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Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Wanted: Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart candidates

To the Editor:
Can you believe it's almost time for the 2018 Willits Frontier Days celebration? Even though July seems far away, preparations are already underway to make sure it will be another successful event to be enjoyed by all. One of the big first checkboxes on the 2018 to-do list is to get our Sweetheart candidates set and ready to start selling tickets and representing Willits' famous festivities starting on May 1.

Girls aged 16 to 20 are welcome to apply, and need not reside in Willits. They do not need to own a horse, but do need to have one available to them to use for the duration of the contest. They must never have been married, and not have had children.

Contestants will be asked to sell tickets to the roster of Fourth of July events, compete in a public speaking contest with a prepared speech following the 2018 WFD theme "We Stand for Old Glory," showcase poise and personality while modeling, as well as ride a horse in a horsemanship pattern, and answer questions about tack, horses, and the rodeo lifestyle. Contestants will also be asked to do a Queen run where they gallop around the arena waving at the crowd.

Once candidates are confirmed and applications are received – by the April 28 deadline – the girls will attend a preparatory meeting and receive their first batch of tickets on May 1 at the Willits Frontier Days office.

Just before the Sweetheart dinner where the winner is crowned, the tickets will be tallied by an official and local certified public accountant to ensure a fair contest. Ticket sales are combined with scores from the speeches and the riding portion of the contest to name an overall winner.

Girls will receive a percentage of their ticket sales at the end of the contest, and the winner will receive the coveted tiara, engraved spurs, flowers and a saddle. The contestants and the winner will be given the opportunity to ride in all of the rodeo's Grand Entry events as well, as a place in the Main Street Parade on July 4.

Liz Day and Kathy Graves will head up the contest this year and will be the main contacts for the contestants during the contest. Liz can be reached at 707-354-0933 and Kathy at 707-489-0442 for more information.

Entry forms for Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart are available online at www.WillitsFrontierDays.com under the "Sweethearts" tab.

Remember also, the 2018 schedule of events, contact info for event chairpersons, event information, entry forms for all other community events including the Junior Rodeo – now with mutton busting! – the horse show, the Hometown Celebration, the Horseshoe Contest, and the Main Street Parade are all available online, too!

Marcy Barry, vice president,
Willits Frontier Days

Senior Center night at WCT

To the Editor:
Do you enjoy laughing and supporting your community, and do you deserve a night out?

The Willits Senior Center Board of Directors is happy to announce we are renting the Willits Community Theatre on Thursday, April 26. Come enjoy mouthwatering appetizers and hors d'oeuvres, then sit back, relax and enjoy Neil Simon's "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers,"

one of the great comedies put on by our very own Willits Community Theatre.

The evening begins about 6:30 pm with the play starting at 7 pm. During intermission we will have dessert. There are three seats available for those who cannot climb stairs, and the WSI bus will be available to provide door-to-door service for up to eight people who need a ride. Wine is available for \$5. Coffee, tea, soda and water are complimentary.

Come support the Willits Community Theatre, the actors and the Willits Senior Center. Choose your seat and pay for your tickets at the front desk at Willits Senior Center, first-come, first-served. Tickets are \$20 each – food included. The proceeds will support Senior Center Programs – all ages are welcome.

Richard Baker, director, Willits Senior Center

No on Cultural Services Agency

To the Editor:
I disagree with the plan to consolidate three county services – the libraries, the county museum, and parks – into one Cultural Services Agency. The reasons given for this plan seem rather limp, such as to "provide greater access across all demographics to information, cultural resources, etc." In reality, such access already exists if these organizations have adequate funding and energetic leadership to help county residents learn how to connect, learn and grow in our libraries, museum and parks.

I will focus on advocating for the Mendocino County Museum as a volunteer who put in hundreds of hours from December 2015 to the present in helping guest curate and promote the exhibit "Willits Main Street: Then and Now," with my collaborator Judi Berdis.

Doing over 50 interviews for this exhibit with local residents informed me not only about the history of our county, but also about the value of the county museum and what it needs to operate well.

Since Alison Glassey's leave of absence and resignation as of June 2017, the reduced staff has struggled to function to the museum's utmost capacity. When Herb Pruett helped establish the museum in 1972, he had seven or eight fulltime staff working there. Now the museum is down to two fulltime employees (a curator and administrative assistant), one very part-time director, and two very part-time employees who help run the front desk and the gift shop. That's not enough to bring our museum up to snuff!

In recent years, the museum sponsored a grand Kinetic Carnival, a Mushroom and Wine tour, the countywide Museum Road Show, and many other smaller events and programs that pulled in visitors from across the county and beyond. Well-managed, the museum can serve as a county community center with these kinds of events, along with book readings, lectures, tours and more, all of which could help the museum pay for creating intriguing exhibits.

Like the libraries and parks, the museum needs to have experienced leadership, and more of it, not less, as well as more funding to bring the museum into the 21st century as a model institution for learning about and experiencing our rich county history. As curators, Judi and I were often told what we could not do with the limited funds of the museum. But look at what cutting-edge museums are able to create, using exciting, interactive exhibits that draw young people into history.

The most recent permanent exhibit, "Woven Worlds," on the Native peoples of Mendocino County, created by Victoria Patterson, does do that with video, and colorful, tactile and interactive devices. The whole museum could be renewed with such innovative designs.

Our county museum needs to maintain its own identity and have a surge of support to renovate old exhibits and dream up new ones. The newly hired curator, Karen Mattson, brings wonderful professional experience. She will surely initiate new ways of helping us see our county's history and future. It may be time to put away the "garage" of wagons and the years-long store fronts in the main exhibit hall and try some other exhibits that will enhance new understandings of our communities in this county.

Let's be open-minded about how to support this valued institution, which typically draws over 3,700 people a year as is, and could draw more. We should be enhancing our educational access and tourism, not finding ways to diminish what our institutions can provide.

Low-budget political campaign training in Willits

The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition presents a Low-Budget Campaign Training on April 7 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street in Willits. This training is geared towards the June 2018 local elections for county supervisors and county officials and the November 2018 local elections for city councils and school boards.

"Women considering a first run for public office and political veterans should attend this valuable training to learn how to run to win without costly consultants and media budgets," said Val Muchowski, MWPC president. Campaign skills training will be taught by MWPC certified trainers: Lynda McClure of Boonville and Val Muchowski of Philo. This training is open to all.

Besides skills training, the day-long session includes a campaign handbook and lunch with a panel of politically knowledgeable women. Topics include: why run, getting started, developing your message, fundraising, campaign team, and endorsements.

Pre-registration is \$20. Registration at the door is \$25. Contact Muchowski at 895-3543 or vjmuchowski@gmail.com to register.

The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition is a local multi-partisan organization working to build women's participation in the political process and increasing the number of women in elected and appointed positions, by recruiting, training and supporting women who seek those elected and appointed offices.

– Submitted by
the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition

Community Foundation awards \$219,935 in grants

Submitted by the Community Foundation of Mendocino County

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County Board of Directors awarded \$219,935 in local grants during the month of March through two competitive grant programs. Twenty-one Community Enrichment grants will fund projects from across Mendocino County, totaling \$158,000. Nineteen recipients received Field-of-Interest grants with \$61,935 in funding awarded.

Community Enrichment grants are made possible through the Community Foundation's Community Endowment Fund, which is a collection of gifts of all sizes contributed by individuals who want to support a broad range of projects in Mendocino County. Their gifts help non-profits develop healthy communities, vibrant arts programs, economic and leadership opportunities, and projects that honor our special sense of place and rich natural environment.

Among this year's grants are programs that will provide healthy food, support community safety, increase health and well-being for children at school, and enhance opportunities to improve people's lives.

Community Enrichment grantees included: Family Medicine Education for Mendocino County; North Coast Opportunities; Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center; Good Farm Fund; Anderson Valley High School; Long Valley Health Center; Piery Fire Protection District; Comptche Volunteer Fire Department; Fort Bragg Unified School District; Mendocino Unified School District; Mendocino Volunteer Fire Department; BONES Pet Rescue; Covelo Fire Protection District; Coastal Seniors; Boys and Girls Club of Ukiah; Hopland Volunteer Fire Department; SPACE - School of Performing Arts and Cultural Education; Nuestra Alianza de Willits; Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians; Willits Community Theatre; and Willits Unified School District.

Field-of-Interest Funds are established to make grants in specified areas of interest (e.g., the environment or human services), or specified geographical areas, or both. Some areas of interest addressed through the grants awarded included public art, environmental education, substance abuse prevention, youth leadership, economic development, and historical preservation.

Field-of-Interest funds included in this year's competitive grant program were: A.D. Abramson Endowment Fund for the Visual Arts; Blood Bank of the Redwoods Legacy Fund; Charles F. Flinn and Walker B. Tilley Fund for Sustainable Forestry; Environmental Education and Conservation Fund; Fraeda Dubin & Pat Denny Endowment Funds; Fund for Trails and Open Space; Haigh-Scatena Youth Leadership & Empowerment Fund; Jane Anderson Developmental Disability Fund; the John and Sandra

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Kim Bancroft, Willits

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Easter Fundraiser for 4-H Leather Group earns \$280 for club

For two hours straight, the sidewalk in front of J.D. Redhouse was jam-packed with suspender-clad and sparkly-skirt wearing kids and their families, eager to meet the Easter Bunny and hold a live rabbit.

