

Ag department exodus continues

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Mendocino County Interim Commissioner of Agriculture Diane Curry has retired, according to Director of Human Resources Heidi Dunham.

Dunham said Curry left on paid leave the week of March 12 and is on vacation from March 19 through March 23. Her retirement becomes effective March 24.

In addition, Department of Agriculture Office Services Supervisor Jennifer Krauss resigned her

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bill would dissolve NCRA

Senator State Mike McGuire has introduced legislation that would dissolve the North Coast Railroad Authority, the state agency that has run the mostly stagnant railroad line between the Bay Area and Humboldt County for nearly 30 years, and replace at least part of the line with a "world-class" walking trail.

McGuire introduced





McGuire

the upcoming Cupcake Wars and Chili Cookoff contests including, from left: Willits High School Junior Boosters Club member and whisk woman Daisy Barrett, executive director of the Willits Senior Center and pepper man Richard Baker, Willits High School Junior Booster Club member and frosting fan Ramneet Mann, and administrative coordinator of the Willits Senior Center, oh so spicy, Deb Holcomb. Above, from left: Chef and firefighter

Michael Wilder, left, and Training Chief Eric Alvarez of the Little Lake Fire Association won the "Hottest Chili" last year. Bunny

At top: Event organizers are ready for



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their annual Chili Cookoff from 5:30 to 7 pm at the center, and then on Read the rest of Saturday, the Willits High School

Whether you're a fan of frosting or a chili connoisseur, there are two chances coming up to judge baker's and cook's skills and help award some bragging rights for the year. On Friday, the Willits Senior Center will be holding

> Over on Page 6 Contests

Council seeks to place excise pot tax on ballot

Forrest Glyer Reporter forrest@willitsweekly.com

The Willits City Council voted unanimously last week to direct staff to create an excise cannabis tax plan for businesses operating under the city's cannabis ordinance put in place last fall.

The city is hoping to craft the cannabis tax as either an ordinance or a resolution for council approval before an August 1 deadline, so it can be placed on the November ballot as a tax measure. The measure would require a simple majority approval by Willits

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A 'feel-good' school board meeting

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The Willits Unified School Board of Trustees met at Baechtel Grove Middle School on March 14 for what could be described as a "feel-good meeting."

Board members were assured that significant changes implemented at Grove, Willits Baechtel High School, and Sanhedrin Alternative High School

reaping

were

positive

amendments to Senate 1029 – the Great Bill Redwood Trail Act - on March 15, following months of meetings with rail leaders, elected officials, state agencies, residents and trail-and-open space advocates.

"The decisions made two decades ago to create a rail agency without some base level of funding have proven unrealistic," McGuire

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Willits man dies on Highway 20

early-morning An accident claimed the life of a Willits man on March 13, the California Highway Patrol reported.

The victim, 37-year-old Steve "Erik" Garcia, was driving east on Highway 20 near Hollands Lane in the rain at about 1:40 am when he lost control of his 2004 Cadillac, which left the north edge of the roadway "and slid into a tree," the CHP said.

Garcia was thrown from the car and "sustained fatal injuries."

Cause of the accident remains under investigation, state traffic officers say: "It remains unknown whether alcohol or drugs were a contributing factor in this collision."

This report was based on a press release from the California Highway Patrol.

cupcakes ready for the tasting. Tom and Bridgette Summers of the House **Doctor Paints** team won "People's Choice" at the 2017 chili cook-off.

> 2017 Cook-off photos by Mathew Caine







Far left: Katelyn and Shannon Germann with their box of cupcakes from last year's event. At left: 2017 Cupcake Wars bakers Amy Gilbert, left, Judy Austin and Carrie Andrade.

Below, far left: Ramneet Mann and Daisy Barrett of the Willits High School Junior Boosters Club are ready for the 2018 Cupcake Wars. Richard Baker and Deb Holcomb hold the 2018 Chili Cook-off trophy and some peppery inspiration for the upcoming Willits Senior Center fundraiser.

results; financial audit and budget report presentations demonstrated a ship-shape economic state of affairs; and middle school students ushered in the meeting with an impressive sampling of academic accomplishment.

Math students prowess demonstrated with algebra and linear equations. Odyssey of the

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Consultant offers new approach to homelessness

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Homelessness expert Robert Marbut pointed the way to a new approach to the homelessness problem last week, telling both the board of supervisors and the public it was time to focus on recovery rather than offering help to all comers.

Marbut, whose consulting business has the slogan, "Engaging Communities to Dramatically Reduce Homelessness," is also founding president and CEO of the Haven for Hope homeless center in San Antonio, Texas. He has worked on issues of homelessness for more

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Dedication of the Lynn Kennelly **Memorial Park** The late Lynn Kennelly, former director of the Willits Chamber of

Commerce, dedicated many years of her life to the chamber, and to the city of Willits. In honor of her life, her dear friend Cathy Moorhead, Willits city clerk, has put together a memorial park that will be a beautiful addition to the town she so loved.

Kennelly's smile was infectious, and she always had time for everyone who walked into her life - and her office. Willits was her family, and she showed us all that family love, over and over again. She is missed greatly by so many and always will be. Kennelly did more for this community than we will ever know. She worked tirelessly and was a proud supporter and believer in our town.

Please join the Willits Chamber of Commerce in honoring Lynn's memory at the unveiling of this little park, on Thursday, March 22 at 4:30 pm, in the J.D. Redhouse parking lot.

- Submitted by the Willits Chamber of Commerce



Library board opposes

proposed Cultural Services Agency

To the Editor:

The Mendocino County Library Advisory Board opposes the county's proposal to form a Cultural Services Agency. The CSA now under consideration by the county would incorporate three departments/ programs: the Library, Museum, and County Parks. Allegedly, these three existing departments/programs incorporate similar vision and purpose, including providing informational, educational and recreational access to Mendocino County communities.

Apparently the county believes that through the potential consolidation of these departments/programs under one administrative umbrella, our community will have greater access to resources. By forming an agency, the county believes it will be better positioned to apply for grants and/or funding streams, will increase administrative efficiency, and provide the potential for countywide collaboration between the three departments/programs

The Mendocino County Library is selffunded through its pro-rata share of property tax and Measure A sales tax revenue. By law, these funds are dedicated to the Library. The CEO treats the Library as a county department, believes that the Library can be administered as such, and that the county has the legal authority to fold the Library into the proposed CSA. This may be contrary to California Code if the Mendocino County Grand Jury's findings are correct. (See GJ Report 2013-14, pages 8-9; Education Code §19146).

On several occasions the county has improperly charged the Library for A-87 reimbursement on fully depreciated equipment. The Fort Bragg Branch insurance-funded facility and the Willits Branch's grant-funded facility are two examples of improper charges to the Library. It took two grand jury reports and two years for the county to refund \$24.000 for building use charges and \$31,000 for equipment charges to the Fort Bragg and Willits branches. Additionally, the county refuses to even consider that the library director's salary should be paid by the county as explicitly stated in the Education Code

Today we have a thriving library system, but the future of the library is contingent on a renewal of Measure A funding in 2027. Any actual or *perceived* co-mingling, diverting or misuse of the Library's dedicated funding or library reserve fund will detrimentally affect the passage of voter-approved future library funding, thus returning the Library to its pre-2011 crisis condition.

There is no evidence that demonstrates that

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takes into account the best interests of the released they will have been stabilized, and Library, Museum and Parks. in most cases, able to function in society.

We are not talking about the criminally The Library Advisory Board believes the insane, just ordinary people who need help. proposed Cultural Services Agency will The people that Bear is referring to were harm the Library for the following reasons: treated at the old hospital on an almost 1. Jeopardize future library funding daily basis, and then released back on the 2. Reduce the director and administration streets, with no option for extended care. staff to part-time with diminished focus on This is nothing new. How much better the library. would it be to have a facility that is locked,

with longterm treatment available, with the 3. Loss of control of the library budget and hope of recovery? library reserve fund through the potential for co-mingling and improper use of dedicated Mental illness is no different than physical

library funds. 4. Prop up the Museum and Parks at the Library's expense. 5. Less effective administration and loss of services We encourage library members and patrons to attend the Mendocino County

Board of Supervisors meeting on March 27 when the proposal will be discussed. Marc Komer, chair,

Library Advisory Board Take the Local Food Pledge To the Editor:

To the Editor:

Please join us and take the Local Food Pledge. Make a commitment to eat more local food – food grown in Mendocino and Lake counties or within 100 miles or so of your home. The goals of the Local Food Pledge are to eat and grow healthy local food, to ethically source, process,

preserve and glean more of our daily diet, and to build personal relationships with our local farmers, ranchers and producers as we support them with our business. Each person can adapt their Local Food Pledge to their own needs, lifestyle and monetary

level We invite you to join with us. Our meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The next meeting will be March 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Little Lake

Grange, 299 School Street, in Willits. to collectively listen. Leaders in business and government are finally having to come The meeting agenda is focused on the to a rational place about sensible gun development of a bulk buying club for regulations. local food. We have prioritized seeking

For further information or to add your name

to the Local Food Pledge email list, contact

facility.

sources for high-protein and high-calorie Students across our nation are speaking up items (beyond fruit and vegetables) such calmly, articulately and passionately about as cooking oils, nuts, seeds, legumes and their very right to exist, saying that their grains. We aim to support our local farmers right to exist trumps the right for anybody, and make local food more accessible and without screening, to just get to own a affordable for the buving club members. At gun. I don't get to shout "fire" in a theater, our next meeting beans, rice (from Grange and you don't get to have a gun no matter Grains), squash and garbanzo beans will what, no matter how old you are or what be available. We welcome you to join with qualifications, or lack of, you might have. us and add your ideas to the development of this important project.

I know several responsible gun owners, and they are not causing problems.

want these very responsible gun owners

illness. It needs to be treated and not swept

under the rug as it has been for so many

years. It can strike any family at any time.

if your loved one needs help, they are

now shipped off over 100 miles away from

home, where they become isolated and far

away from all the people that care about

them because it's the only place available.

This makes it difficult for families to visit

Having a locked facility, with the means to

successfully treat patients, is much safer

Margie Handley, Willits

than what exists today in our community.

Thank you to the students

Thank you to the 80 Willits Charter School

students who intentionally walked out of

their classes last week and formed a long

shining stream of hope for the world as they

protested the latest gruesome gun violence

And I applaud any of their teachers,

including Billy Hetherington, as well as

teachers up at Sherwood School, who

created an hour of silence in honor of the

Just when I thought most American

teenagers were only playing on their

phones or other devices (I say most, not

all), here come these shining young people

who have the guts to face us adults. Maybe

it takes our children shot at enough for us

in Parkland, Florida

murdered teens.

and be a support system for them.

Can you commit to every Friday in April, two hours - 3 to 5 pm - at Willits Center for the Arts? Would you like to learn from one of the masters?

Well, now's your chance. Presenting "Watercolor Classes with Donna Stropes" at Willits Center for the Arts, April, 6, 13, 20, and 27. If that name sounds familiar, you might have viewed her paintings in private homes or at Willits Furniture, or marveled at several pieces proudly displayed at Howard Memorial Hospital.

Cost in advance for all four sessions is \$140. Classes are open to all levels. but class size will be limited so you are encouraged to give her a call at: 972-0055 or email donnastropes@gmail.com with any questions you might have about signup location, payment, and her suggested supply list. April will be here before we know it!

Gail Richards, Willits

Willits Unified school board seeks new interim member Superintendent Mark Westerburg, Willits Unified School District, has announced that applications for the interim open seat on the WUSD Governing Board will be available through Monday, April 9 at the District Office, 1277 Blosser Lane, or online at willitsunified.com. Persons wanting to submit questions for the existing board members to

consider during interviewing should do so by Monday, April 9.

Interested persons who live within the boundaries of the Willits Unified School District and are registered voters are welcome to apply for the one existing interim vacancy. All applications are due to the district office by Friday, April 13, and will become public records upon receipt by the district.

Candidates will be interviewed in open session by the current governing board members at the regular meeting scheduled for May 2.

Inquiries can be made by calling the District Office at 459-5314, ext. 1101 - Submitted by the

Willits Unified School District



There's something extra special



Swim Win

Wolverine boys and girls win their first meet this season It was victory in the lanes for both of 03:16.83; and sixth place went the boys and girls swim teams of to Taylor Pardue with a time of Willits 03:31.36. For the boys, first place Maureen Moore went to Jairo Carillo with a time of High Graphics & Photographress School 02:37.24, and fourth place went to Nicholas Hebel with a time of as they butterflied, free-styled and relayed 02:55.29 their way to a win against the In the girls' 200 individual medley, Kelseyville/Clear Lake team second place went to Zannah Tuesday at their hometown pool. Haendle with a time of 03:07.22; fourth place went to Rachel The girls team earned 71 points Hageman with a time of 03:11.67; to the opposition's 64 points, and and fifth place went to Emma the boys team also outswam the Crowe with a time of 03:24.19. For competition, with a final point tally the boys, first place went to Teophil of 59 Willits to 53 Kelseyville/Clear Labus with a time of 02:42.98. Lake. In the girls' 50 freestyle, second "We have a big team this year on place went to Jaden Doak with a the girls' roster," said coach Mattie time of 00:31.77; third place went to Owen. "I think I have six brand-new Taylor Watts with a time of 00:32.89; girls this year, too, and both teams sixth place went to Naomi Strickland are improving a lot. We were happy with a time of 00:34.76; ninth place to have this meet be our first win went to Sakora Scott with a time of this season.' Points are earned in placings

00:42.07: 10th place went to Callie Brown with a time of 00:50.48; and 11th place went to Claire Brackett with a time of 00:53.55. For the boys, second place

went to Matt Colvig with a time of 00:25.68; fourth place went to Jairo Carillo with a time of 00:30.07; and fifth place went to Nicholas Hebel with a time of 00:32.61.

