

Cannabis 'enrollments' progress slowly

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It's been 10 days since the February 15 deadline for cannabis growers to send in their "enrollment notice of intent" forms to the North Coast Regional Quality Control Water Board, and so far only about 200 have been processed.

"We've got hundreds [of notices] we're wading through and only one person to do the processing," said Connor McIntee, environmental scientist with the Regional Water Board. "We're fairly swamped."

Explaining further the

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Photographer puts **CHP** on trial

By Nicholas Iovino

SAN FRANCISCO (Courthouse News) – A jury heard opening statements and testimony Monday from two state troopers on the first trial day of a Willits photographer's false arrest suit against the California Highway Patrol.



Tri Tip lime Willits Educational Foundation readies for annual fundraiser dinner



Clang the triangle, it's almost time for the Willits Educational Foundation Tri Tip Dinner! The annual event will be held on Friday, March 4 at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds located on East Commercial Street. Anyone who purchases a dinner drives through the rodeo grounds and gets the ready-to-go meal delivered right through their car window, primed to take home and enjoy.

Dinners cost \$60 and include a whole tri tip roast, Goss family beans, Caesar salad, a loaf of Emandal bread, and homemade cookies - all enough for a full dinner for four people. A longstemmed red rose from Flowers by Annette accompanies each

At top: WEF helper Lily Barrett, hands over a to-go dinner bag showing just how easy it is to pick up dinner during the upcoming fundraiser.

Above: Members of the WEF crew pose around the famous Goss bean pot, including from left: Kathleen Lewis, Windi Kvasnicka, Linda Colvig, Angi Edgar, Kathy Shuster, Sandi Young, Warren Lewis, Annette Cooley, Art Cooley and Doug Goss.

Below, left: Veteran three-year WEF helpers, official WEF poster models and now official Baechtel Grove sixth grade students Lily Barrett, Katrina Bergmann and Olivia Kubin smile from inside an antique 1952 Volkswagen Zwitter.

Health and Human Services director resigns

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In the wake of the Kemper report on the county's mental health system, Health and Human Services Director Stacey Cryer has submitted her resignation. The resignation was submitted February 22, just four working days after the Kemper report was reviewed by the board of supervisors. Cryer will work through Friday, April 1.

Cryer was not available for comment as of press time.

Kemper The report was critical of the county administration. That

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Animal shelter request for proposals closed

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Mendocino County CEO Carmel Angelo recently concluded the request for proposals process with Petaluma Animal Services Foundation, notifying the company the county had rejected the foundation's August 4, 2015 proposal to take over operation of the county animal shelter.

Stephen Eberhard says three CHP officers intimidated and arrested him to retaliate for his covering protests of a highway project in Mendocino County.

Photos by

Maureen Moore

The state says the officers were simply "doing their jobs" and arrested Eberhard because he was trespassing.

Eberhard sued the CHP, the Department of Transportation, and officials and officers from both agencies in April 2014. Caltrans was dropped from the suit in December, but Eberhard is still pursuing claims against the CHP,

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Willits man arrested in rape case freed

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A Willits man arrested on suspicion of sexually assaulting a Brooktrails woman has been released after sheriff's and district investigators attorney concluded allegations against him made by the 21-year-old victim were not true.

Jedidiah W. Jones, 36, was arrested February 13 by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office after the

Read the rest of Freed Over on Page 13 bag and makes a perfect addition to decorate the dining table. Read the rest of

Over on Page 15 WEF

Below, right: Lily, Katrina and Olivia pose with WEF bags atop an antique tractor at the Willits Frontier Days



arounds.

They're Open! Ardella's Downtown Diner opens for 2016

After almost 10 weeks, Ardella's Downtown Diner finally opened for business again on Wednesday. The staff and owners are excited to see everyone back in the booths and at the counter for breakfast and lunch.

"Happy 2016!" greetings were frequently exchanged back and forth across the counter.

Diners were even more excited, though: chiming in on Facebook: "They're open! They're open!"

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Above: Ardella's co-owners Lori Dorholt and Kathy Albright refreshed and ready on reopening day. Below, left: Joanne and Douglas Kerseg give a thumbs up for the diner's reopening. Below, right: Waitress Tracy Crippen delivers plates of food.



In her letter, Angelo told the foundation its response was being rejected due to "insufficient supporting documentation."

"During the oral presentation [held between PASF and county staff] the evaluation committee very

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Prop. 172 funding battle continues

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A writ of mandamus asking the state supreme court to set aside a ruling by Mendocino County Superior Court Judge Jeanine Nadel will be refiled Thursday after the California Court of Appeals refused to hear the case last Friday.

The California Supreme Court had kicked the case down to the appellate court for review and possible hearing after Mendocino County Association of Fire District's attorney Chris Neary filed a writ of mandate

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

responded to an ad from Mendocino County Animal

Fostering seemed like a good idea, at first. Once I went and

picked up Minnie, it was all over from there. The staff was

not only rude, but treated me like I was an inconvenience

for saving this poor pup. Not once did they call me and ask

how she was; in fact, I called the shelter multiple times to

try to get her into the vet and get the medical treatments

she needed. After the shelter manager gave me one medication, she was done. Who made her a vet anyway?

Minnie did not get better; she got worse. I proceeded to

take Minnie to my own vet; I had no choice, she was sick. I

wasn't going to let her die. After thousands of dollars later,

There was no way I was taking her back to that disgusting,

unsanitary, godforsaken place, so I adopted her - at

full price. She's happy and healthy today, no thanks to

I'm furious with our county for not taking responsibility and

stepping in to deal with these types of problems, suffering

and lack of medical attention! Why not let a non-profit take

Mendocino County Animal Services!

Services step in. Thanks.

Thank you

To the Editor:

It isn't that often a community has an opportunity to Hi. My name is Amy King, and I want to share my share a 108th birthday with a person born and raised in experience with you. their town, and that just happened in Willits on Friday the 5th of February for our very own Edith Recagno Keenan Services to foster a sweet little dog who had mange and Ceccarelli. was completely hairless and needed a warm place to

A big thank you to the Willits Senior Center for hosting her crash birthday luncheon party, and to Allyn and all the staff and volunteers who gave their time and energy to serve the overflowing room full of well-wishers for Edie.

Also a big thank you to Bruce and Ernie and Jon and Bear for the music. It was an event, they said, that was too special to miss. Edie loved the music, the dance with Michael also known as Creek, and the gathering of everyone who came to wish her Happy Birthday.

She was so happy to see her niece, Claudine Recagno Zchnle and husband, Cregg, from Redding and nephew, Don Kennedy, from San Francisco, all the friends and family from Willits, and the friends from out of town sharing multiple medications and treatments, it was determined this special day.

severe allergies. It speaks well of the town and people she loves so much!

There could very well be a 109th party next year!

Evelyn Persico and families, Willits

Don't miss 'In the Next Room'

To the Editor:

I just got back from seeing what I think is the best play I have personally seen at Willits Community Theatre. "In the Next Room (or the Vibrator Play)" is well-written, well-directed, well-staged, and well-acted. It is thoughtprovoking, funny, sad, uncomfortable, and delightful. It is not for children.

My kudos to director Mike A'Dair and to the whole cast and crew. Though all of the acting was on point, and it was clear that every performer understood their character, the two performers that shone most brightly were Maheanani Phillips in the role of Catherine Givings and Kristen McCallum in the role of Elizabeth. "In the Next Room" finishes its run at WCT this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. of teachers, inspiring director and support staff. It was Don't miss this one!

Liam UiCearbhaill, Willits

Bettering our libraries

To the Editor:

The Mendocino County Library Advisory Board wishes to publicly thank the county board of supervisors for their work in bettering the library district. Last week the board of supervisors hired a new director for the Mendocino County Library District, Karen Horner. Horner was guickly appointed as interim director after Wally Clark resigned in December. She also served as the Fort Bragg branch Loose Caboose, The Book Juggler, J.D. Redhouse, Willits manager. The board of supervisors' prompt and instinctive Outlet, Mendocino Metals, Sanhedrin Nursery, Kristiansen action has helped maintain library staff morale, dedication

Experience at the shelter

To the Editor:

after 14 years of medical allowance, and offered practical solutions for a viable ordinance.

I take issue with the disparity in federal government regulations:

• The feds grow and distribute cannabis to their few dying patients who have the (only) prescriptions (every other patient is by doctor's recommendation).

• The feds hold patents on cannabis products, having stated medicinal value.

The feds allow three states recreational use.

• The feds allows 17-25 states medicinal use.

· The feds prosecute in all other states.

I take issue with the disparity of federal government policy:

NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse), who oversees government distribution of cannabis to research, has recognized the multi-faceted use of cannabis products.

Schedule 1 narcotics for cannabis has to be removed from that she had an enlarged heart and a heart murmur ... and our acceptance level as a society.

> • Methamphetamine, morally corrupting, detrimental to health and the well-being of all society, has been lowered to a misdemeanor! Explaining this mind-set to our creator will not wash. "Good herb is bad - poisoned chemicals are OK" is a mindset of the devil.

· We need agreement with the federal government to not prosecute small farmers, including transporting more than 2 pounds to dispensaries or market.

• The DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) should get more busy busting meth kitchens and keeping marijuana south of the border.

Amy King, Willits Please wake up, and turn this around. Thank you.

Philip Frase, Bell Springs

Museum Road Show

wonderful to see all the students dance, sing and play their The Museum Road Show brings our county's rowdy history to life through true tales, never before told, and great, live music. This year, take a lighthearted romp through vice, debauchery and politics in the early days of our county, featuring wine and hops history, childhood pranks, home remedies, and the critical 1916 election for wet vs. dry in Mendocino County!

> A few of these true stories of our county's wild past, although tastefully and humorously presented, discuss licentious behavior. Parental guidance is suggested

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Grange Farm School

Winter turns into early spring at the farm south of Willits

of her projects this spring. She

wants to get the marketing program

sees projects like this as part of the

students' learning experience, and it

will become one of the electives in the

ready for future students. The school Farm School

strategies this winter and will begin to

plant starts, amend soil, and till in the

cover crops when the weather and soil

are ready. He will continue to manage

Students James and Riley seem

to share similar interests and jobs

together: livestock management,

grounds maintenance work, and

recruitment. Because of their creative

strategies, recruitment has taken on

an interesting dimension: They're

the crops through the next semester.