The event was held as a 50/50 fundraiser for the Willits 4-H Leather Group, and after dozens of \$5 digital images, a check was written to the club for \$280.

Veteran bunny wrangler Keely Ahders was on site to provide event attendees with a live bunny to hold and snuggle while they met the big rabbit, and Alexis England, group leader of the Leather Group, helped organize the crowd and take in the money.

A big thank you to J.D. Redhouse for hosting the event again this year, to all the helpers and volunteers who helped make the event run, to Ahders and her tolerant and well-behaved bunnies, and of course to Kevin "Easter Bunny" Reedy for being a champion baby-holder and child wrangler.

And of course, thank you to everyone who attended and made the event such a success!

– Maureen Moore



At top, from left: Grayson and Emma Jones made the trip from Eureka to come to the Easter Bunny event. Cassidy and Mariah Lavine looked cute as bunnies themselves on the EB's lap. Three happy bunny holders, including from left, Bella Mondo, Robert Alvarez and Zandria Mondo. Alison joined in with daughter Daylee for their photo, complete with the littlest grey bunny.

Above: The Willits 4-H Leather Group and leader, Alexis England, in rear, pose with the Easter Bunny. At left, from top: Harper was relatively unimpressed with the bunny, but looked oh-so-stylish, nonetheless. Ridge and baby brother Ryker with the Easter Bunny at J.D. Redhouse. Scarlett was picture-perfect in her purple pants to meet the Easter Bunny.

HMH Hunt

There was so much egg-citement at the first annual Howard Memorial Hospital's Community Egg Hunt, it was hard to anticipate, but hundreds of eager celebrators made their way to the Commonwealth Garden to enjoy the day.

The event started with an egg hunt and 1,200 hand-stuffed and biodegradable eggs containing all kinds of goodies. A few golden eggs were also hidden among the trees and gazebo, which contained special prizes like an Amazon gift card and a gift certificate to Scoops Frozen Yogurt & Deli.

The Easter Bunny also made an appearance to pose with attendees on a golden bench in the shade of the garden's gazebo.



Above, from left: Parents Mary and Jason Mueller smile with kids Max and Gigi as they hunt for eggs at the Commonwealth Garden. Sandy Robinson poses at HMH with nieces Maylee, left, and Kaylee.

Below, far left: Two golden egg winners smile for the camera.

Photos by Cici Winiger

Below, from left: Little baby Hudson cuddles into the bunny's lap. Story and her dad, Giovanni, smile with the Easter Bunny. Tinley wore matching fuzzy ears for her bunny photo.

Photos by Maureen Moore

– Maureen Moore



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Movie Times for 4/6 thru 4/12 This Week's Tightwad Tuesday Titles are in RED - All tickets: \$5

Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku



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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Level: Intermediate

BACKYARD WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

ACRES	FENCE	PAVERS	RETREAT
BACKYARD	GARDEN	PERGOLA	SANDBOX
BIRD FEEDER	GATE	PLAYING	SHED
CHILDREN	HAMMOCK	POND	SHRUBBERY
CONCRETE	INSECTS	POOL	SPA
DECK	LANAI	PORCH	STAYCATION
DOG RUN	NEIGHBOR	PRIVACY	SWINGSSET
ENJOYMENT	PARTIES	PROPERTY	TRAMPOLINE
ENTERTAIN	PATIO	RELAXATION	TREEHOUSE

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CLUES ACROSS

- Latin American dances
- European viper
- Finch-like birds
- Civil rights college organization
- A person who organizes
- Small carnivorous mammal
- City in Sweden
- Grayish-white
- Google certification (abbr.)
- Six (Spanish)
- The highest adult male singing voice
- Political action committee
- Exterior part of a home
- And, Latin
- Where pirates hide their bounty
- Six
- Cores
- Diego is one
- Carvey, comedian
- Aromatic plant
- Carry with great effort
- One point east of

CLUES DOWN

- 'Beastmaster' actor
- Rice-distilled liquor
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Wet, muddy ground
- Have an obligation to
- DeFunk Chevy convertible truck
- Deer-like water buffalo
- Skin lesion
- Amount in each hundred (abbr.)
- Where kids play ball
- Roman judge
- One who endures hardship without

- complaint
- Cover the sword
- 'Frozen' actor Josh
- Eye-glasses
- Optimistic in tough times
- Make less distinct
- Surrounds
- Cost per mile
- A local church community
- primitive persons
- Wild ox
- Group of countries (abbr.)
- Before
- Spanish be
- Opposite of the beginning
- With three uneven sides
- Gives a permanent post to
- Actors' group (abbr.)
- Cavalry sword
- Gland secretion
- Marine invertebrate
- Hybrid citrus fruit
- Pairs
- Used to serve food
- English broadcasting network
- Calendar month
- Comedic actress
- Gasteyer
- Company that rings receipts

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

March 26 to April 1
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 193 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

March 26

8:54 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
9:27 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street and issued a citation.
10:47 am: GIUSTI, David Charles (63) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 300 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

12:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Nancy Lane and Margie Drive.
1:27 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1600 South Main Street.
4:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Madrone Street.
8:25 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of McKinley Street.
10:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

March 27

5:51 am: ANDERSON, Brian Keith (39) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 212.5 PC (Second Degree Robbery), 422 PC (Criminal Threats), 591.5 (Destruction of a Phone), and felony charges of vandalism.
11:06 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 24000 block of Birch Lane.



Brian Anderson of Willits.

11:59 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.
12:50 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Baechtel Road.
12:53 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of Mill Street.
7:58 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
9:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of South Lenore Street.

March 28

12:02 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Alder Court.
7:46 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 500 block of South Main Street.
11:25 am: Officers responded to a report of rape in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
3:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
4:48 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation near the intersection of East Commercial Street and South Main Street.
6:16 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

March 29

8:34 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
9:11 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street.
11:16 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
1:48 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Oak Street.
8:12 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of Central

Street.
9:35 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
11:56 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
6:27 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
7:22 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation near the intersection of School Street and West Mendocino Avenue.
10:49 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

March 30

8:05 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.
9:40 am: KIMBERLIN, Michael Landen (53) of Willits was contacted in the 400 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).
9:53 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of South Main Street.
4:47 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

5:43 pm: MOLINA, Maureen Clair (52) of Willits was contacted in the 600 block of Coast Street following a disturbance. She was arrested pursuant to 273.5 PC (Corporal Injury) and on felony charges of willful cruelty to a child.
9:35 pm: SPARKMAN, Eric Apollo (49) of Willits was contacted on Locust Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and resisting a peace officer.

11:01 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
March 31
11:24 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 200 block of North Main Street.
11:40 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 24000 block of Sherwood Road.
3:08 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
5:32 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
6:27 pm: RODRIGUEZ, Christiane Elizabeth (32) of Willits was contacted in the 500 block of Della Avenue. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear, and two counts of disobeying a court order.

9:40 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
10:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of possible gunshots heard in the 100 block of Haehl Creek Drive.

April 1

3:09 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of School Street.
1:56 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
6:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of Pine Street.
6:55 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street and issued a warning.
7:58 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street and issued a citation.



Above: WHS golfer David Mann holds the flag at the Wolverines' first home match of 2018 at Brooktrails Golf Course. Below: Willits High School golfers pose at the Brooktrails Golf Course after winning the March 29 home match, clockwise from back left: Layton Hoaglund, David Mann, Nathan Maples, Taylor Campbell and Micah Stamps.



WHS Golf

Wolverines win home match at Brooktrails Golf Course, in tie for first in league

Submitted by Assistant Coach Jordan Blough

The Willits High School Wolverine Golf Team prevailed with another first-place finish at their second and final home match at Brooktrails Golf Course last Thursday, March 29.
The week prior, the team secured a tie for first with the Clearlake Cardinals at their first home match at Brooktrails, March 22, tallying a team score of 387 strokes. Each team can bring up to six players to a match, with the lowest four scores added together as the team score to determine the match results.

The lowest scorer from the first match at Brooktrails was Wolverines' Junior Nathan Maples with an 86, and the team entered last week's match in sole possession of second place in the league standings, trailing only the Cardinals.
Last week, the team's commitment and strong work ethic during a week of practice, combined with their home course knowledge, resulted in a 28-stroke improvement over the previous week in their team score of 359 and a dominant performance overall. Following Willits in the March 29 match results were Pt. Arena Pirates with a score of 395, the Fort Bragg Timberwolves with 397, and Clearlake Cardinals, who were missing four of their varsity players due to a field trip, with 417.