In the girls' 200 medley relay, In the girls' 100 butterfly, second second place went to the team of place went to Rachel Hageman with Emma Crowe, Rachel Hageman, a time of 01:34.85. Zannah Haendle and Naomi

In the girls' 100 freestyle, second Strickland with a time of 02:37.56, place went to Zannah Haendle with and fourth place went to the team of a time of 01:10.39; fourth place Melody Leon and Rhyann Whaley went to Savanna Hofmarster with with a time of 03:12.77. For the a time of 01:23.46; eighth place boys, first place went to the team went to Rhyann Whaley with a time of Lucas Branscomb, Matt Colvig, of 01:37.88; and ninth place went Teophil Labus and Jairo Carillo with to Leslie Campuzano with a time of 01:42.42. In the girls' 200 freestyle, second place went to Sara Strickland with

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Above, from left: Willits High School swimmers Matt Colvig and Teophil Labus smile while waiting for their turn in the lanes. Naomi Strickland wishes her teammate in a nearby lane good luck before the start of their race. Teophil Labus and Rachel Hageman have a quick grin from the diving blocks during warm-up. Below: All of the members of the 2018 Willits High School Swim team gather for a guick, pre-meet smile fest.









Photos by



combining departments/programs is a more effective management system in providing services to communities. The proposed CSA is contingent on a convenient and reductionist approach rather than being a forward-thinking structural change that

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to start speaking up about sensible gun localfoodpledge@gmail.com or write Local laws. You probably are the ones who know Food Pledge, c/o Green Uprising Farm, safety practices the best. Not the NRA, so 2301 East Hill Road, Willits, CA 95490. defensive as a group, so black and white in their thinking, so irresponsible.

Sara Grusky, Willits We have to go around them, unseat

them, and vote in caring and responsible Mentally ill live

representatives who will support sensible here now gun laws. How about more representatives who are not funded by the NRA (or any To the Editor: corporation for that matter), whose aim is to I feel compelled to respond actually help protect children and families to the letter to the editor from (and our planet) and fund plenty of mental Bear Kamoroff, concerning health and drug rehab facilities to help the use of the old Howard build up the health of whole communities? Hospital for a mental health

Again, thank you, brave and true youth and your supporters. Keep it up. The truth is, these people Melinda Clarke, Willits are living in our community

now ... untreated, nowhere Once in a lifetime to go, and living on the streets, in some cases. To the Editor:

How much better would it Have you ever dreamed about trying your be to get them the help they hand at learning the beautiful artwork that need, and when they are is watercolor?



Pg.2 **Phone:** 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047 **Email:** willitsweekly@gmail.com **Mail:** P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490 Willits Weekly | March 22, 2018

inside Willits Weekly this week: our first annual "Meet the Merchants" booklet, which features photos and information about local businesses.

Willits Weekly printed 4,000 copies of the booklet - most of which have been slipped into the fold of this March 22 edition - but if your paper is missing its copy, or if you're a mail subscriber (sorry, the books are too heavy to mail!), look for an extra copy at businesses around town.

In addition to the pages featuring participating local businesses, the booklet features the upcoming Willits Frontier Days schedule and a challenge to residents to "Try Local Businesses First." Many of the retailers expressed their heartfelt hopes that locals will stop in to check prices before ordering online or driving out of town, as well as offers to match prices or to do special orders. These Willits businesses keep our local community and youth organizations afloat with donations why not give them a chance to try and keep your business here?

Academic **Decathletes**

head to State competition

in Sacramento

Submitted by Naomi Strickland, WHS Academic Decathon

a time of 02:41.35; fifth place went

to Savanna Hofmarster with a time

a time of 02:22.34.

Willits High's Academic Decathlon team is gearing up for our final competition of the season. State finals in Sacramento. The State competition will be from March 22-25, this week! We appreciate all those who came to support our team at our St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale and thus assured our position at State. We received over \$1,000, more than enough to fund our trip! Thank you to all those who donated - your help is invaluable. We feel very fortunate to have such a generous community encouraging us.

Our decathletes have been studying diligently for the competition. Alizabeth Wilcox, a Varsity competitor, shared her progress: "I'm preparing for State by re-reading the material I'm most interested in, literature and art. I chose to focus on these subjects because of my strength and fascination with them."





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Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku

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and Arrests

6:03 am: Officers responded to a

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9:28 am: Officers responded to a report of

8:43 am: Officers responded to a report

of harassment in the 200 block of Franklin

disturbance in the 1700 block of South

March 12

Main Street

Avenue.

Street

Lane

Drive.

of probation.

Main Street.

March 13

Main Street.

Francisco Avenue.

South Main Street.

March 14

Holly Street.

Franklin Avenue.

5:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Sherwood Hill Drive. Summary of Active Investigations

March 15

1:34 am: ALARCON, Aaron Seth (30) of Covelo was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested of misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher.

10:40 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 8000 block of Highwav

threats in the 100 block of East Commercial 1:17 pm: SIMPSON, Gerald Crandall (48) of Willits was contacted in the 800 9:35 am: Officers initiated a burglary block of South Main Street. He was investigation in the 1200 block of Blosser arrested pursuant to 3056 PC (felony Parole Hold) and on misdemeanor charges 9:49 am: Officers responded to a report of being under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of drug of a structure fire in the 600 block of Crest paraphernalia. 5:55 pm: Officers responded to a report 10:24 am: WILLIAMS, Danny Eugene

of an assault in the 1700 block of South (39) of Willits was contacted in the 1000 block of South Main Street. He was Main Street. arrested pursuant to 11550 H&S (Under 10:43 pm: CHARLES, Duncan Lloyd (20) the Influence of a Controlled Substance) of Ukiah was contacted in the 200 block of and on misdemeanor charges of violation Holly Street. He was arrested pursuant to 459 PC (Burglary), on felony charges

of failure to appear and prior convictions 4:27 pm: Officers responded to a report within 10 years, and misdemeanor charges of a sexual assault in the 200 block of North of violation of probation.

11:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of Coast Street.

of illegal camping in the 300 block of March 16

8:20 am: Officers initiated a theft 9:07 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of investigation in the 300 block of Pomo West Commercial Street and North Street. Court.

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1:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of a possible kidnapping in the 200 block of North Main Street. 2:49 am: Officers responded to a report 2:59 pm: Officers responded to a of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of domestic disturbance near the intersection of Barbara Lane and Central Street 3.20 am: Officers responded to a report

3:18 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

of Ryan Creek Road.

service.



Above, from: Auctioneer Rachel Britten works the crowd at the Waldorf School gala. Winners of the costume contest, Carissa Chiniaeff, center left, and Tallia Holley. At right: Auction Chair Emily Rose Smith, with her husband, John Pinon, and son Alexander. Spring Senerchia, Waldorf School administrator. Megan Prout, one of the organizers of the Enchanted Woodland Ball.

Enchanted Woodland The menu for the Enchanted Waldorf School of Mendocino County gala Woodland Ball

raises \$40,000 at the Little Lake Grange

It was a brilliant transformation. The coffee, Testa and Rivino wines, local foodie Willits Grange Hall became a wonderland of food, families and fun. The Enchanted Woodland Ball was filled to capacity with fairies, forest creatures, Irish leprechauns and deep pockets Mathew Caine to support quality Features Writer education. Alumni, athew@willitsweeklv.com faculty and other supporters generously opened their wallets in silent auction, live auction, raffle and other games to show their appreciation for the others. education available at the Waldorf School of Mendocino County. By the end of the evening, approximately \$40,000 was raised in one event, 10 percent of the school's needs for the entire year. As one entered what was once the Willits Grange, the world seemed to change. From the decorations in a woodland theme to the costumes, celebrants transformed into creatures of the imagination were greeted at the entrance by the lovely nymph, Faith Davton, who directed the attendees to the first table where they received their bidding numbers and a chance to win great prizes in the raffle, a dollar a chance or \$20 for an outstretched double-arms-length or head (horn)-to-toe length of raffle tickets. Once inside the doors of the hall, there game was won by Vanessa French. were a multitude of generous silent auction items donated by parents, some homemade, and by local businesses, to the right. To the left, the libations could be found. Quality wine was offered as well as other drinks. There was a game. The Wine Pull, where players paid \$20 for a bottle of wine that just might have a tag on the bottom, earning the player

baskets, and other fine donations. The live auction items included five lovely mosaic tile stepping stones created by Waldorf fifth- and sixth-grade classes, which brought in \$800; a felted wall hanging made by the third- and fourth-graders, which went for \$650; an Emandal brick oven pizza party; Disneyland four park hopper tickets; two cases of premium Mendocino wine, a hand-painted cow skull by Michelle McColgon; and many

Taking a break from the live auction, auctioneer extraordinaire Rachel Britten offered a chance to donate to a specific school need in the "Fund A Need" section. People were asked to give funds to upgrade the desks and chairs at the school, which included a prize - a choice of cases of wine or cider or some very fine brandy - awarded to the last bid, in which bidders vied to be the final bidder. Close to \$10,000 was brought in for desks and chairs through the generosity of the participants. Auctioneer Britten also introduced a game called "Heads and Tails," in which people competed by buying in and

indicating if they guessed the next flip of a coin would be heads or tails by holding either their heads or their rears. At the end, this

After the auction, those remaining helped clean up and move the tables, dancing to music provided by DJ Eddie Vedolla.

Roasted carrots with The Waldorf School of Mendocino County, in its 45th year, has been enabling children to become enlightened and well-rounded adults through their philosophy of educating the entire human rather than simply filling their brains with facts and figures. According

hors d'oeuvres Miso ginger salmon to the website: "The Waldorf School of



Holley. fresh fruit and nuts with photo.

Catering provided

by the

Good Earth Kitchen

Artichoke/olive

Assorted cheeses.

crackers and breads

Chilled spring pea soup

Butternut squash

Roasted polenta

squares with fontina,

wild mushrooms and

Seasonal chopped

salad with maple

orange vinaigrette

with cabbage slaw

Orecchiette with

cream sauce

gruyere

Mocha-rubbed pulled

pork, apples and onions

chicken, pancetta and

Root vegetable gratin

sweet potatoes and

honey butter and

pistachio dukkah

Plus passed

with parsnips, rutabaga,

sugar snap peas in

"shooters"

"shooters"

herbs

tapenade

auctions off a painted cow At bottom: Gala attendees check out tables of silent









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47. Constrictor snake

Earth Kitchen, was plentiful and arrayed artistically on several tables, with choices 4:24 pm: Officers responded to a report from artichoke/olive tapenade to roasted of a suspicious vehicle in the 28000 block polenta squares with fontina, wild mushrooms and herbs. Passing the beautifully decorated dining tables, the raffle and live auction 7:58 pm: Officers responded to a report Read the rest of of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of prizes were displayed in front of the stage. Gala Raffle prizes included Black Oak Roasters 11:24 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Barbara UPRISING (PG13) 5:13 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of Sat: 4:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 23000 block of Starts Thurs., March 29: READY PLAYER ONE 6:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of 6:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of 7:39 pm: Officers responded to a report Over on Page 6 PROTECTION DISTRICT ALLS 03-20-18 (South Humboldt Street) Medical assist: Little Lake Fire responded to a medical assist. Upon arrival fire personnel met with the ambulance and began patient care. Little Lake Fire assisted with bringing the patient downstairs to the waiting gurney. Once the patient was placed on the gurney and loaded into the ambulance, fire personnel were released from the scene. 8 firefighters responded for

a trade-up to a \$40 bottle or a \$80 magnum.

The food, provided by local caterer Good

bite on cucumber with Mendocino County is founded upon Rudolf sesame vinaigrette Steiner's insight that each human being has a body, a soul, and a spirit, and that in full Grilled lamb lollipops maturity each human being is guided by a with herbed caper salsa unique self-awareness. This outlook informs verde Basil pesto flatbread Over on Page 11



PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY! FRIDAY, MARCH 30 rom 4 to 6 pm at J.D. Redhouse with Mphotographress / Maureen Moore

Come meet the bunny and his furry live friends



Redwood Meadows is an active independent senior community featuring 101 apartment homes, primarily a mix of one and two bedroom apartments which are single story 4-plex cottage-type set amongst seven acres of park like landscaping.

