# Jury clears **CHP**

in Eberhard case

By Nicholas Iovino

**FRANCISCO** SAN (Courthouse News) - A nine-member jury found Monday that state troopers did not intend to discourage a reporter from covering a controversial highway project when they shoved and arrested him in 2013.

Stephen Eberhard, a photographer for The Willits News, sued the California Highway Patrol, one officer who shoved him, and two who arrested him as he tried to shoot photos at the Willits bypass project site in Mendocino County in 2013.

Eberhard's Duffy Carolan, and state prosecutor Harry "Chip" Gower III delivered their final arguments to the jury Monday morning, ending a five-day trial that started February 22.

After a few hours of deliberation, the jury found CHP Officer Teddy Babcock, who shoved Eberhard, and CHP Officers Kory Reynolds and Christopher Dabbs, who arrested him, did not intend to chill his First Amendment rights.

"I regret that the jury didn't see our side of the truth," Eberhard said in a phone call following the verdict. "It's hard to prove intent."

The trial revealed video evidence of CHP officials saying journalists would be the first people arrested

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'Hack and souirt,'

county charter

# petitions qualify for **ballot**

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

Two local grassroots initiative petitions were certified last week as qualifying for the June ballot by the Elections Division of the county Registrar of Voters office.

The initiative that would declare dead trees left standing on commercial timberlands public а and nuisance, give landowners 90 days to remove them, has been titled Measure V.

The voter initiative that would make Mendocino County a California charter county rather than a general law county, has been titled Measure W.

# Measure V

Environmentalists and coastal firefighters joined the past forces over six months to draft and circulate a petition to curb the practice of "hack and squirt," a forestry practice designed to suppress tanoak trees and expedite

Read the rest of Initiatives

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Above, left: Future FFA member and current Baechtel Grove Middle School seventh-grader Claire Case Brackett turns into a baby-goat jungle gym out in the Willits valley field. Above, right: FFA member Kyleena Amador bottle feeds one of the runts. Below: FFA Advisor Kelly Case, left, and Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman, right, pose with goat snugglers, from left, Claire Case Brackett, FFA President Sierra Skinner and Kyleena Amador. At bottom, left: A young goat kid receives some much-appreciated goat head scratches. At bottom, right: Sheriff Allman watches the kids jump and play on the stumps and ramp in the field.



# Goat

Willits valley field filled with bouncing spring babies

Nothing says "springtime" like the arrival of newborn livestock, and some of the very cutest are baby goats. They basically hit the ground bouncing, with long legs, knobby knees and bright eyes. Their curious nature and endless energy make them a fun sight to see from afar while driving by, and a total laugh-filled funfest when out feeding and playing with them in person.

A few members of the Willits Future Farmers of America came out to meet the babies and give a hand with bottle feeding some of the runts at Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman's son's property Sunday morning, and the students had a great time with the herd.

Allman's son Josh and his friend raised the herd, but like these projects can do, feeding and caring for the whole herd has become a family project.

Currently, 14 babies are on the ground out of seven moms. While mainly Boer goats (the types used for meat), a little dairy lineage is also in the mix with some Alpine breed moms.

Singles, twins and triplets are common for goat birthings (or "kiddings" – baby goats are called kids), but three babies usually leaves one kid to rely on the assistance of bottle milk. Two kids, each out of triplet kiddings, Sissy and Scrappy, are enjoying the hand bottle-feeding experience, and the process usually yields a very peoplefriendly goat. However, all the kids were joyous and excited to be visited by the FFA crowd and are surely looking forward to more sunshine-filled days ahead.

- Maureen Moore





# GJ enters Prop. 172 funding feud as court wrangles continue

While the Mendocino County Association of Fire Districts continues its battle before Superior Court Judge Jeanine Nadel and the California Supreme Court to place a proposed initiative on the November ballot, the Mendocino County

Dan McKee Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com grand jury last week issued a report criticizing the methodology the county currently uses to account for how Proposition 172 public safety funds are used.

That methodology is "not transparent to the public or the departments affected," the grand jury report claims, and this has led to "a perception that public safety is not receiving all of these funds as required by law."

The grand jury investigated the issue after receiving a complaint from a member of the public alleging the county "is not managing Prop. 172 funds appropriately to support ... public safety agencies."

The state distributes Prop. 172 revenues to California counties each month. The counties then distribute those monies to local public safety services agencies.

The funds come from a permanent statewide half-cent sales tax, 1993's Local Public Safety

Protection and Improvement Act, placed before the voters by the Legislature and the governor as partial mitigation for property tax transfers to state school districts included in the 1993-94 state budget.

The following year, the Legislature adopted "maintenance of effort" language to ensure local jurisdictions could not supplant their general fund contributions to public safety services with Prop. 172 funds.

Local jurisdictions must update their MOE calculations annually.

Auditor-Controller Lloyd Weer deposits the monies into the county's Public Safety Augmentation Fund. Some of that money is allocated to the county's five municipalities. The remainder is transferred to the county general fund. In fiscal year 2014-2015, that amounted to almost \$5.3

Mendocino County's distribution formula, however, does not include 22 county fire districts; they receive no funding to help maintain their firefighting and emergency medical services capabilities.

This led MCAFD to attempt to place an initiative on the November 2016 ballot that would, in effect, require the board of supervisors to include fire district funding as a line item in the county's annual budget.

Initiative supporters point out supervisors would not be required to budget Prop. 172 funds to the fire districts, although they champion distribution of up to 30 percent of those revenues for fire and emergency

> Read the rest of Over on Page 10 Prop. 172

Supes change course on

# Ortner dilemma

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

Three county supervisors, who on February 16 abandoned their majority view on Ortner Management strong Group under rhetorical pressure from Supervisor John McCowen, reasserted their original position at this week's Tuesday meeting.

As a result, within the next few months the county will send out a request for proposals for a contractor to provide mental health services for adults.

This is a switch from the board's February 16 position, when supervisors embraced a strategy suggested by Lee Kemper, president of Kemper

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# Curry pitches **EDFC** membership

to city

Damian Sebouhian Reporter damian@willitsweekly.com

John Curry of the Mendocino County Economic Development and Financing Corporation gave a brief presentation to the Willits City Council during last week's meeting, extending an offer to the City of Willits to reinstate its membership with the organization.

Based out of Ukiah, EDFC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit community development financial institution that has been operating since 1995, with an extensive lending history. According to its website, EDFC focuses on "providing gap financing and acting as lender-of-lastresort for small business. incubating economic

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# Supes contemplating road tax

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Supervisors heard a report Tuesday by Mendocino Council Governments staff about the condition of the county's road system and about the prospects for winning an election to approve a halfcent sales tax on county residents to deal with the problem.

County roads are bad and getting worse, MCOG Executive Director Phil Dow and Program Manager Nephele Barrett told the board. Voters know it, and

Read the rest of Road Tax

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

#### News from KLLG

To the Editor:

We still need people for our core team: DJs and other programmers – in music, news, sports, arts, emergency preparedness, local commentators. Who here wants their own show?! Students and seniors and everyone in-

We need technician-types who love audio, RF (radio frequency), computers and software. Surely some member of WARS (Willits Amateur Radio Society) would love to share their RF skills and become our tech-hero. Love oligarchy. intricate audio software apps? A radio station's automation software is fascinating and powerful. We need a hero here,

We need people who love people, who can develop skills at outreach and publicity. PR: very creative and endearing.

Finance specialists? We need someone to manage our To the Editor: books and spreadsheets. If our community is going to finance this station, we need clear and tidy bookkeeping. Not a lot of time involved, but exquisite attention to detail.

Where are we at in our process? Two professional radio engineers took a tour of our site at Little Lake Grange. They loved it, and gave us good suggestions for our tower and antenna. They will return, tune our antenna, and make sure our equipment works properly before flipping the switch. We're in good hands. We can get on the air for a

I spoke with Robert Chavez, principal at WHS, and he was enthusiastic about the prospects for student involvement. I'll be meeting with most of our first responders this week. assist them in times of emergency.

Our first major fundraiser for KLLG – "Fool's Errand" – is described elsewhere in this edition of the WW. It's going to be a gas, and a great beginning for involving all of you in the process of making this station your own! Puppets, bluegrass, and funny people...

Now is the time to contact me, 367-1812, if you would like to join our effort. Imagine having our own very local radio station; imagine the possibilities!

Lanny Cotler, Willits

#### Thank you

To the Editor:

I would like to take the time to thank those that took the time out of their professional lives to speak to students about career paths. Willits Charter School recently had a begging and demanding for years. Although the high successful career day made possible by those within our community who understand the importance of inspiration hindered by administrative favoritism and incompetence. and motivation.

The following are true community heroes! Writer, producer, and director Lanny Cotler, Tom Herman at SHN Consulting Engineers, Heidi Barron from Little Lake Clinic Dentistry, Recruiter Kory Stachowski, Musician Carter Lane from forensic science). The students' worlds were made a little broader and their understanding of what it takes to become a professional was narrowed to a meaningful path! Thank

Billy Hetherington, Willits Charter School

# Register to vote

To the Editor:

If you're anything like me, you are thrilled that progressive

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establishment candidate – former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton – for the Democratic Party presidential nomination.

But, if also like me, you are registered for a third party such as the Peace & Freedom or Green parties, you will not be able to vote for Bernie in the upcoming California Democratic Party primary on June 7 unless you re-register

The deadline to re-register is May 23, and you can get a registration form at a U.S. Post Office or register on-line at http://registertovote.ca.gov. Do it right away just to be sure, Bernie is going to need all of our help to topple the

Jon Spitz, Laytonville

# WHS ag department

Is the agriculture department at Willits High School important to you? There is an issue that no one wants to talk about, but the one that will affect the high school, the ag department, and students for a decade or more to come. These issues by inaction or action will be this next week. Please begin thinking about contacting members of the school board.

If the district's intent is to give high school students the opportunity to acquire advanced industry-ready metal fabrication and motor skills and to provide a viable pathway to that end, the district is failing miserably. No one has the guts to tell the community that the district's million-dollar building only has two isolated metal classes, without the They will be happy to learn of our radio's capabilities to advanced skills that were promised. Between the metal and wood shops, there is one office by design. Conceptually, two can share it, but It was certainly designed for full-time positions where construction, machining, motor power, wood working, and advanced welding can be taught all day and night, for high school and college credit.

> The superintendent would argue that a college teacher could be brought in to fill some of that need: I am sorry to say, however, that the superintendent is woefully ignorant on how that works in reality. A transient college teacher comes in for a few hours to teach a class, some machine/ facility breakage occurs, and the resident instructor is left to repair the damage and clean up the mess, and maintenance can't solve all the problems. The only functional program models involve stakeholder resident instructors teaching In 2012, the U.S. Postal Service began closing or integrated or college night classes.

This advanced vocational pathway will prepare students for intern and apprentice positions available in our community: the same industry that has been asking. school is heading in that direction, the evolution is being Administration has not followed through with the promise to the community, leaving our facilities under-utilized, and students unskilled

Two years ago, the administration hired an individual with the same skill set I possess, rather than a complementary Top Shelf, and Officer Mark McNeely (who demonstrated one. There were no goals for a diversified future at Willits High, certainly not in step with student needs. The high school and district were placed on a path that would limit vocational skills for the foreseeable future. Consequentially, community, student, department and high school needs

Let's talk numbers: for the past two years with the new ag teacher (two teachers now), there are 118 students in the ag program. The previous six years had 107, 82, 72, 90, 92 and 95 students. The district is paying a full-time teachers salary for an additional 20 to 30 students. That alone should tell you that there are problems. I have almost a full class of biology students who are not interested in agriculture, just independent Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders is seriously to fill the class. Too many teachers in the same skill set; too challenging the corrupt-to-the-core Democratic Party few students. The science department classes are under-

filled, because of the ag department debacle. There is no rational planning; the situation is a mess.