Willits Sophomore Layton Hoaglund was the match's low scorer with an 80,



Above: Golfer Layton Hoaglund points to his "low medalist" score of 80 at the CMC North match March 29.

followed by Nathan Maples, Arthur Bruhn of Clearlake, and Taylor Bowen of Point Arena - all with scores of 86.

The rest of the Willits team posted strong performances across the board, with a 96 from Junior Taylor Campbell, and 97 each for Junior David Mann and Sophomore Micah Stamps.
Head Coach Scott Herman was pleased with the team's performance this week, remarking after the match: "I'm just really proud of this team's work ethic and can-do attitude. They come out to practice every day wanting to learn and improve their game in all aspects. They set personal goals for each match, and it seems to be paying off."

The first-place finish, combined with the fourth-place finish from the Cardinals, moves the Wolverines in to a tie for first in the league standings with two league matches remaining. The Wolverines are rallying to secure the league title, and a league win this season would be Willits' 12th league title in the last 13 seasons, continuing a dominant decade-plus of Willits Golf.

Next week, the Wolverines travel to an individual tournament at Northwoods Golf Course in Guerneville on April 4, with team play resuming on April 18 at Buckingham Golf Course in Kelseyville. The team's coaching staff consists of Head Coach Scott Herman, supported by Assistant Coaches John Cedarholm, Ron Runberg, Jeff Yokum and Jordan Blough.

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#3 LAYTONVILLE, Saturday, April 28th, 2:00pm
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trail would be around 1.6 miles long and 10 feet wide and would travel along the North Coast Railroad Authority right-of-way near the railroad tracks.

Plans for the path include solar-powered lights, three bridges over creek areas, a 4- to 6-foot-high fence between the train tracks and the trail, 150 new trees planted along the path, security video cameras, easy emergency personnel access, and new crosswalks where the trail would intersect East Valley and East San Francisco streets.

Duley said the path would be built with both recreational and commuting purposes in mind and would help in providing easier and safer access to many different locations around town. It was designated as "the number one priority for Willits in the 2017 Mendocino County Active Transportation Plan."

Duley said he had consulted with several agencies in designing the plan, including the NCRA, Little Lake Fire Department, Willits Police Department, Willits Public Works, and Willits Engineering Services. In addition, the city has partnered with North Coast Opportunities and Walk and Bike Mendocino to work on the grant application.

This is not the first time Willits has attempted to initiate the Rail Trail project. According to Duley's report, the city tried to get the funding in 2016 through Mendocino County Active Transportation, but was not successful.

Earlier estimates for the project had put the cost around \$4.1 million, but Duley explained that, upon further evaluation, the total cost was increased to just over \$6 million, largely due to the cost of the three bridges.

The security cameras also added to the cost, but Duley said they were deemed necessary since some of the area around the planned path has been commonly used for illegal camping, and complaint calls to police and fire department personnel have been known to occur as a result. It was hoped increased pedestrian traffic and lighting might discourage some of the illegal camping once the trail is installed.

The \$6 million total also includes \$185,000 for city staff time, and \$45,000 for publicity, including planned events, to let people know about the trail.

Duley did note that if only a portion of the \$6 million amount is awarded to the city by the grant, it would be prepared to install just an initial section of the trail to begin the project – from Commercial Street to either East San Francisco or East Oak Street.

This was a tactic used by the City of Ukiah, which received an Urban Greening Grant for the first phase of its Rail Trail from Gobbi Street to Clara Avenue, and then received an additional \$1.8 million grant late last year to extend it.

According to Duley's report, the Urban Greening Grants are meant to "fund projects that reduce greenhouse gases by sequestering carbon, decreasing energy consumption and reducing vehicle miles traveled, while also transforming the built environment into places that are more sustainable, enjoyable and effective in creating a healthy and vibrant community."

Duley said he didn't know what the city's chances of receiving the grant were, but hoped that having the plans include tree-planting and reducing car traffic would help, since both actions aligned with stated goals of the grant agency.

"We're looking to put our best foot forward," he said.

Vice Mayor Saprina Rodriguez praised Duley's efforts, saying she was excited about the prospects for the trail, including using it as a potential jogging path.

"Willits is due for some new parks and recreation," she said. "Running in town and running in the valley, you take your life into your hands each time you step out there competing with cars on the streets. I love the fact that

there would be a safe place for people to go."

Unlike most grants, the application process for Urban Greening required the approval of the city council to submit, but will require no matching funds from the city if awarded.

New watershed contract

The council also approved a resolution awarding a \$75,000 contract to North Coast Resource Management for the timber salvage and reforestation of the Willits Watershed property south of town, which was significantly damaged in the 2017 Redwood fire.

According to staff, the fire burned around 45 percent of the 3,136-acre property, which supplies the bulk of the city's water.

The council was warned by staff in January of the danger of infestation by nuisance insects if the dead, burned trees were left too long, which could eventually damage healthy trees and cause other environmental impacts endangering water quality. So the council approved sending out a request for proposal at that point to get bids for the salvage and reforestation work.

A recent memo from Willits Utilities Superintendent Scott Herman explained staff had received two bids, but recommended NCRM "based on the overall quality of their proposal" and "their extensive experience in the field."

"Their approach to the project is holistic," he said, "considering all aspects of the project, including environmental considerations and financing options, such as grants and cost recovery."

NCRM Vice President Todd McMahon said there was still some analysis to do to determine which areas to focus salvage work on, though he did agree with staff's assessment that beetle infestation is a risk if the operation is delayed too long.

Because it would be an emergency timber operation, McMahon said, NCRM could potentially get a permit within five days of submitting an application, once the proper paperwork is filed, that would be good for one year. He added NCRM would be consulting with many state agencies including CalFire, Water Quality Control, and Fish and Wildlife.

According to Herman and McMahon, the City of Willits would likely end up receiving a net profit on the salvaged timber of more than \$400,000, though much of this may be needed to help finish restoring and reforesting the property. Councilman Ron Orenstein asked that the city be consulted on any final logging contracts that NCRM works out with other companies, which McMahon agreed to.

McMahon said NCRM would likely present the council with several options regarding reforestation plans once it had completed its analysis for the second phase of the project, and was already looking into grant opportunities to help with the costs.

Willits Environmental Center board member Ellen Drell disputed some of the statements regarding timber salvage. She said many scientists now assert that logging dead trees after a fire can actually slow down recovery of damaged forests, and fires can often be beneficial to the longterm health of forests by "stimulating regeneration," among other effects.

Still, she said she trusted that NCRM and McMahon would thoroughly analyze the watershed situation and look for the best path forward.

"I just want to leave this notion – that the council should keep an open mind of the virtues of fires in our forest," she said, "and the possibility that salvage logging in some situations may not be ecologically beneficial. But basically, I have confidence that NCRM is a good company and will look into these issues as carefully as anybody might."

The meeting will begin at 9 am, with coffee and pastries, and could last until 5 pm.

According to Sylvandale resident Keith Rutledge, the meeting will be both informational and strategic, and will be divided into two sessions. In the morning, there will be a presentation by CalFire, the Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services, and the Brooktrails Fire Department focusing on the status of evacuation plans for Brooktrails and the Sherwood Road community.

Representatives from each agency will be on hand to talk about their responsibilities during an emergency and how each agency plans to coordinate its efforts with other agencies. The representatives will also answer questions from the public. This forum will be facilitated by Brooktrails resident Brian Weller.

Following that panel, people from the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council will offer a presentation on what individual property owners can do to make their homes and properties as fire-safe as possible. According to Rutledge, these two presentations should take the meeting up to the lunch hour.

After lunch, attendees will be invited to break up into smaller groups to discuss steps to make the Sherwood Road community better prepared for the next disaster. Rutledge said the groups will discuss communication strategies, roadway and transportation issues, and emergency preparedness.

Rutledge noted he also is interested in emergency communications. He said that in the Redwood fire, which burned more than 500 structures from October 8 to October 26, 2017, the communications network in the Willits and Brooktrails areas broke down when the radio transmission tower on Laughlin Peak, between Willits and Redwood Valley, burned. Rutledge is interested in discussing an option to build and maintain an AM frequency low-power radio station – Willits' low-power FM station, KLLG, does not have good reception in Brooktrails – dedicated to providing information in an emergency.

According to Rutledge, the roadway and transportation group will discuss the status of the campaign for a Brooktrails second access road. Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey will be on hand for that discussion.

In recent weeks, Mendocino County Counsel Katharine Elliott has advised Croskey that county lawyers do not look favorably on the "boulevard district" idea, introduced to the public on March 5 by longtime Brooktrails Township Director Tony Orth.

Under the boulevard district scenario, residents of Brooktrails and surrounding communities along Sherwood Road could vote to tax themselves to form a special boulevard district. If the election was successful, the district could then hold an election to sell bonds. If the bond election was successful, the boulevard district would have money to provide a local match to fund construction of a Brooktrails second access roadway.

Contacted by Willits Weekly, Croskey confirmed that the County Counsel's Office is looking askance at the boulevard district idea. "They basically told me that it is an old part of the law. It was written in the 1940s, and hasn't been revised or amended since then. They are feeling that it's iffy."

