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Air district reaches deal with

Grist Creek

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The Mendocino County Air Quality Management District has reached an interim agreement with Grist Creek Aggregates that will allow the mobile rubberized asphalt plant on Outlet Creek to continue operating until its current contract with Caltrans is completed. After that, the plant will shut down operations for an indeterminate period.

Mendocino County Air Pollution Control Officer Robert Scaglione presented details of the agreement Tuesday during a special meeting of the air district's hearing board.

Read the rest of Grist Creek

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City revising nuisance ordinance enforcement

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Willits City Attorney Jim Lance and Code Enforcement Officer John Sherman are working together to revise the existing nuisance ordinance enforcement process, which Lance has called "too cumbersome."

Because the issue of revising the nuisance ordinances was announced during the March 21 special city council meeting where the marijuana ad hoc committee's proposal to ban all cannabis-related activity in Willits was also heard, there may be some confusion about how the two issues are related.

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Three Willits residents held in mail theft

Three young residents were arrested last Saturday morning on suspicion of stealing mail from mailboxes in the 16100 block of Ridgeview Road.

According to sheriff's Sgt. Michael Davis, deputies received a call from an area resident at about 9:15 am on March 26, telling them three people in a burgundy minivan were removing items from the caller's mailbox. The caller also told deputies the direction in which the van was heading.

Responding deputies reported they "observed two large piles of mail alongside

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Beautiful **OSSOMS**

Signs of spring abound all around town

Above: The fragrance from this blooming lavender-colored lilac is intoxicating in the warm breeze. At left: A Bartlett pear tree dangles a bloom in front of Tuesday's lovely, but fading, sunset.







Brooktrails golf course making a comeback

Cedarholm wanted to retire and, maybe, play golf from time to time.

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Instead, since January 2015, the couple find themselves working harder than ever to restore a Brooktrails landmark: the nine-hole, redwood-shaded golf course.

The public course, located on land donated to the township by the Ohl family, was designed by Robert Muir Graves, and measures 2,574 yards from the longest tees.

"Ray Wilson got it going in 1962," John says.

For a time, the course expanded to 18 holes, but the

After 34 years in the printing business, John and Anne back nine holes were too difficult to maintain, and were eventually abandoned. When the Cedarholms agreed to take over operating the course for the district for two years, they found that although a few golfers continued to use the course, it had not been maintained and the greens were in bad shape.

> "We bought all the pro shop and greens-keeping equipment," John says. "And then we closed all the greens."

> It took the couple "six to seven months and 14-hour days to get the greens open" again. Cedarholm told the Brooktrails township board of directors during a March 19 annual planning meeting. But by mid-June 2015, "all 10 greens were open for play," just in time for several

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Above, from left: Getting ready for a round of golf. Burgers and fries are just one of the lunch items on The Grill's menu. Jared Gandee holds up a golf ball after a good shot.

At left: Anne and John Cedarholm.

Below from left: John Cedarholm lines up a shot while Jared Gandee watches. One of the disc golf targets. Anne Cedarholm gets ready to sink the ball.

Photos by Maureen Moore

new schools chief Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

District hires

The Willits Unified School District has hired Mark Westerburg as its new superintendent of schools. Westerburg is currently superintendent of the New Buffalo Area Schools district in Michigan.

According to board of trustees Chairman Chris Neary, Westerburg is a nationally known educational professional and a national consultant on school improvement.

"He's well thought of nationally," Neary said. "He's a guy who's looking for a challenge.

"In fact, to show you how good he is, when Laura

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BFD launches

spring abatement program

Dan McKee Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

With the advent of spring and the approach of the 2016 fire season, the **Brooktrails Fire Department** has commenced its hazard abatement program on wooded lots within the township.

Last year, the department issued 300 abatement notices for wooded Brooktrails lots, up from 121 in 2014, according to a report to the district's board of directors by Fire Chief Daryl Schoeppner.

The notices call for the removal of all dead vegetation or flammable materials. Dead vegetation, including any

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Fire chiefs appeal to McGuire for funding help

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Mendocino County's volunteer fire services are in crisis, Hopland Volunteer Fire Protection District board member Dave Roderick told state Senator Mike McGuire last Thursday during a town hall meeting in Ukiah. "Some districts are almost in collapse."

Roderick and Both Laytonville Fire Department Chief Jim Little begged McGuire to help them secure fire and emergency medical services funding

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McGuire Over on Page 15

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Sober Grad Tri-Tip Dinner

To the Editor:

Sober Grad's biggest fundraiser of the year, the Tri-Tip Dinner, is set for Friday, April 29 this year, and tickets are now on sale.

For those who may not know what the Sober Grad Tri-Tip dinner is, it is described as follows: It's a drive-through take-home dinner for four! It includes a full tri-tip marinated overnight in Cathy Goss' secret marinade, grilled to perfection by Dan Pinon, Doug Goss, Art Cooley and crew, four baked potatoes with sour cream and butter, salad for four and dressing from Trillium Delights, four of Tam Adams' yummy rolls, four cookies, and a rose from Flowers by Annette, which is all bagged up and delivered to the ticket holder at the Rodeo Grounds as they drive through.

The ticket holders don't even have to get out of their cars! We pre-sell 200 tickets at \$50 each. Tickets are available at Cat's Meow, and the Willits High School office (see Karen). Tickets are also available from members of the Class of 2016. You can also email me at willitssobergrad@ gmail.com with a request, and I will get your name on the list. These tickets always sell out, so get yours rights away!

> Joyce Waters, Sober Grad Committee

KLLG Radio update

To the Editor:

We have liftoff! KLLG. 97.9. Willits' own local radio station, seems to have gained enough momentum to make it a reality. Perhaps another month or two before we flip the switch and go on the air. So, here is both a status report and a call for both support and involvement.

KLLG, 97.9, cannot happen without your support and involvement. Funding and

The funding is straightforward: Come to our first major fundraising event this Friday called "A Fool's Errand." (A prize to those who figure out the title.) Two puppet troupes, two danceable bluegrass bands. Antics. Wacky clothes and costumes. Whipping up excitement for KLLG!

Thereafter, we'll support the station through membership, donations, and underwriting by individuals, organizations, and local

Our startup budget will be around \$12,000: and a yearly maintenance cost of about the

Participation, however, is something else. And often even more fun. Who among you are going to become KLLG programmers? Who's going to have a show of their own produced specifically for 97.9? What kind of show might interest local citizens greatly, but maybe Ukiahans or Laytonvilleans not so much? How many of you could maintain a listener call-in show that would be of value to citizens? The scope of your show? News? Sports? Music? Arts? Covering

The Rules: $\overline{\text{LE}}\overline{\text{TT}}\overline{\text{ERS}}$

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Justin Stephens, webmaster

At first, it'll be all music, 24/7. But as we quickly develop local shows, out comes the music for those slots and in goes the programs you produce. C'mon, it's a way to talk to your neighbors, to bring good info and entertainment to those with whom we share the commons. In a way, a local radio station is like a nervous system serving the interests of the community.

We are looking for personnel. Besides programmers, DJs, and broadcasters, we need a few more key members to our core team, taking up maybe four to eight hours New chamber website

We need engineers, in both audio and radio (RF). Any members of the Willits Amateur Radio Society (CQ...CQ...) want to join the fun or check our ERP? Or, anyone think they have their audio recording and equipment chops down well?

We need an underwriting director. Someone to connect to local businesses and organizations and keep track of the many ways they can show the town their support by low-cost but effective underwriting of local radio programs?

We are seeking an administrative director a super-organizer and bookkeeper and calendarist - someone to keep the business end shipshape.

OK, back to the immediate future. Please, if you support the idea of KLLG, fire up a friend or neighbor and bring them with you to "A Fool's Errand," this Friday. Be the early adopters and supporters of KLLG, 97.9, Willits Hometown Radio! We've heard the voice say, build it and they will tune in.

Lanny Cotler, general manager, KLLG, Willits

'Where Does Our Money Go?'

To the Editor:

In an effort to build upon the recent event with Southern California marketing guru Bob Pritchard, WELL (Willits Economic Localization) and the Willits Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring a forum on Thursday, April 7, at 6:30 pm at City Hall. on the topic: "Where Does Our Money Go, and How Can We Keep More of It Local?"

We have some very knowledgeable folks here with good ideas specific to our unique local challenges and solutions. The panelists on April 7 will be:

• Richard Willoughby, retired president of two local banks, with 35 years' experience lending to small local businesses;

 Alan Falleri, county native, with 24 years' experience as chief planner of Mendocino County and 12 years as Willits community development director (now retired);

· Lisa Epstein, Chamber of Commerce president and member of the Mendocino County Workforce Development Board:

 Greta Kanne, co-owner of The Book Juggler for 10 years and board member of town hall meetings? Or coming up with the Willits Chamber of Commerce.

> Following presentations will be time for audience ideas and questions. Willits City Manager Adrienne Moore and Finance Director Susie Holmes will also be present. The moderator will be Emily Rose Smith, a Willits native who has recently returned with an MBA with a focus on socially responsible business. There will also

We hope the community will participate in this local forum to improve our economy, especially important in the post-bypass

For more information, contact me at 459-1493 or go to www.well95490.org or the chamber's new website, www.willits.org.

Madge Strong, president, WELL

The Willits Chamber of Commerce launched a fully renovated chamber website last week and an entirely new page for visitors called VisitWillits.com. Both sites are part of the chamber's long-term goal to promote and assist the Willits business community.

The chamber's site at www.willits.org includes detailed information about chamber membership and programs, relocating to Willits, business assistance, and local government offices. It also includes a section called Local Info that includes tips for locals on the Willits bypass, the City Pool, City Parks, hiking trails, and local clubs and organizations. Coming soon will be a section on kids' sports & activities. The chamber site also features a community calendar that lists all kinds of community events from chamber mixers to live music. Members of the public are encouraged to submit events to the calendar for inclusion. A simple form to upload events can be found on the calendar.

The visitor page at www.VisitWillits.com is geared especially for visitors and answers the questions of Where to Stay, Where to Eat, What to Do, and How to Get Here. Filled with photos primarily from local photographer Steve Eberhard, the site promotes Willits as a hub from which to explore the beauty of Mendocino County. VisitWillits links to the main chamber website so that a user looking for places to stay, for instance, would be directed to hotels and inns that are members of the Willits Chamber of Commerce. Each chamber member has their own listing with a photo, description and link to their website and phone number.

Both sites are mobile friendly and can be accessed from a variety of mobile devices, including phones.

Contact Lynn Kennelly at the Willits Chamber of Commerce, 459-7910 for more

Willits Chamber of Commerce

Proposed ban on medical cannabis

To the Editor:

There were moments Monday, March 21, when the anti-cannabis fervor expressed by Willits Mayor Bruce Burton and his two good-old-boy sidekicks on the city council was reminiscent of "Reefer Madness," the 1930s propaganda film aimed at stirring up public sentiment in favor of the 1937 federal prohibition of marijuana. That ban

The council's five members, three of whom relied heavily on the belief that cannabis has harmed generations of Willits children. weighed in at a special council meeting on the merits of an outright ban of all marijuana use, cultivation and commerce within city

The city's Ad Hoc Marijuana Committee -Mayor Bruce Burton and Council member

your personal playlists of music for an hour be brief community announcements and Larry Stranske - concocted the ban. The WELL's election of coordinating committee two men were apparently directed by the council to explore the impacts on Willits of California's new Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act, MMRSA.

> A big problem with cannabis in Willits Burton suggested, is the plant's strong smell, which sometimes disturbs neighbors. The city cannot remove the plants quickly via its cannabis public nuisance ordinance because the Willits enforcement process is slow and cumbersome. According to Burton and City Manager Adrienne Moore, the staff spends more time than it would like processing complaints and hearing appeals of nuisance citations. The process is apparently so lengthy that the offending gardens are often gone by the time the city can enforce the ordinance.

The city currently allows residents to grow no more than six plants in an enclosed and secure structure

City Attorney Jim Lance explained to the council at the outset of the discussion that adopting a complete ban involves a change in zoning, and zoning changes require a full Planning Commission review with public

I attended the Willits City Council meeting Monday not as a reporter with notebook and recorder but as a community member and Willits property owner who thinks the proposed ban is short-sighted, vague, ill-conceived and unlikely to deter the purpose for which I think it is intended to stop underground cannabis use, abuse and sales and to limit anti-social behavior that may be related to these activities.

I'm convinced that passing such a ban on medical cannabis when the nation, state and county governments are marching toward full legalization of medical and possibly adult recreational use, would be as effective as sending a passenger train directly into an oncoming express.

Locals have long viewed Willits as hostile to cannabis. The city in the heart of the Emerald Triangle already bans dispensaries, signaling to other cannabis entrepreneurs that they're not welcome - despite the sign that arches over Main

That's the way three of the five city council members seem to like it.

In fact, Mayor Burton vowed Monday that he will never condone cannabis growing or commerce in Willits while the drug is on the federal government's banned substances

Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster assured Burton from the podium that Willits has nothing to fear from the federa government. That's because, Eyster said, Congress passed a 2014 bill protecting states and local governments from federal prosecution if marijuana and industrial hemp operations are legal in those places.

The fact that the county's no-nonsense DA drew applause from a roomful of cannabis activists and their supporters, as Eyster did Monday night, is a sure sign that this cannabis ban is bad policy.

Burton wasn't buying. In fact, Burton told the public that he longs for the day when someone can Google Willits on a computer and finds these words: "Willits - The heart of the Emerald Triangle and the only place that outlawed pot."