Why not hire a teacher with complementary skills? One who can teach advanced welding, motors, and machining for a more diversified course offering; the best student outcomes are obtained from a diverse curriculum where students are allowed to find the area where each has an aptitude - a concept that has been successful at Willits High School since 1970.

The ag department's teachers' salaries are funded through the reserves from the Mendocino County Office of Education/ROP-CTE. Those funds will expire in four to five years. At that point, you as board members will have the job of pulling additional funds that you don't have, for an educational redundancy, still without being able meet the needs of the student body, high school or the community.

Without timely action Willits High School will have a dysfunctional ag department rather than one where diverse offerings will allow for additional pathways in food science, as well as the advanced metal, machine and power options.

The top-down approach has not worked; my expectation is that you, as a governing body, will act upon this before it becomes too late. Please hire the correct positions to align with the needs of our community.

Please join me in sending a message to our school board

School board members' email addresses (from the WUSD website): Cynthia Carni, carnimeister@gmail. com; Alex Bowlds, abowlds@novatofire.org; Laurie Harris, LaurieHarris@willitsunified.com; Christopher Neary, cjneary@pacific.net; Georgeanne Croskey, georgeannecroskey@willitsunified.com.

Becky Bowlds, WHS Agriculture Department

#### Bill to stop Post Office closures

Congressmen Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael), David McKinley (R-WV), Jose Serrano (D-NY), and Evan Jenkins (R-WV) Tuesday introduced the "Stop Postal Closures Act of 2016," bipartisan legislation to end the misguided closure and consolidations of mail processing facilities across the country.

consolidating mail processing plants across the country, including two facilities in Eureka and Petaluma. Mail processing plants are the central sorting hubs, and their elimination can mean that mail has to travel further before

Facility closures have been associated with delays in mail delivery, missed overnight mail deadlines, and reduced frequency of deliveries. These closures are particularly taxing on seniors, veterans, and rural communities who depend on timely deliveries for prescriptions and other services. While USPS temporarily halted these closures, they could begin again as soon as spring 2016.

"We all want a modern, efficient Postal Service, but continuing to reduce service standards and close fac is not the way to deliver for the American people," said Rep. Huffman. "It is time to hold USPS accountable for its business actions and how they affect our constituents and their needs. That's why I'm introducing this bipartisan legislation to stop this reckless consolidation plan and give much-needed oversight of the Postal Service, while ensuring that any future closures are based on data and the unique priorities of our local communities.

"Post office closures and reduced hours have hurt many rural West Virginia residents, and the consolidation of mail

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WHS basketball coach

# **Duane Nelson retires**

After 10 years of coaching Willits High School varsity basketball, and 27 total years of high school coaching, coach Duane Nelson went out in style as the Wolverine boys had two wins to close out the season. Willits defeated Middletown 42-35 on February

Forrest Glyer

16. and beat Clearlake 49-39 on February 11 Nelson is retiring after a long and successful coaching career that took him from Laytonville High to Upper Lake and finally Willits.

The team this year consisted of mostly seniors, and Nelson was happy for all of them to end their Willits basketball years with a couple At top: The 2015/2016 Willits High wins. "It was really nice for those seniors to walk out of that gym with School varsity basketball team at their heads up," he said. "They could hand their uniforms in with a big smile on their face.'

Ryan Hosford scored 20 points in the final game against Middletown, and Will Smith added 11. Nelson said there were many good players Above: Coach Duane Nelson. on the team this year, but Hosford, Smith and Anthony Sorace were standouts that helped "carry the load". All three seniors shared "Most Valuable Player"

for the

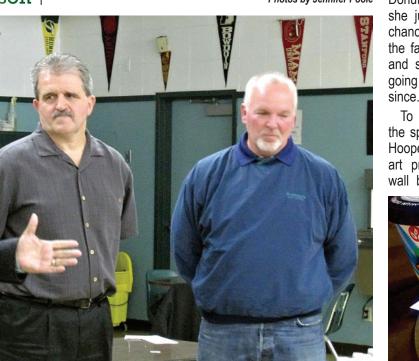
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Below: WHS Principal Robert Chavez praises coach Nelson at Friday's basketball awards ceremony, as Ron Runberg listens.

Photos by Jennifer Poole





assistant coaches Tony Sorace and Ron

she jumped at the chance to help run the family business and says it's been well ever going

Maureen Moore

cheese on sliced bread.

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To help make the space her own, Hooper started an art project on the wall by the shop's



After recently passing her one-year anniversary of running 101

cheese on a croissant, and the Cali (available also as gluten-free),

which is turkey, avocado, spring lettuce mix, tomato, egg and cheddar

Other choices include a Breakfast Bowl with eggs, sausage and

potatoes and a Breakfast Burrito, which includes eggs, potatoes,

peppers, cheese and bacon or sausage. Several flavors of Umpqua

Don't worry though, there's still a large selection of old-fashioned,

cake and glazed donuts, fritters and other tasty sweet treats, including

Orders can be called in ahead so they're ready to pick up on the way

Hooper is a 2014 graduate of Willits High School and has worked at

her family's other restaurant, 101 Drive-In at the north end of Willits,

their two most popular: the blueberry fritter and the Tiger Tail.

oatmeal cups also make a quick and easy meal to go.

On Tuesdays through Sundays

breakfast will be served from 6:30

to 10:30 am, including the Breakfast

Sandwich: ham or turkey with an egg and



24 HR TOWING

At top: Dahvi Hooper poses art wall with two new breakfast offerings in hand. Above: The popular blueberr

At left: The new cups and a ham and egg croissant.



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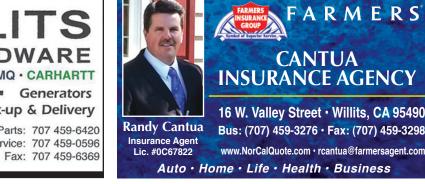


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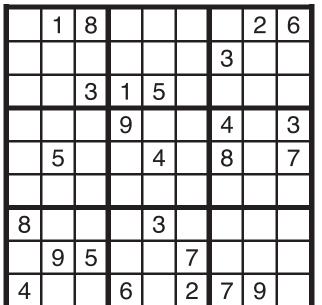
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# Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku



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# How To **Sudoku:**

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

# CLUES ACROSS

1. Sold at a higher price 8. Instill fear 13. Can be domesticated

14. Oohed and \_\_\_ 15. Make too simple 19. Plutonium

20. Necessary for breathing 21. Make happy

22. Mythological bird 23. A baglike structure in a plant or animal

24. Put on \_\_ 25. Type of dough

26. Blushed 30. Celestial object

31. Point \_\_ National Seashore 32. Purplish red

33. Towards the mouth or oral region 34 Portuguese musical

genre 35. Steals 38. Acts insincerely

39. City in Belarus 40. Anticipates

43. Paris airport 44. Deal with 45. No (Scottish) 47. Opens lock

48. Central parts 49. Sheep disease 50. Indicates position

51. Doing many things at 55. Khoikhoin peoples

between countries 58. Long poems 59. The state of being

57. Informal alliance

# CLUES DOWN

poorly illuminated

1. Portico 2. Delicacy

3. Punish with an arbitrary penalty 4. Household god

(Roman) 5. Public television station

6. \_\_ Lilly, drug company 7. Degraded

8. Free from danger 9. Low bank or reef of coral

10. Exclamation of surprise

11. Lies down in rest 12. Give an education to 17. Fat from a pig

18. Belonging to a thing 22. Branches of a bone

25. Having a cheerless aspect or disposition

27. Edema (archaic)

28. Bo \_\_\_, '10' 29. Unfledged or

nestling hawk 30. Surrenders 32. Type of dessert

34. Planted with trees

35. Washington town 36. Listen in

37. Inwardly 38. Chinese province

40. Garrison

41. Converts thermal energy to mechanical work

42. Holy people 44. Lowest point between

two peaks 46. Boundaries

48. Utter obscenities 51. \_\_\_ and cheese

"The first year we told stories about the [1906] earthquake, the second year we told stories about the 52. Member of the cuckoo Civil War," Pack explained. family

This year, the Road Show will be dramatizing stories 53. Type of microscope that relate to the 1916 election and how various people 54. \_\_\_ and Barbie in Mendocino County reacted to the controversial proposition to make alcohol illegal throughout the

community.

Both Pack and Magruder – who performs and acts as dramaturge - chose this particular historic event primarily due to its timeliness regarding our current election year and all the issues surrounding cannabis legalization. The same concerns about the future survival of local economies as a result of cannabis legalization were being experienced 100 years ago regarding alcohol prohibition.

TURN BREWERIES INTO FLOUR MILLS!

The Mendocino County Museum Road Show will

stories from Mendocino County's past, including the

contentious 1916 wet/dry election in California, will be

brought to theatrical life as the troupe travels to five

With sold-out shows in several venues last year.

it is recommended people purchase their tickets in

"We sold out at both of Ukiah's performances last

year," said Road Show Artistic Director Linda Pack,

who also performs in the show. "We came very close

to selling out Cotton Auditorium in Fort Bragg last year,

Pack, host of the KZYX radio program "Mendocino

County Remembered," conceived of the Road Show

three years ago. With the help of the Mendocino

and actors, the show was launched for its virgin

voyage to great fanfare and appreciation amongst the

Each year a new set of stories are dramatized,

revolving around a single theme or historical event.

Kate Magruder, Anna

Kvinsland, Ricci Dedola

and a team of other crew

musicians

members.

different venues around the county.

and that building holds 800 people."

Damian Sebouhian

This was at a time during the lumber industry boom, where a thirsty patron could choose between 22 saloons in the village of Mendocino alone. There were many hops growers in the county, as well as several wineries. While most of the smaller towns were dry at the time, the incorporated cities of Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg and Point Arena remained wet. State-wide prohibition would cause significant upheavals, as it eventually did when it became the law for the entire country in 1920.

The Road Show dramatizes the debates around

"In the show you'll hear the arguments both for and against prohibition," said Pack, "from people whose mendocinomuseumroadshow.org/

open its third annual production in Willits as usual, on Friday, March 11 at Willits High School. True

Steeped in history

In fact, every word spoken by the actors on stage comes directly from the actual words of actual people from the past.

"The material comes from primary sources only," Pack explained. "There's no narration or interpretation, there's no third-party people explaining what happened. It's all the real voices of the real people telling their stories at that time, gleaned from newspapers, letters, magazines, and recollections like oral histories and memoirs."

Most of those sources cannot be found on the internet. Instead, both Pack and Magruder spent many hours at the Mendocino County Historical Society in Ukiah, gleaming through hundreds of dusty old files, putting the pieces together that would eventually be transformed into a dramatic script.

It's a script that calls for seven actors to play close

"I'm playing multiple roles," said Billy Hetherington, veteran Willits actor who has been with the Road Show each of the past two years.

Among the real-life characters Hetherington will be portraying are Whit Hamm, Chester Mack, Fred Diaz, John Fayal, and Big Bad Bill

"I'm used to playing fictional characters, and now I'm playing real people," Hetherington said, when explaining the differences between this production and others he's been a part of. "I want to have fun with the character, but also try to maintain a basis in reality for it. At the same time I'm acting, I'm also paying homage."