"But they think that there will likely be other sections of the law that would provide a better way to do the same thing. I am going to be sitting down with them early next week to discuss whatever options they think might be better. I just want to help the people in Brooktrails and in the Sherwood Road area find the best path forward, which will let them do what they want to do," Croskey said.

Former sheriff's office analyst pleads guilty to embezzlement

A former Mendocino County Sheriff's Office financial analyst pleaded guilty Tuesday morning to six felony counts of grand theft.

Melissa Alcalá Alvarez, now of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, was charged with embezzling \$35,000 in public funds over a 16-month period beginning in August 2016 while working alone with cash receipts.

County financial employees discovered Alvarez's fraudulent accounting while auditing MCSO records, leading to a criminal investigation spearheaded by Sheriff's Sgt. Andrew Porter.

Before submitting evidence to the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office for review, Porter and Chief District Attorney Investigator Kevin Bailey traveled to North Carolina to confront Alvarez, according to DA spokesman Mike Geniella.

The 28-year-old initially denied all wrongdoing, then admitted "some wrongdoing."

Alvarez will be sentenced on May 22 by Superior Court Judge Cindee Mayfield.

She faces up to 64 months in county jail, but may spend only a year behind bars before being released on supervised probation, said Mendocino County DA David Eyster, who prosecuted the case.

Any sentence will include a requirement that the defendant fully reimburse the Sheriff's Office for all monies she misappropriated, Eyster added.

"Accounting safeguards have subsequently been instituted at the Sheriff's Office to prevent similar acts from being perpetrated in the future," he said.

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

Three in botched home-invasion robbery face state prison sentences

Three out-of-county men arrested last November 20 for pistol-whipping a 62-year-old Laytonville woman during a botched home-invasion marijuana robbery, are facing stiff state prison sentences.

D'wan Raysean Porter-Walker, 20, Johnny Lee Walker III, 40, both of Oakland, and James Jesse Richardson, 49, of Discovery Bay, pleaded guilty to first-degree burglary and other charges March 26 before Judge John Behnke.

The trio had been taken into custody following "a high-risk felony traffic stop" on Highway 101 just north of the Willits city limits by sheriff's deputies, Willits police officers, and CalFire Law Enforcement Prevention personnel.

Porter-Walker pleaded guilty to first-degree attempted robbery in concert with others (a home invasion robbery) and first-degree burglary while one or more persons were home, said Mike Geniella, a spokesman for the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office. Porter-Walker also admitted personally using a firearm in the commission of the attempted robbery.

He will be sentenced to 16 years

in state prison on April 20.

Walker pleaded guilty to first-degree attempted home invasion robbery and first-degree burglary while one or more persons were home. He also admitted a prior "strike" conviction for first-degree robbery from a 2006 Alameda County case as well as a "nickel" prior for second-degree robbery in Alameda County in 1997, Geniella said.

Walker will be sentenced to state prison for 15 years, 4 months on April 20. The April 20 sentencing hearings will be held at 9 am in Department H at the Ukiah courthouse.

Richardson pleaded guilty to first-degree attempted home invasion robbery in concert and admitted Porter-Walker was armed with a firearm during the commission of the attempted robbery. He also admitted having served a prior state prison term in 2015, Geniella said. Richardson will be sentenced to six years, six months in state prison on May 23 at 9 am in Department H.

District Attorney David Eyster prosecuted the case.

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



Above, from left: "Snapchat Buddies" by Olivia Mitchell. Letitia Sanchez and Emerald Waters show off their "Escape Ladder" compositions. "Oh Deer!!!," a focal point collage by Pablo Avalos. "Home of the Fairies" by Daisy Barrett and Britney Patel.

At left: Finlay Moore and her ceramic composition "Good Morning and Good Night." At left, below: Stephanie Brundage and her mother, Kathryn Brundage, stand behind Stephanie's "Killer Rabbit" ceramic. Below, from left: "Octopus" by Jaden Desk. Laura Corbin, Carolyn Bakewell, Carolyn Carpenter and Sienna Reno pose at the Art Under 20 opening reception.



Photos by Mathew Caine

Art Under 20

11th annual showcase of art by Willits and Laytonville high school students

Where does creativity stem from? Is it something inherent and genetic? Is it learned and taught? Can an inspired instructor evoke this quality in a willing student? Or is it perhaps a combination of all those factors? Whatever is the true source, creativity was much in evidence at the opening of the annual Art Under 20 show at the Willits Center for the Arts. All disciplines of the static visual arts can be seen from the hands of over 100 student participants. Both galleries and the hallway are filled with the products of youthful imaginations and growing skill.

Carolyn Bakewell, art instructor at Willits High School and curator of this show for the last 11 years, took over the project from founder Kathleen Kirkpatrick who started the show in 2000. "We invited students from Willits High School, Willits Charter School, Laytonville High School, Sanhedrin High School and several others," Bakewell said. "It is open to all high school students in our communities. We invited La Vida Charter and homeschooled or independent study students as well."

"There are a lot of themes from my students," Bakewell said with

pride. "We did some altered books this year. We felt. We did a project that is a book in another language that they looked through. It's called a 'codex.' They don't know what it says, but they looked through it and then they had to create the missing page."

Gesturing toward an entire mosaic wall of square paintings, Bakewell continued: "This assignment is something we did two weeks ago by my painting class. This was based on Spanish painter Joan Miro's 'The Escape Ladder.' Ladders showed up in his work a lot because he fled Spain during the Spanish Revolution and then Paris in WWII." The objective was to assign a theme and see how the individual students interpreted it. There was a vast variety in the paintings, stemming from the students' own environment and worldview.

Indicating pictures in which a small piece of magazine had been pasted and the students had extended the piece to the edges of the paper, Bakewell explained these were called "focal point collages." There were also an array of finely done self-portraits.

According to student artist Davina Millay, her self-portrait "was an assignment but I also wanted to put it in the show. I've never

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At left: "Perfect Escapes" by Alexis Blower.

At left, below: Alyssa Fraser with "Creature."

At right: "The Lovers" by Dominic Farcia.

Far right, top: Future artist.

Far right, below: Ceramics from Sienna Reno's Friday Academy class at Willits Charter School.

Below: A "self-portraits with psychedelic hair" series by students Olivia Mitchell, Iona Luscombe, Ulric Scopenstein and Kaeli Shannon.

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Thursday, April 5

“The Cannabis Hour”: Host Jane Futcher’s guest, collector, social historian and entrepreneur Richard Jergenson of Willits, will share possibilities for a unique Mendocino cannabis museum using his colorful collection of cannabis and back-to-the-land memorabilia. He’ll also draw the links between cannabis cultivation in the Emerald Triangle and the rise of the solar-energy industry in the U.S.A. Thursday, April 5, 9 am, on KZYX Radio, 91.5-FM.

Brooktrails Women’s Club: On the first Thursday of every month, Brooktrails Women’s Club meets at the Brooktrails Community Clubhouse. All are welcome, always ready for new members! This month, Thursday, April 5 at 12 noon.

Third District Supervisor Candidates Cannabis Forum: The Mendocino Cannabis Industry Association hosts the first public forum featuring all eight of the candidates in the primary election for Third District supervisor Mendocino County, on Thursday, April 5, from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 299 School Street, Willits, following the weekly Willits Farmers Market. The forum will include prepared questions for the candidates as well as questions from the audience, on issues related to cannabis policy as a significant component of the county’s economic development, including tourism, roads, mental health, infrastructure, our schools and health care system, will be discussed.

Friday, April 6

“Spirit Radio Frequencies”: Kyle Madrigal, “outstandingly gifted local musician” is performing live original music every Friday from noon to 3 pm at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. “Spirit Radio Frequencies – listen to Kyle channel the frequencies of NOW!!!” Brickhouse offers lunch, coffee, pastries, art, music, community and love – drug- and alcohol-free.

Almost Fringe Festival in Willits: Shanachie Pub is participating in Visit Mendocino’s Almost Fringe Festival “by throwing a Steampunk Party both Friday and Saturday night with some of our favorite local musicians, so strap on those suspenders, tighten those corsets, and get ready for two nights of merriment!” Friday, April 6 features Self Fulfilling Prophecies, local group

with Morgan Stocker (nacho the stockrocker) Buckminster West and Bodhi Idarius – “the music has elements of punk, folk, and rock, all original compositions. A favorite at the Pub! Visit www.myspace.com/selffillingprophecies. The Almost Fringe Festival, Visit Mendocino says, “celebrates creativity, from traditional to cutting-edge, and artsy to agrarian! Experience our entire county. Choose from: sparkling wine tasting, nature walks/wildcrafting, steampunk gala, goats & wildflowers, artful giraffes, ukulele festival, bio-blitz and much more!” For a list of other events happening, visit www.visitmendocino.com/fringe-2/



Saturday, April 7

Low-budget political campaign training in Willits: The Mendocino Women’s Political Coalition presents a Low-Budget Campaign Training on Saturday, April 7 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street in Willits. This training is geared towards the June 2018 local elections for county supervisors and county officials and city councils and school boards. Campaign skills training will be taught by MWPC certified trainers: Lynda McClure of Boonville and Val Muchowski of Philo. This training is open to all. \$20. Registration at the door is \$25. Contact Muchowski at 895-3543 or vmuchowski@gmail.com to register.