It's a warm day in February. One of "Grange Grains" program. It is one those days that feels like spring has sprung. Birds are singing, echoing how we all feel after El Niño's rains. Paper whites. Ree Slocum daffodils.

garden Features Writer greens, onions and leeks are ready to

harvest at the Grange Farm School Going to find Riley and James, south of Willits. Riley is already on the path to the I stopped in at the farm school's kitchen with a huge, enthusiastic

smile with his greeting to me. James, schoolhouse to say hi to Tim Ward, in the middle of spring-cleaning his director of programs and fundraising, who was busy working on a proposal. tent, beams his greeting with a high Ruthie King, manager, and Lila five. All are relieved that the rains had Ryan, volunteer office manager finally stopped, and the tents were extraordinaire, were also in the drying out.

school's curriculum.

office, finishing details for the student The four of us gathered around the handbook. I then went outside and picnic table under the covered outdoor entered the world of three of the dining area with cups of yummy coffee GFS's "overwintering crew": Eva King, (an offering from red-hatted James James Edmonton and Riley Borrall. that's made with homemade ghee butter and locally sourced

Eva is sitting against a tree in the Read the rest of honey). We began discussing shade, working on research and Over on Page 15 Farm School marketing for the Little Lake Grange what the winter was like, what

Above: Riley and James feed the free-range chickens in the GFS orchard. Above, right, from top down: Riley's tent takes in the warm breezes. Riley with James, who is spring-cleaning his tent. Eva researches marketing for the "Grange Grains" program. Below: Clockwise from left top corner: Look for GFS organic leeks at the Willits Farmers Market later this spring. Legume cover crops to be tilled in later in the spring. Eva, James and Riley prune one of the mature apple trees. Savoy cabbage abounds for GFS use. Greens grow abundantly at the GFS. One of the huge compost piles to be used in the garden this spring. Center: Plenty of kale for residents











Baby chicks are here!



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WECS Winter Gala To the Editor: The Willits Elementary Charter School had another wonderful Winter Gala! It is with complete respect and awe of our little school that I thank our amazing team

hearts out on the Little Lake Grange stage! We live in such a generous community. Many thanks to all the donors: The Little Lake Grange, Zocalo Catering, Lagunitas Brewery, Frey Vineyards, Emandal, Parducci Wine Cellars, Mendocino Redwood Company, Hook and Loop Jewelry, Graces on Main, Jan Hoyman Studio, Ukiah Co-Op, Mariposa Market, Safeway, Buti Yoga, Our Yoga Center, Hidden Pearl, Headroom, Cat's Meow, Gateway Games, Kemmy's Pies, The Goods Shoppe, Off the Cuff, Re-Evolution, Monkey Wrench, Tango, Tiger Lily's, Mendo

To the Editor:

All tickets are available online at www.brownpapertickets. com or www.MendocinoMuseum.org, by calling the Mendocino County Museum at 459-2736, or by visiting the museum at 400 East Commercial Street in Willits

over? Anything would be better than what I witnessed! I want our government representatives to do something about the situation down there and let Petaluma Animals

and function.

Last week the board of supervisors announced that the county will credit the library district approximately \$100,000 for the improper assessment of A-87 user fees. This is very welcome news, and the library advisory board applauds the work of Supervisor John McCowen and Supervisor Dan Gjerde in their investigation and resolution of this matter.

Now, more than ever, the board of supervisors and the library advisory board are working in concert for the betterment of our libraries.

Marc Komer, chair,

Mendocino County Library Advisory Board To the Editor:

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Special thanks to our music director and MC for the event Tyler Balthrop and to Becky Button, the aficionado on New Orleans and everything Mardi Gras!

> Aura de la Fuente, event organizer, WECS

Protect the small farmer

Having attended the board of supervisors ad hoc committee on cannabis in Willits on February 6, a rousing voice of approval was given to Tim Blake's statement that a 35 plant count would no longer be viable. Comparing us to Humboldt's (and beyond) much larger plant count.

Board of supervisors representatives were encouraged to represent the public 's will and to not back down to the federal stance.

Casey O'Neil made a good case for "ministerial permitting" to protect the small farmer from overbearing regulations above state guidelines.

Many good people voiced concerns about lack of direction

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There is still time to show your support for the Museum Road Show!

Did you know tickets only cover half the cost of bringing the Museum Road Show to the far-flung communities around Mendocino County? Becoming an advertising partner or joining us as a "Theater Angel" and making a donation all help keep the show on the road.

Contact us at 459-2736 or at Info@MendocinoMuseum. org to find out how you get can involved!

> Alison Glassey, director, Mendocino County Museum

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Above, from left: Blosser Lane teacher Laura Roland with some of her students. Blosser Lane PE teacher Matt Moratti instructs a student how to use the badminton equipment acquired through "Donors Choose." Blossser Lane students learn while working with a iPad. At right: Students enjoy badminton during PE class.

Donors Choose²

Crowd funding site for schools helps teachers, students

Like many other public schools across The site allows for the country, the Willits Unified School teachers to make District is strapped for cash. Teachers lack requests for specific an adequate number of "consumables" like items or events like field math workbooks and readers, and often trips. The public can must rely on photocopying these learning donate any amount, as materials in order to have enough to go low as \$1, towards that goal. Once that goal is around for their students. reached, the desired Extracurricular materials are even more materials are purchased difficult to Damian Sebouhian by Donors Choose and come by Reporter damian@willitsweekly.com made available to the That is school for use. Willits why The amount of money teachers like Laura Rowland need your

help. Rowland, an elementary school teacher at Blosser Lane, would love for her students to have access to eBooks. Millions of books are floating in the cloud, eager to be read and discussed in the classroom. The problem is, in order to access those students would rotate books, a device is needed: A device that through," Rowland said. the school district simply cannot afford on "They add to what I'm its own. In Rowland's case, that device is an iPad. the playing field." "With iPads," Rowland said, "my students can access their textbooks and novels, but I mostly want to use them as readers."

Inspired by Baechtel Grove Middle School PE teacher Matt Moratti, Rowland signed up with a crowd funding website especially designed for public school teachers, called "Donors Choose."







Donors Choose.org Teachers ask. You choose.

entire country, most donors are understandably concerned with With this kind of technology, it really levels

local needs. The Donors Choose website was started More and more teachers are using the

services of Donors Choose, with impressive results. PE teacher Moratti, for example, was able to get badminton equipment for

"Badminton is something all kids can participate in," Moratti said. "As soon

Rowland is asking for is

\$2,300, the cost needed

"I would use them in

reading centers that the

able to do as a teacher.

his class this year.

for five iPads.





as I sent emails out teachers, so our operation feels like a cross between a startup and a schoolhouse." to everyone in the Unlike many crowd funding companies with Donors Choose, no money is exchanged between the donor and the requester. The donor's money goes

towards the product or the event only. "No money crosses my hands," said Rowland. "It goes immediately to Donors Choose. And once I meet my goal, Donors Choose sends me those iPads."

Because Donors Choose is a public charity, all donations are tax deductible. According to their website: "Every donor

in 2000, by a history teacher at a Bronx gets a thank you letter from the teacher, photos from the classroom, and a report of public school named Charles Best. how each dollar was spent." According to its website: "Our team of Many school districts in Mendocino 80 has vetted and fulfilled over 600,000

County are signed up with Donors Choose classroom project requests that range from butterfly cocoons, to robotics kits, to 'Little To help support any of their curricular House on the Prairie.' Many of us are former needs, go to www.donorschoose.org.

Heart attack symptoms and when you should get help

By Cecilia Winiger, for HMH

Besides being the month of love, February is also a time to think about heart health. Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital held a free heart health screening event recently to educate the community about heart disease. While blood pressure checks and diabetes screenings were also provided, the main goals were prevention and education.

"It's sad that heart disease remains the No. 1 killer of men and women in the U.S., but the good news is that it is largely preventable through lifestyle changes," shares Annie Frassinello, registered dietitian and diabetes educator at HMH. "By making efforts to become more Buckingham. active, eat a healthy diet and control blood sugars, we can keep our hearts happy and healthy for a lifetime," adds Frassinello.

But Henrietta Simonsson, RN, who works in the your way to the hospital," Buckingham adds. emergency room also cautions others about being too complacent, "Just because they are relatively healthy or have no issues with diabetes or high blood pressure, it doesn't mean they can't have a heart attack," she said. With the information overload especially this month, it's easy to pass this information by. "But the more you know about the signs and symptoms the faster you can get help," Simonsson adds.

Michael Medvin, MD, emergency physician at HMH, explains: "We have a saying in medicine, 'Time is myocardium,' or 'time is muscle.' That means the longer is your heart muscle will suffer damage. Heart muscle doesn't grow back. That's why you should never wait to see if your symptoms get better or worse. You'll have the best possible chance of saving your heart when you get care right away from a hospital.



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Willits Weekly's Rachel Belvin participates in Howard Hospital's free heart health screening "And remember that

with an ambulance, EMS personnel can start administering life-saving treatment on

So what are the signs of a heart attack you should look out for? The classic "Hollywood" representation of a heart attack is not very accurate, explains Dr. Medvin. "Don't look out for the stereotypical "chest pain." For most people, it is more like a feeling of pressure, almost like there is a tight band around their chest or someone is sitting on their chest." Medvin also warns about being too focused on one symptom. "They should also look beyond chest pains and watch out for other atypical symptoms, such as shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting and sweating.

Sometimes people mistake a heart attack for indigestion you wait to get help for a heart attack, the more likely it or gastrointestinal reflux, which most people ignore. So how do you know the difference? "Look out for the signs collectively and not by themselves. If you feel like you have indigestion, you're sweating and there's jaw pain, it's probably best to call 911 instead of taking another antacid," Medvin says.

And here's the kicker: for women the symptoms can be very different than what men experience. "For women, the symptoms can include shortness of breath, fatigue, lightheadedness, back pain and shoulder pain," Medvin says. "Because women tend to take care of everyone else, they tend to minimize their symptoms and get help later. At the early signs of a heart attack, women tend to wash dishes, take the kids to school and go on like nothing happened, and by the time they get to the hospital, a whole day has passed." The bottom line: Listen to your body and know what's normal and what isn't. If you start experiencing symptoms that are different from what you would expect, seek help immediately.

At the end of the day, no one is immune from heart attacks, and it's good to think about heart health all year long. "It pays to keep your heart healthy by eating right. getting enough exercise, monitoring your blood pressure, stopping smoking, and keeping up with your annual exams," concludes Dr. Medvin.

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WUSD chooses six applicants for superintendent interviews

Resources Laura Sleeper. "She

has done an excellent job on this,"

Neary said. "She has done as well

as any consultant or headhunter

In other school news, trustees

The board put a limit of \$10,000

were informed the patient

was too thin. or the blood

pressure was too low, or

plan for psychiatric care.