Other performers include: Ricci Dedola, Nichole Phillips, Tony Rakes and Lindy Peters

Providing the music for the show will be three-piece band, "All About Sally," led by guitarist and singer David Alden, with Jessie Le VanSant and Sally Graney providing harmonies. The music is designed not only as a soundtrack, but also to move the stories through

The songs are mostly period pieces that correlate with the themes of the stories being told, and include "Alexander's Rag Time Band" and "Buffalo Gals." More modern songs by artists such as Woodie Guthrie and Neil Diamond, are also included in the show.

The Mendocino County Museum Road Show is composed of a dedicated team of over 20 people. Together they have created a show designed to educate as it entertains.

"It is, when all is said and done, a theatrical production," artistic director Pack said. "First, last and always, theater is the best way to tell stories."

The opening night show at Willits High, 299 North Main Street, starts at 7:30 pm; doors open with pre-show music at 7 pm. For more info about other performances around the county, visit www.

2016 Museum Road Show tells stories from 1916 election speeches are all primary-sourced.

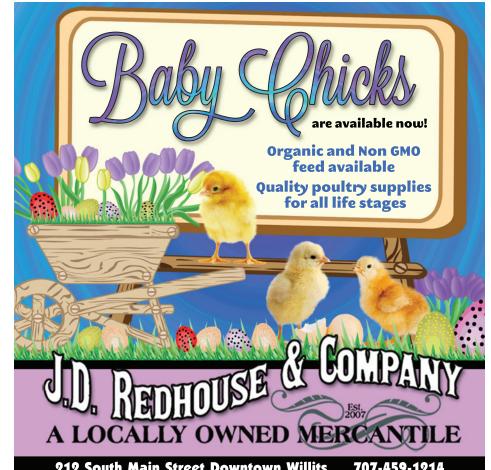


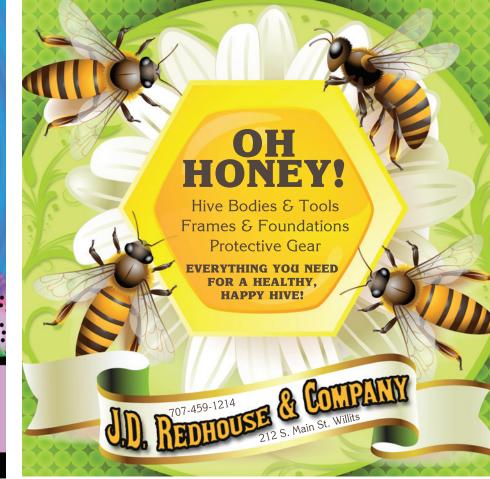


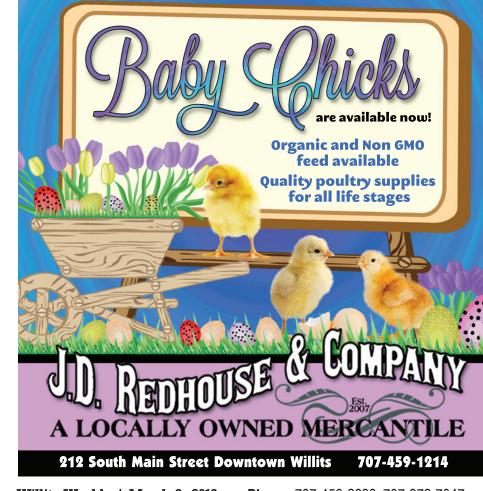


Across the top: Director/actor Ricci Dedola holds a pro-prohibition sign and dramaturge/actor Kate Magruder holds an anti-prohibition sign. Actor Lindy Peters tells a story about home remedies. Actor Billy Hetherington dances with Dedola to the song "Big Bad Bill (Is Sweet William Now)."

Above: A crowd watching fireworks on the Mendocino coast on Election Day 2016. Actor Tony Rakes, playing Albert Wandt, tells a story. Magruder and (at bottom) actor Nichole Phillips portray "women of ill repute" at one of ndocino County's infamous brothels.









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# 16. Provides 56. Michigan **KLLG Radio**

Effort to organize low-power FM station for Willits picks up steam

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Thanks to the efforts of local resident and

necessary equipment. "We have the tower, the call sign, the channel and FCC

Damian Sebouhian the we have the Little Lake

Grange as our location," Cotler said. "We just need the start-up money.'

KLLG are the call letters. 97.9Mhz is the channel. The amount of money needed in order to start broadcasting is roughly \$20,000. The deadline set by the FCC to flip the switch to airtime is January 24, 2017.

"It is not a commercial radio station," said Cotler. "Or even a public community station like KZYX, which has to be many things for many people. This radio station is really going to be dedicated to localization. It's going to be a radio station that brings this town as a community together in order to make it more resilient, more self-reliant, and more sustainable.'

Cotler has led several meetings, inviting anyone interested in helping get the station off the ground, to attend. Notable supporters include Cherie Sheraque, Da The Dangerous Puppets. Grand Pooba, and Michelle Cummins of the Cultivate Wellness Studio. Cummins has set up a Facebook page which currently has 99 followers, and is in the process of setting up a crowd funding account.

Using a "if you build it they will come" philosophy, both Cummins and Cotler are confident that once KLLG reaches its funding goal, radio programmers will be aplenty. "We won't have any problem getting programmers," Cotler said. "They'll come out of the woodwork. This town is full of programmers."

Shows that KLLG is interested in author Lanny Cotler, Willits is very close to broadcasting include perspective programs having its very own low-frequency FM radio from Willits youth, the Latino and Native station up and ready to broadcast, as soon American communities, ranchers, theater, as it generates the funds to purchase the art and poetry programs, politics from left to right, local news, health and wellness. and much, much more.

Cotler stressed the importance of a local radio station during times of emergency or when the power goes down. "When the grid goes down, KLLG will be on the air," said Cotler. "It only takes a small generator to keep it running. Any battery-operated device or a car radio will be connected to instantaneous communication."

Before the shows, comes the organization, and KLLG is in need of volunteers to perform vital tasks like bookkeeping, gathering underwriters, public outreach and social media monitoring

Pooba, the head of Cosmic Pickle Productions, has set up an April 1 benefit event for KLLG to be held at the Grange, called "A Fool's Errand."

The headline act is a return appearance by Jug Tucker - bluegrass and originals from North Carolina - who played at the Grange's Willits Rotary Scholarship fundraiser in January. Mendocino County's own Blue Sky Pie will also play, and Michelle Cummins and her partner Darren Way, will be performing with their troupe

Way has been a puppet maker and performer for over 20 years, carving his unique puppets from local hardwood like madrone and manzanita. The troupe has performed all over California, and the stop action animation videos they've produced have been shown in movie festivals throughout the country.

"It's going to be a kid-friendly show," said Cummins of the Fool's Errand event. Read the rest of Over on Page 13

Radio

Willits Weekly | March 3, 2016

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#### Thursday, March 3

Free to All Creative Writing Class: Starting again on Thursday, March 3 in the Sunshine Room at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, at 1:30 pm. "Join us to find your inner writer." Class continues on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of

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. This week's activities are all about carrots! See article on page 12 for more details. 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.

Willits Charter School Tour: "Interested parents and guardians are invited to an exclusive tour of Willits Charter School. Willits Charter School welcomes applicants in the sixth through 12th grades for the upcoming school year (2016-2017). The tour will be on Thursday, March 3, from 4 to 6 pm at 1431 South Main Street. Please call the WCS 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 www.cdbaby.com/ Artist/AaronFord. South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, enter from Main Street only. Info: 459-9194.

### Friday, March 4

Free Healthier Living Workshop: Workshop in Willits starts Friday, March 4. Sign up now for six free 2.5 hour sessions of The Healthier Living Workshop, which has been taught worldwide. Workshops are for adults interested in becoming more physically active, or who have ongoing health conditions (arthritis, heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, chronic pain, anxiety, etc.), or who are interested in maintaining independence.

Workshops are also for caregivers, family members, or friends of someone with an ongoing condition. Register today for the 6-week series in Willits (beginning Friday, March 4, 1-3:30 pm). Information registration: Blumenfeld: 459-2777 or doreen@

WEF Tri-Tip Dinner: Willits Educational Foundation's annual Tri-Tip Drive-Through

avenuestowellness.org.

Dinner fundraiser is set for Friday, March 4 at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds. Dinner for four, including a whole tri-tip roast, sweet beans, Caesar salad, a loaf of Tam Adams' Emandal bread, homemade cookies, and a long-stemmed rose. Funds raised go to benefit the Willits The Wrongs Krew: first Saturday of the month schools, for grants to teachers for a wide variety of programs that help supplement and inspire learning by local students. More info (tickets are SOLD OUT): Annette Pinon at 459-6588, Warren Lewis at 459-4429, or Cat's Meow in downtown

Achilles Wheel at the Grange: this high-energy Rock, Roots and World Beat group headlines a

benefit fundraiser for The Good Farm Fund. Cosmic Pickle Productions. Friday, March 4 at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Doors open 6 pm, for a no-host dinner by the Zocalo Collective. Music from 7:30 to 11 pm, with The Grateful Bluegrass Boys opening the show, plus a third set with both bands playing together. Concert tickets \$15; available in advance at J.D. Redhouse and online at Eventbrite. Children are welcome; \$2 at the door. Zocalo Collective

chef Mama Jay says the evening's menu, featuring Cajun/Creole and Jamaican lavors, was inspired by Achilles Wheel's fusion of many different types of

music. Main dishes: BBQ Pork Ribs w/ original sauce or Blackened Salmon; sides: Colcannon (golden mashed potatoes with cabbage, garlic, and herbs), Coconut Rice and Peas, Baked Sweet Potatoes, and Salad Nicoise plus Jamaican Curry Chicken Wings, Grilled Cheeses on locally made organic gluten-free bread; and dessert: organic & vegan Hummingbird Cake. Menu prices range from \$4 to \$15.



Opening March 5th 6-9 PM

"Less is More": Willits Center for the Arts' March show, More" "Less ls opens with an artists reception, Saturday, March 5 from 6 to 9 pm. Featuring

mixed-media work of Dorothy Asbury, Mya Byers, Julie Byers, Tonia verstein, and Celia Price. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Visit http:// itscenterforthearts.org

House Music night benefits the annual "Wrongs of Summer." Tonight, 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 Main Street only. Info: 459-9194.

#### Tuesday, March 8

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: "Risen" and "Witch." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre. com. 57 East Commercial Street, 459-6696.

# Thursday, March 10

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Bob Pritchard

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. See Thursday,

> details. 'Business Success after the Bypass': a 18 Keys to Guaranteed

March 3 listing for more

free presentation by marketing and business Business Success -Life After the Bypass" Pritchard will address how local business, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, can make Willits a

destination for visitors. Thursday, March 10 at entirely from local 6:30 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street. Hosted by the City of Willits and the Willits Chamber of Commerce. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details. Seating is limited; please R.S.V.P. with number attending to 459-7910 or register on Eventbrite (https:// bobpritchardkeystobusiness.eventbrite.com).

More info, call the Chamber at: 459-7910.

What's Happening Around Town

Old Blind Dogs at WCT: This four-piece band from the cutting edge of Scotland's roots revival, performs at the Willits Community Theatre on Thursday, March 10 at 7 pm. Since forming in the 1990s, the popular band has developed its own trademark style, combining an energetic mix of dynamic percussion, polished vocals, soaring fiddle and stirring pipes - all blended to fuel their delicately-phrased melodies and traditional songs. Advance tickets \$20; available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets also available at the door

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until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

# Friday, March

9th annual Chili Cook-Off: 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

"People's Choice,"

Favorite. "Hottest Chili," "Most Entertaining/Best Decor" and "Crookedest Team." Enter your favorite chili: \$25 entry fee. Taste and vote for your favorite chili: \$8, \$7 members, \$5 kids. Fresh-baked corn bread muffins, frosted mug root beer floats available expert Bob Pritchard on Call Harrah Senior Center for entry form or more info: 459-6826.