We are a smoke-free and pet friendly community. *We boast a community center where activities* are held like card games, Bingo, birthdays and socials. We also have a barbecue area for residents to get together for social functions. Redwood Meadows is conveniently located adjacent to the William F. Harrah Senior Center with a thrift store, cafeteria and taxi service, and Howard Memorial Hospital is just blocks away.

REDWOOD

Senior Apartment Community



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Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047 Email: willitsweekly@gmail.com Mail: P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490 Willits Weekly | March 22, 2018 Pg. 5 The rest of Contests

From Page 1 Junior Boosters Club will hold their annual Cupcake Wars from 2 to 4 pm at the Willits Community Center. Honors up for grabs at the Cupcake Wars contest are Best Decorated, Best Tasting, Best Decorated Table and People's Choice. Willits High School Junior Booster Daisy Barrett noted that there's still time to enter the contest. Bakers need to bring a \$20 entry fee and a minimum of 24 Strickland with a time of cupcakes. For tasters, prices per cupcake

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the county budget. In July 2017,

staff estimated the county stood

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cultivation permit application fees

and other fees associated with the

cannabis program during fiscal

year of 2017-18. As of December

31, however, the county had only

received \$267,420 in fees.

Swim

are \$2 each, \$10 for a half-dozen, or \$20 for a full dozen. There's an entry fee for tasters of \$1, and people can purchase voting

tickets for \$1 each also. All proceeds team of Rachel Hageman, will be given to the Willits High School Zannah Heandle, Booster Club, where the funds Watts and Naomi Strickland will directly impact the high school with a time of 02:16.69; students. For more information or third place went to the team to do a last-minute entry, please of Sara Strickland, Taylor contact Christy Wisdom or Jennifer Pardue, Jaden Doak and Barrett at 459-7700. Savanna Hofmarster with a For the Chili Cookoff, prizes will be awarded for Best Chili. Hottest place went to the team of Chili and Best Decorated Table. Claire Brackett, Sakora Scott, Even though the event is almost Callie Brown and Melody here, there's still time to enter if Leon with a time of 03:25.67. you want to test your chili skills. The Willits Senior Center will have went to the team of Teophil a table set up and ready for late Labus, Lucas Branscomb, entries as long as forms are in by 2 Jairo Carillo and Matt Colvig pm on Friday, March 23. Chili entries are \$50 for a half third place went to the team table and \$100 for a full table. Entry of Nathan Sauers, Nicholas forms are available at the center. Hebel, Rhyann Whaley and Taster tickets will be available at Bailey McAlister with a time the door and must be purchased of 02:23.74. to vote for the above categories. Tickets are sold in sets of three first place went to Emma (allowing one vote for each of the Crowe with a time of three categories) and are \$8 for 01:28.92; fourth place went to adults, \$5 for children and \$7 for

Rhyann Whaley with a time of senior center members. 01:53.79; and fifth place went to Melody Leon with a time Fresh-baked corn bread muffins, of 02:01.90. For the bovs. root beer floats and hot dogs will also be available, and senior center second place went to Lucas Branscomb with a time of cook, Nancy Middleton, will be bringing her cotton candy machine 01:25.66. and snow cone maker to offer some In deserts to round out the meal breaststroke, first place went "We have lots of tickets available," to Taylor Watts with a time of said Willits Senior Center executive 01:38.08; second place went director Richard Baker. "Last year to Jaden Doak with a time the cookoff was a lot of fun, and of 01:42.34; and sixth place again this year!" Baker noted that Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman will be emceeing the event's silent

we need the communities' support went to Leslie Campuzano 9:19 with a time of 02:12.34. For the boys, first place went to Teophil Labus with a time of 01:24.00; second place went to Matt Colvig with a time of auction, encouraging attendees 01:24.18; and third place to bid on the list of donated items Controlled Substance) and on went to Nathan Sauers with a including: 25 pounds of John Ford time of 01:38.25. grass-fed ground beef; gift cards from Safeway, Grocery Outlet, In the girls' 400 free relay, offender second place went to the and Mariposa Market; a Little Lake Auto Parts car detail kit; a Les team of Sara Strickland, Taylor Watts, Jaden Doak Schwab Tire Center roadside kit; Scoops Frozen Yogurt & Deli gift and Emma Crowe with a time certificates; an Al's Redwood Room of 05:29.98, and fourth place Street. gift certificate; Loose Caboose Cafe went to the team of Taylor 10:55 gift certificates; a Kemmy's Pies gift Pardue, Savanna Hofmarster, Officers certificate; and an air convection Leslie Campuzano and sponded Rhyann Whaley with a time fryer report of 06:36.64. For more information on the assault in the 300 cookoff, call the senior center at Results provided by Mattie block of South 459-6826. Owen. Main Street.

The rest of From Page 1 Exodus From Page 3 on March 15. When Curry was For the boys, second place absent on those Tuesdays when went to Lucas Branscomb there was a meeting of the board with a time of 01:08.37: of supervisors, it was Krauss fourth place went to Bailey who would act in Curry's stead McAlister with a time of to present the cannabis program 01:22.73; and fifth place went report. to Nathan Sauers with a time The new departures follow the March 5 resignation of former In the girls' 500 freestyle,

State licensing is there," Curry Mendocino County Commissioner second place went to Sara said. "we have temporary licenses. of Agriculture Joseph Moreo, who If our cultivators can't get a state left after only one week on the job. 07:26.53: third place went to license, they don't have a local The exits of Curry, Krauss and Naomi Strickland with a time license. And to get a state license, Moreo coincide with the February of 08:05.88: and fourth place you need a Lake and Streambed 26 hiring of Kelly Overton as

went to Taylor Pardue with a Alteration Agreement, or you need the county's cannabis program [the state] to say that [the grower manage In the girls' 200 free relay. doesn't] need one. second place went to the Overton won the post of cannabis "We have been instrumental in

manager because of his expertise pushing our cultivators to get those in systems analysis. During his first documents, because without them, report to the board of supervisors there's no state licenses. No state on March 13, Overton said the license, no local license. cannabis program had some "My staff has been on the problems that were slowing down ground, vetting these properties," the issuance of program permits. Curry added. "We've been working The way staff was using with state resource agencies to technology, they come into partnership. They've how communicated among themselves, confident in our program. I've and a lack of prioritizing talked to Fish and Wildlife. They're applications was slowing down happy with what we're doing, the

the cannabis permitting process, vetting that's going on. Overton argued. Some simple "I would ask the board: what part fixes would get things moving of this process do you want us to more quickly, he told supervisors. not do?" Curry asked. The issuing of cultivation Curry began working for the permits has been a problem for county in December 2006 and the Ag Department, and for the advanced to the position of assistant county. Last year the department commissioner of agriculture. received 784 applications to When cultivate cannabis but issued only Commissioner Chuck Morse resigned in January 2017, Curry became interim commissioner The slow pace of permit

of

On several occasions, Curry

stood before supervisors to defend

her staff and her program. The most

recent occasion was on February

speech defending her approach to

managing the cannabis program.

At various points in her talk, Curry

appeared close to tears.

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when Curry made a lengthy

her department staff and planning

and building staff to regulate the

Casey O'Neill of the California

Growers Association, who has

commented extensively on the

various cannabis ordinances and

has attended several cannabis

working group meetings, reflected

recently on what has been going

on in the Mendocino County

"We fought very hard for

cannabis to be regulated under the

department of agriculture," O'Neill

said. "We thought, because we're

farmers, we ought to be regulated

for us to watch all the stuff that has

come down," he added. "We feel

the department of agriculture has

been scapegoated for difficulties

in the permitting process that

have not been the fault of the

department. The problem has

been with the state and with the

county's department of planning

and building. It's been quite

frustrating to see the department

of agriculture get blamed for stuff

"We appreciate the department

of agriculture. We support the

department of agriculture," O'Neill

said. "We are saddened by the

departure of Diane Curry from her

and on misdemeanor charges of

that is not their fault.

"It has been extremely frustrating

Department of Agriculture.

by ag.

county's cannabis industry.

position as interim commissioner." former Agricultural According to Heidi Dunham, the Mendocino County Department of Agriculture currently has 11 employees. Overton, whose agriculture, working with the position is part of the county's board of supervisors, the County Executive Office, supervises five Counsel's Office, the Executive field inspectors and one clerical Office and the Department of staff person, all of whom are Planning and Building Services employees of the ag department. put the finishing touches on Dunham said the Office of Human the medical cannabis cultivation Resources is actively searching ordinance, which was approved by for a commissioner of agriculture supervisors in April 2017. and an assistant commissioner of

Thereafter, Curry worked with agriculture

The rest of WPD From Page 4 of suspicious activity in the 1400 11:35 pm: Officers responded to investigation in the 300 block of a report of an assault in the 100 East Commercial Street. block of South Main Street. block of Franklin Avenue. pm: GARCIA, Russ 5:39 pm: LOPES Sr., Anthony Daniel (36) of San Antonio. Frank (47) of Willits was contacted March 18 Texas was contacted in the 1100 near the intersection of South 12:19 am: Officers responded to block of South Main Street. He Main Street and West Van Lane. a report of suspicious activity in the was arrested pursuant to 11550 He was arrested pursuant to 700 block of South Main Street. H&S (Under the Influence of a 1203.2 (Violation of Probation) 11:17 am: Officers responded to

'Cannabis Is Medicine'

Presenter Jude Thilman talks about the history and healing potential of marijuana

Seems that for pretty much anything that ails you - from not getting a good night's sleep to chronic pain. broken bones ... all the way to cancer, yes, cancer - cannabis could help. It's serious, safe, effective medicine

But, "there's a mountain Joanne Moore of misinformation to Features Writer overcome" about herb. according to Jude

Thilman, cannabis medicine educator and owner of Dragonfly Wellness Center in Fort Bragg. "We have to open our minds to a whole new way of thinking about cannabis.'

Thilman recently dispelled some of that "mountain of misinformation" for a sizeable group of very interested people at a recent Avenues to Wellness presentation titled "Cannabis Is Medicine: Changing the Narrative with Education.³

Cannabis as medicine is decidedly not a new thing. Egyptian pharaohs and Chinese emperors used it thousands of years ago. It "was on our pharmacy shelves from 1848 to 1939," said Thilman. "Eli Lily, Parke Davis, and Squibb produced many prescription drugs with cannabis as an ingredient ... at one time, over 2,000 medicines sold in the U.S. were made from it " she said

Enter the Richard M. Nixon administration, and, in 1971, cannabis was classified (and still is) as a "schedule 1" drug under the Toxic Substances Control Act – meaning it has a high potential for abuse and no currently accepted medical treatment use

Thilman explained the demonization actually started decades earlier and is tinged with racism directed at Mexican immigrants who used cannabis but called it marijuana. But that's another story....

And yet, curiously enough, the federal government's Department of Health and Human Services currently holds a patent on "cannabinoids" as antioxidants and neuroprotectants," said Thilman. That's yet another story...

So, what are the components of this herb? It consists of over 500 chemical compounds, with biologically active constituents consisting of terpenes. flavonoids, and over 113 (and counting) cannabinoids

Though all three of these constituents work together, the cannabinoids are the most important medicinally, and THC and CBD are the most plentiful cannabinoids, the most therapeutic, and the most studied.

And, it's the ratio of these two cannabinoids in a medicine that is important when choosing medicine for a particular purpose, not the strain of the plant. "That's left over from hippie days," said Thilman. Strains were bred for terpene content – the smells. bouquet.

To understand how cannabinoids work their magic, it is necessary to know about the endocannabinoid the system - a remarkable "internal chemical harmreduction system designed to keep our health in balance," which is present in all mammalian species. Thilman explained there are receptors on cells throughout our bodies, discovered in 1993, that

act like keyholes, and which are "unlocked" by endogenous (meaning we make them in our bodies) cannabinoids, called endocannabinoids. They "kickstart the body's natural ability to heal," said Thilman

Guess what else binds to and unlocks those receptor/keyholes? The cannabinoids in the cannabis plant.

The list of diseases, disorders and discomforts cannabis successfully treats is long, and Thilman stressed that successful treatment outcomes are the result of using the right ratio of CBD to THC. using the finest purest raw material (which we are fortunate to have here), and administering the appropriate dosage in the most effective way.

And, even though THC and CBD are the healing powerhouses, it is important to use the whole herb. "Isolation of chemicals doesn't honor how herbs work." said Thilman. "Herbs are living dynamic expressions between chemical compounds in the plant ... [for example] ... cannabinoids interact with each other ... the medical efficacy of CBD is enhanced in the presence of THC ... It's known as

the 'entourage effect.' First, and "most importantly," the quality of the raw material is crucial: "choose it carefully," said Thilman, who noted that we are fortunate to live in 'Mendocino ... home to the finest craft cannabis in the world." She cautioned there was going to be "a lot of schlocky stuff out there, now that legalization of cannabis has turned it into a \$7 to \$10 billion industry." Prompted by this "green rush," she said. people will be "pulling out crops to grow cannabis ... crops that were grown with pesticides and chemical nutrients.... You don't want that."