BACA Balloon Release: The Mendocino County Chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse invite the public to attend the ceremonial balloon release in honor of abused children in Mendocino County, set for Saturday, April 7 at 11 am, in front of the Willits Little League Baseball Fields on Commercial Street. This year BACA will release 36 red-and-black balloons – one balloon for every 10 substantiated cases of child abuse in Mendocino County.

Phoenix Rising Garden Class: Next class is Saturday, April 7 from 12:30 to 4:30 pm at Phoenix Rising Garden, on the west side of North Street

between Redwood and Pine. All classes are free; donations are appreciated. Classes will be based on the interests of the students that show up and the needs of the garden in the season. May class is set for May 5. “The inspiration, labor and financing for the garden comes from Ron Woolsey of Living Sculpture Studios, also the instructor for the monthly classes. The intention of these classes is to give you ongoing access to a model garden and someone to personally guide you through the seasons.” Info: call Ron at 707-489-5408 and leave a message when and where to call back.

Auditions for “Willits On Stage 5”: “Can you sing or dance? Juggle? Tell jokes? Spin plates? All ages, all talents, and all abilities are invited to audition their acts, which should be no more than 5 minutes; the idea is not to showcase only professional talents, but to have a good time, laugh, and enjoy the fun, silly, or unique talents of our friends, neighbors and special guests.” Willits On Stage 5 is a community variety show that benefits Willits Community Services & Food Bank, that will be performed on Saturday, April 28 at Willits High School. Auditions to be held at the Willits United Methodist Church, School and Pine Streets, on Saturday, April 7, from 10 am to 1 pm, on Wednesday, April 11, from 7 to 9 pm, and by special arrangement. Info: Kevin at 456-9429.

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Monday, April 9
Willits Garden Club: This month’s meeting, Monday, April 9, features guest speaker Ollie Kolkmann, who has been dubbed “The Birdman of Mendocino County.” Kolkmann, an avid birder most of his life, has written the first-known comprehensive list of the “Birds of Mendocino County.” Scheduled to speak on “Birds of Spring,” he can also answer your questions about where to see birds and how to attract them to your garden. The meeting is from 12:30 to 2:30 pm, beginning with refreshments and social time, with the speaker’s program beginning at 1 pm. The Garden Club meets every second Monday at the Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, 16100 North Highway 101, six miles

What's Happening Around Town

Sunday, April 8

Senior Center Pancake Breakfast: monthly breakfast at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, Sunday, April 8, from 8 to 11 am, features choice of pancakes, with eggs cooked your style, choice of bacon or sausage, or biscuits and gravy with eggs cooked your style. \$8 adults; \$7 center members; \$6 kids under 6. Extra meat sides: \$2. Info: 459-6826.



Vocal/guitar duo at WCT: Vocalist Nicole Stromsoe and guitarist Dorian Michael perform at Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, April 8 at 2 pm. “Stromsoe performs a blend of old soul, blues, jazz and eclectic standards and originals. Her voice has been described as sensual, nourishing and rich in quality. Michael brings a unique finger-style performance to his playing, and has developed his licks in blues and folk, jazz and rock and roll. His on-stage wit and earthy presence always stretches the fun for his audiences.” Advance tickets are \$20 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpaperickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Ticket sales close two hours before the show begins, so get your tickets early, or at the door if still available! The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

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Tuesday, April 10

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week’s Tightwad movie is “Ready Player One.” For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Wednesday, April 11

Kids on the Run: the running club for kids from kindergarten through 12th grade, sponsored by the Sheriffs Activity League, starts Wednesday, April 11 at 3:30 pm at the ballfields on Commercial Street, between the Dog Park and the Museum. Continues on Wednesdays through the season. Cost: \$10 for 2018 registration, includes T-shirt and free race entries: “Train for races – Have fun – Get strong – Win awards!” Contact: Michelle Kluskiewicz, 267-608-6262 or Gina Henebury, 707-485-1794

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Thursday, April 12

WHS Booster Club Meeting: The Boosters monthly meeting is Thursday, April 12 at 6 pm at the Willits High School Food Center. Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at WHS. “This is the first WHS Booster Club meeting with your new officers: Bonnie Riley, President; Shailyn Brewer, Vice President; Melissa Coughlin, Secretary; and Jessica Sizemore, Treasurer.” The next Booster fundraising event will be the Dinner & Quarter Auction, set for April 21 at 6 pm at the Willits Community Center. “Please spread the word, and if you have any or know of any items for donation to be auctioned off please contact a Booster member.”

Friday, April 13

4th annual Mike Tobin International: The Willits Boxing Club holds its 4th annual Mike Tobin Invitational boxing match April 14 at 4 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Free to the public; donations gratefully accepted. “Fighters from a variety of styles and clubs – including Ukiah, Fort Bragg, Lakeport, Covelo and Santa Rosa – will showcase their talents, with T-shirts and best bout trophy. Plus silent auction and food/drink provided by event sponsor Scoops, and DJ Mike Tobin. “Come be a part of the action. Support your local kids! Support your community! Support the SAL programs!” Those interested in donating silent auction items can call Coach Jeff Apodaca at 459-3594 or Kathy Tobin at 707-272-2778.

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Sunday, April 15

“Rearing Monarch Butterflies”: A free slide show presentation, Sunday, April 15, 4 pm, at the Willits Hub, 630 South Main Street, sponsored by WELL (Willits Economic Localization). “An inspiring presentation by Chris Ineich, plant ecologist/professor at Sonoma State University and Mendocino College, on his experience raising monarchs at home with his young daughter. Learn about the plight of butterflies, bees and other pollinators, and how we can provide valuable habitat in our own gardens. We hope to have pollinator plant starts and seeds to give out. Please bring any you have to share! Plus a brief WELL membership meeting to elect members of our Coordinating Committee.” Info: Lyn at 621-3214.

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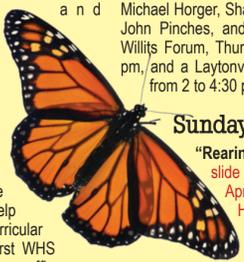
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Willits Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Veggie, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies, and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, local honey,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

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

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

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

Friday Potluck Bingo: Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum budget buy-in \$5. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

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

“Spirit Radio Frequencies”: Kyle Madrigal performs live original music every Friday from noon to 3 pm at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. “Spirit Radio Frequencies – listen to Kyle channel the frequencies of NOW!!!” Brickhouse offers lunch, coffee, pastries, art, music, community and love – drug- and alcohol-free.

Art Under 20 2018: Willits High School’s annual art exhibit at the Willits Center for the Arts runs through April 23. Student artists from Sanhedrin High School, Willits Charter School and Laytonville High School students are also included in the exhibit, which features the creativity, skill and imagination of over 100 artists. Gallery hours at the WCA, 71 East Commercial Street, are Wednesday through Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. Info: 459-1726.

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

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

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

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

Willits Seed Lending Library: Offering information

on seed saving and gardening. Seeds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables are free to seed library members, and seed donations are gladly accepted.

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

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 Plaza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

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

Volleyball Open Gym: Baechtel Grove Gym, 1150 Magnolia Street. Sundays 7 to 9 pm, and Tuesdays at 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

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

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

Little John’s: Little John’s Bar and Dance Club offers Karaoke every Thursday night, from 9:30 pm to 1:30 am. “Come join the fun and sing a song.” Also, free pool every Sunday from 6 to 10 pm, 383 South Main Street. Info: check “Little Johns” on Facebook or 459-9636.

Shanachie Pub: Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7 pm. No cover. Jazz every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. “Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable.” Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. “An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises.” Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam’s Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

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

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Senior Center Lunch

Week of April 9 through April 13

Monday: Sticky Chicken with Plum Sauce

Tuesday: Au Gratin Potatoes with Ham

Wednesday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

Thursday: Steamed White Fish with Lemon & Dill

Friday: Steak Dinner (Sirloin)

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. \$6.50 for those 55 and older; \$8 for those under 55. Includes soup, salad, entree, vegetable, dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Third District Supervisors Candidates Forums

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and the local radio station KPFM. Questions will be taken from the audience. Topics can cover any issue with which our supervisors will be dealing.