> Mendocino County Museum Road Show: Local history springs to life in this 3rd annual countywide touring production that opens in Willits - one night only! - on Friday, March 11 at Willits High School at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7 pm for pre-show music by Americana ensemble All About Sally. "A completely new selection of stories gleaned

sources tales of hoppicking, childhood home remedies, politics, temperance campaigns, and the exciting, critical election of 1916 wet

pranks,

vice,

dry in Mendocino Tickets are \$15; \$12 for seniors 65 & over and for youth 20 & under (parental guidance is suggested, and attendees are asked not to bring young children) Tickets available in person or by phone at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits, 400 East Commercial Street or 459-2736 or online at www. MendocinoMuseum.org. See article on page 5 for

Shanachie Pub: Mendo Dope, Daniel and

Bryan Eatmon aka "Old E" and "Bleezy": "infusing a west coast style flow with a cannabis culture lifestyle, creating an original sound that was built up independently." Visit www. mendodopemusic.com. 9 pm. \$5. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, enter from Main Street only. Info: 459-9194.

# Saturday, March 12

**Spring Meditation Training Course:** a free 10-week meditation seminar, providing "everything needed to launch your own satisfying and effective meditation practice in a supportive group practice, "starting March 12, continuing every Saturday from 2 to 4 pm through May 14, at the Inner Resource Institute,

1500 Hearst Road. "Everyone needs meditation for healing, stress release, the development of inner poise and for the realization of our full potential. Countless scientific studies have proven the rapid and reliable benefits of ongoing meditation practice. Even meditating for five minutes a day has a profound and positive effect on health, relationships and work." To register or for questions: 707-357-4676.

American Legion St. Patrick's Day **Dinner:** American Legion-Willits Post #174 hosts the annual Duane Brown Memorial St. Patrick's Day, Corned

This fundraiser for the Willits Charter School features

country artist McKenna Faith (from Ukiah, currently living

in Nashville), and local singer/songwriter Sarah Rose

McMahon. Plus silent auction and bake sale. Saturday,

March 18 at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, doors

open at 8 pm. Tickets \$20 for ages 20+: \$10 for ages

6-18; under 6 free. No-host BBQ dinner, \$7. Tickets at

willitscharter.org/fundraiser or at WCS front office.

Country

Saturday, March 19

Music Festival

Garlic is as

Good as Ten

Wednesday, March 17

The Now and Then

Film Series at the Grange

presents Les Blank's 1980

film featuring chef Alice

Waters of Berkeley's Chez

Panisse restaurant and a

flavorful musical soundtrack

while exploring the history,

consumption, cultivation and

culinary/curative powers of

the stinking rose. The SF

Chronicle called this loving

ode to garlic "a joyous,

nose-tweaking, ear-tingling,

mouth-watering tribute to

a Life Force." 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Come early for trailers & short films - and the 1st annual garlic

'finger food' potluck' (small fee requested from those without a dish

to share). Your donation of \$5 to \$10 helps keep the film series

Mothers

#### Beef & Cabbage Dinner, Saturday, March 12 from 5 to 7 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street. Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage, Murphy's (Spuds), Carrots, Onions, etc. and dessert. Tickets: \$18, \$9 for children under 13; free for children

Shanachie House Of Mary, out of Sacramento, "powerful indie, acoustic, Americana originals' Visit www.facebook. com/Houseofmarvmusic. Opening performer: lan Kashani. 9 pm. No cover

under 5, Tickets may be

purchased at the door.

50 South Main Street behind Adam's Restaurant, enter from Main Street only. Info: 459-9194.

# Sunday, March 13

Town Hall Meeting on Mental Health: The topic of this Town Hall Meeting is: "Mendocino County Mental Health Services: What we have; What we need; How do we get there?" with panelists Wynde Novotny, executive director of Manzanita Services; Mark Montgomery, vice president of operations for Ortner Management Group; and Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman discussing the existing and desired status of Mental Health Services in Mendocino County. Sunday, March 13 from 4 to 6 pm at Willits Community Center, 111 Commercial Street. Community members will have the opportunity to jot down questions that will be read by our facilitators and answered/ explained by our panel. Refreshments provided by the 95490 Town Hall planning committee.

COLUMN | At the Movies



'Spotlight' **Best Picture** 

The Story: The Boston Daniel Essman Globe's "Spotlight team" of reporters specializes in

investigative bombshells. This is the story, no, make that the bombshell report on the Catholic Church's decades-long cover-up of child molestation by priests.

> My Thoughts: I love movies about intrepid reporters fighting the Big Shots and entrenched special interests in order to get The Story. This is such a movie. The music, the dialogue, the importance of the story ... well ... some flicks are just perfect. Perfectly paced. Perfectly shot and written. Impressively acted. The technical aspects of this flick blew me away.

Kind, compassionate and arresting interviews between reporters and molestation victims will hit you in the heart. The power and omnipresence of the Catholic Church in Boston generates and sustains suspense. Despite knowing how this all turned out, I was in doubt until the end. I've watched "Spotlight" three times. It will grab you. A great movie.

> Parents: Not for children. It is a grade A positive movie for teenagers and adults.

> Note: "Spotlight" just finished its run at the Noyo. Rent it at Main Street Music and Video.

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

# Senior Center Lunch Week of March 7

through March 11

Monday: Spaghetti Meat Sauce Tuesday: Chili Cheese Dog Wednesday: Salisbury Steak Thursday: Chicken Tostada Friday: Pork Chops w/Yams

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

# St. Patrick's Day at Shanachie Pub

"It's a St. Patty's Day Party with San Francisco's Queen of Boogie Woogie" Wendy DeWitt, boogie woogie and blues pianist who's had "a career that included touring the United States and Europe with rhythm-and-blues legend Hank Ballard Main Street only. Info: 459-9194.

# **Ongoing Events**

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 March 3: Farmers Market

"Less is More": Willits Center for the Arts' March show, "Less Is More" opens with an artists reception, Saturday, March 5 from 6 to 9 pm. Featuring mixed-media work of Dorothy Asbury, Mya Byers, Julie Byers, Tonia Silverstein, and Celia Price. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Continues through March 27; gallery hours: Thursdays and Fridays, 4 to 7 pm; Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 3 pm. Visit http://willitscenterforthearts.org

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. More info: 459-5908.

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

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

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

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

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the 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.



# Ridgewood Ranch Spring Nature Walks

Start Saturday, March 19 This year's docent-led walks at

Ridgewood "Seabiscuit" Ranch, 16200 North Highway 101, 5.5 miles south of Willits, start on Saturday, March 19 at 10 am

(rain cancels). Free to the public. Meet at the Ridgewood Ranch Oak Woodlands Conservation Trailhead (conservancy shed). Follow directions to the Golden Rule RV Park for ranch access. All walks are guided. Saturdays through April 16. Visit www.seabiscuitheritage. org/conservancy.html for info or call 707-391-3872.

# **Date** Les Blank's "Garlic is as Good as Ten Mothers," March 17. Little Lake Grange

**Twining Time and** friends, Willits **Community Services** benefit. March 19. Willits Community Theater

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McKenna Faith and Sarah Rose McMahon, Willits Charter School benefit, March 19, Little Lake Grange

# MENDOCINO COUNTY ROAD SHOW Our County's History in True Stories and Songs ★ A Live Theatrical Spectacle! ★

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# 'Business Success after the Bypass'

# Marketing expert Bob Pritchard

Thursday, March 10

Willits Chamber of Commerce hosts world-renowned marketing and business expert, Bob Pritchard on "18 Keys to Guaranteed Business Success – Life After the Bypass," on Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 pm at Willits City Hall

Join your community and take advantage of this free seminar to learn about what critical changes the Chamber of Commerce is proud to host this dynamic, professional expert who will share his years of experience. Bob Pritchard will address how local business, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, can make Willits a destination

owners, business leaders and community members interested in learning how to

A Los Angeles-based businessman, entrepreneur and marketing consultant for 25 years, Pritchard has consulted to 91 Fortune 500 companies on six

program that attracts nearly 590,000 listeners. He is also the honorary president of the American Institute of Sales, Marketing and Management.

number attending to 459-7910 or register on Eventbrite (https://bobpritchardkeystobusiness. eventbrite.com). More info, call the Chamber at:





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future may hold and how these changes can be beneficial your business. Partnering with the City of Willits, the Willits

This special Thursday event is sure to be insightful and informative for business thrive after the bypass.

continents, won the coveted "International Marketer of the Year" award, and hosts a global business radio

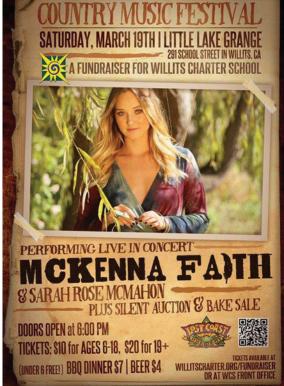
Seating is limited; please R.S.V.P. with

- submitted by Willits Chamber of Commerce

# **'Twining Time'** benefit

Saturday, March 19 Willits' own folk duet "Twining Time," John Wagenet (vocals/guitar) and Anita Blu (vocals/keyboard) will join with world-class musicians Hal Wagenet (lead guitar) and Mitchell Holman (bass) to perform a concert on Saturday, March 19 to benefit Willits Community Services and Food Bank. This "fun evening of originals

and modern favorites in the spirit of old time mountain music, folk, and vintage country - with plenty of audience participation expected – is set for 7 to 9 pm at the Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). Tickets, \$15, are available in advance at Mazahar and at the door (only 74 tickets available. Sponsored by Sparetime Supply, Coast Hardware, Willits Redwood Company, North Coast Resource Management, Willits Power and Hardware, Willits Furniture, and Round



# Seeking tax forms?

Willits Librarian Jill Dorman has announced that free tax forms are now available ("they arrived late") at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, 459-5908. Willits Library is open Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 10 am to 8 pm, Thursdays from 10 am to 6 pm, and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm.

# Honoring Women in Public Service & Government March 6, 2016 - Sunday 12:30 pm Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse 107 South Oak Street, Ukiah Presented by Mendocino Women's Political Coalition with AAUW & Ukiah Saturday Afternoon Cl **Program Dedication** rleen Shippey & Judy Pruder \* Refreshments \* Silent Auction MC: Maureen "Mo" Mulheren Everyone is Welcome!

33rd Annual Women's History

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The Summer Arts and Music Festival is also still accepting vendor applications, through March 15. Vendor spaces are offered in and nearly a quarter century at the helm a variety of sizes and prices. Handmade craft booths cost \$250 for a 10x10 space and \$300 for a 10x10 corner location. Non-profit of a powerhouse blues combo called Blue information booths are offered at \$100 for a 5x10 space and \$140 for a 10x10 space. Food booths are priced at \$380 for non-profits Saloon. Thursday, March 17 at Shanachie and \$760 for commercial vendors. A variety of package deals also offer parking and electricity options. To apply, download a vendor Pub. 8 pm, \$7. 50 South Main Street, application from the Summer Arts page at www.mateel.org or call the Mateel office to have one mailed to you. Vendor applications must behind Adam's Restaurant, enter from be postmarked no later than Friday, March 15th to be eligible. More info: visit www.mateel.org or call 923-3368.

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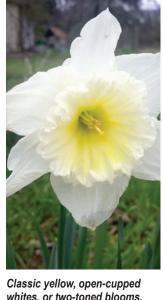




Daffodils of all kinds are in full bloom around Willits







whites, or two-toned blooms. so many lovely varieties! These afternoon on Locust Street.