About two dozen people spoke against the ban, arguing, among other things, that:

· Medical research and clinical practice have proven that cannabis can be a safe and effective treatment for a wide range of

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Willits Frontier Days & Soroptimist International of Willits are looking for

2016 Sweethearts

Davs Sweethearts.

The contest is open to young women residing anywhere in Mendocino County, between the ages of 16 and 21 as of July 1. and who have never been married.

Judging is based on 40 percent ticket sales. 40 percent horsemanship and 20 percent on appearance, personality and poise. The Sweetheart contest helps young women raise money for college or other expenses, as the contestants are awarded 15 percent of the ticket funds they raise.

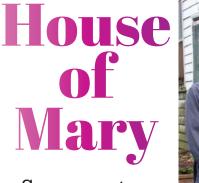
Interested applicants should contact Loraine Patton at 459-5363 for details. Applications can be picked up at Gateway Realty, 100 South Street in Willits, or downloaded from www.willitsfrontierdays

Soroptimist International of Willits is now com. Go to this web site, scroll down to accepting applications for 2016 Frontier headings (Home/ Events/ Sweethearts), click on "Sweethearts." scroll down to the bottom of the page, and click on the link to "Sweetheart Entry Form."

You can also access the form through "Willits Frontier Days" on Facebook. Fill out the application, mail or drop it off at 100 South Street, Willits. Applications need to be received by Loraine Patton on or before say it gave me an affinity for electricity." April 8, 2016.

The Sweetheart applicants will receive their binders at the first Sweetheart meeting on Wednesday, April 13 at 5:30 pm, at Gateway Realty. If you have any questions please call Loraine, 459-5363, or stop by

- Loraine Patton, for SIW



Sacramentobased band to make Willits their home

By Damian Sebouhian

House of Mary is moving to Willits! The three-piece indie folk-rock band currently residing in Sacramento made Two of the band members

the announcement during a gig House of Mary, from left to right, drummer Blair Blaze, lead at Shanachie Pub earlier this singer/songwriter Aubrie Arnoux, and guitarist Spencer Burns. Photo courtesy of Ross Pelton Photography are no strangers to the area. Drummer Blair Blaze was born and raised in Willits and has

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a long history of playing drums and rapping in such bands as Tubesteak Jones, Rhyme Related, Outlaws of Illwits, Dumbstruck Genius and Funkacillin. Lead singer, lyricist and songwriter Aubrie Arnoux was raised in Lagunitas, but spent

several years in Willits, working as a bartender at Shanachie Pub. She's been singing since she was 5 and harbors a strong passion for songwriting. Guitarist and back-up vocalist Spencer Burns has spent Room To Bloom Preschool his whole life in Woodland, outside of Sacramento. He

made his first trip to Willits for the gig at the pub, and said that Willits reminds him of what Woodland used to be: small and unique. With experience playing multiple instruments including bass and trumpet, Burns has performed and recorded with several different bands. He also currently plays bass for a Sacramento-based band called 'Wayne While they only got together nine months ago to form

House of Mary, the chemistry between the three is palpable as they've racked up roughly 20 original songs, and wowed crowds at every venue they've performed in. They even entered NPR's Tiny Desk contest, where their video garnered over 800 views.

"I write all the lyrics for the songs," Arnoux said. "Spencer writes all the guitar parts and Blair fills in the drum parts. It's a group effort, and we write really well together."

With a voice reminiscent of folk-singer Terri Hendrix, Arnoux brings her lyrics to life with authentic grace and heart, covering such personal themes as lost love, domestic abuse, loyalty and freedom. The songs are as honest as they are catchy, and take only a couple listens before you find yourself singing them in your head or out loud to the

The honesty comes through in the song "Bloody Fist," with the chorus: "We sell ourselves the stories/ we always love to tell./ When we start to believe them/ then this all goes to hell."

The clever catchiness is expressed in fan favorite "More Problems": "Well, I've got more problems/ more bottles of wine./ You've got your reasons/ and I've got mine."

> Read the rest of Mary

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Inventor Howard Letovsky

Part-time Willits resident researches cancer cells in Silicon Valley

of electricity

to the power

when he was struck lightning at the tender age of 4.

"It was a fantastically exhilarating experience," Letovsky told an audience of roughly 30 people at a presentation at the former Willits Environmental Center earlier this month. "The lightning hit right in front of me and shook my body for about 40 minutes with power and energy. You could

This affinity led Letovsky into exploring a myriad of uses for electricity, including building electric cars and inventing an adult-sized electric trike. Letovsky has 14 issued patents – and a spate of published patents - ranging from a "video game of chance apparatus" to an "Electro Medical Tool Optimization System." His latest endeavor, and the subject of his talk, is in the realm of cancer cell research.

Medicine Research Institute in

Inventor, systems designer, and part-time Sunnyvale. Letovsky uses what he calls a Willits resident Howard Letovsky had his Live Cell Viability Modification System, or LCVMS, "to eavesdrop on and learn the natural electrical language of cancer cells.

> Furthermore, according to Letovsky. the LCVMS can "also kill cancer cells using electrical signals from [the cancer cells'] own language, as well as other very specific electrical signals, drawn from the electromagnetic spectrum."

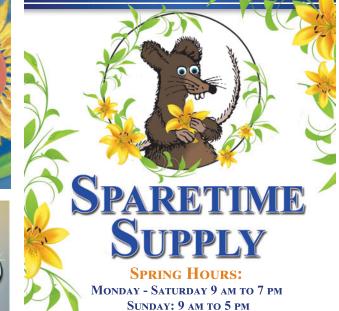
Letovsky explained the mainstream treatment of cancer today in this country is limited and doesn't take into consideration all the aspects of a cell's behavior.

According to Letovsky, guoting from a YouTube video he created, which can be viewed at www.youtube.com/ watch?v=i24JQxNcIE0:

"Chemotherapy and radiation are effective in certain cases, but never without side effects. All cellular behavior includes chemical and mechanical processes. However the pharmaceutical industry focuses only on chemical-based cures. This limited focus has resulted in a

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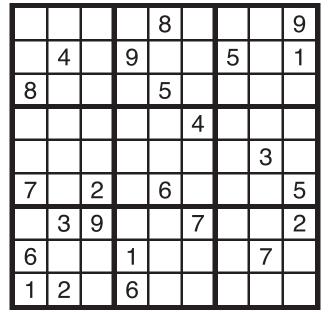
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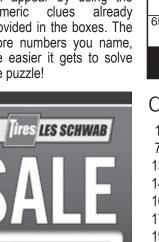
Crossword Puzzle 8 Sudoku



Level: Intermediate

How To Sudoku:

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



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April 2016

Osho Zen Tarot: New Vision, Totality, Letting Go

Medicine Cards: Blank Shield, Snake Mayan Oracle: Harmonic Resonance, Eb Ancient Egyptian Tarot: Ten of Swords,

The Fool Aleister Crowley Deck: The Hanged Man, Victory, Knight of Swords

Healing Earth Tarot: Seven of Shields,

Grandmother of Shields, Woman of Wands Words of Truth: Responsibility, Competition, Psychological Assessment

We have made it through the month of March and the month of the eclipses. Whew! Aren't we glad that is over with for a moment? However, as the famous phrase says, "It's not over till it's over."

Looking at this month I will say the last half will probably move at a slower pace, which is caused by Mars going retrograde on the April 17, but as the month moves along you will feel yourself getting more and more comfortable with a different pace that allows for a real life rather than all that stress and rushing that is pressing you forward earlier in

the month

We are dealing with the second Mercury Retrograde in an earth sign (out of four) this year. It starts April 28 and goes through May 22. This one attempts to ground us into our normal daily routines that help our health and sleep. Don't stress if you need more sleep than normal, and pay special attention to your dreams as they might be giving you some great insights, ideas, and new ways to address your world.

The cards this month reflect the conflict and strong opinions that are waving around in your life and clearly will be reflected in the political drama still unfolding. There is a strong sense of competition and a grappling



and psychological understandings that March 20 are prompting a great sense of duty and responsibility. Sorting out truth from fiction and our

with the perceptions

illusions from the manipulations of the media, to finally come to a place of certainty, is a

Everything feels a bit like a circus where you know you have to let go of one thing in a residence in the 700 block of Railroad order to grab a new thing. And yet, it feels Avenue, where they began an investigation scary, uncertain and a bit frightening. It is of a reportedly stolen vehicle. At about 7:30 time to let go of the opinions that have been holding us in a place where we feel trapped by the circumstances and angry about it.

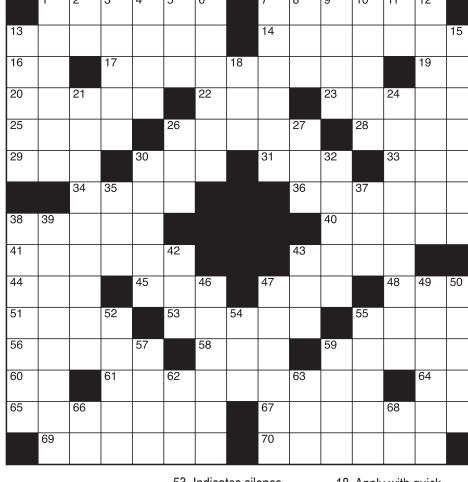
This month gives us just enough stagnation to fire up that gumption in the belly that says, "I am just not going to take it anymore."

The patterns this month reflect that the majority of humanity is very tired of the abundance being only for the few and that the many are still suffering and struggling after years of penny-pinching and trying to pay the piper. That is of itself a real win. We have to be fed up with the present to change the future. I wish movement did not have to always follow discomfort, but that is how this planet seems to work.

The question is whether in our rush for change we let snakes into that basket of fruit or if we are finally willing to look and deal with our own dark tendencies and allow the wisdom of those shadow parts to give us greater insight and awareness as we move forward. Just remember that when you don't own your own dysfunctional parts, you will be attracted to people who will externally become those for you. It is always better to of South Street and issued a citation for a deal with your internal selves before choosing shortcuts and others who we think can do the

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Listen again 7. Expressed sentiments

13. Membrane 14. Pelvic areas

16. Blood type 17. Vacated

19. Fullback 20. Nissan's tiny car

22. Be able to 23. Outcast 25. Day laborer

28. Soluble ribonucleic

26. Greek prophetess

29. Sirius Satellite Radio 30. Actor Josh

31. A way to clean 33. Left 34. Compensated

36. Member of U.S. Navy 38. Reject 40. Group of notes

sounded together 41. Christian holiday

43. European river 44. Female hip hop group

45. Score 47. Moved fast 48. Chronicles (abbr.

Biblical) 51. Type of tie 53. Indicates silence 55. Asian people

56. Pearl Jam bassist Jeff 58. Western U.S.

time zone 59. 'Signs' rockers 60. Confidential informant

61. Lawyer 64. Overdose

65. Football equipment 67. Governments

69. Branch of physics 70. Makes happy

CLUES DOWN

1. Animal disease 2. Typographical space

3. Sportscaster Chick 4. Italian Island

5. Cooked in a specific style

6. Smelling or tasting unpleasant 7. Name

8. Adult male humans 9. Pitcher Hershiser 10. Pat Conroy novel 'The

Prince of _ 11. __ route

12. Protects the goal 13. Furnishings

15. Scraped

18. Apply with quick strokes

21. Blood cell 24. Nose

26. Doleful

27. __ Angeles

30. Fruit tree 32. Smooth brown oval nut

35. Works produced by skill and imagination

37. Satisfaction

38. Reversal 39. Tan-colored horse

42. Tell on 43. Pitcher Latos

46. Fast-flowing part of river 47. Hang 'em up

49. Rings 50. Lead from one place

to another 52. Beginning

54. Reciprocal of a sine 55. Worth

57. Indian hat

59. Cloak 62. Resinous secretion of insects

63. __ Aviv, Israel

66. European Parliament

WPD Activity Report

March 20 to March 26

Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue The officers of the Willits Police Delgadillo was found to be in possession of

Summary of Active Investigations

and Arrests

12:10 am: Officers initiated an investigation of a reported missing person from the 1500 block of South Main Street.

12:30 pm: Officers investigated a reported assault in the 1700 block of South

1:00 pm: Officers were dispatched to pm, a WPD officer saw the vehicle being driven in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and initiated a stop on it. The driver, WEAVER, Asahel, 47, of Willits was arrested pursuant to 10851(a) VC (Vehicle Theft). Weaver was also the subject of an outstanding Mendocino County warrant.

11:30 pm: Officers contacted SHEPARD, Tara, 44, of Willits during a traffic stop in the 300 block of Blosser Lane and arrested her for a Mendocino County warrant.

1:20 pm: Officers responded to a vehicle collision in the 1600 block of South Main Street. Several moderate injuries were

4:40 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation.

March 22

12:05 am: SWINNEY, Justin, 46, of Clearlake was contacted in the 10 block Mendocino County warrant.

am: Officers contacted DELGADILLO, Jeffrey, 28, of Los Angeles during a traffic stop in the 500 block of South Main Street. During the contact

Department handled 168 incidents this a personal amount of what was suspected to be cocaine, psilocybin mushrooms, and MDMA (ecstasy). He was released with a

6 am: BAILEY, Skyler, 21, of Willits was contacted at 315 South Main Street and issued a citation for a municipal code

8 am: A vehicle was reported stolen from the 200 block of Alice Drive.

7:30 am: Officers responded to a traffic collision in the 100 block of North Main

9:30 am: Officers responded to a traffic collision in the intersection of Blosser Lane and Highway 20.