Second, use the best "delivery system." Thilman

Read the rest of **Jude** Over on Page



Photo by Joanne Moore

Above: Jude Thilman, cannabis medicine educator and owner of Dragonfly Wellness Center in Fort Bragg, talks at the March 6 Avenues to Wellness presentation, "Cannabis Is Medicine." Below: Organic cannabis grown in the hills f Mendocino County.





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Start Healthy Dental Habits Early.



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The sooner they start the better—and that's the tooth! LITTLE LAKE HEALTH CENTER Welcoming kids of all ages. 45 Hazel Street, Willits Medi-Cal and Partnership (707) 456-9600 HealthPlan welcome. ittlelakehealthcenter.org

misdemeanor charges of failure to a disturbance in the 100 block of register as a controlled substance Marcela Drive.

10:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 600 block of East Commercial

disorderly conduct (alcohol) 2:06 pm: Officers initiated a 6:23 pm: Officers responded to burglary investigation in the 200 a report of a suspicious vehicle in block of Holly Street. the 100 block of East Commercial

3:45 pm: Officers initiated a theft Street



Above: The Laytonville High School Mock Trial Team, with the Honorable Judge Ron Brown Memorial Perpetual Trophy on the Ukiah courthouse steps. Top row, from left: Wolfgang Peterson and Tyler Watson. Fourth row, from left: Cora Hamilton, Ivo Shere and Attorney Coach Beth Norman. Third row, from left: Eve Kreiling, Caruna Gillespie, Elijah Howard, Jephthah Ikeh and Attorney Coach Luke Oakley. Second row, from left: Madison Watson, Sophia Avila, Makai Steven. Natalia Cuesta-Tineo and Attorney Coach Elina Agnoli. Front row, from left: Aurora Hardwick, Bronwyn Gilfillan, Kassandra Basler, Gracie Silva, Öliver Hill and Teacher Coach Bruce Potter.

Congrats

Laytonville High School Mock Trial Team

Congratulations to the Laytonville High School's Mock Trial Team for winning the 30th annual Mendocino County Mock Trial competition earlier this month. Laytonville students out-argued Ukiah High School March 3 in the fictitious case of "People vs. Davidson" to reclaim the Honorable Judge Ron Brown Memorial Perpetual Trophy and earn the honor of representing Mendocino County at the State Mock Trial competition in Orange County.

Ukiah and Laytonville students played all the key roles in the case, in front of the Honorable Judge Ann Moorman while a packed house of parents and supporters looked on. "People vs. Davidson" posited a trial in which Casey Davidson, a resident of the town of Acorn, California, faced a felony count of first-degree murder for the death of Alex Thompson, another young resident of Acorn and member of Ultra Nats, an extremist nationalist group.

Donations to help defray the costs of traveling to the state competition can be made payable to the Laytonville High State Mock Trial Team and sent to Laytonville High School, c/o Bruce Potter, PO Box 868, Laytonville, CA 95454. For more info about the Mendocino County Mock Trial Program, visit www.mcoe.us/District/Department/27-Curriculum-Instruction/Portal/Mock-Trial.



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Thursday, March 22

Funk, Reggae, World Beat, Ska, RocknRoll and more - with party-Dedication of Lynnie's Park: The dedication of a beautiful memorial park in honor of the late and oriented, lovers and conscious

beloved Lynn Kennelly, former director of the Willits Chamber of Commerce. Thursday, March 22 at 4:30 pm in the parking lot of J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street. "Lynn Kennelly dedicated many many years of her life to the Willits Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Willits ... and did more for this community than we will ever know. Her dear friend Cathy Moorhead, the Willits city clerk, has put together a beautiful memorial park that many of you Lynn Kennelly. have generously donated to. Please join us in honoring Lynn's memory at the unveiling of this little park.

Friday, March 23

Susy Barsotti Candidate Meet and Greet: 459-7700. Candidate for Mendocino County Third District supervisor, Susy Barsotti of Laytonville, will be at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, on Friday, March 23, from 1 to 2:30 pm. Barsotti invites the public to join her "for convivial discussion. She wants to hear what you think about issues facing Mendocino County's Third District as well as ideas for ways to move forward. We will be serving refreshments and look forward to seeing you there.



Supervisor

Harrah Senior Center Chili Cookoff: The 11th annual Senior Center Chili Cookoff, also sponsored by the Rotary Club of Willits, is set for Friday, March 23, from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. The public is invited to attend and vote for their favorite chili and enjoy fresh-baked cornbread muffins. Taster tickets are \$8; \$7 for center members; \$5 children. Also, enter your favorite chili!: \$50 registration fee for half-table (1 chili entry fee and 2 voter tickets); \$100 for full table (1 entry and advertising, or 2 entries and 4 voter tickets). For more info, call: 459-6826.

Shanachie Pub: Northern California's Midnight Sun, "a 7-piece band that combines potent rhythms

Willits Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Veggies, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies, balsamic vinegars, local honey, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more

Tools for Fire Victims at the Farmers Market: Every Thursday, the Farmers Market and the School of Adaptive Agriculture are collecting tools for those who lost their homes in the Redwood Complex Fire. Please bring donated tools to the Farmers Market

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 that changed attitudes can aid recovery.'

Ungoing

Events

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 Avenues to Wellness presents "Coping with Cancer: Help Is Available," Drop-In Knitting Circle: Every Saturday of the month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch a presentation by Karen Oslund, Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your executive director of the Cancer own projects or your varn and needles; we have Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. If tools are people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups market. If unable to transport tools, contact Market are not necessary - everyone is welcome to drop to 6:30 pm at the Willits Center for the in." Info: Lotus Baker at 456-

What's Happening Around Town lyrics that move your body and mind." Visit www.midnightsun.rocks. Friday, March 23 at 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main

Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, March 24

from around the world - Soul,

Cupcake Wars: The Willits High School Junior Boosters annual fundraising event of Main Street) is set for Saturday, March 24, from 2 to 4 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Cupcake tasters can enter for \$1; voting tickets are \$1 each; cupcakes will be for sale for \$2 each, \$10 for six, or \$20 a dozen. Prizes will be awarded in two categories – Junior for age 17 and under, and Adult - for Best Table, Best Decorated Cupcake, Yeats, featuring "Ball's spell-binding renditions

Best Tasting Cupcake, and People's Choice. For more info: Christy Wisdom or Jennifer Barrett at of Yeats' poems, mesmerizing sounds from his

WCA Art Auction Bidding Party: the Final Bidding Party for the revived Art Action at the Willits Center for the Arts is set for Saturday, March 24. "This important fundraiser keeps the arts alive in our community. Come to our gallery now through March 24 to place your bid." Final Bidding Party, 6 to 11 pm, at WCA, 71 East Commercial Street, features food by the Zocolo Collective and beer

DONATE TO THE AUCTIONI and wine from local breweries and wineries, as well as live music by Paulies Garage, a high-energy Southern Rock, Outlaw Country band from Santa Rosa. Doors open 6 WILLITS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

pm; music starts at 7:30 pm; bidding closes at 9 pm. Info: 459-1726

Shanachie Pub: High-energy, energetic Slam Rock from San Francisco's The Wyatt Act, "Streetcorner style poetry meets transgressive rock." Visit http://thewyattact.com. Saturday, March 24 at 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194

Sunday, March 25

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am, Sunday, March 25 (and every fourth Sunday through October). "Join your friends at the Grange breakfast! \$8 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods " Choose Mondays of the month, Monday, March 26 is the

next meeting, at the Little Lake Grange, 299 School Movie Night with Rygg. sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, Street, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. "Each person can organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, adapt their local food pledge to their own needs, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children lifestyle and monetary level." The March 26 agenda under 10. Extra: sides of organic fruit and Amish includes focused on the development of a bulk organic maple syrup. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 buying club for local food, and there will be beans, School Street (2 blocks south of

Commercial Street: 1 block west

WCA

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IS BACK!

downtown Willits.

'Coping

Celtic Harpist Patrick Ball: Harpist Patrick Ball's annual and popular - appearance at Willits Community Theatre, set for Sunday, March 25 at 2 pm, will be homage to the life and

search of hope and healing.'

behind Shanachie Pub).

Monday, March 26

works of Irish poet William Butler Celtic Harpist Patrick Ball.

one of your old favorites or rice (from Grange Grains), squash a new just released film with friends." Sponsored by Main and garbanzo beans available for purchase. Info: localfoodpledge@ Street Video. Thursday, March 29 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, gmail.com or "Local Food Pledge," c/o Green Uprising Farm, 2301 East 50 South Main Street. Info

459-9194. Hill Road, Willits, CA 95490. Shanachie Pub: Joseph Demaree Friday, March 30 and The Great Smoking Mirror "play a mellow and unique, stylized, "Spirit Radio Frequencies"

form of Rock n Roll, Indie, old Gifted local musician Kyle Country, Folk and Alternative music with a Punk Madrigal is performing live Rock background." Visit http://idiomism.wixsite. original music every Friday

Maplewood Celtic harp, and com/josephdemaree. Monday, March 26 at 7 pm. from noon to 3 pm at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South the recounting of a central Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-Main Street. "Spirit Radio Frequencies - listen to tale of an elderly Irish couple 9194. Kyle channel the frequencies of NOW!!!" Brickhouse returning to their homeland in

Tuesday, March 27

Advance tickets are \$20 and Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All available in person at Mazahar, 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 8 South Main Street; online at on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all prownpapertickets.com; or by showings. This week's Tightwad movie is "Tomb hone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006 Raider." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 Fickets will also available at East Commercial Street. 459-6696. e door until sold out. WCT is ocated at 37 West Van Lane

Thursday, March 29

O'Brien & Son Return to Brickhouse Coffee: Arranger

O'Brien and his son, Just Enough: Acoustic trio flautist Loren Herz-Just Enough will be back O'Brien, home from at Brickhouse Coffee on Conservatory for spring Monday, March 26, playing from 12:30 to 2 pm. break, perform a concert "Performing a varied repertoire of folk, blues and together on Thursday, Americana music, Clancy Rash, Kate Black and March 29 at 7 pm at Helen Falandes blend close harmonies in a warm Brickhouse community setting." Brickhouse Coffee is located South Main Street on the corner of Main and Commercial Streets, "Entertaining stories

musical anecdotes and Local Food Pledge Meeting: A new group to beautiful music from encourage pledgers to "to eat and grow healthy Rock to Rachmaninoff.' local food, to ethically source, process, preserve \$10 admission; \$7 for and glean more of our daily diet, and to build students and seniors personal relationships with our local farmers, 60+. Doors open with ranchers, and producers as we support them with food available at 6 pm; our business" is meeting on the second and fourth music starts at 7 pm.

Avenues to Wellness presents: Holy Week at St. Francis in the with Cancer: Redwood Episcopal Help is Available Church

> All are welcome at Holy Week and Easter services at St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, at the corner of Commercial



Intertaining stories, musical anecdotes, and beautiful music from Rock to Rachmaninoff Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main St., corner East Commercial, Willits Join us at Brickhouse for finger foods, pastries, coffees, teas, and incredible music \$10.00 general admission cover charge .00 student and senior (60+) discounted rate and food available at 6:00pm, music starts at 7:00pm



Bartender and movie buf

Rygg plays movies of all

genres "that may surprise,

delight or frighten" - "enjoy



Photos with the Easter Bunny: Join the Easter Bunny and his live, furry friends from 4 to 6 pm at J.D. Redhouse for

photo fundraiser with Maureen Moore Mphotographress. Digital images are just \$5 each and half Crook the proceeds will go

Calvary

are welcome. Info: info@ccwillits.com.

Neighborhood Association

presents its annual Easter

Egg Hunt on Saturday,

March 31, at 1 pm, at Ohl

Grove Park, 24969 Clover

Shanachie Pub: The

Dennis Chrisp Band

talented musicians coming

original, improvised, and

rare moments in music."

Saturday, March 31 at 9

pm. Shanachie Pub, 50

Sunday, April 1

South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

together for a night

"many

local

Happy Easter & April Fool's Day!

Road, in Brooktrails.

featuring

In a still

Movie Night with Rygg.

offers lunch, coffee, pastries, art, music, community

Art Under Twenty 2018: Willits High School's

annual art exhibit at the Willits Center for the Arts

is set to open on Friday, March 30 and run through

April 29. Student artists from San Hedrin High

School, Willits Charter School and Laytonville High

School students are also included in the exhibit,

which features the creativity, skill and imagination of

over 100 artists. The opening reception, from 4 to 7

pm, features "have refreshments and entertainment

that will surprise and delight you." WCA, 71 East

sharkmouth.

bandcamp.com/

releases to hear

2017 EP. Friday,

March 30 at 9

Pub, 50 South

Main Street. Info:

the

pm.