Photos by Maureen Moore







COLUMN | Intuitive Patterns

# **March 2016**

Osho Zen Tarot: Ordinariness.

Friendliness, Patience

Medicine Cards: Dolphin, Antelope Mayan Oracle: Resolution of Duality, Ix, Dissonance Ancient Egyptian Tarot: Six of Disks, High Priestess,

Princess of Disks Aleister Crowley Deck: The Trickster Magus, Luxury,

The Universe

Healing Earth Tarot: The Moon, Emperor Words of Truth: Brilliance, Self Image, Competition

March comes in with an eclipse on March 8 in the deeply feeling sign of Pisces. So those of you who are mutable signs may feel this the most (Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces). Expect to have your imagination activated, and your creative spirit will want to shift, grow, expand, or make you choose situations that allow your creativity to come further out. Eclipses are the "Wild" cards of the zodiac and, as such, they uproot and surprise you to make changes and they can do that in a dramatic fashion. Creatively and artistically, some of you will experience a strong new beginning, so don't be afraid. This could be very fun!

The Lunar Eclipse is occurring on March 23, and it is in Libra. If you are affected by this eclipse, then you will be looking backwards and reflecting on things and issues from the past that did not get resolved in a balanced fashion. Those of you with legal issues, it is important for you to be more aware as things from your past can surface.

Astrologically with Jupiter still in Virgo, you are still dealing with the intense focus in your life of getting your body back in alignment and getting the details of vour life back into some sort of order that flows more

This is a month when getting the taxes handled now is a better idea than waiting till the last minute. Mars is going to start to slow down before it goes retrograde on April 17, and as it grinds to a stop you will feel as if you are trying to move through mud to get things done. But at the beginning of March you still have some forward movement of Mars (the energy planet), so don't wait.

This month you are still trying to broaden your horizons, but it is difficult, so don't take it personally. Saturn is teaching us some tough lessons, and learning new things and implementing new skills is always somewhat complicated and frustrating. The easiest ways to handle Saturn is to stay as openminded as possible and accept all new options as real possibilities. Assume you do not have the answers, but those answers are being presented. You just have to recognize them when they surface.

This is a month when surrendering to fate, karma. and other powers greater than your merely mortal self is where you will find the liberation and unique expression you are seeking. In this storm of energy,



Suzanne Wagner

Saturn and Neptune still smarting, you have to recognize that something more powerful than your mind is in play in your life. Take a breath and let that wave of change take you somewhere unique. By the end of this year you will

with the effects of the square between

find yourself in a place that you did not expect, but this new place will be much better than you imagined. Trust the process and let go.

It is time to practice aligning your heart knowing with your integrity. Magic is afoot, and you will know that because of all the confusion and chaos. When magic shows up, the old order of reality becomes skewed, and that is a sure sign that something beyond the controlled patterns of the mind is messing with the reality. This month you do not need others' approval of your choices or actions. You only need to be in alignment with your open and innocent self and allow that transparency to mold your world into a different pattern.

This is a month of initiations. Do you know where you belong? Have you found your spiritual family? The desire to find that connection is strong this month, and it is through perseverance that you discover what you are seeking is close at hand. This can be easy.... All you have to do is to follow the joy. Those people in your life that you want approval from are probably not going to give you what you want. So do what feels right for you, and take that risk to trust that heart connection that is growing stronger and stronger inside.

Can you see through the surface appearance of the drama in your life? When you look past the complexity of the stormy ocean and go beneath the chaos of the waves, you find a path of simplicity and better balance. Your resistance is being broken down by the waves of Neptune in Pisces and, as the walls come tumbling down that have been protecting your essence, the frequency and tone of your life may shift and you will see beyond what others told you and into the core truth of who you are.

Dolphin is teaching you a new rhythm and pattern for your life. There is a solution to the present situation in which you find yourself. The answer may be easier than you want to believe, but it asks you to let the old pattern dissolve away and allow a more fluid and trusting pattern in your life to emerge.

This is a month to take appropriate action. To do that you will have to listen closely, because some things are all about timing and being in alignment with the synchronicity of life. When you are in perfect flow with life, situations that seem blocked open for a brief moment, just long enough for you to do what you need. You have an inner brilliance and light that is

redefining your self-image. You do not need to compete with others to find yourself. You only need to do what is opening you in the moment and be at one with the grounded potential that is always present. Suzanne Wagner is a professional psychic who teaches the intuitive arts

throughout the United States. She is the author of "Integral Tarot" and "Integral Numerology," which can be found on Amazon.com. For more information: visit www.suzwagner.com or call her at 707-354-1019.



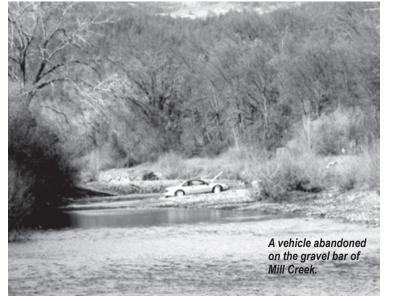
Round Valley Indian Tribes:

# Don't drive through winter streams

Submitted by the Round Valley Tribes **Environmental Protection Agency** 

The Round Valley Indian Tribes reside in northeastern Mendocino County, and their reservation covers over 36 square miles in and around the community of Covelo in the Middle Fork and North Fork Eel River watersheds. In order to protect reservation waters and to maintain conditions suitable for fishing, swimming and drinking, the RVIT Tribal Council has set up the RVIT Environmental Protection Agency. Tribal EPA works closely with state and federal water quality agencies and the community to protect and maintain water quality. This press release is concerning driving through rivers and streams on the reservation, but RVIT also has concerns about such activities other areas of the Eel River basin.

Roads in Round Valley have wet fords in some locations where the RVIT and Mendocino Read the rest of Over on Page 11 County have not Streams



# Larry Aguirre to provide full-time care at Little Lake Health Center

By Jendi Coursey, for MCHC

MCHC Health Centers is pleased to announce that as of March 7, physician assistant Larry Aguirre will begin caring for patients in Willits full-time at Little Lake Health Center, filling the void left by the departure of Chad Eventide. Aguirre has been dividing his time between Willits (one day a week) and Ukiah (four days a week), caring for patients at two MCHC Health Centers locations. He welcomes the opportunity to work full-time in Willits, where he

As a family medicine provider, Aguirre cares for patients of all ages. In addition to his medical practice, Aguirre teaches Women's Health at Mendocino College (where he also studies fencing) and serves as an Army Reserve officer. He came to Mendocino County three years ago after his friend and colleague, physician assistant Paul Hupp, began working at MCHC Health Centers' Ukiah site: Hillside Health Center.

Aguirre completed his undergraduate education at Redlands University, where he fulfilled his pre-med requirements as well as delving into anthropology, history and sociology. He completed his physician assistant training at Western University of Health Sciences and worked as a PA in San Diego before coming up to Mendocino County. Recently, recognizing a community need for more psychiatric Lake Clinic at 456-9600.

care, Aguirre enrolled in a fellowship in psychiatric medicine through UC Davis.

"Primary care training doesn't include much behavioral health, so the fellowship will provide really useful information," he said. He explained the close ties that often exist between people's emotional and physical health, a model referred to as the bio-psycho-social model, and said he hopes to help patients better understand the connections between their emotional conditions and their physical illnesses.

Aguirre is married with two children, ages 1 and almost 3. His wife works at Mendocino College in Ukiah and the Mendocino County Museum in Willits. When they aren't working, they enjoy the outdoors, including hiking and camping.

"I'll miss my patients in Ukiah, but I'm really looking forward to establishing my practice in Willits," he

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place it on the ballot.

Elliott acted in her own capacity as county counsel, she has said, not on orders from the board of supervisors.

secure enough voter signatures to

Last month, Nadel upheld Elliott's position that certain parts of the initiative were fatally flawed legally because they would interfere with supervisors' power to manage county finances.

MCAFD attorney Chris Neary then filed a writ of mandate with the state supreme court asking it to set aside Nadel's ruling and to order Elliott to title and summarize the proposed initiative. The high court kicked the matter down to the state appeals court, which on February 19 refused to hear the case. Neary refiled the writ with the supreme court this week.

Last Friday, however, he was back in Nadel's Mendocino County court, asking her to uphold a cross-complaint against Elliott charging the acting-county counsel's lawsuit was an attempt to infringe MCAFD's "freedom of petition and restrict their freedom of speech.

Nadel maintained her earlier ruling covered both cases – the writ of mandate and the crosscomplaint

"My ruling addresses everything in your prayer for relief," she told Neary. "You can move forward

"I'm pretty sure I did not waive the issue of cross-complaint," Neary replied. "I filed the crosscomplaint for several issues" not covered in Nadel's ruling.

He again argued Elliott "has no authority to initiate action on her own." but Nadel responded she saw "no distinction between [Elliott] taking a pro-active approach or waiting for the county to take action.

Elliott pointed out the briefs in both cases had been "filed under the same [superior court] case number, so in her opinion "all matters have been adjudicated

"Filings under the same case number isn't really responsive to the issue," Neary shot back.

Nadel said she had not vet signed the judgment in her previous ruling regarding the constitutionality of MCAFD's proposed initiative, and would refrain from doing so until after a March 25 hearing.

Nadel also reiterated she had no plan to take up the issue of whether county fire districts were entitled to Prop. 172 funds. "That's totally separate, and I'm not going to touch it."

That same day, the grand jury weighed in on the matter, releasing its report, complaining that while the county budget shows the Prop. 172 funds received from the state as revenue, it fails to "document any specific allocations to the sheriff, district attorney, jail, or probation" department.

Instead, the report charged, the county uses its maintenance of effort computation to account for the allocation of those funds. That calculation is intended to document that Prop. 172 funds are dedicated to public safety services and demonstrate that minimum funding levels for public safety functions equal or exceed the 1992-1993 base year funding, adjusted by a growth factor, according to the report.

"However, the auditor-controller has been unable to adequately explain the MOE calculation used by Mendocino County to either the grand jury, the district attorney, or the sheriff in a manner that is readily understandable or in a fashion that clearly demonstrates the allocation of these funds to these entities," the grand jury report claims.

auditorcontroller stated the MOE calculation has not been updated vearly as required [by law]," the

report continues. "This lack of clarity has led some - both county officials and members of the public – to guestion whether the county has improperly diverted Prop. 172 funds to purposes other than public safety.'

"Statements from county officials have fueled questions," the grand jury report alleged, citing a May 26, 2009 email from the auditor-controller to the district attorney: Prop 172 funds are placed in a nondepartmental revenue budget unit, the email explained, "along with all other discretionary revenues not allocable to one specific department. They aren't spread to the public safety departments, but what this does is spread the pain to all net county cost-consuming

"The use of the current MOE methodology as the only method of illustrating allocation of

Prop. 172 funds has been questioned in particular by Mendocino County district attorneys and sheriffs for decades," the grand jury report

The report cited a memorandum dated March 25, 2003, from the then-district attorney to the auditor-controller, which stated:

"It was clearly not the intent of the people, nor in the 'spirit' of Prop. 172, to place public safety augmentation funds in some vague, indistinguishable line item known only to the auditor and the

"It was clearly not the intent of the people, nor in the 'spirit' Prop. 172, to slip public safety augmentation funds into the general fund in a sub rosa manner, resulting in public safety organizations having knowledge of neither the amount of the funds nor their disposition.

