, the priorities shift a bit. My three goals for students in grades 3-5 at Blosser Lane Elementary and Sherwood School are:

1. Grade-level math skills that include, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals and percentages

- 2. Grade-level reading skills
- 3. Continue to enjoy school
- Just like with reading, we're inspecting

Read the rest of WUSD Over on Page 10 what we're expecting in math. This time with a program called IXL (check

They Grow So Fast...



firefighters responded for service.

The rest of From Page 1 Diamonds

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makes for a fun project.'
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The custom work starts with a wax carving that gets cast in plaster. The wax is then burned away leaving a hollow plaster mold. The chosen metal is melted down and poured into the plaster cast, and by centrifugal force the hot metal fills the spaces and the metal ring has been made. Stones get set in after, the ring is cleaned and polished, and the finished product is done.

"I love to do custom work," explained Casella. "Clients usually come with an idea, and we talk about options and come up with a design that works." One of the most unique custom requests Casella

has worked on was creating a matching pair of spiked. Gothic cross pendants that had a vial set behind a ruby. The vial was designed to contain the blood of the significant other, but Casella let them fill the vials themselves.

"They turned out lovely," said Casella, "but it was a memorable custom work request."

Other memorable projects included complicated repairs: One platinum filigree ring was presented for repair which had been literally run over; another wedding ring was marred after a pair of pliers had been destructively taken to it, but Casella was able to fix both, good as new

"Usually the work is a little more run-of-the-mill," said Casella. "I do a lot of repair work, broken bands, resizing up and down, broken prongs, missing stones, building up channels, re-tipping, replacing crowns, and more. I work in all metals and am happy to see if I can help fix your pieces." There's also repair work offered for watches and replacement of watch batteries. Casella's sister Michelle, who lives in Maine, has a full service watch business, Stewart Watch and Clock Repair, and handles anything Casella can't do herself in Willits.

Stop by and say hello to Casella, drop off a repair, check out the jewelry cases, or inquire about her custom work anytime between 10 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, or 10 am to 3 pm on Saturdays. For more information: 485-2401.

by offering a brief review of California law with respect to water rights. He told the group that, "if an owner's land touches a stream, that owner has a riparian water right, which gives the owner the right to pull a reasonable amount of water out for his or her own use."

The rub is that a riparian right doesn't give the owner the right to store the water diverted. The owner needs to apply to the state for an appropriative right in order to store water.

Clifford described the project's strategy as "storage and forbearance." Under this strategy, a landowner forebears by agreeing not to exercise a riparian right to take water in the dry months, in exchange for the technical and financial assistance necessary to acquire the legal appropriative right to store water and construct the physical means to store enough water to get through the dry season.

Methods of storage typically include a combination of storage tanks, ponds, and/or rainwater catchment systems sized to meet the needs of a particular residence, garden, and/or farm for the three to four months at the height of the dry season.

Efficiency measures to reduce overall water use, and coordination of diversions among neighbors so that fewer of them pump water from the creek at the same time, are also implemented when feasible

Anyone interested in participating should contact Resource Conservation District fisheries biologist and project manager Joe Scriven for a free consultation, including a site visit to assess possibilities and "explain options for implementation and help with funding." He can be reached at 462-3664, ext. 104 or joe.scriven@mcrcd.org

"To reliably maintain stream flows over time, we need to find ways to increase people's water security," said Clifford. "This grant will help us achieve that goal in one of the last, best river systems for wild salmon and steelhead in California.

"The water left instream can make the difference between life and death for salmon and steelhead."

should be covered by grant funds Chief Wilkes said this dinner was through Mendocino County. particularly special because it will Fuel costs have also increased be the last one to be held at the old primarily because of the increased call firehouse on East Commercial Street.

Permits From Page 1 The rest of

Development Director Dusty Duley, and other City of Willits staff are anticipating dispensary permits will be ready to roll out in two weeks. However, when pressed to name a date by which they would be ready, Johnson declined to do so.

"It's being finalized now," she said. "There are more restrictions on approving the location of a cannabis dispensary than there are for other cannabis

Under the city's cannabis ordinance, "we're going to allow a maximum of three dispensaries," Johnson said. "We have a scoring system and we will have a review committee that will look at all the applications and select the three we think will be the best, that will blend best with the neighborhoods they are in, and that will help to make Willits a destination.