'confidentiality laws.'

his offer of information about the patient

was refused by the agency, which cited

"Another doctor received a patient back

from hospitalization after a violent and

nearly successful suicide attempt, and the

doctor not only received no information

who call our dispatchers between 2 and 4

in the morning, just to talk to someone. So

we're providing services...."

will

we could have hired."

The Willits Unified School "We will have to negotiate has received 13 a contract first." Neary said. District "We don't want to make an applications to fill the position of district superintendent of schools, announcement until we have a board Chairman Chris Neary told contract in hand." Willits Weekly on Monday. Neary Neary praised the work of added district Director of Human

that of Mike A'Dair those 13, Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com the board selected six applicants who will go on to

the interview process.

Neary said the board of decided in open session on trustees' special advisory February 19 to hire consultant committee will interview the six Susan Daniel of Employee applicants on Wednesday, March Relations Consultants, a firm 2, and trustees will interview specializing in employee them on Thursday, March 3. Both investigations. Daniel interviews will be done in closed investigate complaints coming session. from employees within the district's Department of Transportation,

Neary said he expects the board to make a decision on March 3. directed at the director of that although he added it might take department. some time to negotiate a contract with their first choice. to secure Daniel's services.

Key players talk about mental health

Over the past several months, public been increasing numbers attention has become focused on the of occasions when the county's mental health system, particularly doctor didn't agree with on Ortner Management Group and its the assessment and the subcontractor, Integrated Care Management plans for a given patient," Barash continued. "We

Systems. Mike A'Dair In order to give Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com Willits Weekly

readers a sense of the issues, we offer the following excerpts from public statements about Ortner made at the February 16 board of supervisors meeting.

One damning indictment was made by Ace Barash, director of Inpatient Care at Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits. Barash said that early on in the relationship between Howard Memorial Hospital staff and Ortner, he was encouraged by the potential for a productive working relationship.

"Their representatives appeared interested, engaged and supportive," Barash said. A series of meetings were planned at which hospital staff and Ortner personnel were supposed to work out protocols between the two organizations.

But then something happened.

about their medication changes, and the "The meetings either didn't happen rationale for that from the distant hospital, or didn't continue," Barash said. "Our but the patient had no follow-up mental practitioners and administrators were health appointment for two weeks, in spite assured Ortner wanted to communicate of still being severely disturbed," Barash with us, but the meetings never really materialized. They couldn't agree on a meeting time when everybody could be Sheriff Tom Allman complained about the present, or there just wasn't time. The impact not having a 24-hour crisis center hoped-for supportive structure for the most was having on his staff. therapeutically difficult and most vulnerable "Mental health affects the sheriff's office patients never came to be. So in our in every aspect of our operations, whether interactions with Ortner, the seed of distrust it's calls for service, or the jail, or dispatch," was planted Allman said. "Our dispatchers are

2016 Willits Science Fair Special Award Winners

Local businesses sponsored a number of special awards for students participating in the 2016 Willits Science Fair. A total of 225 science projects from Willits area students were displayed at the Willits Community Center this year; judging took place on February 9.

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J.D. Redhouse recognized Elementary, Wave Action DripWorks excellence and achievement in excellence and creativity in The Flower Lady of Willits science with free ice cream. science with a gift certificate. The recognized an outstanding project Winners of this award were: winner of this award was: related to plants or flowers with a gift certificate. The winner of this Triniti Alvarez, Willits Alyssa Fraser, Baechtel Grove • Charter School, award was: Middle School, Grade 7, Testing Elementary Grade 3, How to Make Chalk the Waters • Kaylee Anderson, Willits Charter School, Grade 6, The Kate Austin, Blosser Lane Real Goods sponsored Effects of Fertilizers Elementary, Grade 5, Dissolving awards for outstanding science Skittles related to energy. Winners of this California Forestry and Management award received a book and a gift Vegetation Claudia Cazares, Willits certificate. Winners were: recognized outstanding tree-Elementary Charter School. related projects with a cash prize. Grade 3, Sugar Crystals and Salt Chloe Breen, Willits Charter The winner of this award was: School, Grade 10, Comparison of Crystals • Tristan Hofmaister, Willits Solar, Wind, and Biofuel Power • Emily Christman-Soria, Charter School, Grade 6, Timber Production Elementary Charter Willits School, Grade 4, Can Water Float **Curves** recognized excellence • Jada Smith, Baechtel and creativity in science with free on Water? Grove Middle School, Grade 7, exercise sessions. The winner of Transesterification of Peanut Oil • Kyler Hall-Jimerez, Willits this award was: Elementary Charter School, The Book Juggler sponsored Grade 3, What Do Plants Need to • Eileah Frye-Edmonds, four unique awards. Winners Grow? Willits Charter School, Grade 10, received themed collections of Microbiological Electrocution • Devin Johnson, Sherwood books and merchandise. George's Geodes and Gems School, Grade 5, Forest Fires • Winner of "The Most recognized excellence and Awesome Exploration of the • Toby Rasmussen, Sherwood achievement in science with a gift Human Body" was Jersey School, Grade 4, Rainbow Flames certificate. The winners of this Greene, Sherwood School, Grade • Francesca Rodrigues, award were: 5, Tongue Tied Sherwood School, Grade 3, • Trenton Herrera, Baechtel Winner of "The Most Absorbency Grove Middle School, Grade 8, Amazing and Waters. Willits Maya Chocolate Rocks Charter School, Elementary Read the rest of • Daniel LaCount, Willits Grade 4, Masi and the Maze Awards Elementary Charter School. • Maci Yokum, Blosser Lane Grade 5, Space Rocks Over on Page 11 you, getting people with guns and badges Featherstone, co-author of the Kemper the patient had a remote history of head to do your mental health, it's not the right report on the mental health system injury, or they had the intention of killing way to go," he said. "From 5 at night to 8 in Mendocino County. "I think Mr. themselves, and suddenly there was no in the morning, sometimes, we are the Featherstone did a fantastic job describing first responders, whether it's Covelo or it's specialty mental health, and I think that's "We had no recourse. Countless downtown Willits, law enforcement is the often overlooked. Our experience here in hours have been expended in trying to first one to respond.' Mendocino is that the county mental health patch together a plan. When psychiatric system of care was basically a place where Allman referred to Mark Montgomery, hospitalization was required, no local folks can go and get care, and that's the vice president for operations for Ortner doctor was solicited for information about belief system, when it's a safety net service Management Group. "I'm not going to vilify the patient. In fact, one local psychiatrist for folks who are chronically mentally ill Ortner at this point, because, Ortner does to whom I spoke, regarding a patient who and there is a priority population that was take care of some of our issues. Every time he had treated for 20 years that required established many years ago. I call Mark Montgomery with a problem, it's psychiatric hospitalization, complained that

dealt with.

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the February 16 meeting.

lower level," Allman said.

"It has to do with funding and it has to do with finance. And it has to do with Medi-"However, it shouldn't take the sheriff Cal carve-up. And that happened in the late calling Mark Montgomery to deal with a '80s problem. It should be handled at a much

Chandra Gonsales, Crisis Services program manager for Redwood Community At the December 15, 2015, meeting Services, also addressed the board at that of the board of supervisors, Allman did criticize Ortner. "We have situations where meeting

our 5150 forms that we fill out are not "Too much time is wasted trying to make accepted," Allman said, "because they are people believe the system is working. It completed in two different colored inks, a clearly is not," she said. "The children, youth black ink and a blue ink. This was because and young adults in the county are missing on Thanksgiving Day, an officer had to out on opportunities for new services and



Go Wolverines!

WHS girls wrap up basketball season

The Willits High girls basketball teams closed out were great, they busted their butts every game and their seasons last Tuesday night playing Middletown practice."

at home, with the varsity squad being defeated by the league-leading Mustangs 44-32. Willits hung tough for over three quarters, trailing by only one point early in the fourth, but Middletown (22-6, 13-1 in league) was able to pull away late.

The Wolverines ended up Forrest Glyer with a record of 9-16 overall, orrest@willitsweekly.com and 3-11 in league.

Chanel Alexander led the way for Willits. with 21 points and 5 steals. She hit a 3 point shot to give Willits a 23-20 lead midway through the third guarter, but they were unable to hold on to the lead for long. Head Coach Jody Ward said Alexander has been a standout player all year, leading the team in points and steals, and often guarding the opposing team's best player.

The Willits JV team won easily 44-26, and ended the season at 18-10 overall, and 8-6 in league. Stephanie Webb led the team with 18 points, and Megan Riley had 8 points, 7 steals and 4 assists.

Before the varsity game, the four seniors on the Wolverines – Macy Hendry, Sylvia Friend, Hannah Friend and Kelsey Butler - were honored in a ceremony hosted by Ward, who praised them as "a there's no quit within them at all.... They're so resilient, pleasure and an honor to coach."

Later, Ward said he was happy he could pay tribute Tournament earlier this month, with Morgan Riley to them in that way. "I think they deserved that. Those taking home the Tournament MVP honors, and Daisy kids put in a lot of time, a lot of hours.... The girls Barrett winning All Tournament.





At far left: Kiley Butler jumps for a tip-off against Ukiah High Above: Morgan Riley charges past a defender At left: Stephanie Webb looks to pass, as Coach

Paul Riley advises. Below: The JV team won the Mendocino Tournament earlier this month

the ball.

At bottom: Varisty player

Haily Findley goes for











He added that he was proud of the character

the team showed all season long. "They're sharp; they kept me on my toes, every day. Sometimes I'd wonder who the real teacher is.... I would learn so much from them. It's really inspiring, because I don't think you always get that with sports teams."

In assessing the season, Ward said the team let a lot of winnable games get away in the fourth quarters of games this year, and he felt they were better than their record indicated. "We had the potential to win at least five other games," he said. "We simply could not do it in the fourth quarter, and we let games slip away.'

The team was a bit shorthanded at times, especially

Ward thinks the team's future looks promising.

"We've had numerous years of frustration counselors all night long. I'm not joking you. in mental health care since there was last We have probably 12 people in this county a workable structure in the 1990s," Barash said. "Unfortunately, the frustration only intensified with the appearance of Ortner."

"Honestly, as your sheriff, I'm telling "As the time has passed, there have

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run out on a call and the chief of police in programs as funding is being cut to give Willits had to complete the form, and he dollars to an adult system that is lacking in used a different pen, and the form was not services and full of excuses.

"No one is winning. Not the county. Not Montgomery did address supervisors at the providers. And certainly not those who are left unheard and unserved.'