"It was clearly not the intent of the people, nor in the 'spirit' of Prop. 172, that public safety organizations would get no distinct revenue credit for the 'dedicated revenue source' for which the people voted.

"It was clearly not the intent of the people, nor in the 'spirit' of Prop. 172, that a county auditor undermines the people's desire for increased public safety funding, and then excuse this betrayal of the people's trust by saying, 'It's legal."

According to the grand jury report, Sheriff Tom Allman "went so far as to hire outside counsel to provide a legal opinion as to the legality of using Prop. 172 revenues for purposes other than

The outside counsel opined: "Prop. 172 funding is intended to be supplemental to local funding for public safety, not a replacement" and "Prop. 172 funding must be classified as a restricted revenue source for the purposes of the ... calculation of the property tax exchange in an incorporation," the report stated.

In addition to interviewing Weer, Allman, District Attorney David Eyster, county Chief Executive Officer Carmel Angelo and Chief Probation Officer Buck Ganter, the grand jury also examined the budgets of 20 randomly chosen California counties. It discovered "70 percent of them clearly showed Prop. 172 funds as revenue for particular county public safety departments. Moreover, these counties did so in a way that an average person could find this in their county's budget."

It should be noted, the report continued, that "both the CEO and auditor-controller have expressed a willingness to alter the format of the county budget to make the allocation of public safety augmentation funds more transparent beginning in 2016-

"The auditor-controller has stated this would not be difficult to achieve," according to the grand

development projects, and coordinating economic

development activity for Mendocino Countv.' Curry updated the council on EDFC's latest

"We have now gone from one lone program to three, which includes a micro-lending program of up to \$50,000," Curry said. "We've deployed over threequarters of a million dollars since the last calendar vear. We've leveraged community capital to create a direct public offering for a wool mill in Ukiah, which is a blueprint for other projects, like a meat processing facility, and for revitalizing some of our industrial

Crediting its partnership with the Willits Economic Localization group, or WELL, for the success of the wool mill's creation. Curry explained the mill currently has 19 investors involved through its direct public offering program.

According to the EDFC website: "Our direct public offering provides a unique opportunity to move your money off of Wall Street and onto Main Street, and invest in social entrepreneurs who value people,

Curry said, because of EDFC's recent successes he and other members of the corporation have captured the attention of organizations outside California who wish to learn about and utilize the direct public offering program

"The direct public offering is innovative and revolutionary," said Curry. "To the point that I've been invited to Oregon to talk about this process, and in Colorado, there are groups who want to replicate what we've done here.'

Curry next discussed future opportunities EDFC would like to be involved in regarding the postbypass, post-cannabis-legalization environment.

Citing the need to consider tourism prospects in the area, Curry said: "Tourism efforts are enhanced by the fact that the same reasons that bring people to visit are going to be the same reasons they would come and open up a business here.

Towards that notion, Curry expressed the importance of increasing broadband speed in Willits and the surrounding areas. With faster broadband, "Willits can attract viable 21st century businesses to its urban corridors." he said.

From Page 1 Eberhard

during protests, as well as internal emails calling press coverage "counterproductive" and seeking to restrict media access to the construction site

In his closing statement, Gower told jurors that officers took action against Eberhard not because of what he was doing, but rather because of where he

"When you look at the evidence, the reason they did these things was not to discourage him from taking photos," Gower said. "Officers Dabbs and Reynolds arrested Mr. Eberhard because he was trespassing. Officer Babcock pushed him because he was in an unsafe area.'

Eberhard, who won an award from the Society of Professional Journalists - Northern California for his coverage of the project, said he does not regret reporting on the story, even though he was assaulted and arrested in the process.

The rest of From Page 1 Ortner

Consulting Services. Kemper had recommended the county prepare an RFP, but hold it in reserve until it is seen how current contractor Ortner Management Group meets the challenges of the county's campaign to expand and improve adult mental health service delivery. The threat of sending out a new RFP was to be regarded as "the stick" in a "carrot-and-stick" scenario.

By announcing its intention to prepare and circulate an RFP, the county is abandoning the stick. This could be interpreted as meaning the county doesn't expect Ortner will want to rise to the higher performance standards the county now requires.

Board Chairman Dan Gjerde separated the mental health issue into two items at the Tuesday's meeting. The first was consideration of an array of actions designed to tighten the contract with private providers Ortner Management Group and Redwood Quality Management Company. These were the 37 actions suggested by Kemper in his report, which the board discussed on February 16.

Among the many requirements of this item are:

 Require each administrative services organization to develop a system design structure report that fully describes each delivery system.

· Require the CEO to direct the mental health director to hire or appoint a contract manager to maintain oversight of both ASOs.

 Direct both ASOs to implement MOUs with all elements of the mental health system, including hospitals, community health clinics, substance abuse treatment systems, justice system and public guardian

 Clarify the basic components of billing protocols. Define administrative activity, direct mental health

• Reach agreement on the methodology for billing by CEO Carmel Angelo. and payment for these activities

 County administration, including CEO, the HHSA director, the mental health director and the board of supervisors, build consensus on acquiring an incounty crisis and residential center

 Create a clinical review process for the more contentious involuntary psychiatric hold decisions.

This item was approved by the board on a 3-2 vote, with Gjerde, Third District Supervisor Tom

Lastly, Curry discussed how EDFC can help cannabis cultivators become financially compliant.

"There's some innovative things we're trying to talk to with the state about how to finance [cannabis growers'] compliance," Curry said. "Banks can't handle it right now, nor the federal government, but through community localization, we'll be able to address some of these concerns.

Curry told the council that through its advocacy programs regarding all these matters, the City of Willits would benefit greatly by reinstating its membership with EDFC

No action was taken. Algebra, Geometry Other council actions

In other council news, City Planner Dusty Duley will offer a \$65,000 contract to Placeworks to complete a traffic circulation and connectivity study of downtown

Willits streets and alleys. According to Duley's report: "The purpose of this study is to identify recommendations to improve the safety and appeal of downtown Willits by improving biking and walking facilities while accommodating cars and trucks, including service vehicles.

The council approved, on a 4-0 vote, a new contract with the Willits Center for the Arts. Councilwoman Holly Madrigal recused herself due to a conflict of

The contract essentially dissolves the Willits Cultural Arts Commission, established in 1978. transferring the commission's assets and operations to the Willits Center for the Arts. The WCA recently received nonprofit corporate status and is operated by a new board of directors led by President June

The dissolving of the Willits Cultural Arts Commission means the WCA now has control of its funds: \$15,635.68.

Bill Barksdale, Realtor and longtime Willits resident, was appointed to the Revit-ED committee. Barksdale will join Supervisor Tom Woodhouse, who was reappointed to the committee, for a term ending May 1, 2019. Both appointments won unanimous

Tony Madrigal and Jim Harden were unanimously reappointed to the Public Facilities Corporation

"I was the only link in our community to cover this," Eberhard said. "People wanted to know what was happening. I felt obligated, and I fulfilled mv

Eberhard said he is still digesting the verdict and

has not decided whether or not he will appeal the

CHP Director of Communications Fran Clader declined to comment on the verdict Tuesday morning,

citing the still-pending nature of the litigation This March 1, 2016 article is reprinted courtesy of Courthouse News Service, a nationwide news service for lawyers and the news media based in Pasadena. Reporter Nicholas Iovino wrote six stories about the Eberhard vs. CHP trial, which can all be

found, with a search, at www.courthousenews.com.

Woodhouse, and First District Supervisor Carre Brown voting yes, and McCowen and Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg voting no.

McCowen opposed implementation of the changes because, in tandem with the proposal to send out an RFP, the county would be weakening its bargaining position to make changes within the current contract so much it would, in effect, be giving Ortner the gate.

"What is the incentive for the current contractor to put obligations on themselves, when they know they don't have a future in this county?" McCowen asked.

In a separate conversation with Willits Weekly, McCowen said, "I wouldn't be surprised if we got a registered letter from Ortner in the next week or so. I think a lot may have been lost, with nothing being

Hamburg said he had reservations about moving Ortner out because, in his personal experience, the company has delivered good and useful service to one of his family members who needed mental

At one point, McCowen pleaded with Gjerde to change his mind. "Ortner has been with us now for just three years," he said. "If you had a car that was three years old, and it wasn't running right, you wouldn't junk the car, would you? No. You would take it in to a mechanic and have him fix it."

"You would junk it if it was a lemon," Gjerde responded.

Contacted the next day, Woodhouse said he believed the board made a good decision. "We might get into trouble on this," he conceded, "but we already are.' The second item concerned the RFP. A majority of

the board expressed reservations with the slow pace for drafting and circulating the new RFP as proposed Angelo had proposed a 7.5-month-long process,

with supervisors voting on a recommended provider on October 18 and a proposed start date for a new contract of January 1, 2017. A majority of board members said they thought that schedule needed to

The board directed Angelo to bring a schedule back to them for a vote at its next meeting. This motion was approved 4-1, with McCowen dissenting.

# **CLASSIFIEDS**

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Streams

that runs through Covelo

usually has very little flow in

summer, so damage from

driving through a dry stream

bed has been somewhat

limited. However, numerous

scientific studies have

shown that petrochemical

substances are highly

toxic to fish and aquatic

life and any introduction

to streams of oil or other

similar products is highly

introduction of oil or other

people use the stream bed

It has also come to the

attention of the RVIT EPA

that driving in the bed of

Mill Creek has not been

restricted to the summer.

In fact tribal members

living along the stream

have reported numerous

people driving in the

stream this winter. In some

cases vehicles stalled out

due to the engine being

abandoned, which poses a

major threat of introduction

of hazardous substances

into the water. Tribal EPA

is working together with

the Tribal Council, the

RVIT Police Department,

and other agencies to stop

this practice and to set up

coordination for prompt

vehicle removal in the event

Merrifield called the RVIT to

report a car in Mill Creek in

December 2015. "There is

a tribal ordinance that was

passed back in the 1980s

that prohibits dumping in

creeks and also driving in

them. People seem to have

forgotten this is illegal and

that it is bad for the fish and

The RVIT works closely

with the Eel River Recovery

Project, which is a basin-

wide group that monitors

fish and water quality and

shares concerns about

people driving in the water.

problem with people driving

in other areas. In November

2015, the chinook salmon

run spawned in the lower

Eel River because there

was insufficient flow for

them to migrate and access

ERRP counted over 200

salmon nests or redds in

riffles in the lower main

Eel River below Dyerville.

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areas selected by salmon

to spawn are also the areas

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several locations where it

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that can arise for fish and water quality when vehicles are operated in streams, especially in fall and winter. Anyone with questions or who wants to work on this

issue can contact RVIT EPA at 707-983-8204 or ERRP at 707-223-7200.

The rest of From Page 3 Nelson

From Page 9 at the WHS basketball awards ceremony Friday been able to afford bridge night, the first time ever, Nelson said, that he had construction. Mill Creek

given a co-award, let alone "a co-co-award," Hosford was named Second Team All League

this year, and Sorace was Honorable Mention. As the season and his career came to an end. coach Nelson said he did get a bit emotional at

times, but knew he was making the right decision. "I had some moments," he said. "The last practice was a little emotional, right at the start of it especially. And a couple moments at the last game ... and when I was addressing the team after the game. But when you're convinced that this is it, you're convinced.

The team ended with a record of 12-14 overall and 5-9 in league play. Nelson said despite some early season troubles, including losing five games which they had the lead in or were tied in the last 30 seconds, the Wolverines played hard all year. "These kids didn't quit," he said. "They kept practicing and playing hard the whole way through and it paid off with the last two games."