11 am: Officers initiated an investigation involving fraudulently passed checks.

1:30 pm: Officers were dispatched to an assault at a business in the 1600 block of South Main Street. While on scene, and during the investigation, ESCAMILLA-GARCIA, Daniel, 28, of Ukiah fled from the officers. After a short foot pursuit, Escamilla-Garcia was caught and placed under arrest pursuant to 148(a)(1) PC (Resisting/Obstructing/Delaying).

8:30 pm: Officers were dispatched to a reported restraining order violation at a residence in the 1700 block of South Main Street. Upon arrival, they contacted LEON, Eliseo, 49, of Willits who was at the location in violation of the terms of an active restraining order. Leon was placed under arrest pursuant to 273.6(a) PC (Violation of a Domestic Violence Restraining Order).

March 24

7:30 am: Officers were dispatched to a business in the 100 block of South Main

Read the rest of Police

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Across top from left: Taytum enjoys her egg painting. The "Flower Power" dance group during free play time. The Easter Bunny with Odin. Banyan finds almost more than he can carry! Paxton with mom, Jordan, having fun at the event.

Above: Juan Salinas, lead teacher, supervises egg decorating with the 4- to 5-year-olds.

Below, from left: The boys give a thumbs up to the Easter Bunny. Easter Bunny hides eggs in the redwood trees. Director Saprina Rodriguez brings colored hard-boiled eggs to be hidden.



The Easter Bunny got help from Saprina Rodriguez, director of Imagination Station Preschool, along with some of the 12 teachers and families of the preschoolers, to hide more than 1,000 Easter eggs last Friday. This was the Easter Bunny's second year at the

Egg Hunt Fun

Easter Bunny visits Imagination Station

Ree Slocum

Most of the hidden eggs were reusable plastic with delightful treats like little toys, stamps, and art materials hidden within. Some had pieces of candy, and others were hard-boiled eggs decorated by the 121 children enrolled.

The older students (4- and 5-year-olds) painted hard-boiled eggs in their very colorful and creative classroom, helped by Juan Salinas, lead teacher at Imagination Station. Others in the group made nesting baskets for a decorated egg or enjoyed free play. Six girls played a dance they called, "Flower Power." These children were the second group waiting to meet the Easter Bunny and find eggs.

Outside, the excitement rose among family members of the first group of kids, 18-monthto 2-year-olds. The youngsters meeting the Easter Bunny for the first time had a mixture of emotions: Some were cautious; some hung back, watching with curiosity; a few others shed some tears.

Read the rest of **Imagination** Over on Page 6









From far left: Rachel Belvin poses with two grey bunnies and the big Mr. Easter Bunny lunter and Calista were not Shyla, Kara, Dakota and Dillai mile with the Easter Bunny Below, from left: Ella smile

nd Jeremiah pose with

nies. Roxie tolerated a

to, too. Racer couldn't

ecide how he felt about the

Easter Bunny. Emma was

no-ao for sure Photos by Maureen Moore

Easter Bunny stops by J.D. Redhouse

Raises \$250 for Little Lake Fire

Even with just a short, two-hour event, the arrival of scream – in the fuzzy guy's lap. He brought along a few of Redhouse and was a 50/50 fundraiser for Little Lake Fire Department. Of the \$500 raised, \$250 will be donated to

the fire department. A big thank you to all those who helped the Easter Bunny generated quite a bit of excitement for make it happen: Kevin Reedy, Ashtan Bloomquist and the Willits and area residents who popped by to smile - or J.D. Redhouse crew, Keely and Heidi Ahders, Rachel Belvin and, of course, all who attended! Make sure to get his real live furry friends, too. The event was held at J.D. your digital image from http://photographress.zenfolio. com/easterbunny2016!

- Maureen Moore





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Sleeper called the president of his board to talk to him as a reference. he told Laura they would match whatever we were going to pay him. So he's successful," Neary

In a superintendent evaluation posted on the New Buffalo Area Schools website, Westerburg is described as "highly effective" and as spearheading "the board's vision of creating a world-class school, with great facilities, top

The rest of

Imagination |

Soon the children relaxed, school in 2014 forced Imagination finding the colorful eggs that Station to move to its current captured their attention. location on Marin Street, in the building once occupied by

Opened in 2011, Imagination Mendocino College. Station school was started by Rodriguez as a country school Rodriguez is now planning to meet the needs of the Willits to expand the K-second grade community. Rodriguez's program after-school/holiday program is a blend of different philosophies (which includes summer). She is that support providing educational looking for a second location and activities which are fun-based. credentialed teachers to fill the and that reward creativity and needs for students of the private making good choices. "Life is summer school program. about choices!" she said.

Her program soon gained popularity, she added a toddler program started. The fire that destroyed John's Place and the day!"

The rest of

Mary | From Page 3

The story behind the band name is interesting. As Arnoux explained, the difficulties in coming up with something original can be stifling. It was Arnoux's sister and "number 1 fan and band manager" who came up with it while they were talking about their childhood home.

"I grew up in a house that's 120 years old in Marin County in Lagunitas," Arnoux said. "When we bought our house the original owners had a sign up that said 'Villa Maria.' So, my sister says 'how about House of Mary,' because that's what Villa Maria translates to. So the band Belt.

Inventor small fraction of potential therapies that can system may recognize the difference and

The rest of

be created from a broader understanding of bioactive electrical signals." At the lab, Letovsky works mostly with prostate cancer cells, as they are the

easiest to raise and grow, but he also works with brain cancer glial cells, breast cancer cells, lymphoma and leukemia cells. When it comes to a cancer cell, according

to Letovsky: "You want to either kill it or eliminate its ability to reproduce, or you want to modify it molecularly just enough so the immune system can see it and take it away. The path of research that I've been on is to find key electrical stimuli which will do those three things.

While the specialized vocabulary used to explain the process involved is complex and challenging for the layperson to follow, essentially Letovsky is communicating with cancer. He records the cells' "speech," which is displayed on a screen much like an EEG that records brain wave activity. He then creates a disruption via electrical stimuli, records the cancer cells' reaction to that stimuli, and then feeds it back to them.

Because cancer cells look almost exactly like normal cells, the immune system doesn't recognize them as harmful. Yet, if they react extremely enough, the immune

notch curriculum and cutting edge

Neary added Westerburg was the unanimous first choice of the board of trustees. "We would have been happy to have hired either of the other two finalists, so he stood out in a field of good

cards, stolen checks with forged signatures, two methamphetamine smoking pipes, and a prescription Current district superintendent bottle containing the drug Tramadol, Davis said. Patricia Johnson will work through Shed and the two Maxfields were arrested on

The rest of

the suspects," Davis said.

Bradley Dale Maxfield, all of Willits.

June 30. Westerburg will start his suspicion of possessing stolen property, forgery,

From Page 5

Asked if she was enjoying the

Easter Egg Hunt, Saprina replied,

smiling: "I truly enjoy my job every

is actually named after a historic,

beautiful house that I grew up in."

Come summer of this year, the

"We'll be working on our

members of House of Mary will be

first album together," promised

Arnoux. "We plan on hitting the

local music scene hard and

In the meantime, you can like

https://soundcloud.com/

eliminate the problem. Or else the cancer

cells, in reaction to the electrical stimuli,

Though his lab is set up to apply signals

impulses Letovsky is currently studying

fall between 100 Hz and 20 kHz, and are

"If you applied 20 kHz directly to a cell

population you'd fry it," Letovsky explained.

"But if you put the energy near it – radiatively

analyzed over time, he said.

coupled, but not directly coupled

there are no thermal or ionizing

In other words, Letovsky's

approach is towards avoiding

any collateral damage of healthy

cells and tissues, affecting only

"I already know and have

proven beyond a shadow of a

doubt that I can affect and change

the molecular structure of cells

with this technique," Letovsky

assured his audience. "What

haven't gotten to the point of, is

knowing exactly which signals

effects happening."

the cancer cells.

may simply progress towards "apoptosis,"

House of Mary on Facebook and

listen to several of their songs

houseofmarymusic, including

their latest tribute to love, "Safety

making Willits their home.

rocking out Mendo-style!!"

Abatement | From Page 1

From Page 1

the roadway which had already been discarded by

Meanwhile, another deputy pulled the minivan

over in the 2000 block of Muir Mill Road. Inside

were the driver, 18-year-old Kiera Elizabeth Shed.

19-vear-old Justin Case Maxfield, and 21-year-old

Inside the van deputies discovered mail, credit

accumulation of branches, leaves, or smaller trees, must be chipped, burned on-site during permissive is closer. burn days after parcel owners obtain a valid burn permit, or hauled away, according to guidelines on the Brooktrails Fire website. Fallen trees greater than 6 inches in diameter may remain on the parcel, provided all the limbs have been removed and

All underbrush material – ladder fuels that carry fire to treetops - must be completely removed as flush to the ground as possible. That material may be disposed of by burning, chipping or hauling.

All trees must be trimmed of branches to a height of 10 feet above ground level. All lower branches must be removed, as they directly contribute to the transfer of fire from the ground to treetops

In addition, trees less than 6 inches in diameter at breast height must be either thinned or removed, until they're a minimum of 10 feet apart. Owners must obtain district permission to remove any trees 6 inches in diameter or greater at breast height, except for year-round irrigated trees, ornamental trees, and the like, the department says.

The department also urges township residents to keep trees adjacent to or overhanging their homes free of dead or dying vegetation. Those trees must be trimmed of any and all dead branches, and all other tree branches must be removed so a 10-foot clearance exists above and away from the home.

Residents should also remove tree limbs that extend within 10 feet of a chimney outlet, and remove vegetation or combustible materials within 10 feet of propane tanks, including grass and low-hanging limbs and brush.

Homeowners also are advised to remove all debris and vegetation from their roofs, including pine needles, leaves, branches and other flammable

As an added precaution, the department advises removing all flammable vegetation up to 100 feet

not directly applied. More signals will be said. "This week I used a violet ray wand to

are going to create exactly the molecular

Letovsky's confidence stems partially

cuts and scrapes, and healing of joints that

have shown arthritic behavior," Letovsky

While just beginning to catch on in

clear up poison oak in two days.'

from their homes or to the property line, whichever

possessing drug paraphernalia, possessing a

They were taken to county jail where they were

Investigation into the case continues as discarded

items of mail are processed and theft victims

identified and contacted, Davis added. So far, he

said, one female and three male victims have been

identified and contacted. "More victims are likely to

be identified as the investigation progresses," he

This report was based on a press release from the

controlled substance, and grand and petty theft.

held in lieu of \$15,000 bail each.

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

In May or June, depending on the weather, owners of grassy lots will be required to keep their lawns cut below 3 inches in height during the fire season, Deputy Chief Jon Nover says.

Residents who have questions are asked to call the fire department. "We'll be happy to give advice and direction." Nover said.

Last year, abatement notices were issued to more than 1,000 grassy lot owners.

In the meantime, the department hopes to win approval for purchase of a new 2.000-gallon, midrange water tender at an April 9 budget meeting of the township's board of directors.

If approved, the district will have to wait for some 325 days before it takes delivery of the new engine,

The manufacturer could be building up to 23 trucks at a time on its assembly lines, he noted.

And while the department is continuing to scout locations suitable for construction of a new firehouse, "it's not something that's going to happen anytime soon," Nover says. The BFD has been looking at sites for at least the last decade.

To help raise money for a variety of projects, the department will hold its annual all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Fundraiser from 5 to 8 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center on Saturday, May 7.

The menu will include spaghetti with a choice of meat or vegetarian sauce, salad and garlic bread.

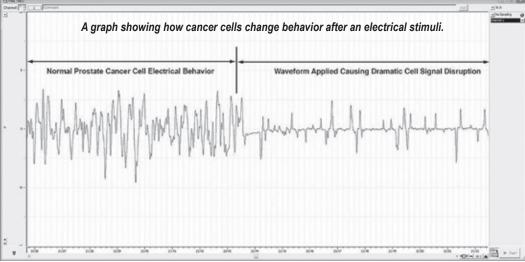
Tickets will be available at the door, or in advance at fire department headquarters, 24860 Birch Street. Tickets are \$10 for those age 13 and up; tickets for children 12 and younger are \$5.

"Ashes the fire dog will be giving demonstrations, and the department's firefighting equipment will be on display," Noyer says.

Western European countries and is even change I want. That's going to come in the part of those countries' mainstream medical

"I have dozens of electrotherapeutic from other applications of electrotherapy tools that I have acquired over the years, that he uses on himself in "elimination of said Letovsky "Two of my favorites include from DC to 40 gigahertz, the electrical pain in joints, faster healing of wounds like a cold laser and multi-point neurostimulator that I bought over the counter for \$15 each in Belarus – an ex-USSR state where some of my grandparents came from."

> Howard Letovsky is the CEO and chief technologist of Letovsky Dynamics, and the United States, electrotherapy has can be found at www.letovskydynamics. been used for years in many Eastern and com.