"Ortner Management Group has reached Gonsales concluded with this poetic out, and will continue to reach out, to our statement: "The roots of the great redwood community providers, to improve the trees grow outwards instead of down," she system," Montgomery said. "Our after-care said. "When they come into contact with model was mentioned briefly, and it was other redwood roots, they wrap around each said it still needs work. It does, although other multiple times, forming a stronghold. people who are leaving the community Eventually every tree is connected to one and returning, every person is seen at our another. They are able to weather harsh access centers and connected to mental storms because they hold each other up. health services, if they're interested. I say, Standing tall and strong ... connected if they are interested, because they have together ... the older roots linking to the young roots so that all share like strength.

Montgomery then mentioned Jim We are redwood strong.'

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Thursday, February 25

Kids POP Club at Farmers Market: The Power of Produce Club continues at the Willits Farmers Market, Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, through March 10. The POP Club empowers children ages 5 to 12 to make healthy food choices by offering educational activities, cooking demonstrations, and food sampling. Each child is provided with \$4 in market currency each week they participate, which they can spend on any fruit or vegetable they choose. Info: contact Jessica Ruff at 707-467-3224, 810-599-5533 or jruff@ncoinc.org. Live music at the market this week: The Farmers Market Band.

Last Weekend for 2016 Members Art Show: Willits Center for the Arts February Show features works by WCA members in various media. Runs through February 28 at WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery will be open hosted by artists, Thursday and Friday from 4 to 7 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3 pm. Visit http:// willitscenterforthearts.org

Willits Chamber After Hours Business Mixer: The Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, hosts this Willits Chamber of Commerce Mixer on Thursday, February 25. 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Catered appetizers by Emelia, beer

and wine, and music. "Join us for networking, fun and light refreshments." The first major WCA event with the new nonprofit board of directors.

"In the Next Room or, The Vibrator Play": Last weekend for the first production of the 2016 season at the Willits Community Theatre. This award-winning avant garde romantic comedy, "spotlights the dawn of the age of electricity in the late 1800s when a scientist, Dr. Givings, has invented a new electrically-powered device for treating hysteria: the vibrator. Get ready for laughs, unexpected romance and the confirmation of true love." Directed by Mike A'Dair; starring Lee Stipe, Maheanani Phillips, Lara Eventide, Ron Greystar,



in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door until sold out. See article elsewhere in Calendar for more details.

Friday, February 26

"Twining Time": John Wagenet & Anita Blu of Twining Time perform easy listening music during the dinner hour: Originals and modern favorites in the spirit of old time mountain music.

Howard Letovsky presents cancer research at free lecture



Brooktrails Lodge, 24765 Birch Street. Friday, February 26 from 5:30 to 9 pm. Visit www.brooktrailslodge.com and www. facebook.com/TwiningTime. Info: 707-459-1596.

"In the Next Room or, The Vibrator Play": 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre; see Thursday, February 25 listing for details

Willits Center for the Arts Shanachie Pub: Austin Leonard Jones Band, "Ostensibly a country/folk artist [mixed] with "tropicana beats and synth Members Art Show squiggles at every turn". 9 pm. No cover. Visit www.austinleonardjones.com. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, enter from Main Street only,

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Brooktrails Breakfast and Flea Market: The Prosperity Club and Brooktrails Lodge are hosting an "All You Can Eat Pancakes" for \$5 a person on Saturday, February 27 at the Brooktrails Lodge. "A great family event offering a chance to socialize with members of our community, including local artisans and vendors." Also

offering biscuits & gravy, bacon, eggs, country potatoes, drinks and adult beverages at additional cost. Jumperz Bounce House will also be there for the kids. Might still be a few flea market booths available: message 707

367-9737 for details.

"In the Next Room or, The Vibrator Play": 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre; see Thursday, February 25 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: The Cherry Pickers, bluegrass for dancing or sitting back and enjoying: "Some of the hottest young Runs players on the West Coast." 8:30 pm. No cover. Visit www. facebook.com/TheCherryPickersBand. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, enter from Main Street only. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, February 28

Senior Center

Lunch

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: every fourth Sunday, from 8 to 11 am at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. "Join your friends at the Grange available Breakfast! With live music. \$7 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around." Choose Sourdough Wholegrain or Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs made to order with real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. Sides of

organic fruit in season and Amish maple syrup \$1 extra. \$7; \$6 seniors; \$4 children under 10. Buddhist Discussion Meeting: The public is invited

to a Soka Gakkai Buddhist discussion meeting Sunday, February 28 at 1 pm at the Willits Library,

folk. and vintage country at Caminiti's Restaurant at the 390 East Commercial Street. Soka Gakkai is the "Society Friday, March 4, 1-3:30 pm) and in Laytonville (beginning for the Creation of Value based on the teachings of Nichiren Daishonin, spreading a culture of peace from one person to another throughout the world. avenuestowellness.org

> "In the Next Room or, The Vibrator Play": Closing performance today at 2 pm at Willits Community Theatre; see Thursday, February 25 listing for details.

Tuesday, March 1

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on

Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "Deadpool," "Lady in the Van" and "Zoolander 2." For showtimes: www. noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

'Avenues to Wellness': the Avenues to Wellness series presents, "Small Steps to Healthy Living," with presenter Sid 200 Garza-Hillman, writer, speaker and health coach. "A natural approach to health & happiness: Everything you need to know about nutrition; utilizing selfcare ("adding in" rather than restricting) and learning how to create

new habits with small steps." Tuesday, March 1, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Free to the public; donations appreciated; refreshments will be served More info: 459-2777 or visit www.avenuestowellness.org

Wednesday, March 2

Free Healthier Living Workshop: Workshop in Laytonville starts Wednesday, March 2. Sign up now for six free 2.5 hour sessions of The Healthier Living Workshop, which has

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Wednesday, March 2, 10 am to 12:30 pm. Information and/ or registration: Doreen Blumenfeld: 459-2777 or doreen@ Free Cancer Research Lecture: Howard Letovsky

presents a free lecture on his current research on the use of electromagnetic frequencies in the treatment of cancer, Wednesday, March 2, at 7 pm at 630 South Main Street in Willits (the former Willits Environmental Center office). Letovsky is a part-time Willits resident and CEO and chief technologist of

Letovsky Dynamick, Inc.; the goal of Letovsky's research is to use very specific bio-electromagnetic 1. Marth frequencies to target and kill certain cancer cells without Small Step harming healthy cells. For more to Health

information, see article elsewhere on Calendar page or leave a message for Ellen at 459-2643.

Thursday,

March 3 Willits Center for the Arts March 5th to March 27 Free to All Creative Opening March 5th 6-9 PM Writing Class: Starting again Thursday, on March 3 in the Sunshine Room at the Harrah Center. Senior Less

1501 Baechtel Road, at 1:30 pm. "Join us to find your inner writer." Class continues on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Kids POP Club at Farmers Market: The Power of Produce Club continues at the

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Willits Charter School Tour: "Interested parents and guardians are invited to an exclusive tour of Willits Charter chool. Willits Charter School welcomes applicants in the

6 office if you have any questions at 459-5506. Come see the beautiful campus, meet the director, take a

tour, and have all of your questions answered. Students are welcome to attend

Shanachie Pub: Aaron Ford, singer-songwriter who lives in San Francisco, with a musical style based in folk, Americana and blues. 8 pm. No cover. Visit www.cdbaby.com/Artist/ AaronFord. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant,

org

The Wrongs Krew: first Saturday of the month House Music night benefits the annual "Wrongs of Summer." Toniaht featuring DJs Christafari, Curtis Flow and Podge, with sound by Hodge Podge. 9 pm. \$5 cover 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, enter from

Ongoing Events

Willits Winter Farmers Market: from 3 to 5:30 pm every Thursday at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Winter produce, local meats and local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Music on February 25: Dorian May plays solo jazz piano. Next week, March 3: Farmers Market Band

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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







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2777 or doreen@avenuestowellness.org

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Week of February 29 through On Wednesday, March 2, at 7 pm at 630 South Main Street March 4 in Willits (the former Willits Environmental Center office) Howard Letovsky will present his current research on the use of Monday: Meat Loaf electromagnetic frequencies in the treatment of cancer. Letovsky Tuesday: Chicken Broccoli is a part-time Willits resident and CEO and chief technologist of Casserole Letovsky Dynamick, Inc. The goal of Letovsky's research is to Wednesday: Tuna Salad use very specific bio-electromagnetic frequencies to target and Sandwich w/Jo Jo Fries kill certain cancer cells without harming healthy cells Thursday: Pork Loin

Letovsky's research has attracted the attention of other Friday: Baked Cod w/Homemade cancer researchers in California and internationally, including Tartar Sauce cancer research hospitals in North America. Letovsky may be Harrah Senior Center serves

best-known in Willits for his early work on electric vehicles and in particular for his development of an electric vehicle for the Willits 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: Police Department in 1991. \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7

Letovsky is eager to share this ground-breaking cancer per meal. Includes soup, entrée, research with the interested community of Willits. Everyone is vegetable, bread, dessert, and welcome. There is no charge for this event. For more information drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826. leave a message for Ellen at 459-2643.

Last weekend to see 'scandalous and magnificent' production at WCT

Room (or the Vibrator Play)" at Willits Community Theatre one of the best-ever plays to be staged at current show with nothing but praise.

"The play is scandalous and magnificent," says Norris. "It's an important play, not to be missed, with terrific direction, acting, costumes and set." The play by award-winning playwright Sarah Ruhl finishes its run this week with shows on Thursday, February 25 at 7 pm for \$10, Friday and Saturday, February 26 and 27 at 8 pm for \$15, and a final matinee on Sunday, February 28 at 2 pm for \$10.

A mild-mannered doctor at the dawn of the age of electricity in the late 1800s Victorian Era has invented a device for treating hysteria: the vibrator. Through Ruhl's playful symbolism and lyrical language, the play makes thematic leaps from the Victorian ignorance of female sexual desire, to motherhood, breastfeeding, and jealousy. Ruhl also authored "Dead Man's Cell Phone," a 2013 hit at WCT.

While impressed overall with the acting, Norris

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Kitty Norris calls the production of "In the Next reserves particular praise for the character of Elizabeth, portrayed by Kristin McCallum, and that of Catherine Givings, played by Maheanani the venue. As a member of the board of directors Phillips. Norris says: "They are particularly at WCT, Norris attends many productions at the vivid and well done. For me, theirs is the most theater, and she recently came away from the important of the many relationships in the play."

> Norris says: "The play is designed to take the audience on an odyssey of emotions, from head scratching incredulity, to distress, to lots of spontaneous laughter. This it definitely does, in the hands of WCT's skilled actors and under the direction of WCT veteran Mike A'Dair.

The all-star cast includes Lee Stipe as Dr. Givings, Maheanani Phillips as Mrs. Catherine Givings, Lara Eventide as Sabrina Daldry, Ron Greystar as Dick Daldry, Gloriann Lucero as Leo Irving, Kristen McCallum as Elizabeth, and Kathy De Bane as Annie. Advance tickets for all regular shows are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, online at www. brownpapertickets.com, or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available for all shows at the door.