December

Shanachie

Commercial Street, is open

Wednesday through Sunday from

Shanachie Pub: Sharkmouth out

of Santa Rosa is "the dankest,

freshest, flyest, tastiest rock n

roll band the west coast has

ever spawned." Visit https://

11 am to 5 pm. Info: 459-1726.

and love - drug- and alcohol-free.

to benefit the Willits Bunny wranglers Keely and Heidi 4-H leather group. No Ahders will be back again this year appointment ust drop by!

Chapel

Lutheran Church is located at 24 Mill

Easter 2988. Eggstravaganza: The public is invited to hunt 10,000 eggs and enjoy Easter Egg Lions free food, games, face painting and Hunt: Willits Lions more at the Calvary Chapel Easter Club's 89th annual Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March Easter Egg Hunt starts 31 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Willits High School at noon on Easter football field. Prizes and drawings as well. All ages Sunday, April 1. The Lions hand-dye 2,000 Brooktrails Easter Egg Hunt: The Brooktrails eggs every year. Free

to attend; hunt is for children 12 and under. Kids are grouped by

age, "so even the Sharon Bauman works on littlest hunters are dying eggs for the 2017 Willits assured a chance to Lions Club Easter hunt. find an egg." Willits High School, 299 North

Main Street. Rain or shine. Traditional egg hunt in the WHS baseball fields if the weather allows; otherwise the Lions will host a "drive-up" hunt. Info 354-8262

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information about other Holy Week events at St. Francis.

9:45 am, weather permitting

only. Worship service begins

at 10:15 am, and will feature

local musicians. St. John



needed, with the Easter Bunny himself.

The Dennis Chrisp Band

Easter Services at St. Francis

in the Redwood: All are welcome

at St. Francis in the Redwood

Episcopal Church, at the corner

of Commercial and Main streets.

for Easter Services, Sunday, April

1 at 10 am, followed by a potluck

Easter Feast, and Easter Egg

Hunt for the children. See article

elsewhere in the Calendar for

Saturday, March 31 Creek Drive; info: 459-



on Thursday afternoons from 3 to 5:30 pm at the dull, Keith Rosen will sharpen them during the Manager Michael Foley 216-5549 to arrange pick up.

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

Willits International Folk Dancing: Every Thursday from 7 to 9 pm. Learn recreational cultural dances from around the world. Beginners welcome. No dance experience necessary. No partner needed. \$5 per class. Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. Info: Megan Wolf, 530-647-6512 or megster1989@ vahoo.com

Willits Frontier Twirlers: Square-dancing workshops held every Monday from 6:30 to 7:45 pm, at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. "Dancers are encouraged to come regularly as new moves are taught every session. Bring your partner or come as a single dancer and join our funloving club!" \$5 per person, per night.

Friday Potluck Bingo: Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum bingo buy-in \$5. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-

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

German Conversation Class: Ongoing nondenominational German conversation/book reading class is open to new members (middle to advanced German speakers). No charge, but donations gladly accepted. St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm. Info: Doris Wier, 456-9246

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or honemann@ vahoo.com.

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

Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Play Group," and 3:30 to 5:30 pm "Lego Day" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Story Time"; Fridays: 5 to 6 pm "Youth Game Night" (ages 10 to 14). Willis Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908

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

9037, or lotusb3@earthlink.net. Soroptimists International of to the public; donations appreciated; Willits: Women's service club wheelchair-accessible. aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and

third Tuesdays of every month, Mendocino County is a grassroots, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission nonprofit agency that is here to assist Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women the over 500 people who are diagnosed interested in community service are welcome; new with cancer each year in Mendocino members are encouraged to join at any time.

cancer screenings.

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more info.

In addition to her work with the

Life Changes: Discussion and support group with Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Volleyball Open Gym: Baechtel Grove Gym, 1150 nolia Street. Sundays 7 to 9 pm, and Tuesdays

at 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

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

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym:

Monday. Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm. Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Tweens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/ MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565

Little John's: Little John's Bar and Dance Club offers Karaoke every Thursday night, from 9:30 pm to 1:30 am. "Come join the fun and sing a song." Also, free pool every Sunday from 6 to 10 pm. 383 South Main Street. Info: check "Little Johns" on Facebook or 459-5636.

> Shanachie Pub: Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. 8 pm. "Local

musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-

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

and Main Streets. The church is entirely Resource Centers of Mendocino wheelchair accessible. The schedule of County, on Tuesday, April 3 from 5:30 services this week is as follows:

Thursday, March 29, 6 to 7 pm, Maundy Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Free Thursday: Named for Jesus's mandate that we love one another, this service commemorates his last supper with his friends, and his washing The Cancer Resource Centers of of their feet as an example of service. At the end of the service all decorations are removed and the always-burning sanctuary candle is extinguished, remembering Jesus's arrest.

County. Come find out what free-of-Friday, March 30, noon to 1 pm: Good Friday charge-services are available to anyone service of prayers, Holy Communion, and a facing cancer. Learn the best ways to reading of the Passion of Christ. The church reduce your cancer risk through healthy will be open until 2 pm for private prayer and lifestyle changes and recommended meditation

> Saturday, March 31, 10 to 10:30 am: Holy Saturday Prayer service.

Cancer Resource Centers, Oslund is a Saturday, March 31, 6 to 7:30 pm, The Easter former Willits city council member and Vigil: This is an ancient midnight service, held mayor and has lived in Willits for 24 in Willits earlier so all may attend. It is a joyous first acclamation of Easter. We rekindle the light Avenues to Wellness is a program that was extinguished on Maundy Thursday, of the Frank R. Howard Foundation. hear readings and sing songs retelling our Visit www.avenuestowellness.org for story, and renew our baptismal vows. Holy

the ATW Speaker Series schedule for Communion is included. the year, presented the first Tuesday Sunday, April 1, 10 am: Easter Day Services, evening of every month, and archives followed by a potluck Easter Feast, and Easter of previous talks, or call 456-9676 for Egg Hunt for the children.







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459-6826

lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. \$6.50 for those 55 and older; \$8 for those under 55. Includes soup, salad, entree, vegetable, dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info:

Almost Fringe Festival in Willits **Steam Punk** Weekend

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Shanachie Pub is participating in Visit Mendocino's Almost Fringe Festival "by throwing a Steampunk Party both Friday and Saturday night with some of our favorite local musicians, so strap on those suspenders, tighten those corsets, and get ready for two nights of merriment!

Friday, April 6 features Self Fulfilling Prophesies, local group with Morgan Stocker (nacho the stockrocker) Buckminster West and Bodhi Idarius – "the music has elements of punk, folk, and rock, all original compositions. A favorite at the Pub! Visit www.myspace.com/ selffulfillingprophecies

Saturday, April 7 is Local Singer Songwriter Night, featuring some of Shanachie Pub's most popular and well-known local artists: Forrest Glyer and Malakai Schindel of Schindig, Tracy Hui of Marty's Garden, Adam Manus, Kyle Madrigal, Margo Cilker, Clay Hawkins, Danni El, and Ambria Zenitar.

"This April," Visit Mendocino says on its website, "Mendocino County is getting downright fringy! Well, Almost Fringy that is. Join us as we celebrate creativity, from traditional to cutting-edge, and artsy to agrarian! Experience our entire county. Choose from: sparkling wine tasting, nature walks/wildcrafting, steampunk gala, goats & wildflowers, artful giraffes, ukulele festival, bio-blitz and much more!" For a list of other events happening, visit https://www.visitmendocino.com/fringe-2/.

Auditions for

'Willits On Stage 5'

Auditions are coming up for "Willits On Stage 5," a community variety show. which is a benefit event for Willits Community Services & Food Bank. The show will be performed on Saturday, April 28 at Willits High School. Can you sing or dance? Juggle? Tell jokes? Spin plates?

All ages, all talents, and all abilities are invited to audition their acts, which should be no more than 5 minutes; the idea is not to showcase only professional talents, but to have a good time, laugh, and enjoy the fun, silly, or unique talents of our friends, neighbors and special guests. Auditions to be held at the Willits United Methodist Church, School and Pine Streets, on Saturday, April 7, from 10 am to 1 pm, on Wednesday, April 11, from 7 to 9 pm, and by special arrangement. Info: Kevin at 456-9429

'Tomb Raider'

The Story: Lara Croft prequel movie with lotsa action, some comedy, and Alicia Vikander instead of Angelina Jolie. Lara's papa disappeared seven years ago, and young Lara refuses to believe he's dead. She receives an order to destroy all his antiquarian researches. Then she finds a map to a lost island in the (uh oh!) Devil's Sea. She's been warned away and she should know better, but she's stubborn

and plucky, and by gawd Daniel Essman she misses her daddy. So she goes a-huntin' Columnist for him. The rest of the

flick involves tombs and explosions and daring escapes. And very bad men

My Thoughts: This flick is a superhero origins story. Vikander brilliantly starred in "Ex Machina" as the enigmatic Machina. In the same year, she won an Oscar for "The Danish Girl." She's a gifted actress and quite solid as the young Lara Croft. Vickander jumps and rolls and wrestles and shoots a bow and arrow - and several times gets her butt kicked guite realistically. It owes its narrative more than a little a bit to "Raiders of the Lost Ark." Of course, so does every other Lara Croft movie. That said, this flick is, all in all, reasonably entertaining.

Parents: Too much brutality and murder for small children. Young boys will probably pester you parents to see it, but too many men are killed (just because) for me to recommend it. I'd say 12 and up.

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



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Furry Friends Hoping for a Home



Special Santana

'Erik' Santana is a 5-year-old miniature poodle with special needs. She came in with her mother and sister when their owner died recently, and Garcia she is trying her best to adjust. She is blind, so the new world is particularly scary for her right now. She is apprehensive when she first neets someone new, but after some quiet time born June 19, 1980 in San and gentle play she starts to show her sweet personality. She would do best if she could be

Antonio, Texas. Erik, as he affectionately was named, adopted with her sister or her mom because departed this life on March they do tend to look after her. She is not the 13, 2018 in California. Erik least bit "snappy," as you might expect and is lived a full life that began really guite endearing. Come meet her and the with elementary beginnings rest of her family soon! in San Antonio, where he

OBITUARY

For more information on the Humane Society attended Fox Tech High for Inland Mendocino County's adoptable School, graduating in 1998

animals, call the HSIMC at 707-485-0123, check www.mendohumanesociety.com, or visit with a desire to see the the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday world and cook. Those through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. To volunteer or help take the

dogs for a walk, please join HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.

Goofy Knox

Looking for a fun dog? Knox is your guy! He is a 2-year-old neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 65 pounds. Knox is a goofy guy who loves to play with toys and is pretty much always in a good mood. Every day is a good day as far as he is concerned!

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. More





pursuits took him across the country and eventually landed him in Maui, Hawaii, where he would spend the majority of his adult life.

If you were a friend or loved one, he probably offered you a place to stay in Hawaii if you came to visit. That's the type of loving person he was. His zest for life shined through in everything he did and everyone whose path he crossed. Through his life, he spent most of his time making people laugh and feeding them. Everywhere he went and with everyone he encountered, he left an indelible mark. Whether you were left smiling or laughing, every encounter with Erik was intended to leave you in a better place than you were before he arrived. That's the way Erik would have wanted you to feel right now.

Left to continue his memory are his mother, Gloria Garcia, his sister, San Juanita Washington, and his beloved niece, Isabella Morgan. He is also survived by a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends,

Erik's true love was his grandfather who preceded him in death, Manuel E. Garcia, whom he has gone to rejoin. Erik's final resting place will be his beloved Hawaii. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.







The rest of Gala From Page 5

all aspects of the education and personal relationships within our school.

"Our core mission and responsibility is to help our students develop this deep center of their being as they move from early childhood to adulthood. The education we offer is designed to appeal to - and nurture - the special capacities that emerge at each state of the child's adolescent development.'

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Waldorf School of Mendocino County teacher Kelly Austin has this to say about the school: "Head, heart and hands, the thinking, feeling and willing in a child. We are trying to create people that are going to be human beings. And what is the value of being a human being? Going out into this technological world. What can they do that machines can't. We offer a huge variety of programs in the arts and academics because we don't know what the future is going to be for each child, and we are trying to give them every opportunity when they step out in the world."

Austin's sentiment was echoed in every faculty member and alumnus interviewed at the gala. That staff and parents and graduates come back to support the school so generously speaks volumes about how they perceive the value of the education they received.

To learn more about the Waldorf School or to donate to the school or their Fire Relief Fund, visit https:// waldorfmendocino.org.

The rest of State From Page 3

lan Watson, who won four medals at Regionals, shared his preparation. "Music and science are my main subjects," he said, "so I am devoting my time and effort to them. I am also skimming through the other subjects so I'm focused and ready for Super Quiz. I am really excited for State and can't wait to compete on a larger scale!" Nick Hebel, who received the highest score of our team at Regionals, shared his excitement, too. "This competition gives our team a chance to showcase what we've spent a year learning. With the support of our coach, community, and each other, I believe that we will excel at State.' During the competition, our Academic Decathlon team will spend three days interviewing, speaking and testing. Our free time will be spent studying, swimming in the pool, and attending the annual post-competition dance. Our team is thrilled to be attending State for our second year and look forward to the challenging competition for the exciting opportunities it provides. We will return home on March 25 as proud Decathletes, with experience in public speaking, probing interviews, and difficult tests. Most of all we look forward to this competition as a chance to strengthen our skills and our friendships. Until then, off to State!