Each event will start off with refresh

SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church
803 Coast Street
P.O. Box 489, Willits
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Pastor, Bill Nobles
Information: 456-9668
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25 Hazel Street, Willits
Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service &
Children's Church - 11 a.m.
Mid-week Bible Studies
Potluck every 2nd Sunday
Alan Klier, Lead Pastor
459-3106

St. Francis Episcopal Church

1 North Main Street, Willits
707-459-3066
Church Services/ Communion
10:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME
The Rev. Betsy Brunau

Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church

399 W. Mendocino Avenue
459-6390
Stan Caylor, Pastor
Sabbath School - 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.
1st Sabbath of every month family potluck at the school.
22751 Bray Road, Willits

Willits United Methodist

A Christ centered, progressive church
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Rev. Rosemary Landry, pastor
Worship Celebration
Sundays - 11:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.
459-2855
Facebook: www.facebook.com

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COLUMN | Intuitive Patterns

April 2018

Osho Zen Tarot: Understanding, Possibilities

Medicine Cards: Porcupine, Squirrel

Mayan Oracle: Lamat, Hologram, Transparency

Ancient Egyptian Tarot: Three of Wands, Death, The Magician

Aleister Crowley Deck: Princess of Wands, Love

Healing Earth Tarot: Six of Shields, Grandmother of Crystals

Words of Truth: Laughter, Commitment, Shame

The Grandmother of Crystals asks you to trust the healing power of innocence, trust and the heart. Deep inside, you know what is right. It is your ego and mind that justify and attempt to weave a story to make your heart wrong. Hearts

Joseph Shenise, Jr.

Joseph Gerard Shenise, Jr., "Joey," passed away at the age of 57 on March 27, 2018 in Willits, California. He was born March 5, 1961 in Patterson, New Jersey.

A retired carpenter, he was proud to be promoted to full-time dad and enjoyed spending every waking moment with his children. He loved his wife and family, and thoroughly enjoyed playing his PS3.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mallory Flint; two beautiful children: Jubilee Shenise, age 8, and Philip "Buddy" Shenise, age 6; and his parents, Phil and Maryann Kuykendall.

A potluck celebration of his life will be held at the Recreation Grove Park on April 14, 2018 at 3 pm. Please bring a dish and a good memory to share with the family.

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



Suzanne Wagner
Columnist

are never wrong. Ego and mind is often wrong when it is being channeled through fear and the intent to manipulate and deceive.

This month this Grandmother asks you to attend to your own healing first. It is time to pay attention to what you need, to be present with the tasks at hand in your life. If you feel not grounded, then know that you aren't stable in your core. It is time to balance your thoughts with your external actions. Only then will your heavy heart lighten. Your energy centers require an adjustment and a new balancing. It is time to

be open to the gifts that are attempting to come into your life and step more into a state of wonder.

The cage in which you have found yourself finally has a door open for you to move beyond this restrictive phase and into a freer place of motion. The possibilities expand exponentially when you take the risk and step beyond the known and into the unknown. Let the discontent propel

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Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Ava, Anna, A.J., Abe & Alfie

These five very cute pups are ready and waiting for a forever home! They are a mix of Rhodesian ridgeback, shar pei and perhaps some pit bull, and at 11 months old they are playful, affectionate and full of the Dickens! They have been spayed or neutered (there are three males and two females) and will soon have all their shots. As the photos show, there are two color combos: mainly tan and mostly tan with white chest markings. Their names are Ava, Anna, A.J., Abe, and Alfie. Come meet them soon - they're anxiously awaiting their new families!

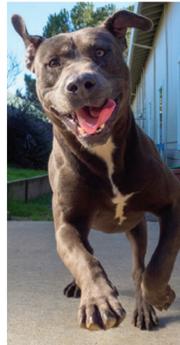
For more information on the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County's adoptable animals, call the HSMC at 707-485-0123, check www.mendocinohumanesociety.com, or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday, and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.



Mighty Moose

Moose is a very happy and very energetic dog! He would be happy to romp and play all day, every day! Moose is a 2-year-old, neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 64 pounds. We think he'd be a great sidekick for older kids. While he is being trained and getting used to his forever home, Moose will need a guardian able to handle his strength and energy. We think he might be housetrained, which is a super bonus!

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: www.mendocinanimalshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453. Help get every dog at the Ukiah shelter out for some exercise at the "Empty the Shelter" pack walk every second Saturday of the month, coming up April 14.



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you into another sky and another world. The very nature of existence cannot have any boundaries. It is a creative, limitless, garden of infinite potential.

Stop seeking contentment. Contentment is repetitive and boring. Contentment breeds smallness. Seeking contentment is about accepting that what you have is good enough. But do you have really enough ecstasy? Do you have enough silence? Do you have enough joy? That choosing smallness is your mind's imposition upon your freedom and your unlimited potential.

Those in power say that we cannot do this, and we cannot do that? That is a limitation of their own mind, and you do not have to accept that as your own. If they can convince you to accept your lot in life and your smallness, then guess who wins? They do! They get to take that extra money and everything else for themselves. That is not how this world is supposed to operate.

When someone gives you a limit and a restriction, ask them, "Why?" You will find they have so many arguments to show that they are right, but they are wrong. The universe is infinite. All things can be accomplished. It is only the limitations of the mind that tells us otherwise.

Greatness comes when you refuse to accept the social standard and limits. It is time to stop feeling ashamed for wanting what will work for all. It is time to commit to finding a doorway through this hateful delusion and into the places of play and laughter.

If you are magic (which I believe everyone is), then let the magic show you the way to create the world of all our dreams. You can look at the smallness that lives inside the dungeon of your fear, and operate from that very limited and restrictive place, or you can allow the innocence in your heart to guide you along an uncharted pathway towards a new way to connect and contribute to the whole.

Lamat is the starseed energy that shows you how to generate harmony through a multitude of beneficial combinations. When you connect to that part of your limitless self, you remember that self-doubt is a lie, disconnection is a choice, and love is eternal. When you choose to cultivate the harmony and the patterns of how we are all connected to everything in this dimension and beyond, then you have access to energies that are not of this world and that know how to transcend the obvious and manifest from the subtle.

Look to where you have over-identified with a particular role that you have been playing. Or perhaps that role has been playing you. Look at how your self-judgment and your critical nature stops your gift and talents from being given in this world. And what a shame and a waste because right now, everyone's talents and gifts are so

LEGAL NOTICES

WW143
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2018-F0203
The following person is doing business as: Heartful Living, 3451 Williams Ranch Road, Willits CA 95490 / PO Box 304, Willits CA 95490. This business is conducted by an individual: Janae Stephens, 3451 Williams Ranch Road, Willits CA 95490.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 03/29/2018.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on March 29, 2018.
s/Janae Stephens
Pub dates 04/05, 04/12, 04/19 and 04/26/2018

WW142
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2018-F0186
The following persons are doing business as: Eel River Aggregates, 22341 Tomki Road/P.O. Box 643, Willits CA 95490. This business is conducted by a general partnership: Deann Green, 22341 Tomki Road, Willits, CA 95490; Nancy Green, 23600 N. Highway 1, Fort Bragg, CA 95437; and Steve Bray, 640 Blue Oak Drive, Ukiah CA 95482.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/20/2018.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on March 20, 2018.
s/Deann Green
Pub dates 03/29, 04/05, 04/12, 04/19/2018

Join Our Protest Against These Predators!!

In May 2017 predatory park owners bought Wagon Wheel Mobile Home Park in Willits and raised our rent \$110 a month. Without rent control, 500 people and 150 children will lose their homes! Please join us Wednesday, April 11 at 4 p.m. at Bud Snyder Park, in Willits to protest park owners. Call Cheryl at 707-354-2520 for more info.

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Help Wanted
AH-Home Health & Hospice is looking to fill the following positions: PT- OT- ST & HHA F/T, P/T & Per Diem available. Call H/R Trudy at 707-456-3230 or apply online at adventisthealth.org.

Barber Shop
Kennys Barber Shop, 1569 South Main Street, is now open six days a week, Monday - Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm. Closed Sundays.

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Computer Help
Need help with your computer? I will come to your home or business. PC and Macintosh. Repairs and configuration \$50/hr. Tutoring \$30/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email macmergin@yahoo.com.

Enrolling Now
Enrolling now for Fall 2018 - Preschool, Kindergarten, First Grade. Deep Valley Christian School (15 minutes from south Willits). Call Sandy Peters at (707) 367-5748 for information.

SEWING AND ALTERATIONS
Seamstress and Sewing Teacher
Barbara Carlon
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707-367-6182, Willits

Estate Sale
Estate sale, 3551 Ridgewood Road, Pine Mountain, 40 years of stuff. Saturday, April 7 & Sunday, April 8, 9 am to 4 pm. Antiques, two bedroom sets, bunk bed, misc. furniture, household items, tools, kitchen items, misc. garage items.

EXPERIENCE
The Sound of Soul
Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 E. Commercial Street. You're invited to experience chanting HU (pronounced hue), a sacred sound and ancient mantra. HU can uplift people of any religion, culture, or walk of life. Information? Call April, 972-2475 or visit www.TheSoundofSoul.org.

For Rent
1 Bedroom Studio West of Willits - beautiful country setting - wood heat. \$1,000 month plus deposit, includes water and propane. Available April 6. Barbara: 459-3160.