– Steve Hellman for WCT

Actors Lara Eventide, left, and Maheanini Phillips in "In The Next Room." Photo by Ron Greystar

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> 9th annual Chili Cook-Off Friday, March 11

Enter your chili in the Harrah Senior Center's 9th annual Chili Cook-Off for a chance to win a great prize and bragging rights! Friday, March 11 from 5:30 to 7 pm, at the center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Prizes for "People's Choice," "Judge's Favorite," "Hottest Chili," "Most Entertaining/Best Decor" and "Crookedest Team." Taste and vote for your favorite chili: \$8, \$7 members, \$5 kids. Freshbaked corn bread muffins, root beer floats available. Call Harrah Senior Center for entry form or more info: 459-6826.

Mendocino County Museum Road Show opens in Willits on Friday, March 11

Now in its third year, the Mendocino and the exciting, critical election of 1916 for wet versus dry in Mendocino County Museum Road Show has County. Seven remarkable actors become an annual tradition, reflecting will together portray more than 50 the lives of Mendocino County different characters, as local history residents back to them via drama and song. The Museum Road Show will springs to life through a number of stories that are all the more touching play over the span of three weekends in March at five venues around the and funny because they are true. county, opening in Willits on Friday, Americana ensemble All About March 11 at Willits High School, at Sally will once again provide vocal 7:30 pm. Doors open half an hour background, which will combine with early for guests to find their seats and light and sound effects, a backdrop enjoy pre-show music. of never-before-seen vintage photos, and the trademark proscenium arch

Museum Road Show Director Linda to form a homegrown extravaganza. Pack, working with dramaturge Kate Magruder, has once again dug into Tickets are \$15; \$12 for seniors the archives, presenting a completely 65 & over and for youth 20 & under new selection of stories gleaned (parental guidance is suggested, entirely from local primary sources. and attendees are asked not to bring The audience will get to test the young children). Tickets available in adage "The more things change, the person or by phone at the Mendocino more they stay the same," as the cast County Museum in Willits, 400 East romps through tales of hop-picking, Commercial Street or 459-2736 or childhood pranks, home remedies, online at www.MendocinoMuseum.

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Old Blind Dogs at WCT

Thursday, March 10

reddish-pinkish-lizardish Old Blind Dogs, a four-piece band from the Gross. At any rate, ugly or not, he cutting edge of Scotland's roots revival, perform has to save his beautiful girlfriend at the Willits Community Theatre on Thursday, from a sociopath with superpowers. March 10 at 7 pm. Since forming in the 1990s, the I know this doesn't sound funny, but popular band has developed its own trademark it's a comedy style, combining an energetic mix of dynamic My Thoughts: "Deadpool" is an percussion, polished vocals, soaring fiddle and overtly self-aware meta-story. Its stirring pipes - all blended to fuel their delicatelyprotagonist narrates directly to the phrased melodies and traditional songs.

audience. And he makes it clear The band has sustained its wide popularity that his situation is a cliché in 90through the years, with the current foursome plus percent of action comic books. of Jonny Hardie on fiddle and guitar, Aaron Movie-goers other than I found the Jones on bouzouki and guitar, Ali Hutton on droll dialogue, the over-the-top fight border pipes and whistles, and Fraser Stone scenes. and the acrobatic mayhem on drums and percussion. Hardie, Jones, and and slaughter to be quite amusing. I found the movie clever, and believe Hutton all combine with vocals to bring forth the that the filmmakers had great fun band's overall sound of compelling energy and putting the flick together. Give the intoxicating rhythm

movie three out of four stars. It's a Their latest album release, "Four on the Floor," aood time. takes their work in bravely new directions and Parents: Cartoonish bloody has picked up the Indie Acoustic Project's "Best slaughter and plentiful stripper Celtic CD" award. The Montreal Gazette called nudity and some raucous sex the Old Blind Dogs, "A Scots neo-traditional scenes. Not really sex porn super-group with a bracingly modern musical attack." The band has released 10 albums and crashing car, explosions won numerous awards including the prestigious porn. Not for children, title of Folk Band of the Year at the 2004 and though you parents 2007 Scots Trad Music Awards. are going to hear a

With a sound steeped in centuries of Scottish folklore and history, the band's performance will provide a rare treat for WCT patrons.

of a certain age (eight to 10) see the Advance tickets are \$20 and available in movie. You have my person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at sympathy. R-rated. 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the Willitsian Daniel Essman door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). imagination. - Steve Hellman for WCT

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

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

Volleyball Open Gym: at Baechtel Grove gym; Sundays and Tuesdays at 7 pm. Some experience desired not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

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

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

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

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

> Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable. Open Mic every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7 pm. Movie Night every Tuesday. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

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

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

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Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Sweet

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Sweet Pea is a 2-year-old spayed female mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 38 pounds. Sweet Pea's name is no accident. She's the sweetest girl! Despite her young age, she has a mellow nature and is happiest lounging next to



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you on the couch or lying at your feet. Sweet Pea will be an easy and lovely addition to her forever family. The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6 pm. We have many wonderful dogs and cats, awaiting their forever homes here. To view photos and bios of more of our wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website: www.mendoshelterpets.com or visit our shelter during shelter hours. More info about adoptions: 467-6453.

Loving Juliet

Juliet is a sweet little cross-eyed Chihuahua that could make a great lap dog for the right person! At about 2 years old, she is calm and loving with most people (those over 10 years old). She would also enjoy a canine companion since she has had one most of her life. Come meet this funny little gal soon, and see if you can give her a forever home.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, where you can come visit, play with and/or adopt dogs and cats, is open



to prospective adopters from 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday, and from 11 am to 3 pm, on Saturday and Sunday. 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley (right down the street from the Broiler). Info: 707-485-0123 or hsimc@pacific.net or visit www.mendo humanesociety.



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The last two weeks have been spirit-filled at local schools, with students from Blosser Lane Elementary School, Baechtel Grove Middle School and Willits High School all showing their spirit with various dress-up days.

Willits High School is celebrating Future Farmers of America Week this week. Monday was Flannel Day, Tuesday was 'Merica Day (shown above), Wednesday was Camo Day, Thursday is Cowgirl/Cowboy Day, and Friday will be Blue and Gold Day, the official colors of the FFA.

"FFA is an intercurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. Every year. FFA chapters around the country participate in National FFA Week," explained Kelley Case, FFA advisor at Willits High School. "The week-long tradition began in 1947 when the National FFA board of directors

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Mendocino County' Household Items Local author discusses her history for Sale Never-used Magic Chef 30-inch gas range selfcleaning oven and Nu Tone hood: \$500. New queen headboard: \$100. Antique drop-leaf table: \$100. Wooden corner hutch: \$30. 707-472-8386, please leave message.

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book at the Willits Library Friends of the Willits Library hosted a slide show and book presentation by Mendocino author and teacher Lorraine Hee-Chorley this past Friday evening. Hee-Chorley's Damian Sebouhian "Chinese in Mendocino amian@willitsweekly.com County," has been described as the first-ever expansive account of the Chinese people's life and influence in Mendocino County, and contains over 200 vintage photographs. Many of those pictures were displayed for the audience of approximately 30 people as a fascinatingly informative slide show.

As the great-granddaughter of one of the first Chinese settlers in the village of Mendocino, Joe Lee, Hee-Chorley made a promise to her now-deceased father to save and preserve her family's history.

'Chinese In

book,

In the book's introduction, Hee-Chorley declares: "Dad, your promise as been kept!"

Hee-Chorley's sweeping presentation began with the struggles and major contributions of the Chinese immigrants of Mendocino County during the mid-tolate 1800s, and ended with a picture of one of the only remaining Chinese remnants of that time: the small red and green Taoist temple of Kwan Tai, among the oldest

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At left, top: In January 1892, the Union Lumber Company contracted Chinese laborers to dig the Noyo tunnel east of Fort Bragg by hand, after union workers refused to dig deeper. This photo was taken on completion of the tunnel, showing only two Chinese laborers. Far left: Cook Henry Choy, left, and his assistant Kai Kwan Wong in 1949 in the "modern" kitchen at the Ten Mile logging operation. At left: George Hee, the author's father, holding a salmon he caught in Big River in 1969. Below: "Chinese in Mendocino County" by Lorraine Hee-Chorley.



buildings in the county, located in the village of Mendocino.

"These pictures and the Taoist temple are the only physical evidence left to attest to the Chinese presence in Mendocino County," Hee-Chorley writes.

As documented in her book, Hee-Chorley discussed the racist policies used to stifle Chinese industriousness.

"The Chinese were the only immigrant group where there were state, federal, municipal and county laws created to prohibit them from either doing business or immigrating into this country," Hee-Chorley said.

Among the numerous laws passed to that effect by the state of California was in 1954 which added the Chinese to the 1850 statute "prohibiting 'Negroes' and 'Indians' from testifying for or against a white person."

Other laws forced Chinese workers to pay taxes for mining and fishing (1856), prohibited corporations and governments from employing Chinese workers (1879), and prohibited Chinese children from attending public schools (1885).

Anti-Chinese sentiment was so strong in California, some politicians used it as their central campaign issue. Included in Hee-Chorley's book is a photo of a campaign button of

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Blosser Lane students pose gether on Crazy Hair Day. Above, right. ore Crazy Hair Day fun.

At far left: Bobbie Nunez and Chelsea

At left: Cups and crazy colors give extra eight to some students' hair, while spikes nd braids also add to the goofy hair

Below, left: Students of Room 28 pose with their crazy hairdos

Below, right: Students Tanner Drew and Shelby Perez Bowen pose with Jenn Drew, nter, as Ms. Zak smiles from behind.





Spirit | From Page 10

designated the week of George Washington's birthday as National FFA Week in recognition of his legacy as an agriculturist and farmer.'

Baechtel Grove Middle School also held a spirit week, with Monday being '50s Day, Tuesday being Hawaiian Day, and Wednesday being Wear Pink Day (shown at bottom left). Thursday is Inside Out / Backwards Day, and Friday is Crazy Hair Green and Gold Day. BGMS also held some spirit days last week, which concluded with a Friday night glow-in-the-dark school dance. The dance was free to attend for students and was emceed by Michael Tobin, aka DJ Mikey T.

Blosser Lane Elementary School had Crazy Hair Day last Friday, and dozens of students across the campus showed up with colorful patches and wacky accessories, even including some 3-D elements.

Great job to all the students who helped and participated to make each of the spirit days a success!