Under the city's ordinance, dispensaries must be located on properties in limited industrial, heavy industrial, industrial park or heavy commercial activity zones

Only one dispensary permit may be possessed or used by the same person or entity, and only one permit will be issued for any legal parcel. A dispensary also will be limited in size to no larger than 3,500 square feet, while the public dispensing area cannot exceed 1,500 square feet.

Dispensary permits will be awarded based on a merit list established by Community Development Director Duley after being reviewed by a five-person selection committee appointed by the city council. Committee members will include the city's code enforcement officer, chief of police, community development director and two at-large appointees.

The committee will decide which applicants win dispensary approvals based on a strict set of requirements.

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The rest of History

New York and Chicago

The first part of a series called "Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise" was shown. The film gave an overview of the civil rights movement of the 1960s, from its origins in the Deep South to the beginnings of the Black Panther Party in Oakland, to the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Afterward, there was a panel discussion on the civil rights movement, how it affected the panelists' lives and their hopes for the solos from each of the dancers. future.

Two of the panelists, Bill Durham and Polly Girvin, lived the movement in their youth and are still active. The other two, Kay Holly and Lee Allen, brought a younger perspective from a young entrepreneurial viewpoint.

The sit-down soul food dinner, prepared by Kay Holly and sponsored by Zocalo Collective, was a delightful mélange of in the community so that they can have tastes and textures, beginning with a fresh, light salad and black-eyed peas. cultural history.'

OBITUARY | **Darlene Arlich**

Darlene June Arlich of Willits passed away February 5, 2019 at the age of 82. She was born June 24, 1936 in Flasher, North Dakota, Darlene married her "knight in shining armor," John J. Arlich, on September 2, 1954 in Reno.

A loving homemaker for 65 years, Darlene was passionate about her family and enjoyed



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every opportunity to create a festive party atmosphere whenever family gathered together. She enjoyed many crafting arts, and delighted in making family photo albums, often dedicated to particular family members as personal keepsakes. A collector, she was happy to find new "treasures" to add to her collection.

Darlene is survived by her devoted husband, John J. Arlich; sons, John A. Arlich and Steven Arlich; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren, all of whom will

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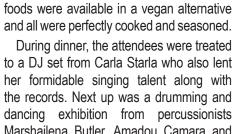
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and mustard greens, and cornbread. All the

Marshailena Butler, Amadou Camara and Maria Soumah. Local African dancers

delighted the crowd with their high-energy movements, including creative and beautiful By the end of this exhilarating evening,

scale a 6-foot-fence! Once out of the yard, people went away with a new respect and he runs fast and furious! He can eventually understanding of cultures, their own and be stopped with a favorite treat, but he those of others. needs to slow down enough to get a sniff

Furry Friends

Hoping

for a Home

Speedy Stewart

who needs daily exercise and structure.

He knows "Sit," "Down," and "Shake," and

we know he can enlarge his vocabulary

quickly! Stewart is an escape artist who can

Stewart is a sweet, high-energy dog

at it. "I wanted to create a cultural event," explained Jocelyn Ffriend, "that would be

He and his new human would definitely about black culture and black history and be benefit from a training class. With targeted toward the black and brown youth consistency and love, Stewart might

become an agility star. Stewart is used to running his own show, but is treat-motivated, something to celebrate remembering their which will help in his training. Stewart needs to live in a cat-free home. Stewart is a 4-yearold neutered male who currently weighs 37 pounds.

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

Puppy Chief

The rest of

This tan bundle of energy and sweetness is Chief! He sort of runs the show and what a scamp he is! When his family (a litter of seven puppies) was abandoned and brought to the shelter, someone had to be in charge when trying to get everyone into an igloo dog house at one time! Remember when it was the rage to see how many clowns could get into a VW? Well, these guys know the trick! One minute, nobody's there - then, one at a time, five puppies appear! Magic! Soon all the remaining pups will be ready for adoption

(several have already been spoken for), so hurry, they're waiting!

> The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Vallev. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Please give us a call at 707-485-0123 if you have questions. You can view all our adoptable dogs and cats on Petfinder or through our website: mendohumanesociety.com. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LILLIAN GLADYS BEAN, aka LILLIAN G. BEAN, aka LILLIAN BEAN CASE NO. SCUK-CVPB-19-27148

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of LILLIAN GLADYS BEAN, aka LILLIAN G. BEAN, aka LILLIAN BFAN

A Petition for Probate has been filed by CHARLENE BIGGS and MARSHA BAKER in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. The Petition for Probate requests that JENNIFER M. O'BRIEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless ar interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: February 22, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 No. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

If you object to granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If vou are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the

personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk Attorney for Petitioner: CHRISTOPHER J. NEARY, JENNIFER M.