Their record this year was a bit disappointing for Nelson and the senior boys largely because of the tremendous success they've had in recent seasons. Nelson's teams had 20 or more wins in their three previous seasons - a feat the Willits boys varsity basketball team had only accomplished once before he was coach. Willits won the NCL 1 League Championship back to back in 2012/13 and 2013/14. In 2013, they won an NCS playoff game, and in 2013/14 they broke the school record for total wins going 25-3. Nelson finished his career with 308 total varsity

wins, and he said one memorable moment this vear came when he won his 300th game at Upper Lake, where he used to coach. The players on his team surprised him after the game, giving him a plaque to commemorate the milestone and a certificate they all signed.

"It was really cool," he said. "Because of where it was and how the kids (honored) it and everything, it was really kind of neat for me personally."

Another big moment in the season came when Willits went to the championship game at the Point Arena tournament and placed second. They had the lead in the last seconds against a big school from Richmond, but couldn't guite come away with the win. Still, it was a great experience

Of all the memories of his career, Nelson said winning that first NCL championship in 2013 (which Willits hadn't won since 1990) stands out as one of the best. In the previous five seasons before that, Willits had placed second in league, including four championship game losses, so they really went all out with their celebration. There was a lot of jumping and shouting, and they all doused each other with Martinelli's sparkling

"It was awesome," he said. "It was like the Super Bowl, you know. I've got a great picture in my office of that. I'll remember that one for Nelson said he was happy to have his final

season be with this close-knit group of seniors, many of whom have been playing together for

"This group has just been together the whole way, and they really like each other," he said. "It made the season fun just to watch those guys hanging out with each other, laughing and joking all the time and having a good time."

He dubbed the group "the little brothers" because so many of them were little brothers of previous Wolverine players. It was a fitting end for a long and happy career for the coach.

"It's been a great run, is all I can say," concluded Nelson. "I love coaching, but everything's got to come to an end some time, and this is a good ending point for me.'

From Page 2

Letters

processing facilities threatens to limit their mail service even more. This legislation stops future mail facility closures and consolidations unti they are carefully studied to ensure consumers are protected," said Rep. Even Jenkins. "Rural residents. in particular, depend on the USPS to pay bills on time and stay connected, and I will work to protect this important service for them.

"For too long, the Postal Service has closed facilities without adequate notice, input or understanding of the impact that closure has on taxpayers," said Congressman José E. Serrano, "This bipartisan legislation will ensure that the USPS fully understands the impact their decisions have on local communities: strengthens the notification process so citizens can have their voices heard; and restores national service standards to improve delivery for all Americans. People in the Bronx and elsewhere have already been negatively affected by Postal Service decisions to close or sell facilities and to lower service standards, and it is time for Congress to act. I have fought for many years to make the Postal Service more accountable to the people they serve, and I am proud to stand with my colleagues in introducing this legislation today."

The legislation would:

 Put a moratorium on current closures and consolidations

Establish a framework that any future closures must be approved by the Postal Regulatory Commission

· Creates a list of criteria and data that USPS must analyze including impact on small businesses, vote by mail voters, and unique geographic

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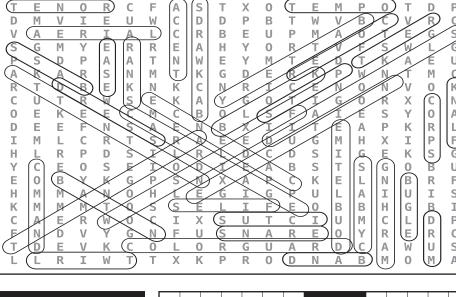
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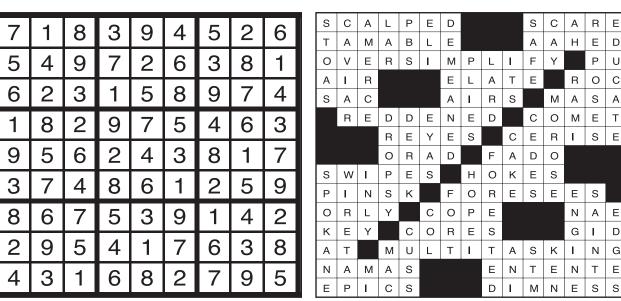
start of 2015 by USPS; and Empower the PRC to set annual performance benchmarks.

Rep. Huffman previously sent a letter in September 2014 to the USPS in opposition to their proposal to close the North Bay Processing and Distribution Center in Petaluma and the Eureka Customer Service

Mail Processing Center. He also convened public town hall meetings in August of 2014 in both Petaluma and Eureka to allow his constituents the opportunity to learn about the Postal Service's proposed plan and provide an opportunity to have their questions and concerns addressed. Representatives from the USPS were invited to participate in these forums but declined to

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At top, from left: Celia Price's pastel painting. Mya Byer's acrylic painting, "Smerged and Subdued." "Golden Gate Bridge," a beautiful example of Dorothy Ashbury's photography. Above: Tonia Silverstein with her oil painting, "Happiness" and Julie Byers, with her litho print, "Up and Over," trying different walls to display their

# 'Less Is More'

March show at Arts Center opens with Saturday reception

This week Dorothy Asbury, Julie Byers, Mya Byers, Celia Price and Tonia Silverstein are hanging their show, "Less Is More," at the Willits Center for the Arts. The five artists chose the catchy title which is a phrase from Robert Browning's poem, "Andrea del Sarto," published in 1855. It'll be fun to explore the art pieces with "more is less" in mind.

Ree Slocum

All the artists but Tonia Silverstein are from Laytonville. Silverstein, a Willits resident, is working in oils. Celia Price, the oldest member of the group, has worked for

many years with pastels, oils and acrylic. She will be showing mostly landscapes. Dorothy Asbury's photographic subjects range from landscapes and bridges to trees in this exhibit. Julie Byers, who likes to work in many mediums, will be showing lithographs, etchings, woodcuts and ceramics. Mya Byers will have large, abstract, acrylic paintings on the walls.

From this small sampling of their work, the show promises to be colorful and compelling, exploring different perspectives of usual subjects.

Meet the artists at the opening party this Saturday, March 5, 6 to 9 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, www.willitscenterforthearts. org. The show runs through March 27; gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 7 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 pm.





about veggies and farming



Market over the last couple of weeks, with kids enjoying the opportunity to pick and choose their own fresh produce with \$4 each in farmers market tokens. The club offers activities besides shopping, too: At last week's market, kids learned about different kinds of seeds and how newspapers can be made into nifty seed-starting pots.

"This week's activity on Thursday, March 3 will be all about carrots!," said program coordinator Jessie Ruff of North Coast Opportunities. Kids will be digging for carrot

treasure, then putting on miniature chef hats some new faces to the Willits Farmers to scrub and cut up the sweet vegetables. The featured soup for tasting will be

> The last week of this run of the POP Club, Thursday, March 10, will feature hands-on fun with worm composting bins. "We will be observing and exploring red wiggler earthworms and learning about how they help our soil." Ruff said. The featured vegetable will be beets, and the soup for tasting will be veggie chili with beets.

> > - Jennifer Poole



Above: Carrots, left, and leafy greens, right, were popular purchases at the market. At left, from left: Maxwell Henson shows off a newspaper

A youngster holds up her

farmers market purchases. At left: Jazmarie Henson learns about different types of seeds at last week's market.







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# Donuts From Page 3

The rest of

the growth of redwood trees in the county's

Initiatives | From Page 1

Many claimed the dead trees increased

According to Measure V proponents, these

conditions pose an unnecessary hazard to

firefighters and local residents, especially to

Since it was founded in 1998, Mendocino

Redwood Company has sought and received

third-party certification as a company whose

forest practices meet the standards for

sustainability and excellence adopted by the

Forest Stewardship Council. MRC's practices

and policies have been certified by both the

Rainforest Alliance and by Scientific Certification

In August 2015, the Rainforest Alliance sent

a team of auditors to inspect MRC timberlands

and discuss company policies and practices

with company personnel. After a week of on-

dead tanoaks do not increase the danger of

wildfire, or create a bigger or hotter wildfire, and

"hack and squirt" does not increase the toxic

"Specific evidence was provided to the

auditors by firefighters based on the fire behavior

observed in the 2008 fires in Mendocino County

[the Lightning Complex fires]," the report stated.

"This evidence indicated there was not a notable

difference in fire behavior in adjacent stands

enough voters think it's a bad enough problem

that they would likely support a ballot measure

to tax themselves an extra half a cent per dollar

According to MCOG's report, the county

maintains 684 miles of paved roads and 360 miles

of unpaved roads. Of the paved roads, nearly

60 percent are in poor or failed condition. Three

jurisdictions in the county, the cities of Willits,

Fort Bragg and Point Arena, have instituted local

taxes to address their own street conditions,

and the strategies have worked; each of the

cities' streets exhibited significant improvement

over the past 10 years. Fort Bragg's pavement

condition index has increased 19 points since

2004; Willits' PCI has increased 18 points since

Dow and Barrett think a similar strategy

would work for the unincorporated part of the

county. According to the report, a half-cent sales

tax would provide about \$2.7 million toward

the transportation department's "corrective

maintenance" budget. If that figure were added

onto what the county is currently spending on

corrective maintenance (\$2 million), it would

Spending \$4.7 million a year on corrective

maintenance would enable the department to do

seven to 12 miles of new paving, or 31 to 40

miles of triple-layer cape seal, or 63 to 87 miles

According to Dow, putting \$4.7 million

yield a total of \$4.7 million.

of chip seal, per year.

Road Tax

in order to do something about it.

recertified Mendocino Redwood Company.

residents or firefighters.

Redwood Company land.

the danger of a catastrophic fire on treated

entrance. Colorful leaves commercially owned forests. are layered across the Timber companies using the "hack and squirt" whole wall, each bearing practice hire people to cut into the bark of living a name of a patron and their resident city, a nice tanoak trees and inject a small amount of an comment, a doodle, or well herbicide, often Imazapyr, into the tree. The tree wishes to Hooper. dies within four months and continues to stand in

the forest for another two to four years. The display is a fun visual to check out while Mendocino Redwood Company has treated waiting for your order, and approximately 72,000 acres of its land with the Hooper invites everyone hack-and-squirt method over the past 18 years. who comes in to make an In the spring 2015, forest activists and addition to the project.

firefighters urged the board of supervisors to Also harkening back put an end to the practice, arguing "hack and to her 101 Drive-In days, squirt" was harming the environment in a variety Hooper is offering lunch of ways. Some people claimed the poison was options through 101 Donuts leaching into the groundwater. Others claimed & Burgers that feature the the poison was remaining inside the tree. same recipes as the other restaurant. creating thousands of torches that would release their poison into the air during a wildfire.

Burgers, Philly cheese steaks and even fried pickles are available at Hooper's eatery, as are milkshakes and smoothies.

Her location gives those south-townies with a short lunch hour and a hankering for 101 Drive In a great option to grab a bite, without battling traffic across town.

Supervisors directed the Mendocino County Hooper worked the food Fire Safe Council to form a team of stakeholders line solo for a while, but she and experts and draft a scope of work for a study is starting to get more help to determine whether "hack and squirt" poses a in the kitchen, allowing her danger to county forests and local residents. to expand the menu and to The scope of work analysis was submitted to try out offerings. supervisors last December.

Stop by 101 Donuts & Burgers, see the new menu, grab a bite, and add a leaf to the wall!

They're open Tuesday through Saturday from 6 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 6 am to noon, at 1661 South Main Street, unit B, and can be reached at 459-1997.