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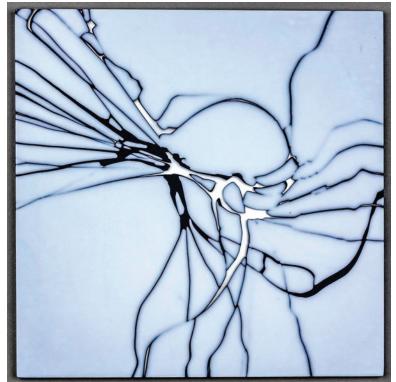
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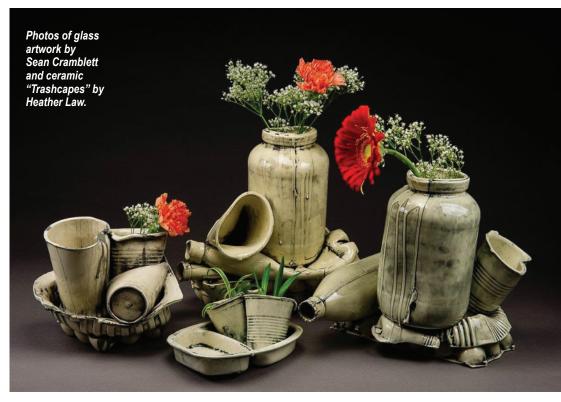
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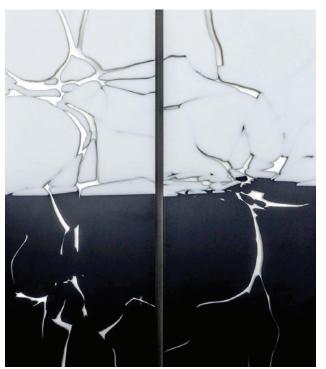
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The art of ornamentation at Willits Center for the Arts



the Arts, features Mendocino County artists Heather Law and Sean Cramblett and their "vision of beauty with ornamentation." The artists will be on hand at the opening reception, Saturday, April 2, from 5 to 8 pm.

"Embellish" is defined as to "make [something] more attractive by the addition of decorative details or features." Law and Cramblett create their unique artworks through "emphasis and enhancement of flaws and imperfections." The art of the adornment is vast and boundless. Cramblett and Law have had studios next door to each other for nearly three years at the Rose Business Park on Kunzler Ranch Road in Ukiah.

Law was born in Rawlins, Wyoming, raised in Northern California, received a bachelor of arts with honors from California State University, Chico in 2004, then earned at Portland's Bullseye Glass, a company instrumental in

"Embellish," the April exhibit at the Willits Center for a master of fine art in ceramic sculpture from Rochester Institute of Technology in 2009. She now lives in Ukiah. where she is a studio production artist and business owner.

> Law's artwork is "a social commentary on American consumerism, personal identity through material goods, and waste/waste culture." Law's work is trash-inspired. and her ceramic castings are created from trash/packaging containers. "Overlooked and mundane objects that we use daily without any consideration to its origin and final destination" are her inspiration, she explained. Most packaging she uses for her cast art is from the food and beverage industry.

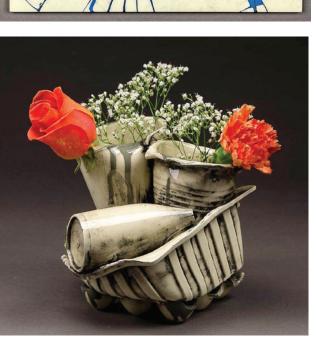
> A Redwood Valley resident, Cramblett studied at Pilchuck Glass School in Washington state, an internationally known center for glass art education, and has worked

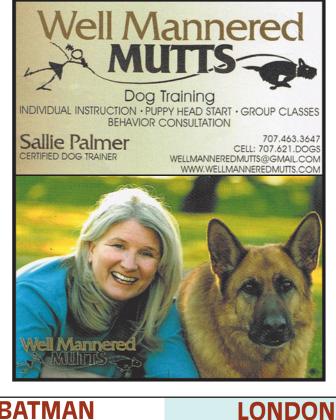
"developing many of the fundamental materials and methods at the core of contemporary kiln-glass." Cramblett has more than 20 years of experience in the studio, and "is known for his work with soft glass, also known as kiln glass. Cramblett is a studio artist with over 20 years' experience, "known for his work with soft glass, also known as kiln glass."

When Law booked the Willits Art Center for her show in April, Cramblett was working on glass tiles that enhanced or embellished cracks in sheet glass by mirroring/highlighting the pattern the shatter made. Law thought that while her work is completely different in form

Read the rest of Embellish

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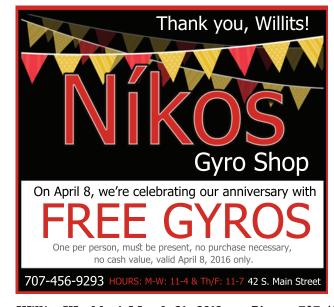
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Thursday, March 31

Shanachie Pub: Aaron Ford, singer-songwriter who lives in San Francisco, with a musical style based in folk, Americana and blues. 8 pm. No cover. Visit www.cdbaby.com/Artist/AaronFord. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. enter from Main Street only. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, April 1

'A Fool's Errand' KLLG Radio Fundraiser: "A Fool's Errand" is a fundraising party to help start KLLG 97.9, low-power radio station for Willits, on April Fool's Day, Friday, April 1 at the Little Lake Grange, 291 Schoo Street. Featuring The Jug Tucker Band, bluegrass and originals from North Carolina, and Blue Sky Pie. Plus performances by Piccolo Puppet Players and Dangerous Puppets. Doors open at 6 pm for no-host dinner by Zocalo Collective and pie by Kemmy's Pies; 10 toward of contains to contain the contains the music from 7 to 11 pm "Please come in your mos

and radio antics. Tickets \$15 at the door; children under 12 are welcome: \$2 at the door.

Shanachie Pub: April Fools Party with Cult of Ours. 8 pm. "Music from many of our local fools on this foolish night! Featured will be Tom, Kyle, Jesse, Donny, Simantha, Supergroovy, Page, Simba and Sarah Rose. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, enter from Main Street only. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, April 2

foolish attire!" Silent auction

"Un-Happily Ever After...": Fractured and funny fairy tales, Saturday April 2 from 11 am to 12 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "If you're tired of the same old 'happily ever after,' then come to the Willits Library for an hour of storytime fun, snacks and laughter – the Tuesday, April 5 best way to start your Saturday!" Special prizes will be awarded for children who show up as their favorite storybook character. Info: 459-5908; www. co.mendocino.ca.us/library.

"Embellish": The April show at Willits Center for the Arts features Mendocino County artists Heather Law, ceramics, and Sean Cramblett, glass, "who reveal their vision of beauty with ornamentation. Law and Cramblett create unique artworks through emphasis and enhancement of flaws and imperfections, in order to make their subject matter attractive and palatable to the viewer." Opening reception, Saturday, April 2 from 5 to 8 pm. Open to the public; refreshments will

be served. Show continues through April 24 at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours are: Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 am to 3 pm; Thursday 2 to

Fundraiser for KLLG low-power radio station for Willits

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Friday, April 1st - April Fools Day

Tickets \$15 Children under 12 \$2

at Little Lake Grange

Sky Pie

7 pm; and Saturday and Sunday, 12 to 3 pm, or appointment. Visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

Shanachie Pub: Wrongs Krew DJ Night. First Saturday of every month. 9 pm. No cover. "All forms of House Music from 1996 to the present concentrating on deep, funky & groovy tunes, with some Latin & Jazz undertones as well as Electro." 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, April 3

Emandal Chorale and Calling Our Choir: featuring Willits' community chorus, quests from San Francisco, the Calling All Choir. Sunday, April 3 from 2 to 4 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Tickets \$15, available at J.D.

Redhouse. A benefit for the Grange Farm School. Ancient Future: the New "World Fusion" duo of Ancient Future brings its custom guitar riffs and traditional tabla beats to Willits Community a well of connections and Theatre on Sunday, April 3 at 7 pm. "World guitar pioneer Matthew Montfort and tabla virtuoso Vishal Nagar will blend musical traditions from fiery unsung heroes throughout flamenco to resonant raga, with the contemporary the county." North County colors of jazz and rock, to produce a show of Women in Business meets transcendent depth and range. Advance tickets the first Wednesday of every are \$15 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 month at 8:15 am. "If you're

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "Batman Superman," "London Has Fallen" and Michael Moore's "Where to Invade Next." For

showtimes: www.novotheatre

com. 57 East Commercial

Lane (behind Shanachie Pub)

Plant Your Spring Garden: Avenues to The Willits Soroptimists and Little Lake Grange are from Main Street only. Info: 459-9194. Wellness presents "Plant Your Spring Garden" Commonwealth Garden team members Ananda Johnson, Keith Johnson, and Melissa Bouley. Tuesday, April 5, 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Topics covered: fall cover crops for spring

fertility; orchard pruning; when and if to start seeds; bed preparation; the right time to plant weather permitting; necessities: Shade cloth, drip irrigation, pest management and pollinators. Free; donations appreciated. Refreshments. Info: 459-2777 or atwforhealth@gmail.com. Visit www.avenuestowellness.org/ If you would like to volunteer at the Commonwealth Garden, please contact Ananda Johnson at 459-2777.

Wednesday, April 6

North County Women in Business Network: this program of the Willits Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 6 at 8:15 am at the Willits

City Council Chambers, Commercial Street Speaker this week is Heidi Cusick Dickerson, program Mendocino, "who brings desire to share hot topics, little known enterprises and

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South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets. a woman in business or working at a business, com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets join us for a morning of networking, an interesting will also available at the door until sold out. Willits speaker always, and yummy refreshments." Info: Community Theatre is located at 37 West Van call Lynn Kennelly at 459-7910.

> Care-A-Van at J.D. Redhouse: The Mendocino County Care-A-Van will be offering low-cost veterinary services at J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street, on Wednesday, April 6, from 10 to 2 pm. Spay and Neuter surgeries by appointment only: Call Bliss at 707-888-7698. Vaccines, tests, microchips available on a drop-in

Thursday, April 7

Human Traffic Awareness **Event:** "Human Trafficking is here in Willits and Mendocino County!"

Willits Main Street

Corridor Planning Fair

"Help Make Main Street Ours!"

Enhancement Plan will address safety

walking, biking, landscaping, lighting,

street beautification, natural drainage, and

economic development along the three-mile

stretch of Main Street with City of Willits limits.

com or call City Hall at 459-4601.

· Walking Assessment of Main Street.

locally sourced food samplings,

Wednesday, April 20

Thursday, April 21

Friday, April 22

by Walk and Bike Mendocino

Opening Community Workshop, 6 to 8:30

share ideas about the designs in progress.

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• Community Bike Ride, 5 to 6:30 pm: Led

Presentation of preliminary Main Street

Monday, April 18

5 to 6 pm

Organized by the City of Willits, the nonprofit

Willits Main Street Corridor

sponsoring an awareness event at the Methodist Church, 286 School Street, on Thursday, April 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Guest speaker: Elle Snow, founder of Game Over, Inc., at 6:30 pm; video presentation at 7 pm; Q&A at 7:30 pm. "Learn how you can help stop human trafficking now."

What's Happening Around Town

'Where Does Our Money Go?': This Town Hall-style forum, co-sponsored by WELL (Willits Economic Localization) and the Willits Chamber of Commerce, looks at 'Where does our money go? And how can we keep more of it local?" Set for Thursday, April 7, 6:30 pm at City Hall Council Chambers, 111 East Commercial Street. Panelists include: Richard Willoughby, retired president of two local banks, with 35 years' experience lending to small local businesses; Alan Falleri, county native, with 24 years' experience as chief planner of Mendocino County and 12 years as Willits community development director (now retired); Lisa Epstein, Chamber of Commerce president

and member of Mendocino County Workforce Development Board; and Greta Kanne, coowner of The Book Juggler for 10 years and Willits Chamber of Commerce board member. Plus audience questions. Willits City Manager Adrienne Moore and Finance Director Susie Holmes also present to answer questions. Moderator: Emily Rose Smith, a Willits native who has recently returned with an MBA with a focus on socially responsible business. Info: contact Madge Strong at 459-1493 or go to www.well95490.org.

"Start a Backyard Garden from the Roots": an informative garden talk by local author and former manager at Ecology Action, Carol Cox on Thursday, April 7 at 7 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Presented by Friends of the Willits Library. "If you have only a small space for your garden, you need to make every square foot count. Carol will discuss how to set up your gardening space, how roots grow, and how to keep your small space productive with your

own compost." See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details.

Cusick

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

Friday, April 8

two-day Information and Networking Conference, "for compassionate professionals interested in building a business and growing a community," set for Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. The conference features nationally recognized experts to discuss California medical cannabis compliance and medical\ cannabusiness development. Also featured, a farm-to-table dinner reception sponsored by Women's Grow, Mendocino Chapter, on Friday, April 8, from 6 to 10 pm. Info and tickets at http://mendocinocannabisresource. com or at The Headroom and Emerald River Nursery in Willits, Mendo Sun Market & Trim Tools in Laytonville, and M&M Feed & Supply, Uptown Mercantile, and Covelo Building Supply & Farm Sunday, April 10 Supply in Covelo.

Mendocino Cannabis Resource Conference: a

"Twining Time": John Wagenet & Anita Blu of Twining Time perform an easy listening mix of originals and modern favorites in the spirit of old time mountain music, folk, and vintage country at Caminiti's Restaurant at the Brooktrails Lodge, 24765 Birch Street. Friday, April 8 from 5:30 to 9 pm. Visit www.brooktrailslodge.com and www. facebook.com/TwiningTime. Info: 707-459-1596.