O'BRIEN, NEARY and O'BRIEN, 110 S MAIN ST, STE C, WILLITS, CA 95490. Telephone: (707) 459-5551. Publication Dates: 01/31, 02/07, 02/14/2019









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student has gaps. The program is then customized to meet their individual needs and fill those gaps with knowledge.

Students can access their account at school and also at home where parents can support them in strengthening their math skills. Starting in February, our students in grades 3-5 will spend 30 minutes of intensive work each day in the areas of math where they need the most help.

Blosser students continue to learn from Unlocking the Code. They learn the morphology of English, how our language developed from Anglo-Saxon, French, Roman (Latin) and Greek influences. They'll see certain letter combinations and know how to pronounce them and what they mean. They'll see "ph" and know that makes an "f" sound because of its French root. They'll see a word that ends in "tion" and know that's a Latin suffix that's likely transformed a verb into a noun. Students will see English in a whole new way; the language will be demystified.

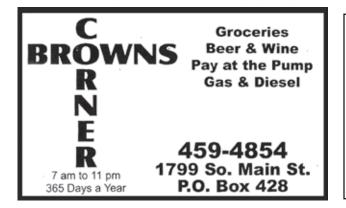
By the time students leave eighth grade at Baechtel Grove Middle School, they should be ready to write well and to possess solid pre-algebra skills. Writing a good essay exemplifies a true grasp of skills in language arts: grammar, the parts of speech, how to craft a sentence, how to use vocabulary effectively, how to write in voice, and how to convey a message

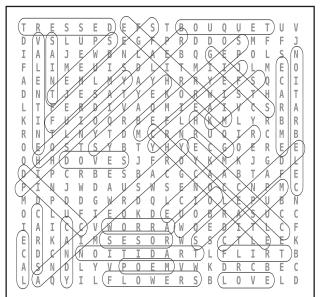
By the time students reach high school, they will have the tools necessary to pursue a deeper, richer understanding of the world around them. To that end, I wish to give a shout-out to the Willits High School Academic Decathlon team. This extraordinary group of 22 students is working incredibly hard and will be competing in the state competition for academics.

The decathlon is a 10-event scholastic competition that includes contests like super guizzes and impromptu speeches that test students' knowledge of economics, math, science, social science, literature, art, and music. Each year, there's a new theme and this year's theme is the 1960s. So, let's all support these incredible kids and their outstanding advisor, U.S. history teacher Mary Colvig.

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Mike Parker, National Young Farmers' Coalition Parker will help you create a strategy for securing affordable farmland tenure in California and present various financing options. This workshop is intended for people who have some farming and ranching experience and are looking to secure land tenure.

Other highlights

All Day Seed Swap. Bring some seeds to share if you have them, pick up some other seeds to grow out this year, and then bring back more seeds next year to share.

Informational and Vendor Hall, Megan (Johnny's Seeds sales rep) will be on hand with the newest tools, seeds and info to share. The Herbal Guild, Sundial Seeds, Mendocino County Food Policy Council, Victory Gardens for Peace, MendoLake Food Hub, and many more will also be on hand to answer questions and share information.



NYFC would like all those interested in attending this workshop to RSVP at www.eventbrite.com/e/ california-farmer-listening-sessions-north-coasttickets-56038687222. Attendees are encouraged to register in advance at www.brownpapertickets.com/ event/4057244.

Tickets are \$20 per person or \$30 for two people. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds, and scholarships are available thanks to the generous event sponsors and attendees who purchase a "pay it forward" ticket to help sponsor a farmer to attend this year's event.

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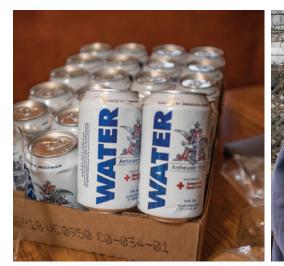


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Above, left: The Brown Bag Lunch Program gets food and drinks that cannot be used by other programs due to advertising or other considerations. Above: Last week's designated group to prepare and distribute the lunches was the Emandal Chorale, including: from left, Jennifer Sookne, Helen Falandes, Beth Riedel and Clancy Rash.