OBITUARY **Jack Tharp**

It'll sure feel better when it guits hurtin', he'd say to us, after every bruise or cut or scrape, after every broken bone or broken heart

Yesterday my Papa Jack quit hurtin'. Yesterday my hero died ...

He was the man who set every bar I ever aimed for. The toughest, hardest-working, funniest, most humble man I've ever known. The man who taught me how important it is to stand up for what you believe in. Who taught me to work tirelessly toward a goal. Who taught me to respect others. To be unfailingly honest. To give my word, and to keep it.

He showed me how to remain gracious in victory as well as in defeat. He showed me that it's OK to disagree with someone without disliking them. He showed me how to ride a horse and how to appreciate a poem.

He demonstrated endless patience with children. He taught me to be polite, but not to take any s---. To find humor in everything. To make no excuses. To love fiercely...

He was the greatest man I've ever known. I'm sure going to miss him.

In memory of my grandfather, Jack Lee Tharp. – Melissa Mondo, Willits

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Far left: The happy third-grade students, along with Rachel Alvizo and Joe Madden, pose with some of their favorite drawings of Celtic knots.

At left: In Spanish, Rachel Alvizo describes Celtic knots and their Christian symbolism on crosses and other carved stone and drawings found in some of the **British Isles**

Below, from top: Jobe shows the second Celtic knot she made in her art class. "Dios es uno solo," or "God is one" in English. Nick shades his Celtic knot. "Dios es uno solo," with a shading tool. Maestra Alvizo helps Aedan learn to use the shading tool that is part of the drawing kit.

At bottom. left: Maestra Alvizo demonstrates the next step in making the "El undo delta de la Trinidad." Students are helped by their teacher, Joe Madden, and aide, Rebecca Daun-Widner.

Photos by Ree Slocum

Celtic Knots

Willits Elementary Charter School students learn - in Espanol - how to draw the complex decorative symbols

Joe Madden's third-grade class at the Willits Elementary What she had just informed the students in Spanish

step instructions.

school, she combines her

Ree Slocum Patrick's Day – an Irish Celtic holiday Features Writer ree@willitsweekly.com just around the corner, the weekly

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Charter School was treated to making Celtic knots as translates to, "Today we're going to draw Celtic knots" in their art project last week. With St. English. Alvizo continues the lesson in Spanish with her exquisitely rolled "r"s.

> She first talked about the knots originating in the British Isles as symbols of their Christian religion. One knot is art lesson for all six grades was about drawing the called "Dios es uno solo" - "God is one" in English. This complex Celtic knots. The was the first knot she taught the attentive third-graders how to draw. It started with drawing a simple square in Spanish and art teacher, Rachel Alvizo - fondly the center of their paper. As she continued drawing each step on the board, showing the 19 students how to make called "Maestra Alvizo" the new lines, teacher Joe Madden and teacher's aide, - made the decorative Rebecca Daun-Widner, helped those children who needed knots come alive in their extra assistance. They also spoke to them in Spanish. simplicity with her step-by-

> And yet there can be frustrations. "Every once in a while. if they're just not getting it, and I see a bunch of question "Hov vamos a dibuiar marks on their faces, I'll slip in a little English. You saw it nudos celta," announced today when they weren't getting the word I was using for Alvizo at the beginning of "stop," so I drew a stop sign on the board to help clear up the art class. Since she's the confusion," Alvizo explained. And it worked. the Spanish teacher who Teaching art and incorporating the Spanish teaches art at the charter

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Celtic

Interim City Manager Robert Perrault language grew from a desire presented the council with the reasons to three resolutions supporting various state City of Willits will commence its annual water main of the WECS staff about three pursue a cannabis tax, along with various Senate bills and state propositions in the years ago to incorporate art ways it could be implemented. upcoming elections. in more of what is offered at While fees put in place by the council Council members approved a resolution the school. The idea of having last year do cover application processing supporting the passage of Proposition 69, weekly art classes became and inspection costs for new cannabis and opposing the repeal of Senate Bill 1. expected to take approximately one month to complete. an extension of the charter businesses, Perrault said, they "do not school's commitment to Perrault explained SB 1 provides cover the impacts of the new industry on having an active art program. \$5 billion annually for the repair and the day-to-day operations of the city." According to Kara McClellan, rehabilitation of local streets and roads all the WECS director, the art Among those impacts, he listed law over the state enforcement, fire protection services, city program is one of her favorite He noted if SB 1 were repealed, it would parts of the school. street wear from increased traffic, "and to eliminate around \$250,000 that Willits is some extent even the social fabric of the "What's wonderful about receiving annually from the state over the the teachers at our school is community. next 10 years. The measure to repeal SB will often be in the roadway 1 will be on the ballot in November. that they are always pushing, Perrault said the tax revenue would be Customers may experience a drop in pressure along pushing, pushing to take funneled into the city's general fund, and Proposition 69, which appears on things to the next level," she the council would decide how to allocate it the ballot in June, would prohibit the areas being flushed. Although the water may be brownish, said. "Because we pushed to during the budget process. state from taking money out of the SB it is safe to drink. Care should be taken in washing clothes, develop an art program that Of all the options, he and staff 1 transportation funds to use for other fit our unique school, we got recommended a tax based on a budget items. Perrault noted the state has your water for discoloration before washing clothes. together a group of interested percentage of gross receipts. Other been known to do this kind of thing in the For more detailed information about where the flushing and diverse staff members possibilities include a flat tax – with one past will be occurring, customers may call 459-7104 for recorded about three years ago.' set amount for all businesses each year -The council also voted to support information or call City Hall at 459-4601 Over that next summer they or a square-footage tax based on the size Senate Bill 5/Proposition 68: California created a team that currently of the business facility. Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal The rest of consists of: Alvizo, the Perrault said he preferred gross receipts Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act From Page 1 Meeting Spanish teacher who has art because "it would be easy to collect of 2018. experience; Becky Button, the the information from audits provided The proposition, slated for the June Mind participants described buildings as defense. Green independent studies teacher by the businesses, and it would also be ballot, would issue a \$4 billion bond to award-winning group effort with art experience; Christine equitable," since smaller businesses support a variety of different programs creations. Eighth-grade district to teach "staff how Felton, a second-grade teacher would pay less than larger ones. including parks, water projects, and science teacher Vanessa to use structures to their with publishing and digital art Most of the council agreed with projects related to sustainability of the Haggett described four advantage.' background; Rebecca Daun-Perrault's assessment, though some energy plans" for Willits on climate Widner, garden coordinator concern was expressed about whether display, which were created Perrault said if it passed, Willits would that Baechtel Grove "kids and classroom aide; and cannabis business owners would report by her students. likely receive a \$200,000 grant to put came out of their rooms McClellan, the director trained their total income accurately The plans were based toward park-related improvements. and stood silently and in process facilitation. The on the use of renewable Councilman Ron Orenstein said he Lastly the council approved a resolution respectfully for 17 minutes inspired group met throughout liked the idea of gross receipts, but energy sources and student to support Senate Bill 3, the Veterans and . [and] ... a group of Willits the summer months and projections of a \$500,000 worried about underreported revenues. Affordable Housing Act of 2018, which High School kids met out created the perfect program yearly budget with a need He felt cannabis businesses might have would provide \$4 billion in bond money for for their school. for 21 megawatts a year more incentive to "fudge the numbers" affordable housing programs, including nationwide student protest. "What's really interesting one plan even harnessed than other businesses since they would be \$1 billion for the CalVet home ownership when you start a program energy from wind as paying higher taxes, while still competing program. from scratch is you can relikened these becomingvehicles zoomed by on the with those on the marijuana black market imagine what you want it to Extended finance contract bypass paying no taxes be." McClellan said. The group Principal Maria The council also extended the contract de "There is that balance point," he said decided the art classes would Regional Government Services, Angeles Munguia los "We don't want to kill the legitimate with be taught in what they call, described Baechtel Grove which has been providing the city with businesses, but we also need to get our "stacking functions." Each students' recent science in school-shooting cases. interim finance director, through fair share of the revenue.... Human nature an 70-minute class focusses fair successes – 80 projects December 2018. says you don't report all the revenue on an art concept like color, entered and 14 competing you're going to make because you don't The contract extension was the second perspective, the fundamentals at the county level. Two who a likely perpetrator is. want to pay more taxes." issued by the council since Susie Holmes of drawing, painting, other became alternate state left the city finance director post last "In many of these cases. Mayor Madge Strong said the threat of mediums, art history, etc., qualifiers (county gold medal he said, "if someone had September an audit should be a good deterrent for while learning something about winners Jack Buckingham just spoken up " business owners in avoid hiding income. Perrault said two different recruitment and Jadyn Arnold, with "The one of the seven different efforts have failed to find a permanent Superintendent "They're going to have to account continents in the world. The Amazing Adventures of the replacement for Holmes. He suggested for where their products are going, and Hovercraft," and county classes are also tailored to the city possibly look into more aggressive they're going to have to have books that gold medal winners Ingrid the seasons, to holidays, or targeted recruitment. what the children are learning are pretty well kept," she said Mendoza and Vanessa "They know." Initially the council extended the Mercado, with "Detecting in other classes. To top off Perrault suggested the city clearly Westerburg described RGS contract for only three months, Bacteria"). One gualified the "stacking" objective, the inform all cannabis business owners they from January to March. Perrault said he for the state science fair classes are taught in Spanish. are subject to an audit at any time, and different place this year. recommended a lengthier extension this (county silver medal winner Each class at WECS. from also consider randomly selecting some time since a busy time is approaching in John Michael Kale, with kindergarten through fifth businesses for audits. It's very positive." terms of finance work, and it would help "Magnet Powers"). City Building Official John Sherman grade, gets a daily half-hour He added he had "enjoyed to have some continuity with a new city Munguia told trustees that Spanish lesson from Alvizo pointed out cannabis business facilities coaching basketball," and changes at Baechtel Grove manager coming in. and a 45-minute art class will be inspected by himself and other staff had nothing but praise for this school year had resulted The total fiscal cost for the contract taught in Spanish once a week at least every 90 days, which will give the the district's bus drivers in "a great improvement in extension is \$126,000 to the city. Perrault with her. When asked why city a good idea of what's going on in each whom he has been getting the climate." Some of those did note that since the contract was hourly she teaches art exclusively business to know better while riding changes include a new class based, it could be easily terminated early in Spanish, Alvizo answered: Perrault and City Attorney Jim Lance, their busses to games. schedule which results in should the city find a permanent finance "It's a huge benefit that the who will help design the tax plan, said "They do a great job," he longer core classes (math, director before the end of the year. students get to learn Spanish there are plenty of cities in California that science, social studies, or another language at school. have already enacted excise cannabis Goodbye to Perrault and language arts), more And while on the topic of Studies show that it helps taxes to draw ideas from. elective classes, separate It was Perrault's last meeting as city transportation, Westerburg brain development when "We wouldn't be reinventing the wheel lunchtimes for each grade, manager, and the council gave him a informed the board you're growing up to learn two here," said Lance. "There's lots of other and teachers teaching only goodbye ceremony at the beginning of the there would be separate different languages. I really do cities that have done this and that have one grade-level with more meeting, with council members sharing transportation for grades see the benefits. provided good templates for us to work kind words for his service. time to collaborate. K-5 and 6-12 next year. Teaching art in another The daily presence of "It has been just such a pleasure and "High school kids talk language reinforces common new Dean of Students For example, according to Perrault, the a godsend to have you here in our city," about stuff kindergarteners words while adding new City of Cloverdale has enacted a tax with a Mackenzie Erickson is also said Strong. "You've done such a great shouldn't listen to," he said. words and concepts students cap of 10 percent gross receipts, but with a very positive addition to job, and you've warmed the hearts of our Westerburg and trustees may not be exposed to in the school, she said. the option to set it at any rate lower than staff and gained all of our respect.' a regular language class. also expressed continuing that on an annual basis. For the current Willits Teachers Perrault, who had been interim Sometimes Alvizo has seen gratitude to Les Schwab year, the rate is only 4.5 percent. Association President John city manager since early November, Tire Center, whose latest children know an English Haschak brought up the Lance said he liked Santa Rosa's also spoke glowingly in describing his word because they learned a contributions to the district issue of school gun violence tax measure - a hybrid model taxing experience with Willits similar word in Spanish. She "new wireless and the suggestion, by cultivation by square foot and all other "I wanted to thank the council and the also believes their test scores scoreboards in the high some, that armed teachers businesses by gross receipts. Some community for the last four months," he improve due to their language school gym." might be a way to deal with council members seemed open to this said. "I really appreciated your and the skills. They're learning how to the issue. type of model during discussion. community's acceptance. It really allowed solve problems, think more Haschak described a The council didn't recommend any me to feel welcome and feel a part of the creatively, have better critical recent episode at Seaside procedure and timeline for specific percentage numbers for the gross community. And it was a privilege to be thinking skills, and, generally, High School in Monterey receipts tax, but Orenstein emphasized able to both serve the citizens and the city. have higher academic County involving a teacher the amount didn't necessarily need be for achievement because they can "I think you've got a great staff at all who had a gun in the only cost-recovery, since it was an excise converse in two languages. levels," he added. "And what I've really classroom, teaching a class enjoyed is that they have an overall An interesting aside about gun safety. He pointed board's December meeting "It's the company paying for the privilege dedication to the community and the city. from the Maestra: "Most the gun at the ceiling – and of doing business in your jurisdiction," he That's not always something that you kindergarteners don't know it went off, injuring students. said. "There is a privilege in that there is find that I speak English yet! I only "We don't want to go ability for them to work in an area that has speak to them in Spanish, and Perrault also read a list of suggestions there - being armed," said a market ready for them." I don't let English slip out when and advice he had for the council and Haschak. Perrault said staff estimated putting the I'm in their room," she laughed. staff as they face the changes in coming California School tax measure on the ballot would cost the years. These included eventually hiring The WECS art curriculum Employees Association city roughly \$10,000. more support staff and a public works also includes local artists Willits chapter President meeting. According to a recent memo to the director; being vigilant about continuing Dan Green told trustees working in any medium. All the to advocate for Willits with the League of council from Lance and Perrault, the city about ways "to use what materials for the art classes has currently received about a dozen California Cities; and updating the general we have" to increase safety are donated. Anyone with applications for cannabis business plan, zoning map and development code. in the event of a school donations or those who'd like permits, with several more expected soon. to volunteer their art skills to He said he sent the list along to incoming shooting Or download the application teach an art class, please The first business is expected to be fully City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Noting he had been in contact Maestra Alvizo at 459permitted and operational within the next Sierra, who took over the reins March 15, construction for 40 years, he by looking under the "News" 45 days the day following the meeting. said there were ways to use tab at willitsunified.com. 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Ballot From Page 1