- Maureen Moore

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At left: Students at Baechtel Grove pose with staff and teachers

Hezekiah Allen, executive director of From Page 1 CGA, expressed his disappointment

magnitude of the task before them, McIntee said, "This region includes Humboldt, Trinity and Mendocino counties, which obviously are the biggest when it comes to water usage and distribution density." McIntee said the agency would have a more specific breakdown of the number of notices per county in a couple of weeks.

The rest of

Pot

The Regional Water Board is just one of the state agencies tasked with implementing a regulatory program Resource Management, out of to address the environmental impacts of cannabis cultivation. The Associates. agency's regional staff members have spent the past year working with stakeholders such as county supervisors and the California Growers Association to adopt a pilot program geared at directing growers this experience with Mendocino towards compliance. County's 9.31 program a couple An enrollment notice of intent years back, where the federal basically informs the water board government instructed the county about the size and characteristics to give them the records of the of each cannabis cultivation site. program. Growers with sites that are 2,000

square feet or smaller are exempt board wouldn't target growers who from water board regulation and haven't vet turned in their enrollment fees. notices, especially since the agency A three-tier system is being used is so behind processing the ones for all larger sites. Determining what they have. tier a site falls under is relative to the potential threat to water quality, complete the program, staff it up to with 1 being the lowest threat and 3 being the highest. The annual fee for a tier 1 site is \$1,000; tier 2 is \$2,500; tier 3 is enforcement, punitive, penalty-

\$10,000. oriented approach. For more details about the Allen identified the shortage of enrollment process, the Regional water board staff as the reason Water Board can be contacted at for the slow rate of processing the northcoast@waterboards.ca.gov. enrollment forms.

While the members of the "The transition to regulation is going to be very difficult," Allen said. California Growers Association have been doing their part in cooperating "Creating unnecessary obstacles, with the Regional Water Board like lags in processing time, is to encourage growers to comply, not going to encourage greater

The rest of From Page 1 Trial

the two officers who arrested him, and a third officer who shoved him away from a injuries, Carolan told the nine-member jury construction zone in what Eberhard calls the case is about principles, not an attempt intimidation and harassment. He says his arrest on July 23, 2013 was a blatant effort to chill his First Amendment case, but Mr. Eberhard was shamed and rights and to stifle coverage of the Willits humiliated in his small community," she said. bypass project.

credible, unbiased journalist. Mr. Eberhard is The \$300 million project to reroute six miles here primarily to vindicate his rights.' of Highway 101 around the often-congested town center of Willits in Mendocino County northwest of Ukiah, the Mendocino County became a target for environmental protests when construction began in the spring of seat

2013.

Push came to shove

participation. We feel very strongly that the resource agencies need with the February 15 deadline. more staff to do their jobs." "The deadline is not very fair in To that end, Allen said, CGA

our opinion," Allen said. "First of all fully supports Gov. Jerry Brown's it's a pilot program, which is meant proposed budget for 2016-17. The to adapt and grow as challenges are finalized California state budget is uncovered. There should be room due to be enacted sometime this for wiggle. Secondly, the program is summer, with the revised budget to only about 70 percent completed." be released in May.

Allen explained that, to many According to the state Senate growers, among the most important Committee on Budget and Fiscal element of the enrollment process Review, Brown is proposing to spend was going through third parties, of \$5.7 million in new funding and to which there are only two: Timberland add 35 new positions to the State

Water Resources Control Board. Fortuna, and Pacific Watershed The other three agencies tasked with regulating cannabis cultivation are also getting significant bumps in "Using third parties provides their budgets. another level of anonymity in case the federal government ever According to the report: " (1) decides to ask for information about \$3.4 million and 18 positions to the the enrollees," Allen said. "We had Department of Food and Agriculture

for oversight, regulation, licensing and environmental impact; (2) \$700,000 (from the Department of Pesticide Regulation Fund) and three positions to the Department of Pesticide Regulation for guidelines for the use of pesticides in the Allen expressed hope the water cultivation of medical marijuana: (3) \$7.6 million (from the General Fund) to the Department of Fish of the Sheriff's Office and and Wildlife to make permanent the statewide multi-agency task force and to address environmental "We hope [the water board] will issues related to cultivation.' Geniella said. "We are very hopeful that the proposed budget will move forward," Allen said, "and the regulatory

meet the challenge, and work with the growers to get them regulated before shifting gears into a real agencies will see an increase in staff in the next several months. In the meantime, everyone, take a industry."

deep breath and let's keep moving towards the goal of a well-regulated To contact the California Growers Association go to www. explained.

calgrowersassociation.org. Hezekiah Allen can be reached by Jones obtained by the family phone at: 916-879-5063.

and ignored his order.



Cryer became director of A stay-away order against remains in effect. HHSA director in August 2010.

WCS Winter

raises \$33,052

The Willits Community Services and Babcock said. Food Bank's Winter Fund Drive raised Eberhard has said in court filings that he a total of \$33,052 this year, beating its was given permission to take photos of the \$32,000 goal. first piles being driven for the construction project that day. Babcock denied he acted more

"A big thank you to everyone who helped make our 2015 Winter Fund Drive aggressively toward Eberhard because he a great success," said WCS Director Jim Marill. "We will had taken photos of him arresting protesters soon publish Jennifer Poole a formal thank Editor & Reporter you ad where all

Tom Pinizzotto, who was fired in the fall 2015, but also was leveled at the board of supervisors, county CEO Carmel Angelo and Cryer. The report also criticized

The rest of

Resigns

From Page 1

services

contracts

criticism was not limited to former Mental Health Director

No charges to be filed against Jedidiah W. Jones. other upper-level personnel The rest of Freed

for the poor performance of the county's mental health From Page 1 system. "In our opinion, the Birch Circle resident accused

board of supervisors should him of assaulting her for more not have approved the ASO than five hours at her home. ladministrative organizations] However, after sheriff's in the form brought to the detectives concluded their board because of a lack of investigation preliminary clear [mental health division] and submitted the charges approval and oversight role to the District Attorney's and accountability mechanism Office, inconsistencies in the in the scope of work contained victim's statements raised in the contracts. Further, we

issues, and investigators believe that other county from both offices decided to officials, including the former probe deeper into the case, [mental health] director, HHSA according to DA's spokesman director, county counsel, and Mike Geniella. county executive [CEO] should

"It was the conclusion have assured the ASO contract included these key provisions District Attorney investigators that there was a lot of false testimony given in the case,

prior to submission to the board for approval." Supervisors voted to privatize its mental health system in DA attorneys concluded May 2013. John Pinches was Third District supervisor at that time. The other four current supervisors - Carre Brown

(First District), John McCowen (Second District), Dan Gjerde (Fourth District) and Dan Hamburg (Fifth District) - were incumbents in 2013.

> the Public Health Branch of HHSA in October 2007. She was elevated to the position of

Fund Drive "I caught up to him and stopped him

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- Northern California honored Eberhard with its first Photojournalist Award in 2015, recognizing his "efforts to document protests" against the project "after enduring months of harassment from police for his coverage." In his opening statement, state prosecutor Harry Gower III said jurors will see and hear evidence that the officers who arrested Eberhard "did not care about the pictures he was taking" and arrested him for one reason alone – because he was trespassing.

Gower said Eberhard and his employer, The Willits News, were well aware of a policy requiring that members of the media be accompanied by a Caltrans escort and wear a hard hat and reflective vest to enter the construction site.

Eberhard's attorney, Duffy Carolan, did not deny that Eberhard knew the policy existed, but said he was treated differently than other trespassers, most of whom were given warnings or citations and released, but not arrested.

The Highway Patrol described its relationship with journalists covering the protests as "a boxing match" the month before Eberhard was arrested, Carolan told jurors in her opening statement. "When CHP believes it's in a boxing match with the media, it's the messenger that's going to go down every time," she said. Protesters who had chained themselves to

construction equipment were given citations and released, but Eberhard was arrested and held in jail for hours, she said. "We think the evidence in this case will show Mr. Eberhard was singled out because of what he was doing on the site in the months preceding his arrest," Carolan said. Gower told jurors the case is not about "whether Mr. Eberhard was treated like a

protester," and that Eberhard was arrested because he was trespassing in violation of a clearly communicated Caltrans policy. The prosecutor said he will emphasize four points at trial: that Eberhard violated the Caltrans escort policy, that he was arrested

for trespassing, that he cannot prove the officers had a retaliatory intent, and that Eberhard suffered no injuries from the arrest.

The first witness to testify, CHP Officer Teddy Babcock, admitted he shoved

Anticipating the state's argument on

"CHP will say this is not a high-damages

"He was made out to be a criminal, not a

Willits, population 5,000, is about 20 miles

to get damages from the state.

Eberhard out of a construction zone on May 21, 2013. Babcock said he "turned" Eberhard and "pushed" him away from an area where

construction workers were driving piles into the ground because Eberhard refused to obey his order to leave the "dangerous" construction zone.

Carolan zoomed in on a photo Eberhard took that day, showing two other people taking photos in the cordoned-off area, who did not appear to be subject to the same orders or aggressive tactics as her client.

"You never shoved anyone else during the bypass construction in the same manner as you did Eberhard that day?" Carolan asked. Babcock acknowledged he had not shoved

other trespassers in the same manner. Carolan cited an earlier incident, in May, when Babcock ordered Eberhard to step away from two protesters as they were

forced into a police car, preventing him from snapping a photo of the arrest. The attorney said only Eberhard was forced to leave the area where the protesters were being arrested, because of who he was

and the job he was doing. Babcock said he remembered Eberhard "being there" during that arrest but did not recall him taking pictures.

On cross examination, Gower asked Babcock if he ever read The Willits News, saw Eberhard's pictures or discussed Eberhard with any other CHP officers or

Caltrans officials. Babcock answered, "Not that I recall," to all those questions. Babcock said he did not care that Eberhard was taking photos of him as he did his duty

as an officer. "They tell us at the police academy, 'You're

there to do a job," Babcock said. "People take pictures of you all the time." As for the pushing incident, Babcock

said, Eberhard was walking toward a crane after entering a cordoned-off, dangerous construction zone without a Caltrans escort. Babcock said he yelled at Eberhard to come back, but Eberhard looked back at him CNSNEWS/Story/Index/87227

Next to testify Monday was CHP Officer Christopher Dabbs, one of the two who arrested Eberhard on July 23, 2013. A videographer captured the initial interaction between Dabbs and Eberhard, before the arrest. Dabbs shakes Eberhard's

because I didn't want him to get hurt,"

in the weeks before that incident.

Arresting officer testifies

hand in the video in what appears to be a friendly interaction.