The rest of Radio From Page 4

"We will be performing 'The Jabberwock' by Lewis Carol and 'The Conqueror Worm' by Edgar Allen Poe.' Included at the event

will be a Punch & Judy style performance by Brian Patterson of Piccolo Puppet Players. "Punch & Judy is a traditional, centuriesold form of puppetry, and they are up to all kinds of shenanigans," said Cummins.

of supporters are hoping that a strong turnout at the Grange on April 1 will generate more support the community demonstrate the of seriousness convictions.

"The April show is going to be a great opportunity to launch this radio station to the community," said

"Laytonville has its own radio station," Cotler said. "So does Ukiah and Fort Bragg. "It's time Willits gets

Cotler has created a flyer he is sending out to local requesting businesses, underwriting explaining, "Our signal using 100 watts, will reach out only to 95490 listeners. The people who listen to KLLG are precisely the people Willits local businesses want to connect with."

According to Cotler, the Little Lake Grange "will be the first Grange Hall in the country to have its own radio station. Granges across the land are already talking about us."

Laytonville's low-power FM station is KPFN 105.1, Ukiah's is KMEC 105.1; and Fort Bragg's is KNYO 107.7. All three stations can be heard via the internet, something KLLG also plans to have available.

Follow KLLG on Facebook at "KLLG 97.7" Willits Hometown Radio."

For more info or to get involved with KLLG, contact Lanny Cotler at 367-1812 or lanny@kllg.com.

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treated versus not treated with herbicides and, in some cases, the fire was easier to control on treated lands. The leaves of the tanoak contain oils that make even live trees prone to carry fire."

The report's findings also dampened fears Imazapyr-laced trees would become poisoned torches in the event of a wildfire.

"According to ToxNet Toxicology Data Network, a study conducted to measure the presence of herbicides, including Imazapyr, in the smoke of units treated with herbicides found there was no detection in 140 samples taken from 14 different fires within 40 to 130 days of treatment," the report stated. "Evidence collected demonstrated MRC's use of herbicides is in conformance with the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council of the United States."

Proponents of Measure V continue to tout it as a populist measure designed to curb a grave injustice. "Citizens have asserted their right to mitigate hazards created by industry shortcuts where regulators and elected officials have fallen short in public protection," said Measure V proponent Ted Williams, chief of the Albion-Little River Fire Protection District.

"Ecologists believe hardwoods play an important role in restoring healthy forests. landowners whose property borders Mendocino We believe MRC is most concerned about its corporate bottom line, even at the risk of firefighters, residents and property," said Els Cooperrider, campaign coordinator for Citizens for Fire Safe Forests, which is promoting

#### Measure W

The guestion of whether Mendocino County will become a charter county also will be decided by voters on June 7.

Currently there are 13 charter counties in California: Alameda, Butte, El Dorado, Fresno, Los Angeles, Orange, Placer, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Tehama. These counties have written certain laws into their charters, which have been approved by local voters and so have the same weight and power as state law.

For example, in San Francisco, supervisors are limited to two consecutive terms in office. In San Bernardino County, a member of the board the-ground inspections and interviews, the team of supervisors cannot stand for election after serving three consecutive terms. In Tehama In its report, the authors concluded "hack and County, a member of the board of supervisors squirt" posed little danger to the forest, local is limited to receiving \$1,045 per month, and that salary cannot be increased without voter Specifically, the third-party reviewers found

> The Charter Project for Mendocino County's website suggests a charter for this county might venture into more areas than setting the number of terms a person can serve consecutively as county supervisor. The website suggests Measure H. which banned growing GMO crops in this county, could be overturned if the California Legislature chose to outlaw the banning of GMOs in counties within the state.

However, charter proponents claim if the ban

into corrective maintenance would qualify

Mendocino County as a "self-help" county in the

eves of the state Legislature and the California

Transportation Commission, which might

persuade Sacramento to send additional road

against GMOs is enshrined in a county charter. Measure H's provisions would withstand the state's prohibition against such a ban, because county charters carry the same weight as state

The website maintains county voters could approve a charter that included a ban against neonicotinoids, a family of herbicides some studies suggest are the cause of bee colony collapse disorder around the world.

Charter proponents also argue a county charter could specifically call for formation of a public bank in Mendocino County. Public banks differ from normal, privately owned banks; their profits are returned to the owning jurisdiction rather than being distributed to bank shareholders. If Mendocino County owned a public bank, any profits realized could be eturned to county government.

Ukiah-based political activist Robin Sunbeam is a member of the Charter Project for Mendocino County and a candidate for charter commissioner in the June 7 election. Sunbeam recently explained why she thinks making Mendocino County a charter county would be a

"The one thing we all have in common in Mendocino County is our love for clean air, clean water, clean soil, clean food and scenic beauty' she said. "A home rule charter can be written to protect Mendocino County from nationwide economic downturns as well as safeguarding its scenic beauty and natural resources from undue corporate exploitation. It can also include areas of interest not specifically covered by the California constitution.

"Once voted in provisions of the charter will have the same force and effect as state law. Sunbeam said.

On the June 7 ballot, voters will be given two opportunities related to Measure W. Voters will be able to vote on whether or not Mendocino County should become a charter county. On the same ballot they will vote for charter commissioners charged with drafting a charter for the county.

If Measure W earns voter approval, the top 15 vote-getters for charter commissioner will be seated and set about drafting a charter. Upon completion, the draft charter will be presented to voters for approval or rejection

When asked for her opinion about the charter movement, county CEO Carmel Angelo said she could not comment. "There are some charter counties that have effective governments," Anglo said. "But I cannot comment on how that would work here, because I haven't seen the charter. don't know what's in it."

Asked for the names of candidates for the office of Charter Commissioner, Mendocino County Deputy Registrar of Voters Katrina Bartolomie stated that as of noon Tuesday, March 1, only Sunbeam had filed papers to run for office. Bartolomie said prospective candidates have until Friday, March 11 to file.

you are in the mid-60s in the early stages of a

repair funds our way. numbers, without any kind of an educational Barrett told supervisors MCOG had recently campaign having been conducted. hired a consultant to conduct a telephone survey to determine if there was voter support for a self-

imposed sales tax hike to finance road repair. The poll was conducted in Ukiah, which does not have a half-cent sales tax for roads yet, suggested MCOG staff do some more work to refine the numbers, but Dow declined to do so.

but is considering one, and the unincorporated areas of the county. In general, the results of the poll were supportive of putting the measure to a vote. Sixty-six percent of those polled supported a new tax to varying degrees, while 27.6 percent opposed a new tax to varying degrees. To be specific, 45.6 percent said they would

definitely vote yes; 15.3 percent said they would probably vote yes; 5.1 percent were leaning toward yes; 2 percent were leaning toward no, 4.8 percent said they would probably vote no; and 20.8 percent said they would definitely vote no. Other respondents said they needed more information before they would say how they would vote (2 percent), and 4.4 percent said they didn't know how they would vote.

During the discussion, Second District Supervisor John McCowen said it looked like the support was "lukewarm."

Dow contradicted him. "In my experience, if

campaign, you're within range. Once you pass 62 or 63 percent in an election, people don't say no," Dow said. Dow stressed the numbers were very early

"People are really aware of the condition of the roads. They're terrible - and people know it,'

McCowen and other board members

"We are down to the end of our commitments, he said. "The rest is up to the electeds, to see if they want to run with this or not. We've done pretty much what we have been asked to do, by the county and city staff."

Board Chairman Dan Gjerde and Supervisor Tom Woodhouse, who are both county representatives on the MCOG board, said they would hold additional discussions with county staff, with MCOG staff, and with selected community groups, in order to determine whether running a half-cent sales tax measure on the November ballot would be advisable

Gjerde said he and Woodhouse would probably return to the board with a recommendation in the near term. Barrett advised the board all the preliminaries will need to be concluded by August 12 to place a measure on the November

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OBITUARY |

# Rachel Sloan

Rachel Audrey Sloan, 23, of Laytonville, California will be laid to rest on Saturday, March 5, 2016. She was born February 17, 1990 in Santa Rosa, California to Allen and Debbie Sloan of Laytonville. Rachel attended Laytonville Unified School and worked at the Red Fox Casino.

She was a free spirit who enjoyed life, music, and having fun with friends. Loving family and friends will greatly miss Rachel.

She is survived by her Laytonville family: father, Allen Sloan; grandfather, Bert Sloan; grandmother, Paulene Sanderson; uncles: Cliff Sloan, Ivan Sloan; aunt and uncle, Linda (Juan Palomares) Sloan; uncle and aunt, Jeff (Carrie) Sloan; and many cousins.

Rachel is preceded in death by her mother, Debbie Sloan; grandmother, Lorraine Sloan; and grandfather, Earl Sloan.

Services start with the wake on Friday, March 4, 2016 at 5 pm; then Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 1 pm, funeral services officiated by Pastor Edna McClain, all at the Covelo Methodist Church. A reception will follow at the Round Valley Tribe Senior Building.

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

# OBITUARY |

# Meyer Yvonne M. Meyer of Willits passed away February 19, 2016 at the age of

79. She was born February 7, 1937 to Bernard P. and Margaret B. Jolly in Pasadena, California. Yvonne and Richard H. Meyer were married on March 14, 1955 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Many folks may remember Yvonne from her years at Rexall Pharmacy.

Yvonne's passion was her family, enjoying every opportunity to be with, and share with them.

Yvonne is survived by: her sister, Marion Kathy (Steve) Longenbohn, and niece Jill Longenbohn; daughter, Sandra (Ron) Shuster: son. Glenn (Victoria) Meyer; three grandchildren: Ashlee Fielder, Erik Meyer, Emilee Adams; and five great-grandchildren: Aiden, Madison, Austin, Luke, and

Yvonne is predeceased by her husband, Richard H. Meyer; father and mother, Bernard & Margaret Jolly; and brother, Lawrence Jolly.

If you would like to, memorial donations may be made in her name to: Phoenix Hospice, Willits Harrah Senior Center, or an animal rescue agency.

An Open House Remembrance of Yvonne will be held at the family residence, 630 Hawthorne Lane. Willits on March 19, 2016 from 1 to 3

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# Furry Friends Hoping for a Home



# **Mama Lucy**

Lucy is a 2-year-old female mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 72 pounds. Lucy came to us with her litter of adorable puppies who have all been adopted! Lucy was a wonderful mom, despite being in a strange environment. She was the most loving, gentle and attentive mama that pups could ever ask for! Now it's Lucy's turn to be loved and adored and doted on! Lucy has a mellow, comforting nature that makes her wonderful company. Her favorite spot is the office couch so we hope that she is allowed to snuggle up next to her forever family! Given her sweet, nurturing nature, we think Lucy would be the perfect dog for a family with young kids, but she will be a valued and wonderful addition to any loving home.

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

#### **DEATH NOTICE** | Eric Richardson

Eric Andrew Richardson of Willits passed away on February 11, 2016 at the age of 62. No services will be held. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.



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# **River Handschug**

May your dreams be high, and your ambitions new; and as you grow, may they come to you. May it be bestowed upon you, my dear, a life full of promise and without fear. We wish the best in the world for you, and congratulations on turning 2!! Happy Birthday, River, we love you so much!

- Mom, Dad, Alaska and Crickett



Willits High School's

# **Athlete of the Week**

# JV Basketball | Janine Wright, 14. Freshman

**Position:** Point Guard

Breakfast of Champions: Mom's French toast

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Years Playing the Sport: Seven years

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In the Mendocino tournament, Janine Wright had 3 points. She had 2 assists, 4 steals, 6 rebounds. Janine is also one of eight freshmen on the team. Janine fills in at point guard for us. She has continued to improve all year. She has great defensive skills and a nice outside shot. I believe she will help the JVs out next year. She also has been a pleasure to coach.

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