Shanachie Pub: Marshall House Project. "A driving soul-funk outfit ... one of the premier

bands working in and around Sonoma County." 9 pm. No cover. Visit www. marshallhouseproject com. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, enter from Main Street only. Info:

Saturday, April 9

Brooktrails Pancake Breakfast & Flea Market: The Prosperity Club and Brooktrails Lodge are hosting an "All You Can Eat Pancakes" for \$5 a person on Saturday, April 9 at the Brooktrails Lodge, 9 am to 2 pm. "A great family event offering a chance to socialize with members of our community, including local

artisans and vendors." Plus biscuits & gravy, bacon, eggs, country drinks and adult beverages at additional cost. Jumperz Bounce House will also be there for the

Shanachie Pub: Root Rot

"experimental rock band ... grafting together a variety of musical stylings." 9 pm. No cover. Visit https://www.reverbnation.com/rootrot. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, enter from Main Street only. Info: 459-9194.

Free Health Expo: Willits Seventh-day Adventist Church presents this free health screening April 10, from 10 am to 4 pm, at 90 South Main Street (the old Rexall building). Includes (you choose any or all): Body Metrics, Blood Pressure, Blood Glucose, Chair Massage, Peak Mental Performance Test, Health and Spiritual Counseling, and children's activities with a bounce house. Got health? Please come, families are encouraged to attend. For more information visit www.willitssda.com.

COLUMN | At the Movies



The Story: In the words of Maurice Sendak, "Let the wild rumpus start!" Bruce Wayne/Batman, being (as he is) a violent neurotic from Gotham, a notorious sinkhole of murder and betrayal,

Daniel Essman (Superman), who goes

around saving people, is not to be trusted. Batman's paranoia is further amplified by the machinations of that envious troublemaker and skanky worm Lex Luthor. Amid all the Bangs! Pows! and Crashes!,

woe to anyone who threatens Lois Lane. My Thoughts: Two-and-a-half hours of superheroes battling terrorists. each other and alien monsters; was apprehensive, but I needn't have been. This movie works. In general, the professional critics were dismayed by the flick. Full-on fan'zers, on the other hand, have been wellentertained; count me among them. bathtub ... filmmaking at its best.

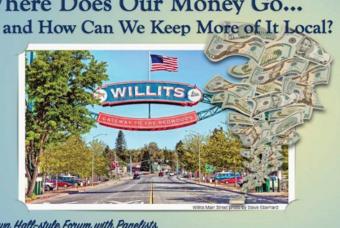
decides that a godlike alien

Parents: Suspense and violence. That said, the kids all want to see this movie. Let them. The little ones might be scared by the alien super monster and Batman's brutality.

attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality

Where Does Our Money Go...



A Town Hall-style Forum with Panelists

- Richard Willoughby, retired president of two local banks
- Alan Falleri, retired Community Development Director • Lisa Epstein, president of Willits Chamber of Commerce
- Greta Kanne, owner of The Book Juggler

Co-sponsoned by WELL* and Willits Chamber of Commerce This event will begin with a brief WELL meeting to elect Coordinating Committee members

> Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 PM City Hall Council Chambers 111 East Commercial St, Willits

Information at www.well95490.org or call Madge at 459-1493

'Where to Invade Next'

Michael Moore's new film at the Noyo Theatre

By popular demand, Michael Moore's "most dangerous comedy," "Where to Invade Next" will run at the Noyo Theatre from April 1 through April 7. "An expansive, hilarious, and subversive comedy in which the Academy Awardwinning director confronts the most pressing issues facing America today and finds solutions in the most unlikely places." Showtimes: Friday, April 1 through Sunday, April 3 at 1, 3:30, 6 and 8:30 pm. Monday, April 4 through Thursday, April 7 at 2:30, 5 and 7:30 pm. "Where to Invade Next" will be part of Tightwad Tuesday on Tuesday, April 5, for \$5. www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Sunday, April 3rd OVER IOO VOICES! Singing in joyful support of the next generation of farmers-The Grange Farm School. oin Us 2 pm to 4 pm at the Willits Grange Tickets: \$15

Start a Backyard Garden from the Roots

The Friends of the Willits Library is pleased to offer an informative garden talk by local author and former manager at Ecology Action, Carol Cox on Thursday, April 7 at 7 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street

If you have only a small space for your diverse stories from around the garden, you need to make every square foot globe about our relationship with count. Carol will discuss how to set up your water: how we are drawn to it, what gardening space, how roots grow, and how we learn from it, how we use it and to keep your small space productive with your the consequences of that use. The own compost. Featured topics include: Lay out film features water use practices and set up planting beds; prepare healthy soil; around the world, including healthy vegetables.

with John Jeavons. Now she and her neighbors real organic butter, garlic and Fair Trade chocolate. in the middle of Willits are collaborating on a Info: 459-6362. community garden in the empty lot next door.

Booster Club Meeting Tri Tip Dinner Tickets

more info at: whsboosters123@yahoo.com

Shanachie 16th Anniversary

Friday, April 15

Pub Shanachie 16th celebrates its anniversary on Friday, April 15, with live music by Schindig and openers Pick & Pull. 9

pm. No cover. Schindig: "homegrown Mendocino County boys playing a unique eclectic blend of folk, rock, country, blues with a jolt of world music thrown in for good measure," https://www.facebook.com/schindig/ and Pick & Pull: "Old Time High Octane Acoustic Hillbilly Dance Music!" https://www.facebook.com/pickpullmusic. 50 South Main Street, behind West Mendocino. Adam's Restaurant, enter from Main Street only. Info: 459-9194.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MANUFACTURED LANDSCAPES

We immersive experience, with stumming legical language, that will transform the way we from about water, and our relationship to it."

WATERMARK

Now and Then Films: 'Watermark'

Thursday, April 21

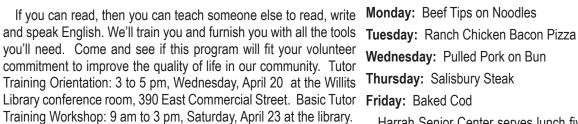
"Watermark immerses the viewer in a magnificent force of nature that we all too often take for granted until it's gone: Bringing together

minimize water use; build and manage compost; multiple scenes in China and the United States, as well as segments avoid expensive amendments, and grow lots of shot in eight other countries. In China, the film chronicles the building of the huge Xiluodu Dam and flooding of its reservoir." Thursday, April Carol Cox managed the Ecology Action 21 at 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Come early Research Garden for nearly 20 years. She co- for trailers & short films. Your donation of \$5 to \$10 helps keep the film authored "The Sustainable Vegetable Garden" series funded. Serving heirloom organic popcorn with

Designs, 5:30 to 7 pm: Free refreshments by Scoops Catering. Literacy Volunteers of Willits **Tutors Needed**

Free Bridge Lessons Start Saturday, April 16

Free Bridge Lessons: Deadlier Defense. The next meeting of the Willits High School "Featuring more strategies for you and your Booster Club is set for Thursday, April 14 at 6 partner to set your opponents. Build on your skills; pm the Willits High School Food Center. The for students already familiar with basic bridge." Boosters are also selling tickets for their April Saturdays, starting April 16, through June 4. Willits pm. Contact Donna at 459-9035 for more info.

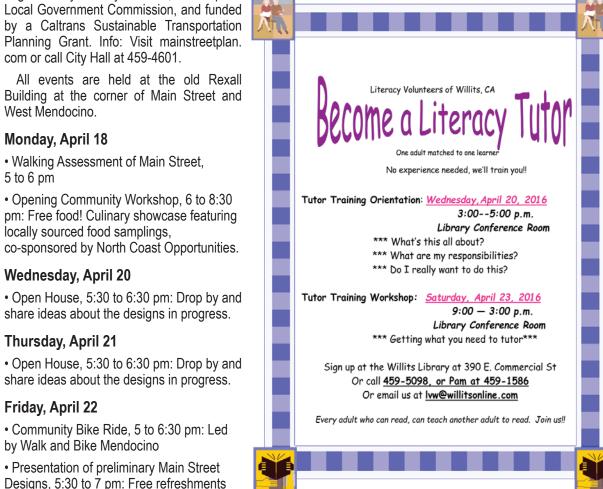


willitsonline.com. We have learners patiently waiting for a tutor.

Save the Date

Ford

'Blithe Spirit," opens April 15, Willits Community Theatre Amy Goodman in Willits, April 16, Willits Center for the Arts Main Street Planning Fair, April 18-22, downtown Willits Charter Town Hall Meeting, April 17, Little Lake Grange Sober Grad Tri-Tip Dinner, April 29. Rodeo Grounds



Senior Center Lunch

Week of April 4 through April 8

Wednesday: Pulled Pork on Bun

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 For reservations call Pam at 459-1586, leave a message on am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 per meal. 23 fundraising Tri Tip Dinner & Quarter Auction; Library, 390 East Commercial Street, 10 am to 12 our office answering machine, 459-5098, or email us at Ivw@ Includes soup, entrée, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Ongoing Events

every Thursday at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Winter produce, local meats and local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Music on March 31: tba; music on April 7: Farmers Market Band.

Ridgewood Ranch Spring Nature Walks: Docent-led walks on Saturdays at Ridgewood "Seabiscuit" Ranch, 16200 North Highway 101, 5.5 miles south of Willits. 10 am (rain cancels). Free to the public. Meet at the Ridgewood Ranch Oak Woodlands Conservation Trailhead (conservancy shed). Follow directions to the Golden Rule RV Park for ranch access. Visit www. seabiscuitheritage.org/conservancy.html for info or call 707-391-3872.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kids on the Run!: club for kids kindergarten through 12th grade, sponsored by the Sheriff's Activity League. Started March 12, Saturdays at 10 am at the ball fields between the Dog Park and the Mendocino County Museum. Cost for 2016: \$10, includes a T-shirt and free race entries. Questions? Contact: Michelle Kluskiewicz at 267-608-6262 or Gina Henebury at 707-485-1794.

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

Shanachie Pub: World Music Mondays: Sign ups start at 7:30 pm sharp. Music starts at 8 pm Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. 8 pm. No

cover. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7 pm. Movie Night every Tuesday. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194. Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room: Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street. Info: 459-2444. Laytonville Winter Farmers Market: Mondays, November

to May, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville.



Willits High School's Athlete of the Week



Track & Field Aiden Bertolini-Haley, 16, Junior

Events: Long jump, triple jump, and 100 and 800 meters Breakfast of Champions: Sourdough toast, plain!

Love for the Sport: "Track gets me in better shape, and you learn more responsibility, like how you have to take care of your own gear."

Years Playing the Sport: Three years at Willits High

I would like to nominate Aiden Bertolini-Haley for Amazing Athlete this week. His best long jump was 16.7 feet, and he also has a 3.4 grade point average. He is always trying to learn new things, and he is willing to participate in new

- Coach John Horton

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home



Big Siren

Our boy Siren is a 3-year-old neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 84 pounds. Siren is a big boy with an even bigger heart! This gentle giant is all love and wants nothing more than to play fetch and get belly rubs!

Given his size and his love for romping in the play yard, Siren needs a home with room for him to roam outside and stretch out inside. We think he'd be the perfect playmate for older kids, but he will do well in any active, loving home. Siren prefers the company of people and would love a home where he is the only dog getting all the love and attention

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



Above: 2015 Willits Rotary Club Scholarship winners: Back row, left to right: Ankit Patel, Nicholas Johnson (Bill Carillo Scholarship), Raymond Hebel, Ian Killmer, and Kylie Doty. Front row, left to right: Irene Labus, Kayla Smith, Naomi Ramirez (Ruth Rockefeller Scholarship), Mykayla McClellan, Tori Troum, and Hailey Riley

Evening Before Mother's Day'

Willits Rotary Club scholarship fundraiser

The Willits Rotary Club is making preparations for a May 7 fundraiser benefiting scholarships for Willitsarea graduating 2016 high school seniors at the Willits Community Center.

The Willits Rotary Club awards up to 15 \$1,000 scholarships annually to Willits-area graduating seniors. The bulk of funds raised every year have been through the club's much-anticipated crab sale and annual crab dinner. Due to the high domoic acid levels in local crab last winter, both events had to be cancelled. The cancellation of these events has put 2016 Willits-area high school scholarships in jeopardy. Willits Rotary Club refuses

to allow our local high school seniors to lose their much-deserved scholarships. A filet mignon and prawn dinner, named "Evening Before Mother's Day," is a surf and turf dinner planned for the evening of Saturday, May 7, 2016.

This event, a combined effort of Adams's Restaurant and the Willits Rotary Club, will be an evening to

remember. Featured will be appetizers and an exquisite dinner prepared by Adam's Restaurant, live music by "The Bassics," local wines and beer, and live and dollar auctions. For your pleasure, the Willits Community Center will be transformed into an "Evening Before Mother's

Day" dream.

Tickets for this exceptional event are \$100 per person and are limited. Tickets can be purchased at Willits Furniture Center, 775 Central Avenue (459-4224) and at J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street (459-1214). If you would like to be an event sponsor or purchase tickets or if you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please contact any of the following Willits Rotarians: Jolene

Carrillo (event co-chair, 707-841-7758), Ann Alumbaugh (event co-chair, 459-1440), or Mike Smith (707-972-2471). Willits Rotary Club is a 501(C)(3) organization.

- Submitted by Willits Rotary Club



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Letters

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diseases, including cancer and many neurological disorders. Cannabis is at the very minimum a billion-dollar industry in Mendocino County, allowing many residents to live, survive and generate tax revenues for the city of Willits through retail

• Willits faces big financial losses when the bypass opens. (Councilmember Holly Madrigal estimated Willits will lose 20 percent of its sales tax revenues from its gas stations when the bypass opens.) Attractive cannabis businesses can attract drivers into town.