Dabbs said he asked Eberhard what he was doing on the site and asked him to leave. Eberhard told Dabbs he would leave as soon the officer read him a dispersal order, which CHP officers were told to read as a warning to trespassers before making any arrests on the construction site.

As Dabbs was looking up the dispersal order on his phone, another CHP officer, Korv Revnolds, came over and interrupted

Carolan asked Dabbs if he remembered what Eberhard said to Reynolds at that moment

"He told Officer Reynolds, 'I was going to leave. Officer Dabs offered to read the order to me. I told him I was going to leave," Carolan said, asking Dabbs to confirm it. Dabbs said he did not recall what Eberhard said at that time.

Carolan asked Dabbs if he remembered Eberhard complaining about his shoulders being in pain while he sat in the back of a police car with his hands cuffed for an hour. Dabbs said he did not recall.

"And you told him, 'You should have thought about that before coming out here'?"

Carolan asked. The first day of trial ended on that note, with Dabbs responding he did not recall saying that to Eberhard: "That's not something I would typically say."

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based in Pasadena. Reporter Nicholas lovino is covering the Eberhard trial in depth. His article about day two of the trial, "Big Trial for a Small-Town Newspaper," can be found here: www.courthousenews.com/

the contributors. other than those who wished to remain anonymous, will be acknowledged. The Winter Fund Drive is an important fundraiser for us, and we are very grateful for our community's support.' Marill invited the public to an upcoming

benefit performance for WCS on Saturday, March 19, at Willits Community Theater, featuring John Wagenet and Anita Elliott performing as "Twining Time," with guests Hal Wagenet and Mitchell Holman. He also noted the 4th annual Variety Show to benefit WCS, "Willits On Stage," is set for May 7 at Willits High School.

The latest batch of donors includes Nancy Boone, Delores Braden, Buckeye Construction. Scott & Judy Ferleman. Richard Glanders. Richard Hincker. Gerald & Cheryl Jordan, Daniel Loughry, Christopher Martin & Lucy Sharp, Dennis Miller & Mary Burns, Patricia Moeller, Cindy & Verne Morninglight, David & Ursula Partch, Nika Patterson, Madeleine Russo, Phillip & Kathy Shuster, St. Anthony Church Guild, Gene & Carley Stewart, Margaret Strong, Louise Wilkes, Willits Lions Club, and Mary Zellachild.

WCS is always happy to accept donations to help continue to provide essential services to the Willits community; send donations (checks made out to "Willits Community Services") to WCS, 229 East San Francisco Avenue,

Willits, CA 95490. or drop them

off during office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from noon to 5 pm. Call 459-3333 for more information.

The WCS "thermometer" on East Commercial and Main shows the fund drive goal has been reached

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5P to 8P - 2 random winners/hour (6 winners). Each winner will win \$75 in Free Play. Round #2 Players Club members must play minimally \$30 to be eligible for Round #2 Hot Seat drawings.

The rest of The rest of From Page 1 Prop. 172 Chinese From Page 11 with the high court on February 10. Neary's action based on the initiative's language, particularly Dr. C.C. O'Donnell, who followed Nadel's rebuff of the organization's attempt those parts that would require supervisors to add was running for mayor of to place an initiative before voters to mandate the fire district funding as a line item in the county San Francisco in 1876. board of supervisors consider sharing Proposition 172 public safety funds with the county's 22 The button pronounces: "If you want Chinese and unincorporated fire districts. Japs to go, vote for Dr. C.C. The writ asked the high court to set aside Nadel's county receives. The initiative would also require protocols, among other concerns," Angelo O'Donnell." February 3 ruling "excusing the performance of the board to hold additional budget hearings in wrote. a statutory ministerial duty" by Acting-County This is the challenging each of the county's five supervisorial districts. Counsel Katherine Elliott and to command Elliott social and political climate Those requirements, Nadel said, would impinge "to perform the duties imposed" by California's that Hee-Chorley chronicles on supervisors' right to manage the county's fiscal Elections Code. in her book, focusing on affairs. The appellate court received the case on the life of three Chinese However, she failed to rule on whether the February 19 and rejected it the same day, Neary Mendocino County families: initiative was unconstitutional under California law. told the Brooktrails board of directors Tuesday the Wongs, the Lees and Tuesday, Brooktrails directors unanimously evening the Hees. approved a resolution supporting MCAFD's formula The appeals court declined to hear the case According to Heefor distributing Proposition 172 monies to local fire without expressing a legal opinion on its merits, Chorley's findings, the Neary said. "Since there's no opinion, there's no agencies should the initiative win ballot approval. Wong family had a close Little Lake Fire Protection District directors recently way to tell why the appellate court rejected it. We'll relationship with famous just have to guess.' approved an identical resolution. artist Grace Hudson. "Grace At issue is some \$7.2 million annually in public Hudson and her husband safety (Proposition 172) funds that could help fund independent fire districts in hope of presenting a John," Hee-Chorley writes emergency medical treatment and ambulance united front during pending talks with a board of in her book, "employed services provided by fire districts in Mendocino supervisors' ad hoc committee. Revenue sharing Soon Quong Wong as County's unincorporated areas. is expected to be the cornerstone of those talks, their cook. Wong had four Nadel's ruling and its appeal to the high court according to Brooktrails General Manager Denise children, all born in China. came after MCAFD members Tony Orth of Rose. while in their employment. the Brooktrails Community Services District, Members of the ad hoc committee, supervisors Wong had a wife in China Dave Roderick of the Hopland Fire Protection Dan Hamburg and Dan Gjerde, indicated that and would visit her often District, Emily Stracham of the Mendocino Fire passing the resolution "would be helpful before over the years. Harry, the Protection District, and Michael Schaeffer of the going to the whole board." Orth said. voungest, had six children. Comptche Community Services District, filed a Harry named his first son "The board of supervisors seem to be a bit more notice of intention to circulate an initiative petition after Mark Carpenter, with County Clerk-Recorder Sue Ranochak on nephew to Grace, and his revenue-sharing request, he noted. December 2, 2015. The proposed measure had to first daughter after Mark's "We're trying to deal with a long-standing issue," be named and summarized so the petition could wife, Melissa Carpenter." Orth added, "and I think we'll be able to make real be circulated and enough signatures gathered to During his visits to China, progress in the next 30 days." place it on the November 2016 ballot. Wong and Grace Hudson In the meantime, Neary's legal efforts will Ranochak delivered the paperwork to the office kept up a correspondence. continue at a 9:30 am hearing Friday to ask Nadel of the Mendocino County Counsel that same day, "The letters talked about life to dismiss Elliott's lawsuit, arguing the action was "thereby activating [Elliott's] ministerial, statutory in new environments and brought "in an attempt to stop [MCAFD board duty to name and summarize the proposed their illnesses over a sevenmembers] from exercising their rights of petition initiative within 15 days to enable the circulation year period." Hee-Chorley and restrict their freedom of speech." of the proposed initiative to begin," according to includes several copies of Neary. Elliott, Neary says, has failed to file an answer to these letters in her book. the cross-complaint, and he is hoping for "a narrow Instead, Elliott instead filed suit, asking to be Joe Lee, the author's excused from titling and summarizing the initiative ruling in our favor." great-grandfather, came The rest of Farm School From Page 3 Ardella's From Page 1 to California in the early 1850s with hopes of striking it rich during the Gold Rush. variety of schools, farms, etc., to discover and sending early-morning text messages: "Want to Headed for Monterey in a breaky?!" While some things remain the same, there commonalities and differences, network, junk (boat), along with six and promote the Grange Farm School to a are certainly some exciting changes on the horizon. others, Lee ended up at varied audience. GFS is recruiting students too, including a few changes to the regular menu, some Casper beach instead, five for the next session, which begins in April. already in place. miles north of Mendocino. Both James and Riley will leave the school A tasty addition, and one ordered by yours truly There were no gold in April. off to other interests in farming and Wednesday afternoon, is the Bahn Mi Taco, which mines, but the redwood community can be made with pork or tofu – the latter of which this lumber industry was Eva, an internet and computer whiz, has reporter gives two tofu-loving thumbs up to. The crunchy booming. and many carrots, spicy cabbage and savory sauce make it a great side. been very active on the promotion team Chinese found work as new option for lunch writing for the blog, newsletter, and website, cooks and as laborers. and she also created the new brochure There's also an eggplant Parmesan dish added, From the book: and other promotional material. She will "According to a 1937 article act as the new students' guide to living on former Hoosier and current Willits resident, ordered the

because she believed it contained "fatal legal flaws The rest of Shelter and would be invalid as enacted. Earlier this month, Nadel ruled in Elliott's favor

clearly expressed their concern regarding the initial proposal content, indicating there was insufficient supporting documentation to base budget and to consider - "as an official budget any determination on. Specifically referenced request" - allocating independent fire districts up were the lack of a cost plan, an organizational to 30 percent of the Proposition 172 monies the plan, a staffing plan, clear policies and

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The failed process to secure an outside operator for the county's Ukiah animal shelter has been a long one. Supervisors directed Angelo and county staff to put out a request for proposals on February 17, 2015. The RFP was sent out on June 29 with a deadline of August 4, 2015.

Only one organization, the Petaluma nonprofit, responded to the RFP. The initial proposal was judged to be incomplete or unclear, and so additional information was sought. Petaluma Animal Services supplied In fact, the resolution is being sent to all county more information in mid-December 2015, but that did not satisfy the evaluation committee

The Health and Human Services Committee of the board of supervisors reviewed the status of the RFP process, as well as the situation at the animal shelter, on February 8. Numerous members of the public spoke at the meeting. Some commenters praised the current management of the shelter, but more said the current management wasn't up to the task, and that management of the shelter should be given to Petaluma Animal Services receptive ... a bit more positive" about MCAFD's Foundation.

> The two committee members, John McCowen and Tom Woodhouse, agreed to recommend to the full board that the RFP process should be concluded, meaning Petaluma should be told "thanks, but no thanks."

However, the issue was never brought before the full board of supervisors. On February 9, the board initially agreed to schedule a consideration of the animal shelter for the morning session of February 16. However, later during the February 9 meeting. board members changed their minds. deciding to dedicate nearly all of the February 16 meeting to considering the Kemper report on the county's mental health system.

Angelo sent her letter to Petaluma Animal Services Foundation under her authority as purchasing agent, a position she inherited when the county's executive office absorbed the functions of the county's former General Services Agency.

County Assistant CEO Alan Flora confirmed money was the sticking point on the county's

"If you look at their proposal carefully." Flora said, "I think it's clear that to do all the things and a new Hoosier pork sandwich. Douglas Kerseg, a they were talking about doing, would have cost at least several hundreds of thousands of sandwich this afternoon while out enjoying lunch with his dollars" more than the current system

Currently the budget for the animal shelter "We really missed Ardella's!" said Douglas. "I'm is \$984,087. The county has not funded

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"Things are looking really good, ticket-

wise," explained WEF's Kathleen Lewis.