Far left: The PB&J sandwiches and the fruit await placement into the brown bags. At left Helen Falandes and Clancy Rash finish packing the lunches for those in need.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Feeding the Hungry

Willits' Brown Bag Lunch Program gives out free lunches each Saturday at City Park

Every Saturday, from 1 to 2 pm, people can be seen lining up either at City Park or across the street at Willits City Hall, under the eaves, to protect them from the weather. They are waiting their turn to get one of the nutritious brown bag lunches provided by many of the altruistic people and groups of the town. No one is turned away, as long as they are over 18 or accompanied by an

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In addition to the lunch, the recipients are given a sense of

comradery, a respite from their daily routine, friendly caring humans to interact with, and something to look forward to each week. The lunches are always there - rain, snow or shine - each and every week.

adult.

They are a reminder that people care about the less fortunate or those in financial trouble - be it due to illness, problems with benefits, loss of jobs or any one of a myriad of reasons why inherent in the current economic situation.

The lunches have consistency along with surprises. As designed by the founders of the Brown Bag Lunch Program, there are always elements to the lunches which remain constant in order to ensure quality. There will always be a sandwich of some type. Some of the organizations that participate prefer cold cuts, and some do peanut butter and jelly. Some will provide cheese sandwiches. Much depends on the availability of the materials and other factors.

The bags will always contain some kind of fruit (mostly soft due to possible dental problems). There is always some kind of chips and some kind of dessert, often cookies. The participants can also find a drink in the bag, water or some type of juice. Soda is not healthy enough to be included. The materials come from various generous sources. Currently, Grocery Outlet and the Willits Community Services Food Bank are the major suppliers, but other businesses have contributed over the years since 2000 when the program came into existence. The different groups which prepare the lunches also contribute food to the program on their designated days.

all of the bags had the requisite items.

Today, they were producing 24 meals, as that is the number that was distributed the week prior. If any lunches were left over, they would be donated to the Manzanita Services program at the Willits Methodist Church.

"We make between 15 and 30 lunches usually," explained Rash. "The weather makes a difference on how many people show up. The time of the month also, as the recipients receive their Social Security checks around the first of the month, so a lot of the people don't come out for lunches then.

"Today Sharon and Dean Bauman of Emandal did our shopping," Rash said, "and Beth Riedel and Jennifer Sookne are going to distribute. We put out a donation box at the Emandal Chorale rehearsals to help pay for the materials."

"We would like more people to know about it," Falandes said. "It's a very quiet program. People have shown up on Saturdays year after year, but a lot of folks drive by and don't really know what it is. People should know, people who are having trouble making their food budget."

The program was begun years ago when Linda Posner and Jim Marill's daughter, Pearl, then 18, said to her mother: "Mom, look at all the hungry and homeless people in the community. Why don't we go to the store, get a bunch of stuff, some fruit, some dessert, and make sandwiches and hand them out?" Marill insisted on placing the program under the umbrella of Willits Community Services and Food Bank for liability issues, and WCS has been closely aligned with the Brown Bag Program ever since.

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There are approximately 12 groups who prepare and distribute the lunches, so each group need only volunteer to prepare lunch once every three months or so. Additional groups or organizations willing to take on a lunch shift are very welcome.

On the day that Willits Weekly followed the process, the Emandal Chorale was the designated shopper, preparer and distributor. Clancy Rash, the current coordinator of the program and his partner, Helen Falandes, were producing the lunches in their kitchen. Falandes was busily creating the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches as Rash made sure

At right: Beth Riedel and Jennifer Sookne distribute the lunches to hungry participants. Far right: Linda Posner, founder of the Brown Bag Lunch Program.





Posner, though no longer involved with the program after many years of service, still finds inspiration in "how generous people's spirits are, how willing people are to donate their time and energy and intelligence and hearts to helping other people.

"Somebody says something to the right person," Posner continued, "who shares it with others in the town, and they run with the idea and make it happen. There are many very generous people in this community, those of us who see a problem and a need, and want to get involved in it somehow.

"Now that I'm older, it makes me very happy to see the continuation of this program. People find the time to help, something that they can do in any small way, gifting of themselves. People who have more, help out and those who don't, give of themselves."

To learn more about volunteering for the Brown Bag Lunch Program, contact Clancy Rash at 707-367-0889.



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