· A well-regulated cannabis industry can bring good jobs and businesses, such as cannabis testing labs, dispensaries and consulting companies to the city.

· Local business owners may go out of business if their customers who grow cannabis are threatened by the city's

marijuana licensing procedures and permit types, and the

• Cannabis will have less allure for children when it is legal.

• If alcohol, a substance known to create serious public health and social problems, is legal but regulated, why not

Only one person spoke in favor of the ban, a woman who said that as a teacher she had seen many Willits children harmed by the easy availability of marijuana.

first, speaking strongly in favor of the ban and inviting those in the audience who don't like his views to run for his seat in two years, when he intends to face the voters again

Councilmembers Madge Strong and Holly Madrigal opposed the ban. Madrigal argued that banning cannabis would simply add to the economic uncertainty caused by the recent decline in cannabis prices and the losses the city will face when the bypass opens.

Just when it looked like the old-boy majority would easily win passage of the ban, Councilmember Ron Orenstein, who moments before had railed against the evils of marijuana, "dropped the other shoe" (his words).

Having read the new state MMRSA regulations, Orenstein confessed that he found the regulations well-written and recommended that the council adopt some of the state's permit categories. Doing so, he argued, would allow the city to reap some of the economic benefits of the industry while closely controlling its regulation.

His colleagues offered no objections.

But a very strange night.

time, and it was not a pretty picture. Neither Mayor Burton addresses the embellishment of flawed beauty. and she nor Councilmember Stranske provided the public or their council colleagues with a reasoned argument or context for their proposal, offered no specific language, and gave no coherent explanation of how and why, tasked with an analysis of MMRSA, they cooked up a complete ban on medical cannabis in Willits

knowledge of and no interest in the far-reaching medical benefits of cannabis. One of them even argued that since drug companies provide so many perfectly good pharmaceuticals, medical cannabis should be unnecessary.

version of "Reefer Madness" back to the archives, where it

on KXYX FM, Willits

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the course of their investigation, officers learned the suspect had gained entry into the business about an hour prior by smashing a window. Once inside, the suspect reportedly stole several items of merchandise. While officers were still on scene, a second victim contacted the WPD to report a similar circumstance to a business in the 300 block of South Main Street. At about 12:30 pm, the investigating officer noticed BENNETT, Isaiah, 19, of Willits walking in the area in possession of, what appeared to be, some of the stolen merchandise. The officer contacted Bennett, determined he was the suspect, and ultimately placed him under arrest for 459 PC (Burglary) and 11550(a) HS (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance).

2:20 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation.

March 25

2:45 pm: Officers were called to the 300 block of South Main Street to assist medical personnel with a combative patient. They arrived and contacted SANDERS, Thomas,

Street for a reported burglary. During 53, of Willits. Officers determined Sanders The rest of was unable to provide for his own care due to his level of intoxication, and placed him under arrest pursuant to 647(f) PC (Public

> 10:15 pm: Officers were dispatched to the 1300 block of South Main Street to contact a reportedly intoxicated subject. When they arrived, they found NIETO, Ramon, 45, of Willits sleeping in a parking lot. Officers determined Nieto was unable to provide for his own care due to his level of intoxication, and placed him under arrest pursuant to 647(f) PC (Public Intoxication). Because of his level of intoxication, Nieto was found to be in violation of the terms of his probation, and the charge of 1203.2(a) PC (Violation of Probation) was added.

10:50 am: Officers recovered a stolen

10:30 pm: RIVERA, Luis, 30, of Willits was contacted during a traffic stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and arrested pursuant to 23152(a) VC (DUI)

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- Jenny Senter

job for us. Life and karma is about taking responsibility for your choices and to learn Keep an overview on all

things and try to see how your choices have long-term consequences. You may or may not like the end result, regardless of how good it looks on the surface right now. You are going to feel fired up and passionate this month, so let that express itself in the highest ways that serve others not just yourself. Suzanne Wagner is a professional

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

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2016 Mendocino County

Science Fair Results

On Saturday, March 12, the Mendocino County Office

of Education hosted the 30th Annual Mendocino County

Science Fair in the Mendocino College Gymnasium.

Twenty-four local schools submitted the names of 257

students who represented 210 projects, judged by 62

volunteer judges and helpers from the community and

There were 14 projects (and five alternate projects) total

From Third District schools, there were six projects

selected to compete on the state level, including three

projects from grade level 6-8 from Baechtel Grove Middle

School: Alyssa Fraser, "Testing the Waters"; Jada Smith,

"Transesterification of Peanut Oil": and Jaeva Cash. "Like.

Two projects from Laytonville schools were also

selected: Sadie Howard, "Burning Biofuels," grade level

6-8; and Maria Cox, "The Effect of Building Materials in

One project from the Willits Charter School, Stephany

Brundage's "Death of Diatoms," grade level 9-12, also

The two Third District projects selected as alternates

for the state level include Star Polson's "Boo Bubbles,"

Laytonville Elementary School, grade level 6-8, and

Destiny Anderson and Jessica Cronin's "Fecal Fiesta,"

Gold medal winners from Third District schools at the

county Science Fair included: Kaylie Reeser's "Wave

Energy Generator," Sherwood School; Audrey Sherf.

"Seeing Red Feeling Blue." Willits Elementary Charter

School (tied); Luka Ritchley, "Lemon Battery," Blosser Lane

Elementary School; Helena Rooney and Sylvia Wartell,

"What Are you Saying?," Blosser Lane Elementary School;

Sadie Howard, "Burning Biofuels," Laytonville Elementary

School; Stephany Brundage, "Death of Diatoms," Willits

Charter School; Mariah Cox, "The Effect of Building

Materials in Sound Wall Construction," Laytonville High

School; Ember Youngstrom, "Observing the Growth of

Crystals," Willits Elementary Charter School; and Luna

Two Third District class projects also won gold medals

at the county level: Ms. Lohne, Room 26, Helena Rooney

and Sylvia Wartell, "Metal vs Rust," Blosser Lane

Elementary; and AP Environmental Class - Ms. Herman,

Tia Lynn Grant and Ryann Hee, "Does Drought Affect H20

The Evelyn Smith Excellence in Science awards were

The Mendocino County Office of Education would like

to thank the school/district Science Fair coordinators,

teachers, and parents for supporting the curiosity and

commitment of students in the field of science. If you would

like more information or would like to volunteer to assist

with future county Science Fairs, please contact Kimberly

In the six months since they booked the gallery,

Cramblett's work has taken a turn towards bright, colorful,

highly textured patterns, still working within the 10 x 10

"Embellish" will run through April 24 at the Willits

Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. The

public is invited to the opening reception on Saturday,

April 2, 5 to 8 pm; refreshments will be served. Gallery

hours are: Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 am to

3 pm; Thursday 2 to 7 pm; and Saturday and Sunday,

12 to 3 pm, or appointment. Info: contact Heather Law

at heatherlaw42@gmail.com or 530-864-3420, or visit

If you are interested in helping out at the Willits Center

for the Arts (no art experience necessary to volunteer),

please contact Nancy Nazarian Reed at 459-1239

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Barden, student programs and events at 467-5100.

given to Jada Smith from Baechtel Grove Middle School

and Stephany Brundage from Willits Charter School.

Tumilowicz, "Solar Tumbler," Willits Charter School.

Sound Wall Construction," grade level 9-12.

qualified to compete at the state Science Fair.

from Willits Charter School

Quality?," Willits High School.

The rest of

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selected to compete at the California State Science Fair in

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REHEAR

shopping and the use of local services.

• The state Legislature has already passed detailed medical

county is in the act of doing the same thing. Why not Willits?

Patients need safe and accessible access to cannabis.

bring medical cannabis into the light as well?

Following public comment, Stranske shared his thoughts

Burton took a pass because he knew he'd have the final

Whether Mayor Burton was swayed by Orenstein's implied defection, the emphatic public opposition to the proposed ban, Eyster's assurances, the objections of Madrigal and Strong, or all or none of the above, he proposed a delay in any action on the ban. When the city attorney has streamlined Willits' medical cannabis enforcement procedures, the council, he suggested, could take up the ban proposal again.

A victory, of sorts, for cannabis.

I haven't seen the Willits City Council in action for some and function, the two artists had a common dialog that

Burton, Stranske and Orenstein appeared to have little

What a night. I'm relieved that Orenstein dropped his other

For now, at least, the Willits City Council has sent its

Jane Futcher, host of "The Cannabis Hour"

March 26



APRIL 2016 CALENDAR





18 Random Hot Seat Drawings Approximate Times of Hot Seat Drawings 12PM - 4PM (twice per hour = 8 Drawings) 7P - 11P (twice per hour = 8 Drawings

the Plinko Chip in a slot of their choice on the top of the Plinko board. The plinko chip will slide down the board and will land in one of 8 prize slots. Prizes will be random-ly placed at the bottom of the Plinko board.

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

The Players Club Representative will switch the prizes on the bottom of the Plinko Board every four games.
All Free Play won must be played by 2A.
Customers may win up to twice each Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY



2X Points (5p to 10:30P)
Drawings 6P to 10P - Two randon

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

Drawing Time #1 between Drawing Time #2 after the first drawing for \$300 Cash



Saturday FUN April 2, 9 & 16 **HOT SEATS (FREE PLAY)**

FRIDAY NIGHT PIYDI \$100 \$100 \$175 \$200 \$250 \$300

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11P-\$1,040

The 11P drawing is

Round #1 • 11A to 2P - 2 random winners/hour (6 winners). Each winner will win \$50 in Free Play. Players Club members must play minimally \$20 to be eligible for Round #1 Hot Seat drawings.

Round #2 • 5P to 8P - 2 random winners/hour (6 winners). Each winner will win \$75 in Free Play.

Players Club members must play minimally \$30 to be eligible for Round #2 Hot Seat drawings.

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

Players Club members must play minimally \$40 to be eligible for Round #3 Hot Seat drawings. Round #4 • 10P to 11P - 3 random winners/hour (3 winners). Each winner will win \$200 in Free Play.

Players Club members must play minimally \$50 to be eligible for Round #4 Hot Seat drawings.

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

Saturday Slot Tournament April 30

Early Session will start at 2P (Registration starts at 12P for 50 points)

Tournament #1 (early Session): 2P 1st Prize - \$150 cash / 2nd Prize - \$100 cash / 3rd Prize - \$50 cash / 4th - 6th Prize - \$25 Free Play Each.

Saturday Giveaway! April 23rd FREE BEACH TOWEL receive a Beach Towel (While Supplies Last)
-Towels can start being redeemed for starting at 12:30P.

Evening Session will start at 8P (Registration starts at 6P for 75 points total) Tournament #2 (Evening Session): 8:00PM 1st Prize - \$300 cash / 2nd Prize - \$200 cash / 3rd Prize - \$100 cash

4th - 6th Prize - \$50 Free Play Each.

Late Night Session will start at 12A (Registration will start at 10P for 90 points total) Tournament #3 (Late Night Session): 12:00AM 1st Prize - \$500 cash / 2nd Prize - \$300 cash 3rd Prize - \$200 cash / 4th - 6th Prize - \$75 Free Play Each.





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

\$10 Free Play \$20 Free Play

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

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

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



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The rest of Golf

that."

From Page 1

And while they went

about repairing the greens,

the Cedarholms found

time to re-roof the course's

clubhouse, install ADAcompliant picnic tables with

umbrellas the district had

funded, and complete work

on an 18-hole disc golf

course. They also acquired

a greens aerator, triplex

mower, greens mower,

chipper and landscape

trailer to enable them to

maintain the 55.7 USGA-

During their time as

course operators, the

Cedarholms also have been

able to install commercial-

grade equipment for the

clubhouse grill, upgrade

the food storage room

surfaces, and upgrade

the clubhouse's fire

one full-time and three

part-time employees at the

clubhouse and a full-time

and part-time position at

Although Cedarholm

says he "inherited" the disc

golf course, he thinks "it has

worked well." Social media

has praised the Brooktrails

course, and disc golfers are

traveling great distances to

play the 18 tee pads, which

were laid out so "disc and

ball golfers can co-exist and

The pro shop has

"broadened its sales by

adding inventory to appeal

While much has been

remains to be done,

Cedarholm says, including

replacing many of the

golf course's bridges.

showing damage from rot."

The course's irrigatior

"There's no

system also demands

central irrigation control."

Cedarholm told directors.

"There are shorts in the

pipes

Turf in greens approach

areas needs to be restored

and restoration of the forest

floor around the greens

must continue. The rye

grass Cedarholm had been

planting died, so wood chips

are being spread to prevent

and combat erosion. He

also needs to secure "a

bucket/boom truck with a

top dresser" which will help

ensure the trees on and

around the course remain

healthy. The truck, he says,

Cedarholm also wants

to cut down several small

trees "totally blocking sunlight from reaching one

of the greens." The small

trees are growing on the

stumps of older trees cut

down when the course

was logged in the distant

past. The trees in question

"are all the same age and

height," he says, "and are

about three-quarters dead.

who examined the site.

But although "clean-

to grow better," as well

as improving the greens

in the area, Cedarholm is

not optimistic about his

chances of gaining board

approval for the project. "I

"will pay for itself."

attention.

system's

irrigation

breaking."

to disc golfers," he noted.

accomplished,

play at the same time."

the course.

extinguisher system.

rated course.

School board meetings now streamed online

Meetings of the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees are annual charity events and now being streamed online.

to celebrate the course's anniversary. "We really Meetings are available for live viewing on the WUSD website, www. wanted to get it open for willitsunified.com. Simply go to the website and click on the "Board

Mike A'Dair

Meetings 2016" header on the banner at the top of the screen. A page will open with a video screen; click the play button to watch and hear the school board meetings live as they are

If no meeting is being streamed, the video will show "offline" after the play button is pushed.