Endorsements

Also at the meeting, the council adopted

Water main flushing starts Monday

Submitted by the City of Willits

flushing and valve operating program on Monday, March 26. The purpose of the flushing program is to remove accumulated sediments that may have collected during the normal operation of the water system. The flushing is

The flushing will start at the base of Pine Mountain and continue westerly into town. The flushing of Main Street is expected to commence on or about the week of April 16 and could take up to one week. Main Street flushing will occur at night in order to minimize the impact to businesses. Motorists are urged to use caution in these areas, as the roads will be wet and the city's work crews

with discoloration of their water for short periods in the particularly whites as they may be stained. Please check

offered to consult with the The board was also told front" during a March 14 Trustee Alex Bowlds all-too-common school tragedies "to the cascade of errors that lead to an [airline] crash." One of those errors he pointed out, is that it's often known beforehand Mark Westerburg agreed. "Listen to the students," he said. the high school as "a whole There's been lots of change.





Willits Seventh-Dav **Adventist Church** 399 W. Mendocino Avenue 459-6390 Stan Caylor, Pastor Sabbath School - 9:15 a.m. Worship Serivice - 10:45 a.m 1st Sabbath of every month family notluck at the school. 22751 Bray Road, Willits

Willits United Methodist

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Athletes of Willits High School

Golf | Nathan Maples, 17, Junior

How long playing the sport: Three years Breakfast of Champions: Pancakes Traditions: "Before I tee off, I picture my shot landing on the green every time." Additional thoughts: "I'm hoping by next

Junior Nathan Maples is a three-year varsity golf player for Willits High School Junior. He qualified for NCS sections last year as an individual player. Nathan has moved up to the #1 player this year and has come in second place in his first two matches this year. He was four strokes off medalist in the last match at Buckingham Golf Course in Lake County.

year, we will get our pennant.'

submitted by Coach Scott Herman



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WILLITS **MAVER** PR

Golf | David Mann, 17, Senior How long playing the sport: Three years Breakfast of Champions: Honey Nut Chex and bananas Traditions: "Before I tee off I stand behind the tee box and look at the green.

Additional thoughts: "I think by next year, we'll have our pennant back."

Junior David Mann rejoined the team this year after missing his sophomore year and has been a great addition to the team, playing in the #2 position. He improved from his first high school match 13 strokes in the second match. He hopes to qualify for Sections this year.



The meeting ended with trustees agreeing on a

selection and appointment of a new board member to replace Trustee Laurie Harris, who resigned at the Anyone interested in applying for the seat must submit an application by no later than Friday, April 13. Trustees will interview and select the new board member at their May 2 Persons interested in the position may call the district office at 459-5314, ext. 1101 for more information.















Randy Cantua

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Above, from left: Hot peppers come in all shapes and sizes. This mix includes Serrano, Criolla Sella, Joe's Long, Korean, Anaheim and Jalapeno peppers. Vibrant Joy is a mild purple-stem bok choy from organic farmer/breeder Frank Morton. It is a new variety bred using traditional heirloom methods. A local favorite, Pineapple is a gold-and-red-swirled tomato that is both big and delicious. The flavor is mild, sweet and fruity.

COLUMN | Garden Tip of the Month

March: Spring Equinox

Sunlight is finally gaining the upper hand! It's is a good time to plant seeds – both outdoors and indoors. Honeybees are starting to visit my garden. Right now they are all over the bright-yellow flowering stalks of kale, mustard and turnips that have overwintered.

Jamie Chevalier Notice that the kale flowers smell like honey? The bees think so too! So if you have cabbagefamily greens that are sending up flowers, leave them to bloom. They attract not only bees but the many aphid-eating a handout supplied by Thilman

insects that are looking for nectar right now. If you have flowers blooming now while pollen is scarce, you are making a great start toward eliminating pests before they become a problem. Flowers with so many petals that there are no stamens won't attract beneficials. Stamens look like antennae and have pollen on them – any flower with a yellow center like a daisy, or with visible stamens will work.

I recommend planting calendula now, about a half-inch deep in any pot or spare corner. They sprout well in cool soil and flower fast. Other pest-fighting spring flowers are poppies, bachelor's button, wild coreopsis, and alyssum. Arugula and cilantro are food plants with flowers bees and opioids, alcohol and heroin, beneficials love

Nothing tastes as fresh as the first vegetables of spring. You will want to get peas and lettuce going now. Other spring favorites to start now are broccoli, beets, carrots, turnips, and mustard. Broccoli and other cabbagefamily plants (like kale) sprout best at room temperature. Root crops, lettuce, and Asian greens can handle cool outdoor soil.

There are some exciting new spring possibilities from organic farmer/ breeder Frank Morton. They're in the mustard family, but flavors run all the world. way from totally mild to wasabi-hot. My favorite is a deep purple leaf for salad or quick cooking called Vibrant Joy. Or how about Mizpoona Salad Select for a fast-growing, cold-weather-loving salad green? The hot-butsweet Dragon Tongue already has a local following. All are available from local Quail Seeds

Most people have favorite tomatoes and peppers. Sometimes the best varieties for our area are only available as seed. The transplants at bigbox stores and nurseries are often types meant for nationwide distribution, and few are heirlooms. It's not hard to start your own, and March-April is the time to do it

Starting seed indoors requires a very sunny window, or a fluorescent 'shop" light, but any cool white bulb will do – you don't need "grow lights" for baby vegetables. The light does need to be close – about 6 inches from the plant – so make them adjustable. I put my seed flats on the floor and suspend lights from the underside of the kitchen table.

If you haven't started onions for the year, do it soon. Onion plants grow leaves until the longest days in June, then start bulbing up. Each ring of the onion bulb is the base of a leaf. Start them now in good potting mix, transplant out into well-composted soil to make lots of leaves, and they'll nave lots of rings for big fat onions. Good luck, and happy gardening! Jamie Chevalier lives and gardens near Willits. She has gardened professionally in Alaska and California and taught gardening in schools, as well as living in a remote cabin and commercial fishing. She wrote the Bountiful Gardens catalog from 2009 to 2017, and is now the proprietor of Quail Seeds, www.guailseeds.com

that "the researchers had earlier From Page 7 Iude found that cannabinoid receptors

within our bodies stimulated bone formation and inhibited bone acknowledged that smoking was "quick and good for symptom loss, which paves the way for the future use of cannabinoid drugs management ... but not good for long-term healing." She explained to combat osteoporosis and other edibles were not optimal either, as bone-related disease.'

enzymes in the stomach and action A May 2017 article in the journal by the liver actually work to change Nature Medicine presented the the medicine. "The best way," she results of researchers at the advised, is via "the membranes University of Bonn, who, with of the mouth ... swish a tincture colleagues from the Hebrew around." Next best are suckers, University Jerusalem of lozenges or suppositories. administered prolonged small

Finally, dosage. This, quantities of THC to mice, and said found "old animals were able to Thilman, is "an art and science. Cannabis is an herb, and herbal regress to the state of two-month medicine is individuated. We old mice.

simply are not cookie cutter In August 2014, Cal Pacific individuals as the pharmaceutical Medical Center, reporting on industry considers us, with their research on "cannabidiol and one-size-fits-all medicine and brain cancer treatment, [indicated dosing guidelines." that] a growing body of research

That's the bad news, that dosage suggested that non-psychotropic takes some "fishing around." The cannabinoid compounds are good news is that cannabis is not effective antitumor agents in multiple pre-clinical models of addictive, and you simply cannot aggressive cancers." Research overdose on it. A lethal dose that CBD inhibits breast cancer has never been quantified, but metastasis, and more recent described a lethal dose as so high research suggesting a role in treating the most common and as to be humanly impossible to achieve – estimated to be over 800 aggressive form of brain cancer, glioblastoma multiforma, was also cigarettes in 15 minutes, at which point death would be from carbon referenced

monoxide poisoning, not from the The American Cancer Society cannabinoids reported that "THC can help relieve pain and nausea, reduce And, our brain stems, where

respiration and heart rate are inflammation and act as an antioxidant. regulated, have "receptors for The Salk Institute in La said Thilman, "but not a lot for Jolla published an article

cannabinoids.' in June 2016 reporting that On to some scientific research. "cannabinoids remove plagueforming Alzheimer's proteins from Lamenting the "albatross war brain cells ... [and] ... might be on drugs" here in America, stifling neuroprotective against symptoms government funding for research, of Alzheimer's disease."

nonetheless, Thilman said, "solid Finally, testimonials. Space research is being done around the prohibits writing about Thilman's first-hand experience of the many Dr. Rafael Mechoulan, of and impressive/miraculous healing Hebrew University, discovered that and beneficial effects of cannabis THC was a cancer killer in 1963. on her own clients Dr. Christina Sanchez, a molecular

at Complutense lf you are interested biologist University of Madrid, has studied in these stories, go to the anti-tumor effects of THC for dragonflywellnesscenter.org and watch the video on the homepage. over a decade, and concluded that, indeed, THC kills cancer. For her part, Thilman said she had "arthritis my whole life." was The National Cancer Institute at the National Institute of Health taking NSAIDs (non-steroidal antireported that "cannabis has been inflammatories like lbuprofen), and shown to kill cancer cells in the had "stomach upset all the time." After a few months taking CBD, laboratory."

she said the arthritis was all but The science news website gone, and now "I pitch old-lady Science Daily reported that the softball," she said Journal of Bone and Mineral Research published a study She welcomes calls to answer

undertaken at Tel Aviv University your questions. "It's my passion ... and Hebrew University, which my mission as a cannabis educator The rest of From Page 1 Homeless

than three decades. He spoke to according to the federal HUD definition supervisors on March 13 and then of homelessness. Marbut recommended local agencies offer few services to publicly at a March 15 meeting in Ukiah. those people

Marbut stressed that the community needs to focus on recovery – on getting people off the streets and into housing. the year-round local HUD-defined "The mission should no longer be to Homelessness Information System list, they should 'serve' the homeless community; instead not receive services over an extended the mission should be to dramatically period of time," Marbut wrote in his draft and consequentially increase 'street report. "There must be universal resolve graduation' rates.' not to hand out limited resources To do this, Marbut said, members to individuals not truly experiencing of the what he calls the Homeless homelessness. Remediation Team – the county's Health and Human Services Agency, the "duplication of services" in Ukiah. the cities, the churches, the nonprofits

- must work together. He noted in his draft report that Ukiah now has three functioning day centers, Marbut said all the players need with a fourth to open soon and a fifth in to review his report and confer on the planning stages. his approach and recommendations. Then, assuming they agree Marbut's The drop-in center run by MCAVN, the basic approach will work and the goal Mendocino County Aids/Viral Hepatitis he espouses is worth pursuing, those Network. was named as the first day players should get together to craft an center. The Wellness Center, run by

action plan on homelessness tailored to Manzanita Services, is the second day Mendocino County. center, according to Marbut. The Ukiah Library, which Marbut says serves In Marbut's written draft report, he as a sort of shelter for a plentitude of offered a nine-step program toward a

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more effective strategy for the homeless.
                                       homeless throughout the day, is the
 First on his list was that agencies
                                         Marbut
serving the homeless community need
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Community Services plans to open
to develop "a common understanding
                                       a fourth day center next to the Ukiah
of the scope, scale and structure of the
                                       Winter Shelter, and "Nor-Cal Christian
problem, gain buy-in and agreement
                                       Ministries has submitted an application
for one overarching strategic action
                                      to the City of Ukiah to operate a would-
plan," and "move from tactical, one-off
decision-making to strategic decision- be fifth day-center in south Ukiah,"
                                       Marbut wrote
making based on data.'
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The team must move from "agency-
                                      ought to have one day center." he wrote.
centric to system-centric decision-
making," Marbut said, to "reduce
duplication of services while increasing
                                      overall system: creates inter-agency
agency specialization" and "operate
                                      inefficiencies, creates intra-agency
at maximum capacity by increasing
                                      ineffectiveness, crowds out utilization
utilization of the overall system."
                                      of excess inventory by other programs,
    also should "encourage
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organizations and the public to engage, rather than enable, individuals experiencing homelessness.'