WANTED: Sweetheart Candidates
Do you want to try for the title of Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart? Girls aged 16 to 21 are welcome to apply before April 28. Call Liz Day 707-354-0933 Kathy Graves 707-489-0442

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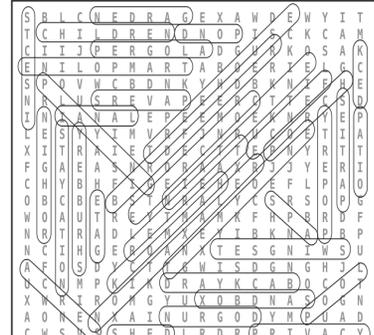
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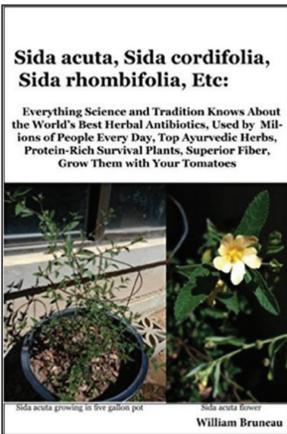
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William Bruneau

Above, from left: Flower, bud and leaf of a Sida acuta plant in Bill Bruneau's garden. A container of Sida acuta starts. The cover of Bill Bruneau's new book on traditional uses of and research on Sida acuta. At right: Author Bill Bruneau holds his new book on Sida acuta, "the world's best herbal antibiotic."

Herbal Antibiotic

Local author Bill Bruneau publishes reference work on Sida acuta

As if things weren't bad enough; prepare for the attack of the antibiotic resistant superbugs.

Turns out, we humans have been overusing antibiotics on a global scale much to our peril; and we're showing no signs of reducing our profligacy. More on that later.

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Enter plants in the genus Sida, some of which are herbal medicinal powerhouses effective against a host of pathogens (as well as having quite a number of other beneficial uses somewhat less critical to our survival).

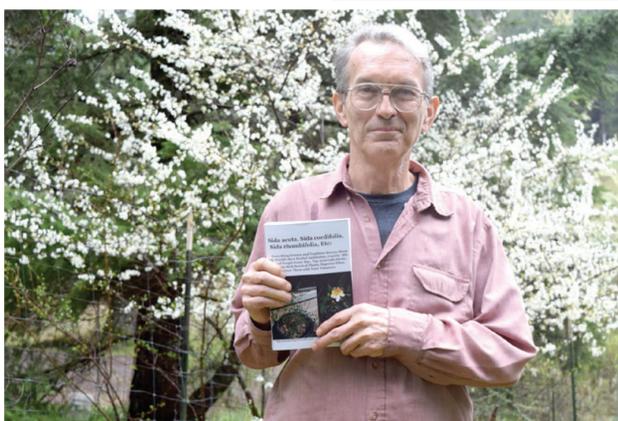
The Sidas came to the attention of local author, Bill Bruneau, when he was researching methods to deal with seemingly intractable health problems of his own. He read about the plants in "Herbal Antibiotics, 2nd Edition: Natural Alternatives for

Treating Drug-resistant Bacteria" by Stephen Harrod Buhner. One of the Sidas, in particular, Sida acuta, became Bruneau's principal focus, because it can be grown here.

He got some Sida acuta seeds, grew some plants, tintured them into medicine – and was so impressed with the results that he wrote a book, which has just recently been published.

And not just any old book – the only book ever written on Sidas.

It has a mouthful of a title, "Sida acuta, Sida cordifolia, Sida rhombifolia, Etc: Everything Science and Tradition Knows about the World's Best Herbal Antibiotics, Used by Millions of People Every Day, Top Ayurvedic Herbs, Protein-Rich Survival Plants, Superior Fiber, Grow Them with Your Tomatoes."



And, it's a weighty tome – 568 pages comprising the first compilation of all the known peer-reviewed research, as well as the traditional uses, of the tropical plant genus Sida. "Everything known about Sida is pretty much in this book," said Bruneau. "It's an aggregate of research. This is a reference book ... not a light read," he said.

He calls it "the naturalist's Physicians' Desk Reference," and also emphasizes that it is "not to be considered medical advice."

Not ready for 568 pages of descriptions of and citations to peer-reviewed and some traditional research? Stay tuned for a much smaller (about 70 pages), more practical, companion book designed to assist you to successfully grow your own Sida medicinals, which will be available by May 1, and titled: "Introduction to genus Sida: Sida acuta, Sida cordifolia, Sida rhombifolia: How to Grow and Use the World's Best Herbal Antibiotics, Used by Millions of People Every Day, Top Ayurvedic Herbs, Protein-Rich Survival Plants, Superior Fiber, Grow Them with Your Tomatoes."

So, why are these books important, and why might you want to have one or both of them in your library – and also have some Sida acuta plants in your garden or patio container?

Back to our superbug story.

A recent National Public Radio edition of "All Things Considered" by global health and development reporter Jason Beaubien focused on the rise of superbugs – beginning with an admonition.

"The development of antibiotics in the middle of the 20th century was one of the greatest achievements of modern medicine. Penicillin and its pharmaceutical cousins saved millions of lives. But, like a magic potion given to the world by a stern fairy, antibiotics come with a catch: If you abuse them, you lose them."

Baubien cited a new report, titled "Global increase and geographic convergence in antibiotic consumption between 2000 and 2015," which was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The report concluded that "human consumption of antibiotics globally rose 65 percent – to 42 billion doses a year ... [and warned that] ... once resistance emerges in one place, it can spread anywhere."

Lance Price, director of the Antibiotic Resistance

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Action Center at George Washington University, warns us that "[t]he biggest driver for the evolution of superbugs is the use of antibiotics. Every time a bacteria is exposed to an antibiotic, but isn't killed by it, it has the potential to develop resistance.... The more we use antibiotics, the more we are going to encourage the growth of these bacteria that are resistant to them."

If you consider that, according to the U.S. Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, "bacteria are among the fastest reproducing organisms in the world, doubling every 4 to 20 minutes" – and then compare that to a human 20-year reproduction span, you might appreciate how bacteria can easily out-evolve a single antibiotic compound.

Herbs, on the other hand, are whole plants and contain complex compounds, presenting more challenges to bacteria.

Or, as Bruneau says, "Bacteria are very smart.... Saving itself is Sida's first goal, and the bugs can't figure it out."

The scary fact is, though, that the superbugs are already here.

"Then you see these extreme cases like the woman [in Nevada] just about a year ago who died of an infection that was resistant to 26 different antibiotics," director Price said. "So the bacteria are out there that are resistant to everything, and they are becoming more and more prevalent."

The "antibiotic fairy is not happy: If we don't change our ways, she's going to slowly make the potion less and less powerful, until one day she disappears," said Beaubien.

What to do?

Bruneau is under no illusions that Sida plants are magic bullets when it comes to combating superbugs; but they are very important constituents of an approach to outsmarting the bugs and protecting ourselves against them.

He felt an urgency to get this book "out this year," and is passionate about catalyzing the proliferation of Sida acuta all over the county.

"We have to, as a community, do this," he said. "I love this county, and I don't want to see it decimated.... Sida is not the only solution. But it's doable here, and we can do it now. It's our best first step. There's no reason for it not to be on every back porch. Time is running short."

Noting that the decades-old antibiotic Colistin, which fell out of favor due to kidney toxicity, is now one of the last-resort antibiotics for multidrug-resistant bacteria, Bruneau reminds us that "natural medicinals were our past, and now are our future and salvation."

He has been growing Sida acuta as an annual for four years and making tinctures for three years. "Up to a year ago I was just using the leaves," he said, "but the plant shows unique medicinal qualities in all its parts, so now I strip the top of the plant and use it all.

"It does it all – from promoting wellness, to killing unwanted invaders, to being food and fiber," said Bruneau. "Sidas are consumed by millions of people every day all over the world, and people have been healing themselves with Sidas for thousands of years."

His book contains information about "160 ways Sidas can benefit you ... [including that] ... Sidas control or kill 27 pathogenic bacteria, including many resistant strains, as well as MRSA ... show excellent effect against malaria and other parasites, protect your liver, kidney, brain (and more), are blood cleansing, help to balance fats/lipids, are adaptogenic [counter stress and promote normal functioning], aphrodisiac, beneficial to digestion, blood cleansing, tested well against 16 pathogenic fungi, including all stains of candida, shown to have had significant benefits when tested in studies against cancer," and more.

The antibiotic fairy would probably approve and want you to plant some Sida acuta.

Bruneau's book is available locally at The Book Juggler and the Willits Farmers Market (where you can buy seeds, too), and directly through the www.bbruneau.com website where there's lots more information. If you buy the book through the website, he'll throw in a free packet of seed!

The book is also available online at Amazon with free shipping.

Bruneau will be giving a reading at the Willits Library on April 18 from 6 to 7 pm, where you can buy a book and seeds, ask questions, and learn straight from the horse's mouth.

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Mayfield Family Economic Development Fund; the Judy Pruden Historical Preservation Fund; Mendocino County ReLeaf Tree Planting Program; and the Ukiah Saturday Afternoon Club Endowment Fund.