Links to video recordings of board meetings are also now being archived at the district's website. At www.willitsunified.com, hover over the "School Board" header on the banner until a pulldown menu appears. Select "Archived Board Meeting Recorded Video."

The page that opens has links to YouTube videos of several recent board meetings. The next board meeting is set for Wednesday, April 13, starting at 4:30 pm, at the Willits High School Media Center.

McGuire hears update, criticism of Willits bypass project

The Willits bypass will open sometime in late fall, Caltrans District 1 Director Charlie Fielder told an audience of about 100 people last Thursday during state Senator Mike McGuire's town hall meeting in

Phase 1 of the 5.9-mile project - two interchanges and a two-lane highway bypassing Willits - is now 87 percent Dan McKee complete. Fielder told the crowd.

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The project – which Caltrans says will relieve As a result, more than congestion, reduce delays, and improve safety 8,000 ball and disc golfers for interregional traffic - has been the subject of "some opposition and used the course in 2015, some controversy," Fielder conceded. and the couple have added

And while that opposition has not changed Caltrans' plans to upgrade District 1's highway infrastructure, Fielder did say the agency "will probably not see another bypass constructed in the district." Fielder did not discuss a specific timeline for returning Willits to complete Phase 2. which Caltrans says will add two more lanes to complete the original plans for a four-lane bypass.

Priscilla Hunter, representing the Coyote Band of Pomo Indians, was critical of both Caltrans' bypass work and of the director.

"I'm glad to know you really exist," she told Fielder during a brief question-and-answer period following his update on the agency's goals. The tribe has been trying to communicate with Fielder for several months, she said, but their phone calls to the director's office have not been answered, and "Caltrans [representatives] have not met with us

Hunter accused Caltrans of failing to "respect our cultural sites," claiming the agency has "destroyed between 20 and 30" Native American archeological sites during bypass construction.

Hunter said the lawsuit filed in October 2015 against Caltrans and various federal agencies by the Coyote Band of Pomo Indians and the Round Valley Indian Tribe has the support of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians in Willits, too.

Hunter asked McGuire to support the tribes' position.

The bypass winds through a valley occupied by Native Americans for hundreds of years until white settlers drove them out in the 1800s.

Caltrans claims it has followed all legal requirements, searching for "We've lost one," he told archaeological sites before construction started. But Phil Gregory, an directors during the March attorney representing the tribes, told ABC News last fall: "Once Caltrans 19 planning session, and started construction, it found over 30 sites, and its clear [the agency] did "others are sagging or not do a proper investigation, because there's no way Caltrans should have missed these 30 sites."

> In addition to Caltrans, the tribes are suing the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

Caltrans spokesman Phil Frisbie said in an October 2015 NBC television interview that "what's been dug up so far is mostly been stone chips, all of which have been catalogued and will be distributed to a local museum and tribes." Frisbie said there were no burial grounds in the project area, noting the Pomo tribe cremated their dead, so there were no human remains to disrupt.

Nevada man dies in Highway 101 crash

The 25-year-old driver of a 2016 Hyundai sedan died early Tuesday morning when his vehicle drifted onto the right shoulder of Highway 101 north of the Laytonville-Sherwood Road, struck a guardrail, fell over an embankment, landed on its roof, and hit a tree.

Denton Boudreau of Reno, Nevada, was pronounced died at the scene, according to state traffic officers.

Laytonville Volunteer Fire Department emergency medical personnel, CalFire personnel, and deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, as well as Caltrans workers, responded to the 3 am accident.

The California Highway Patrol is continuing its investigation into the cause of the accident, and has yet to determine if alcohol or drugs played a part in the fatal crash.

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

Laytonville man held in father's death

A 25-year-old Laytonville man was arrested early Monday morning on suspicion of murder after he allegedly beat his father to death with a baseball bat during an altercation at a home in the 3550 block of Highway 101.

Sheriff's deputies were called That plan was endorsed to the Laytonville home at about by arborist John Phillips, 3:30 am. They found 58-yearold Sanford Sternick dead from "what appeared to be blunt force cutting the short ones will trauma," according to sheriff's Lt. enable the remaining trees Shannon Barney.

> They also found Sternick's son, Jewel Dyer, at the home.

According to a witness, Dyer said he and his father had begun arguing during the early morning don't think they'll ever do hours, sheriff's detectives said. At some point, the dispute became a

fight, and Dyer allegedly struck his father with the bat, killing him.

Detectives found the alleged murder weapon at the crime scene, arrested Dyer on suspicion of murder, and took him to county jail, where he is being held on \$500,000 bail.

An autopsy is being scheduled. and the case will be presented to the District Attorney's Office for review, Barney said.

Anyone with information related to this case is requested to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Detectives Unit or call the tip line at 234-2100.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

From left to right: Erich Sommer, the lead bicycle safety trainer with Walk and Bike Mendocino, Willits business owner Pete Swanton, and Walk and Bike Field



Walk and Bike Mendocino to lead bike ride for Main Street Planning Fair

By Joshua Landers, for Walk and Bike Mendocino

Walk and Bike Mendocino, a Ukiah nonprofit, will be participating in the Willits Main Street Corridor Planning Fair, set for April 18 to 22. To reach out to the Willits community and to encourage walking and biking, Walk and Bike Mendocino will lead a short, family-friendly community bike ride on the last evening of the fair, Friday, April 22, starting at 5 pm at the old Rexall Building, at the corner of Main Street and West Mendocino.

Please come out and join us for this, as well as all the other events planned during the week.

Walk and Bike Mendocino has just secured contracts to support the education and advocacy of walking and biking in our county, as well as to hire new employees to help implement the objectives for the program.

The goal of this multi-year, non-infrastructure project is to develop and sustain a comprehensive Safe Routes to School program that will lead to increased walking and biking throughout the area. The program will work comprehensively with 14 schools in seven communities, including two schools in Willits: Blosser Lane Elementary School and Willits High School.

The program will develop Safe Routes to Schools, traffic safety education. walk and bike to school activities/events, and sustainability planning. The mission of Walk and Bike Mendocino is to improve our county's health by promoting walking and biking as transportation for short, local trips, introducing physical activity into our daily lives. Also, through a combination of in-class education and hands-on learning, the organization strives to educate how to walk and bike safely.

Many community leaders in Willits are already realizing the benefits of this program, and are helping to spread the word about Walk and Bike

"Increasing the number of locals who walk and bike raises the quality of life in our area," says Holly Madrigal, a member of the Willits City Council. "Our community is taking steps to re-design our Main Street corridor and safe bike routes and walking spaces are key to this progress."

Walk and Bike Mendocino is currently becoming involved with many other communities and programs. Although the focus is on the Safe Routes to School traffic safety education program, Program Director Neil Davis states: "We expect a spillover effect to benefit the whole of Mendocino County. think it will really help ramp up walking and biking and increase the overall health of our communities.

Along with promoting walking and biking in the schools and local communities, Walk and Bike Mendocino also helps to create and support local bike "kitchens." These "kitchens" are typically run by volunteers who can coach people on how to work on their own bikes. The kitchens provide a place, tools and instruction so people can learn to do their own basic maintenance. For those who don't have a bike, the kitchens provide old bikes, parts and instruction so people can build one for themselves

Certain communities have already achieved success with bike kitchens. In Ukiah, for example, the program has become a staple at the Saturday Farmer's Market, where volunteers lend their time and expertise to help those who need it. Also, in Covelo, Dean Meyer coordinates Bike Wednesdays, which has become a standard for that community for the past eight years.

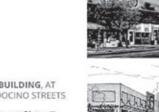
Walk and Bike Mendocino is hoping for bike kitchens to become a part of every community. Volunteers are always appreciated and an integral part of the success of this program, and the organization encourages those who are comfortable working on bikes and helping people to come out and support a positive local cause.

What started as a simple Facebook page created by county supervisor Dan Gjerde back in 2009, Walk and Bike Mendocino has grown into what it is today – an interactive part of the community. Developing education about safety, advocating health through activity, and teaching how to walk and bike safely in our current environment, Walk and Bike Mendocino seeks to enhance our community through social interaction and public involvement, and to garner county wide support for these goals.

For more information on the program, to find out how to volunteer, or how to make a financial contribution, visit www.walkbikemendo.org or call 707-467-3217. For other inquiries, please email walkbike@ncoinc.org.









along the 3-mile stretch of Main Street within the City limits Organized by the City of Willits, the non-profit Local Government Commission, and funded by a Calitrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant.

Drop by and share ideas about the designs in progress

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that," he says. **Phone:** 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047 **Email:** willitsweekly@gmail.com **Mail:** P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490 Willits Weekly | March 31, 2016

Egg Hunt at WHS

Willits Lions Club holds 88th annual event

The baseball fields were filled with colored eggs for the 88th annual Willits Lions Club Egg Hunt last Easter Sunday, much to the delight of the gathered crowd.

The plan to hold the event at noon was slightly adjusted on the fly - a different start time of 1 pm was reported elsewhere instead of the actual start at noon - but the Lions creatively decided to include a round 1 at the original start time and a round 2 at 1 pm.

However, each round was as usual "lightning quick," as kids of all ages scrambled across the grass to find their share of the 1,950 eggs. Egg Hunt chairman and Lions Club Vice President Glen Helton said he was amazed at how fast the kids were able to get all the eggs.



explained Helton. "We had about 100 kids at the noon

start, and then about 30 at the 1 pm start – but they all

were happy and got a ton of eggs – I'd guess two or three

All the eggs are colored on the Thursday prior to the

hunt by a group of Lions volunteers. If you are interested

in joining the Willits Lions Club, or in learning more about

their club, stop by their monthly meetings held on the

first Thursday of the month at 6 pm at the Boy Scout Hut

located in the Rec Grove Park. You can also get additional

information by contacting Helton directly at 707-354-8262.







Clockwise from top left: Boys compare buckets on the ball field. A girl places an egg into her bucket. Naomi McKenzie and Colby review their findings. Bunny ears and a wire basket looked festive on the field. Willits Lion Glen Helton tosses out additional eggs or kids to find. Hunters take off from the start line. Lions Club embers and volunteers including, from left: Glen, Kevin, Glen, Bill, Verd, Sharon, Dean, Eldon, Jacquueline and Nick, and Randy







Ohl Grove filled with eggs, kids and festivities on Easter Sunday

For the first time, the Ohl Grove played host to an Easter Day event: an egg hunt and fundraiser for a playground organizers are hoping to build in the redwood-filled township northwest of Willits.

Maureen Moore Graphics & Photographress maureen@willitsweekly.com

The egg hunt was put on by the Brooktrails Owners Property Association.

Vice President and playground committee member Tara Simms said she was pleased and overwhelmed

"We were hoping for, I don't know, 100 kids?" said Simms. "We ended up with something like 300 people! It was amazing, and we hope that we can keep growing this and other Brooktrails events over the summer and coming years."

The hunt spanned almost the entirety of the grove

multi-level hiding places for the bigger kids.

Around 3,000 plastic eggs were hidden, and much to Simms' and the other volunteers' surprise, the eggs were all found in a matter of minutes.

Unlike the Willits Lions Club egg hunt (held at noon on the same day at Willits High School), which features hard-boiled eggs, the Brooktrails hunt contained present-filled plastic eggs instead. This really allowed hunters who attended both events a great variety of goodies.

Eggs contained mainly stickers, temporary tattoos, and gems, sea glass and other stones donated by George's Geodes and Gems. A small number contained candies, some of which contained saltwater taffy donated by J.D. Redhouse.

> Read the rest of Egg Hunt

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Following Scaglione announcement, the hearing board attempted to render a final decision on an appeal by Friends of Outlet Creek to revoke the permit for the rubberization component of the plant's operations. However, a motion by hearing board member Marc Komer to shut down plant operations immediately after any violation of the plant's use permit or authority to construct has been verified by the Air Quality Management District, failed on a 2-2 vote.

Komer and hearing board member Chet Koehn voted in favor of the motion; Eric Crane and board Chairman Tom Johnson voted against it.

After the vote on Komer's motion, the hearing board attempted to approve the interim agreement between Grist Creek Aggregates and the AQMD. However, AQMD attorney David Rapport told the hearing board the interim agreement did not need its approval to be in effect, and the issue before the hearing board was the appeal of the permit on the crumb rubber heating and blending unit, which the board had considered in January. Rapport told the hearing board no action on the appeal was necessary, and therefore, the hearing board did not vote on the appeal.

As a result of these actions, the asphalt operations at the Longvale site, located some 15 miles north of Willits on Highway 162, are poised to resume in about a week's time. According to Scaglione, the plant will operate on a limited schedule, at about half capacity, for about a week, and then will shut down.

Agreement details

According to the terms of the agreement, the plant will limit its hours of operation to 10 am to 6 pm daily and its production of asphalt to 1,800 tons per day. Last year, the plant was producing about 3,600 tons per day, according

Grist Creek Aggregates will designate one of its employees as contact person for communications between the company and the air district. That contact person will evaluate the plant for air emissions and equipment function. If equipment should fail, the contact person will have the authority to shut down equipment and make repairs.

Grist Creek also will appoint and train an employee who will be capable of taking visual emissions readings during plant operations. That employee "shall ensure that all emissions are in compliance with the emissions limitations identified" in the permit.