Marbut also offered a number of "Strategic coordination between clinical recommendations, including the county and the cities" on the establishing a system-wide service homelessness issue should be eligibility and triage criterion, creating improved, and the team should "fully a countywide virtual case management build out and then robustly utilize the Homeless Management Information system, outreach teams - especially in System." Ukiah – and developing "meaningful" The Homelessness Management mental health and substance abuse

Information System is a software rehabilitation slots. program used to identify and track Marbut homeless people.

"separating children from chronically In his draft report, Marbut writes that homeless adults whenever possible. Mendocino County is not using the Although Marbut did not expand upon HMIS to its full potential: "Currently the HMIS system is predominantly being

this theme in his presentation to the board of supervisors or in his draft report, used as a "score-keeper" for federal

also

and opens the 'system' up

to 'service-shopping.'

Supes hear critics of housing ordinance

income apartments, and that sort of stuff, the

marketplace will do it, but this abortion we've

got adds about 20 percent onto the cost of

building by the time you're through. You need

to get rid of this inclusionary zoning ordinance.

You need to get back to where you can let the

"I encourage you to repeal the ordinance,

Ukiah Realtor Dick Selzer also blasted the

ordinance. "Regardless of how you feel about

whether we should be providing housing to

those less fortunate, the inclusionary ordinance

is a disaster," Selzer said. "Only in California

can you make housing more affordable by

"The ordinance looks like it is going to add

"The other thing you need to remember

is, developers don't pay that," Selzer said.

"Mr. Gillan [one of the speakers during the

discussion who said he was a developer] is a

nice guy, but he's not going to pay that. The

buyer of those homes is going to pay that. It

comes into play for Gillan when he has to

decide whether or not he's going to build them.

And if he can't make a profit – and by the way,

profit is not a dirty word – he's not going to build

Local attorney Lisa Hillegas, one of the

attorneys from Legal Services of Northern

California, which sued the county in 2008

over its failure to do anything to meet its state-

mandated responsibility to provide low-cost

housing, defended the inclusionary housing

ordinance and urged the supervisors to support

"Since 2009, 90 percent of the housing

"If you need to improve the Inclusionary

Housing Ordinance, do it," she continued

"Make it more understandable. Make it stricter.

Make it so that it will actually work, because

we are getting into an area now where housing

is actually being built. Improve it; don't gut it,

Don't take away any of its teeth. Make it more

After hearing public comment on the

ordinance, supervisors decided to close

built in this county has been 'above moderate

and even expand it.

pay anything.

effective," Hillegas urged.

taxing it. It just doesn't work.

about \$14,000 to \$15,000 per unit.

market take care of what it's supposed to do.

Supervisors took a quick look at Mendocino John Mayfield. "If there's a market for low-County's "inclusionary housing" ordinance at last week's board meeting, heard from critics "Simply put, if a person is not on of the measure, and decided to discuss the controversial issue -

later Mike A'Dair The ordinance was ike@willitsweeklv.com adopted, reluctantly,

Management

after Legal Services Mayfield said. "Don't Mickey Mouse around of Northern California filed a lawsuit against the with it -because nowhere in the state can you county in March 2009. John Pinches, chairman find that it's produced additional housing. It's of the board at the time, signed the ordinance. deterred people from providing that housing." although he voted against adopting it. The ordinance provides several overlapping

Marbut also criticized what he called or stacked incentives, which require housing developers to either construct a certain number of low-cost housing units along with other "market-rate" houses they might build in a given development, or pay an "in lieu fee," to be placed in an account to build low-cost housing ater at another location.

Developers seeking to build "market-rate" housing, would also have to build a certain number of "low-income, very-low-income, extremely low-income, or moderate-income" houses at the same location at the same time. According to the ordinance, if a developer builds five to 25 units, 10 percent must be affordable"; if he builds 26 to 50 market rate units. 15 percent must be affordable: if he builds noted that Redwood 51 to 75 units, 20 percent must be affordable; and if he builds 76 or more units, 25 percent

must be affordable. Developers who don't want to build affordable nousing at that time and place must pay an in lieu fee to the county. The in lieu fees are steep: for up to two units, it would be 2 percent of the median sales price for a single-family residence Marbut argued this is wrong. "Ukiah of the same size in Mendocino County. If the development is three to four houses, it would "Service duplications such as the above be 5 percent of the median sales price. But if have several negative effects to the it is five units or more, it would be 20 percent of the median sales price in Mendocino County

market-rate housing," Hillegas said. "Since its for a house of the same size. inception, smaller developers – the 'little guys' The ordinance also includes a system of have been following the ordinance. They've incentives and density bonuses that defy quick been paying their in lieu fees. And now we have dilutes core competencies of agencies, description. a big guy coming in and saying: 'I don't want to

The inclusionary housing ordinance hasn't worked out as well as proponents of the measure had hoped. Only about \$120,000 has been collected from the in lieu fees, over a period of nine years. In addition, few or no housing developments of more than 10 units have been built in the county since 2009. During discussion at the March 13 meeting, establishing street-level several speakers suggested the inclusionary housing ordinance was a factor in the dearth of county housing.

> "We need market-rate housing," said discussion of the item and reschedule the Ukiah businessman and former supervisor matter for fuller consideration at a later date recommended

> > Rep. Huffman names new Mendocino County field representative

Submitted by the Office of Congressman and served with AmeriCorps in Alaska and

Above, from top: Peas can be planted now. Give them compost and a sprinkling of lime or wood ash in well-drained soil. They can also be grown in tubs on the patio, with a tomato cage for a trellis. Who doesn't love tomatoes? This Brandywine grew naturally in a heart shape. (The photo has not been photoshopped or altered.) Brandywine is widely considered the benchmark for great heirloom tomato flavor. Peppers have a small root system and adapt happily to containers. These Corno di Toro plants bore two dozen huge sweet peppers each. Dragon Tongue is a farmers market favorite, with a flavor both sweet and hot, as well as dramatic purple-on-green coloring. Criolla Sella is an unusual pepper that has the fruity, smoky flavor of a habanero, without the extreme heat. It is about as hot as a jalapeno or serrano, making it perfect for salsa and cooking. Myona is a great tomato for salsa and canning because of its big yields of big. tasty paste tomatoes. The story goes that it was bred by an Italian-American push-cart vendor. When asked the variety, he said. "It's-a-mv-own-a.





showed that CBD significantly to dispel misinformation," she said helped to heal bone fractures in Call her at Dragonfly Wellness mice. The article went on to note Center at 962-0890.



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he was quoted on the topic in a 2016 compliance and is not being utilized to story by Heather Hacking published in coordinate master case management the Chico Enterprise-Record. nor is it being used to track individual recovery plans."

In that story. Hacking guotes Marbut In addition to general advice, as saying: "Co-mingling of adult males with children is dangerous and causes Marbut offered several specific issues for insurance. One of the recommendations. He noted people dangers is the long-term development homelessness. or who seem to be experiencing of children who might grow up thinking the homeless adult male lifestyle is homelessness, can be broken down into three categories: those who are normal "very homegrown," and who have deep

"He said he saw 'co-mingling' of roots in a local community – some 39 homeless adults and children at City percent of the homeless – and those Plaza and Depot Park," Hacking goes who are "somewhat homegrown," about on to write. "Families with children are 23 percent of the homeless population. elbow-to-elbow with single adult males

during meals and at shelters. This needs Marbut describes the "somewhat to stop immediately. They shouldn't be homegrown" category in almost the in the same buildings. They shouldn't same terms as the "very homegrown" be crossing paths for the bathroom. category. However, whereas the "very They shouldn't be in the same space for homegrown" category requires that food "most attended local high schools," the "somewhat homegrown" category At the close of his draft report, Marbut

requires that "many attended local high reminded readers that his report wasn't perfect and could have unanticipated recommends the

Marbut Homelessness Remediation Team focus on helping "very homegrown" and "somewhat homegrown" people.

experiencing

schools."

Speaking to the board of supervisors on March 13, he recommended the team follow the example of Willits Community Services, which has a policy of offering food for three days to all who ask. After that, Marbut said, if a person does not meet the criteria for those the food bank

is charged to help, they should be told the food bank can give them no more her agency would be following up

Marbut called this "a wise policy" and suggested other organizations would do well to emulate it.

"I've never heard of a person who recovered from homelessness because they received food," Marbut said.

He also said many apparently homeless people, who migrate on the north-south corridor from San Diego to Seattle, are not truly homeless, the next six months.

consequences. "Some mid-course adjustments will need to be made, he wrote. "System improvements will in turn unveil new opportunities not

previously seen. The law of unintended consequences always kicks in. Sometimes this is good, but at other times it means that underlying issues, hidden before, now become exposed and need to also be addressed."

Health and Human Services Agency Acting Director Anne Molgaard said on Marbut's plan in the near future. The county will be working with key stakeholders - including homelessness

task force teams from Ukiah and Fort Bragg and other service providers - to review Marbut's report and to determine whether it offers a framework for effective and beneficial action.

Molgaard added the homelessness team should have a clearer idea on how it will respond to Marbut's report within

Jared Huffman (CA-02)

Washington, D.C. - Representative Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) announced in February that Sheba Brown will serve as his Mendocino County field representative as of March 5.

"I'm delighted that Sheba has decided to join our team, and I look forward to working with her to serve the people of the North Coast," said Rep. Huffman. "She will be an invaluable asset to the people of Mendocino County and to me as I continue to fight for the values and people of California's second Congressional district." Sheba Brown brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to Rep. Huffman's office. She previously worked in Outdoor Education

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explained. "We have spent the past months having honest, and difficult, conversations about exactly where it is practical for freight to operate on the rail line. These discussions have been focused on the highest and best use of the remaining miles of track.'

SB 1029, which will be heard in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee in early April, offers a "path for the future" for the 300-mile-long rail right-of-way through California's North Coast and ancient redwoods, McGuire said.

"Our goal moving forward is to create a world-class trail system for the entire length of the line - from San Francisco Bay to Humboldt Bay – which would become a destination for locals and outdoor enthusiasts from across the planet," the senator added. "The trail would be a significant economic driver for our region and traverse through some of America's most scenic landscapes, connecting folks with ancient redwoods, state parks and local trails." Facing aging infrastructure that has fallen into disrepair on large portions of the rail

line, as well as a longterm lack of sustainable funding, SB 1029 would dissolve the NCRA and segment its right-of-way in two.

operations. The "Northern Segment" - from Willits to This report was based on a press release from Arcata – would be temporarily transferred the Office of State Sen. Mike McGuire.

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California. Most recently, Brown has been working at Parents and Friends, Inc. in Fort Bragg, where she spent three years supporting individuals with developmental special needs and their families. In all her roles, Brown has shown a passion for hands-on advocacy and public service. She is a graduate of Haverford College.

Brown will be filling the position previously held by Heather Gurewitz, who after four years of excellent field work, moves on to serve as executive director for the Economic Development and Financing Corp. Brown will be splitting her time between Congressman Huffman's district offices in Fort Bragg (430 North Franklin Street: 707-962-0933) and Ukiah (559 Low Gap Road; 707-671-7449).

to the state Department of Transportation. which would undertake a "railbanking' process, cataloging property easements and advancing environmental work, according to a spokeswoman for McGuire's office. The Great Redwood Trail Agency would then take over and begin building the actual trail in the next

couple of years.

The legislation would also authorize the continuation of excursion and potential freight trains around Humboldt Bay.

The "Southern Segment" - from Willits to Lombard in southern Sonoma County - would be transferred to a separate agency, which would be responsible for continuing freight operations on the portion of the line currently active, and for creating the southern portion of the Great Redwood Trail.

"No specific successor agency has been decided upon yet," McGuire said, "as [the measure] is still very early in the legislative process and discussions are continuing."

SB 1029 also would allow a freight rail study to be completed to measure the potential interest in continuing or expanding freight

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