"We're looking like we might be sold out by

All the monies earned from the ticket

"We support lots of programs at the

the Baechtel Grove and Willits High School

bands, purchased dictionaries, library books

and books on CD, and even art supplies. too.'

This year, Lewis noted that WEF is proud

the time of the event, that's great news!'

WEF



Part #1 3X Points (9A - 3P) Hot Seat Drawings 10A to 3P – Two random winners/hour for \$50 Free Play/winner.

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

> **Bonus Drawing** Ticket Entries available during Part #1 or Part #2 times.

10 points/entry (points earned on specific Wednesday only)

Drawing Time #1 between 10:30P - 10:45P for \$600 Cash Drawing Time #2 after the first drawing for \$300 Cash

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9P to 10P - 3 random winners/hour (3 winners). Each winner will win \$100 in Free Play Round #3

Round #4 10P to 11P - 3 random winners/hour (3 winners). Each winner will win \$200 in Free Play. Players Club members must play minimally \$50 to be eligible for Round #4 Hot Seat drawings.

All winners must use their promotional Free Play by 2A the night they won, or the Free Play will be removed from their account. Customers may win up to two (2) times each Saturday of this promotion.

Saturday Night Bingo March 19 & 26

Bingo at 8P for \$150 Cash, 9P for \$200 Cash, 10P & 12A for \$300 Cash AND 1A for \$400 cash for each game winner. Players Club members may receive one Bingo card after earning 40 points during each specific Saturday. Bingo Cards can start being issued at 7P for the 8P game, and immediately after each finished game to receive a card for the following game

If two customer's claim the win together, the prize amount is "split" between the two winners.

\$20 Cash

\$50 Cash

\$100 Cash

Players Club members that earn minimally 40 points on each specific Sunday, will receive one (only one) Scratch Card (via the Players Club). Each Scratch Card will have a prize (cash or free play), which will be

0 Free Play	\$75 Free Play	
\$20 Free Play	\$100 Free Play	
\$50 Free Play		

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

Management reserves all rights to cancel or alter any promotion with little or no notice.



from Monterey in 1862 asked about their When by Pacific steamer and experiences working on the farm, the married Joe Lee. It is not crew emphasized "teamwork." GFS is "a clear what type of work Joe homestead model. Everyone has a specific Lee did, but he and his wife part, and there are jobs and priorities that remained in the area until need to be done. The roles have been very the early 1900s." fluid." The students definitely work together Hee-Chorley writes that well: At times they're very focused, at other Joe Lee was among the times there's a lot of humor and conviviality. Chinese settlers that built

campus, and organizing food needs and

shopping through the next semester.

in the Mendocino Beacon,

Fong Sung Choy arrived

son.

"I had to learn how to dress in the cold the Kwan Tai temple some and rain!" Riley said. "I'm used to loose time around 1854, giving the clothes in warm weather. It was trial and Chinese a place to practice error to get it right." "It's a 24/7 lifestyle," their religion. Today, it is the James said. "I'm living out what I've only oldest Taoist temple left on read and fantasized about." the North Coast.

The author's grandfather. "It's a community here on site and with the larger Willits community," Eva said. Ah Hee, came to Mendocino in the early 1870s, during "There are always people who have skills the time of the Chinese we want to learn in the Willits area. Last Exclusion Act. where only week a blacksmith stopped by the GFS those Chinese who had offering to teach a class.... How awesome relatives in California were is that?!" "The conversations and learning allowed entrance. Ah Hee from the wisdom offered by community had no such relatives, so members is an important part" of their time he paid someone to state at the school, Riley added. on paper that Hee was his

All three students made it clear that through the GFS curriculum taught on "The term for this is 'paper site, as well as through field trips to other son,' meaning the person successful farms and a hands-on approach in question was related on to farming, they've gained practical skills paper only," Hee-Chorley and new ways of thinking and seeing the writes, "[and] the 'paper world. They feel lucky to have the GFS son' took the name of the experience. person who helped him.'

Oh, and the food? As James put it: "This Thus, it is nearly impossible is the best-tasting and healthiest food for Ah Hee's descendants I've ever eaten." They estimate the farm to trace their lineage any produces from 75 to 100 percent of the further back. food needs for the overwintering crew, the "Chinese In Mendocino students and staff, as well as producing County" is an invaluable vegetables, eggs and chickens to sell. look into an important, yet nearly lost portion of A wonderful sense of community and American history and is

friendship between the GFS students a part of the "Images of infuses farm life. It was difficult to leave America" series published them working so peacefully together in the by Arcadia Publishing. orchard.

To purchase a copy, For more information about the GFS and visit Arcadia Publishing how to apply to be a student or to visit the on the web, WWW. farm, visit www.grangefarmschool.org or arcadiapublishing.com, or the GFS blog at www.grangefarmschool. call 888-313-2665. wordpress.com.

excited to try the Hoosier sandwich, too, and see if it's the maintenance and development of the official Hoosier approved!" shelter's physical plant at all over the past Additional menu changes will be coming down the several years. line, too. Flora said county building and grounds

wife, Joanne.

winter

"Be expecting some new things," said Ardella's costaff were recently sent to the shelter with owner Lori Dorholt. "We're going to be exploring some directions to fix the most pressing problems new items, have frequent menu changes, and play a and to provide recommendations on what little bit with what we'll be offering. old menu, you guys would be too!" laughed Dorholt. The atmosphere was jovial and bright Wednesday, as delighted customers opened the doors and sat down for their much-anticipated meals. Though it was a slightly quiet day - which they attribute to the soft Facebook announcement of their reopening - it was a steady day, and gave the staff a chance to get back into the swing

else might be done to upgrade the facility. "We just figured, if we were sick of looking at the same Flora said he anticipates that executive office staff will likely recommend certain upgrades and repairs to the shelter's physical plant be included in the county's capital improvement plan for 2016-17. The rest of

of things. Each year, Ardella's does take a two-week vacation over the Christmas and New Year holidays, and while that was the original plan this year, too, several issues arose that delayed the reopening date.

The doors closed just after Willits Weekly's Cookie Party, on December 18 last year. While Ardella's was sales go directly to the schools, teachers able to host the event again this year, a plumbing issue and programs. There are no paid volunteers, that required more than a quick fix ended up forcing the Lewis stressed: Anyone who buys a ticket restaurant to close while the floors were pulled up and can be assured their money will go directly to new pipes were installed.

where it's needed. Once the work was cleared and approved, and plans were set to reopen, the dishwashing machine revolted schools," said Lewis. "Over the years we and its fried motor also needed replacing. This delayed have purchased musical instruments for things further.

Seeing the construction zone and repair time as an opportunity for a little relaxation, too, owners Dorholt and

Kathy Albright took a much-needed break, regrouping, relaxing and re-energizing for the eventual reopening. "We've been running Ardella's for 13 years," explained to be supporting the returning Odyssey of Dorholt. "We needed a little break from it, and now that we've had it, we're ready to get back to it. A taste of retirement sure was nice though," Dorholt laughed. "Came so naturally!" Another tease at changes to come was the "for now"

response to continuing to have the same opening days and hours. What does that mean? We'll all just have to wait and see.

However, in the meantime, stop in, have a bite to eat, check out the new grey-toned curtains, and wish everybody at Ardella's a Happy 2016!

the Mind program at Baechtel Grove Middle School. The program hasn't happened

Maureen Moore

for many years, Lewis noted, but with the leadership of BGMS teacher Mary Colvig, students are competing again this year

For ticket information or purchase, please contact Annette Pinon at 459-6588, Warren Lewis at 459-4429, or Cat's Meow in downtown Willits. One of the WEF members will contact you right away!

– Maureen Moore

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Position: Wing

Breakfast of Champions: Fruit and yogurt Love for the Sport: "I like the intensity of the game."

Years Playing the Sport: Four years

My Amazing Athlete this week is Emily Acevedo. In the Mendocino tournament, she had 4 points, 3 assists, 6 steals and 3 rebounds. Emily is one of eight freshmen on our team. Emily is very fast on the court. If we have somebody who is a problem for us, we usually stick Emily on her and tell her to shut her down. Emily gives 110 percent all the time. Looking forward to her returning next year. I believe she will help out the team tremendously. She has been a pleasure to coach.

– Coach Paul Riley

OBITUARY |

Helen McPhillips-Cavanaugh

Helen Lucille McPhillips-Cavanaugh, 88, of Willits passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 31, 2016.

Helen was born to the late Clarence and Clara Robinson in Boonville on April 20, 1927. She graduated from Willits High School in 1945.

While always a busy and talented woman, she used her retirement

to enjoy her time at her ranch taking care of her many animals. She leaves behind a legacy of memories with family and friends. She enjoyed playing the piano at Northbrook while lifelong friend Florence Persico sang. She was also very dedicated to Eastern Star and served as "Worthy Matron" with the Willits chapter.

She is survived by her son Roderick Cavanaugh and wife, Karen, of Willits; daughter Penny Fonzi and husband, John, of Stockton; Kevin McPhillips and wife, Cathy, of Davis; Shawn McPhillips of Willits; and her longtime friend Jim Belvin.



She is survived by 11 grandchildren and two greatgrandsons: Ashley Cavanaugh; Cavanaugh Andrew and fiancé, Sierra Hayes; Haley Grahl AKA Samantha Autumn Helena: Jason Fonzi and wife. Ashley; Aaron Fonzi; Rachel Belvin; Edward McPhillips; Allison (McPhillips) Charter and husband, Nick, and their two children, Bryce Vernon Charter and Graham Henry Charter of Arbuckle.

Also surviving are other family: Tilda Robinson, wife of William "Bill" Robinson of Whitter Springs; Mike and Sherry Falge of Whitter Springs; Fred and Lora Robinson of

Whitter Springs; and numerous great-nephews and great-nieces.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Cavanaugh, Vern McPhillips, her parents, and her siblings, William "Bill" Robinson and Alice Falge.

The family is planning a Celebration of Life to be held at the Willits Senior Center on February 27, at 2 pm. Any charitable contributions can be made to the Little Lake Fire Protection District.

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









CONGRATS | Ethan Fisher

Congratulations to Ethan Albert Fisher on his 13th birthday, February 19, 2016. Ethan enjoyed a special 13th birthday thanks to a ride in his friend Pete Swanton's airplane. Love from mom Evelyn and dad Adrian, brothers Declan and Grant, and all the rest of your family and friends.





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