Grist Creek will hire a third-party hot mix asphalt

The rest of Egg Hunt From Page 14

The Easter Bunny made an appearance, posing for photos in front of an egggarland backdrop, and waving at and hugging egg hunters – of all ages!

encouraged to open their eggs and save the contents, and then recycle the eggs back to BPOA for the hunt next year.

"Even with 3,000 eggs, thought we were prepared," laughed Simms. "But I just went down to Big Lots on Monday and bought out all their plastic eggs, since I think we're going to be needing a lot more eggs for

Though the hunt was a free event, a table was set up offering healthy snacks and drinks for donation, and the refreshment sales were able to contribute \$150 to the playground fund. Also, a promised donation from a community member who case: attended the event upped the fund by an additional \$1,000 on Sunday.

"We couldn't believe it," said Simms. "We are so grateful for their generosity and really appreciate their contribution to the fund."

Other events are planned to help fundraise over the summer; the group hopes to play movies in the park, maybe on Saturday nights in June and maybe July, and put on other events still in the works.

If you are interested in contributing to the playground, or learning more about upcoming activities, contact brooktrailsplayground@ gmail.com.



consultant (subject to the approval of the air district). According to the agreement, the consultant will "review the facility operations, equipment, and equipment maintenance" during the plant's remaining period of operations on its current Caltrans contract. "This consultant shall prepare and submit a report to the district outlining recommended changes or additions to the equipment, procedures, or control devices, if necessary.'

Scaglione stressed this report by the consultant would be key to evaluating the functioning of the plant and to making improvements that Scaglione said would be essential to allowing any potential future operations at that location, after the current work for Caltrans is completed.

Finally, it was agreed the district and the contact person will communicate closely. If there are any complaints, "the district shall immediately notify the point of contact person so that Grist Creek can immediately investigate and mitigate any potential issues that arise." The same standard of close contact and immediate response will apply to any concerns the district may have involving plant

The interim agreement does not encompass the global agreement the district was seeking with Grist Creek, which would have involved settlement of \$172,000 in fines Grist Creek incurred from the air district during the two-and-ahalf months the plant was running last year.

According to AQMD Counsel Terry Gross, Grist Creek "dug in their heels" during discussions of the global agreement, and would only agree to the terms of the interim agreement. Neither Brian Hurt, Grist Creek Aggregates owner, nor any legal counsel for his company were present at the Tuesday hearing. Hearing board Chairman Johnson said he was unhappy the people from Grist Creek did not attend the meeting. "I find it offensive that no one from Grist Creek was present," he said.

Locals unhappy with agreement

Longvale residents are not happy about the agreement. Of the dozen residents opposing the project who spoke, all criticized the agreement as a half-way measure.

"This plan to have employees to watch over what's happening and determine whether or not violations have occurred, I find ludicrous," said Robert Davis.

Lynn Talkovsky mentioned the negative health impacts that have been found from chronic exposure to asphalt plant fumes including headaches, eye, nose and throat

irritation, difficulty breathing, skin rash, fatigue, reduced appetite, coughing, and skin cancer. "It seems to me those are [good] reasons to revoke the permit until there can be assurance that's not going to continue to happen" to area residents she said

"I want to reiterate how much damage has already been done, how hard people have worked to file complaints. The air district is working really hard, and you guys are working really hard, but if we come out of this without solving the issue in a real way, it just seems very disappointing. It will be a failure, in so many ways," Talkovsky said.

Area resident and independent journalist Jane Futcher said the long process to shut down the plant had made her lose her trust in government. The issue came to the fore last spring, she said, after the board of supervisors unanimously approved a new asphalt plant at the location without requiring an environmental impact report, reasoning rock-crushing and asphalt-making operations were permitted under a 2002 permit the county had issued to a previous plant owner.

"We came to the air quality district and complained and complained, and visits were made," Futcher said. "We thought we were making progress, but the plant continued to operate, despite violations.

Then residents "came to [the AQMD hearing board] in January, and begged you to shut the plant down, and it sounded like it was very hard for you to do for some reason.

"Now supervisors tell us they can't do anything [because] they rescinded [their earlier] decision. So now we're

"We want to trust that Mr. Scaglione has made a good agreement with Grist Creek and we want to trust that you will be absolutely certain to enforce it if there is any healthdamaging pollution in the air," Futcher continued. "We're begging, we're hoping, we can trust you, to be our final court of appeal, before we have to take it even higher up, and have expensive lawsuits

"So if you want the trust of the residents near the Grist Creek asphalt plant, please do the right thing," she said. "If you approve this agreement, if there is any violation, if there is any hint, please, Mr. Scaglione, and you, our higher court, please help us. Please let us have faith in our government, and trust, that the people who have been selected to protect us, do their job."

Nuisance

Addressing the council and a packed room of cannabis stakeholders at the special meeting, Sherman said: "I just want to make sure there's a clear understanding that the code enforcement ordinance revision is in some way related to marijuana issue.'

> A partial list of other situations described by city ordinance as "nuisances" includes, but is not limited to: Accumulation of junk, rubbish and waste of unsightly or unhealthy nature; fire hazards; substandard buildings; polluted or stagnant water; abandoned or deteriorated buildings creating visual blight; improper storage of abandoned vehicles; discarded or abandoned appliances, toilets, cabinets, or other household fixtures or equipment stored so as to be visible from a public street or adjoining properties; and dirt, sand, gravel, concrete, or other similar materials that constitute visual blight.

> According to Lance, who was supported by both Sherman and City Manager Adrienne Moore, there are two major flaws within the nuisance ordinance enforcement process. The first is the lengthy appeals process; the second is the burden it places on the city manager, who is currently the only hearing officer that presides over nuisance cases.

Lance explained the steps taken in a nuisance

"The usual method for enforcing codes,

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for Mendocino County's 22 fire districts, most of which are under pressure from increases in the number of calls to which they respond at the same time their volunteer firefighter pools are drying up. This at a time when, McGuire said, "it's been a tough [fire] year" for Senate District 2, which stretches from Marin County to the Oregon border, including Del Norte, Trinity and structure. Mendocino counties.

"Fifty-two percent of all fire activity in the state last year occurred in Lake County," McGuire noted. The Lake County fires burned more than 76,000 acres, almost 1,300 homes, 27 multifamily residences, 66 commercial properties, and nearly 600 other structures. More than 20,000 residents had to be evacuated; four people were killed and four firefighters were

"We are the next Lake County," Roderick

Roderick, Little and most other county fire chiefs are hoping the state will return some of the tens of millions of dollars it is holding in a fire prevention account. That money was generated by a four-year-old fee pushed through by Gov. Jerry Brown and Democrats in the state Legislature over objections by rural property owners and Republican lawmakers.

whether it's someone who accumulates trash or an abandoned vehicle issue or a marijuana case, [is that] our code enforcement officer responds to complaints from the citizens; if it's a complaint, the process begins with a verbal the marijuana issue, but it's not driven by the warning. If that doesn't work, then a notice of nuisance is issued that explains what needs to be done about it; if it's not abated to [Sherman's] satisfaction within 15 days, fines will begin to accrue. The violator has a chance to appeal."

If appealed, Sherman shows his evidence to the hearing officer: Moore.

"The appellant has the opportunity to respond, clarify, refute and make their case," Moore explained. "I have to make a determination." That's formalized in writing to [the appellant], and at that point they either cooperate and abate the issue, or they don't. [If they don't], it then goes to special fines or liens."

Lance claims this should be the last step, but instead, the appellant still has a right to appeal the ruling again. Because Moore is the only hearing officer, it's challenging to schedule the appeal in a timely manner. In the meantime, fines continue to accrue, creating what Moore called "an inherently adversarial process."

Lance said he and Sherman are looking at the City of Ukiah's process as a model for Willits.

"[In Ukiah] they issue a citation, and there's one opportunity for a review before a hearing officer," Lance said. "I'm also working on having

the mayor and the city council appoint three or five persons to sit, on a rotating basis, to be hearing officers and take that burden off our city Moore suggested retired judges would make

qualified candidates to fill that role.

As far as cannabis goes, the current ordinance states any outdoor grows inside Willits city limits are considered a nuisance. Sherman, the only code enforcement officer for Willits, does not patrol to search for grows, but says he only acts after receiving a complaint from a neighbor.

Indoor grows within city limits are allowed. but are limited to a maximum of six plants and must be within a fully enclosed structure. If the ad hoc committee's marijuana ban became law, however, the indoor allowance would be

Burton told the public at the special meeting that, if a cannabis ban were to be passed, the enforcement process would still take place under the purview of the nuisance ordinance.

City of Willits ordinances are available online at www.municode.com. Search for "Willits" or go directly to https://www.municode.com/ library/ca/willits/codes/code_of_ordinances. The "Marijuana Cultivation" ordinance is in the Zoning section, Chapter 17.86.

instead of a simple majority. In August, a Sacramento County judge

More than 17,300 Mendocino County parcel owners began paying about \$152 per year per habitable structure in July 2014. A habitable structure is defined by the state as a building that can be occupied for residential use. Owners who also live within the boundaries of a local fire protection agency pay \$35 less for each

Statewide, more than 800,000 property owners pay up each year. Their fees are meant to support fire prevention activities in the almost one-third of California where the state has the primary firefighting responsibility. Nearly 75 percent of that 31 million-acre area - mostly privately owned watershed, rangeland and forested areas outside city limits - presents a very high or high fire risk. During last summer's Valley and Butte fires, state responsibility lands comprised more than 80 percent of the areas

McGuire, however, was less than optimistic about the chances that any of the money in the state coffers will be returned to local fire districts.

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association sued the state almost as soon as the measure creating SRA fees cleared the Legislature, claiming the fee is really a tax and should have required a two-thirds vote by lawmakers to pass

elevated the case to class-action status, and the dispute is slowly winding its way through the courts. If the state ultimately loses - and McGuire believes it will – the revenue generated by the fees would disappear, and the state could face refunding SRA money to an estimated 12,000 property owners included in the suit.

Until a ruling is made, however, the state appears to be sitting on the monies in the fund, McGuire said. That's bad news for county fire districts, especially in light of Superior Court Judge Jean Nadel's final judgment signed last Friday upholding Acting-County Counsel Katherine Elliott's attempt to scuttle a proposed initiative by the Mendocino County Association of Fire Districts that would have placed a line item in the county budget to address fire funding.

MCAFD and the board of supervisors are still debating the issue; a hearing on a proposed board ad hoc committee recommendation will be heard April 5.

In the meantime, MCAFD attorney Chris Neary has appealed Nadel's decision to the California Supreme Court. No date for a hearing has yet been set.

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Meet Phyllis

Phyllis is considered super sweet by those who know her and she seems to love everyone! She is good with dogs but likes a brief introduction before playing with a new canine friend. She is four years old, spayed and ready to find a new loving home. Come meet this playful bundle of personality!

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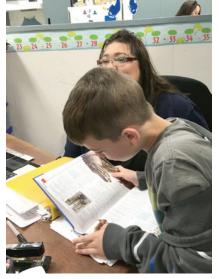
We are a smoke-free and pet friendly community.

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













Willits Rotary Club continues tradition of giving students free dictionaries

Third-graders at Blosser Lane Elementary School received free personalized dictionaries from the Willits Rotary Club on Friday. Rotarian Earl Myers organized this annual event, which distributes around 200 books to every third-grader in the Third District. This includes students in Covelo, Sherwood School, Laytonville and the charter schools, as well as Blosser Lane. Rotary has been doing this for 14 years, which means that almost 3,000 third-graders now have a brand-new book, of their own, for free.

- Holly Madrigal

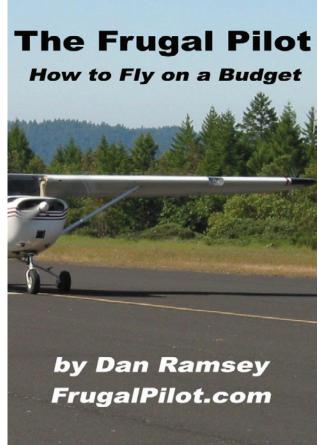
At top, from left: Volunteer helper Laura Rowland lends a hand. Earl Myers hands out a dictionary to a third-grader. A student checks out his new book. Above: Happy kids from Room 27 with their dictionaries. At left, center: Superintendent (and Rotarian) Pat Johnson delivered the Sherwood School dictionaries, with Earl Myers. At left: Arnie Mello describes the Rotary Club to students. Below: Principal Nancy Runberg welcomes Arnie Mello.

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Local pilot writes about flying on a budget

Willits author Dan Ramsey recently announced the publication of his fourth aviation book, "The Frugal Pilot - How to Fly on a Budget," focusing on safe and low-cost ways to fly as a private or sport pilot.

Ramsey is also the manager at the Willits Airport.

"Flying isn't as expensive as many people think," Ramsey says. "In fact, flying can cost about the same as owning an RV or a boat. For safety, an aircraft requires more mandated maintenance than a motorhome or a pleasure boat, but it also means it lasts longer. The average airplane today is 35 years old and is still flying safely. Airplanes aren't cheap, nor should they be, but many pilots join partnerships and even flying clubs to keep costs down. Others rent their wings. It's a blast!"

"The Frugal Pilot – How to Fly on a Budget" is locally available in paperback at The Book Juggler in Willits, as well as in a Kindle version from Amazon.

You can find out more by visiting Ramsey's website www.FrugalPilot.com, or contacting him at 456-9474 or dan@danramsey.com.



Pilot Dan Ramsey with his airplane, a 1959 Cessna 150.





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