Field-of-Interest grantees included: FLOCKworks; Ukiah High School; Cancer Resource Center of Mendocino County; Conservation Fund; Redwood Forest Foundation, Inc.; Acorn Partners in Education; Mendocino County Resource Conservation District; Mendocino Woodlands Camp Association; The Waldorf School of Mendocino County; Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center; Mendocino Coast Cyclists, Inc.; North Coast Opportunities; Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center; Circle of Horses; West Company; Arts Council of Mendocino County; Fort Bragg Mendocino Coast Historical Society; Game Over/Redwood Community Services; and Project Sanctuary.

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Maintenance Supervisor III positions.

Human Resources Director Heidi Dunham recommended placing all of what had been the lower level of Department of Transportation employees – including one Road Crew Worker, 21 Equipment Operators and 17 Senior Equipment Operators – into the newly created Road Maintenance Worker IV category. This resulted in those employees receiving a pay increase without supervisors actually granting a salary increase to individual employee classifications.

Service Employees International Union Field Representative Patrick Hickey and Department of Transportation Deputy Director of Maintenance Services Kent Stanley expressed support for the reclassifications, as did two members of the board of supervisors.

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde said: "For years now, the road crew in the Department of Transportation has been staffed at 50 percent, because of salaries. Adjusting those positions to a more competitive level – and by my math, it's about a 21 percent increase – will bring them a little below Caltrans, but it's close enough so it will be competitive with people who are thinking of working for Caltrans.

"I hope this will allow the road crews to be fully staffed throughout the county," Gjerde said.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen praised Dunham and the work of her staff and said a few words to put the reclassifications proposed by Human Resources into perspective.

"This is a continuation of a series of reviews and updates of classifications that have increased compensation based on the duties being performed and how they should be compensated," he said. "It's not a formal pay increase, and yet it does show up on the bottom line.

"I just wanted to acknowledge the work of Director Dunham and her staff," McCowen said.

The resolution adjusting the job classifications of employees within the Department of Transportation was part of the board's March 27 consent calendar. The entire consent calendar was approved unanimously.

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without going through the request for proposals process. She recommended re-upping the contract in the amount of \$40,000, using funds from the voter-approved sales tax hike approved by passage of Measure B.

Angelo's proposal was endorsed unanimously, with 10 members of the 11-member committee present. Only First District Representative Ross Liberty was absent when the vote was taken.

Lee Kemper is president of Lee Kemper Consultants, which authored a February 2016 report on the county's mental health system. That report found major faults with the county's mental health system as it then existed, and led to the resignations of former Health and Human Services Director Stacey Cryer and former Mental Health Director Tom Pinizzotto, and later to the termination of the contract for adult mental health services with Ortnr Management Group.

Angelo said she would bring the recommendation to the board of supervisors during its April 10 meeting. In early talks with Kemper, she added, he had stated he would likely have a needs assessment report finished by sometime in September.

In other business undertaken during the meeting, the committee heard a report from Doug Eikenbary, an official with Helmer and Sons, Inc., an Angwin-based construction company specializing in construction of hospitals and schools.

In the summer of 2017, Helmer and Sons was contracted by the Frank R. Howard Hospital Foundation to undertake an architectural study of the old Howard Hospital to determine what it would cost to turn the building into a mental health facility.

As reported in the March 8 edition of Willits Weekly,

Helmer and Sons determined it would cost \$11.1 million to renovate the old hospital if the labor were done by employees working at market rate, and \$14.8 million if the work were done by employees working at prevailing wage.

Eikenbary said he had brought a host of building subcontractors in to inspect the building's lighting, electrical, plumbing, and heating and air-conditioning systems.

Third District Oversight Committee member Jed Diamond asked for a ballpark estimate on what it would cost to build an equivalent facility from scratch; Eikenbary told the committee the final cost would likely be three times the rehab cost if a new building were to be built from the ground up.

Fourth District Representative Mark Myrtle asked Eikenbary if his estimate was firm, but Eikenbary would not commit to the firmness of his estimate.

"As a contractor, I cannot guarantee that 100 percent, without knowing what my approved construction drawings would be," he said. "This estimate is based on what we have, as far as knowledge, and what we know is out there. We took a lot of assumptions a little bit more conservatively, because we wanted to make sure we were covered."

Mendocino County Sheriff and Citizens Oversight Committee Chairman Tom Allman clarified that what Helmer and Sons had done was to high-ball some of their estimates.

"You mean, you put in more money, rather than less money?" Allman offered.

Eikenbary agreed.

The oversight committee did not make a final determination on whether it will recommend using the old Howard Hospital as a mental health facility. Allman urged committee members to contact Howard Hospital Foundation President

Margie Handley to coordinate walkthroughs of the old building before next month's meeting when, Allman hinted, that determination will be made.

"Next month's meeting is going to be a very hardcore meeting about where we're going to recommend to the board of supervisors that we go," Allman said. "This is not going to be a typical government committee, where we're going to spend 12 months to decide when we're going to meet. We're moving fast-paced."

When Willits Weekly asked Allman if he sensed a disconnect between his urging the committee to make a recommendation on the old hospital before the needs assessment is completed, Allman said it was a good question, adding he thought the needs assessment did not eliminate the potential value of a Howard recommendation.

"I think both can run concurrently," Allman said. "I think it would be bad if we should lose Howard during the four months Kemper takes to do a needs assessment."

Later Allman clarified his statement: "Our role as an oversight committee is to make recommendations to the board of supervisors. I think it would be a shame if the board of supervisors didn't give the matter full consideration."

The committee also voted 10-0 to adopt a mission statement – written by First District Representative Liberty, with a slight amendment offered by Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Advisory Board Chairwoman Jan McCourty – reads: "The mission of the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee is to ensure the effective, efficient and transparent use of those funds provided for by, and as defined by, Mendocino County Ordinance 4387 for the benefit of the community."

shooting must be cleared by a psychologist or psychiatrist before being returned to duty," Warnock explained.

The two Willits officers and three Mendocino County sheriff's deputies shot Center to death after she confronted them with a handgun following a 100-plus mph chase up Highway 101 in a \$45,000 sports car stolen at gunpoint from a Ukiah auto dealership just before 9:30 am that morning.

The 2015 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 was totaled when Center crashed into a ditch full of blackberry bushes after WPD officers laid spike strips on the highway

In a Facebook post, Sheriff Tom Allman said the officers "protected innocent motorists who were witnessing a very dangerous, and ultimately deadly, situation."

County residents who encountered Center in the days before her death said the woman had been acting erratically.

Warnock told Willits Weekly on Tuesday his 15-person department was "operating normally ... at least as normally as usual."

Requests for information from the Sheriff's Office concerning the three deputies also involved in the shooting have gone unanswered.

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The rest of Delaquadra From Page 1

investigation" into complaints against Delaquadra.

Caudillo said deputies and animal control officers discovered a dozen horses at the Reeves Canyon Road property. All the horses were malnourished, emaciated and dehydrated "to some extent."

The animals were seized and removed from the site, and Delaquadra was arrested. As she was being taken into custody, Caudillo said, the 63-year-old woman became enraged and began resisting arrest, kicking a sheriff's sergeant in the leg.

In addition to animal cruelty (a felony), Delaquadra faces "other pending criminal charges," says Mike Geniella, spokesman for the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office. Geniella did not elaborate on the nature of those charges.

Delaquadra had been set for arraignment on the charges three times, but the hearings had to be continued because she arrived without legal counsel to represent her, according to Angie Herman of Willits, secretary of Sonoma Action for Equine Rescue, "a group of concerned individuals who love horses and feel committed to promoting a more responsible and humane relationship between humans and the domestic equine."

During last week's hearing, Judge Ann Moorman assigned an attorney with the county's Public Defender's Office to represent Delaquadra.

Herman told Willits Weekly the horses seized by Animal Control currently are being cared for at a boarding stable "at a rather high expense to the county," but could offer no other information.

Delaquadra has a long history of conflicts with north county landlords and benefactors who allowed her horses to graze on their property, said Herman.

"We've received a number of calls [concerning Delaquadra's treatment of her horses] over the past four or five years," she said.

According to the group's website, the mission of Sonoma Action for Equine Rescue, SAFER, "is to be a resource for Sonoma, Mendocino, and Lake counties and surrounding areas to provide services for people needing to care for or rehoming horses."

The group is "dedicated to recycling displaced horses, as well as those dumped at auction back into the horse-keeping community." Safer also "advises people as to their options in emergencies" and "maintains a network of notification for emergency issues concerning horse welfare."

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At left: Keegan with his soccer ball Easter basket. Erin Vaccaro about to announce some egg hunt rules.

Brooktrails Easter

Neighborhood association hides 2,000 eggs at Ohl Grove for a horde of hunters

At the Ohl Grove in Brooktrails, in a scene reminiscent of the Great Oklahoma Land Rush, close to 200 kids, ranging in ages from 1 to 12, with a colorful variety of Easter baskets, strained at the colored ribbons that barely kept them constrained, some of the ribbons breaking prematurely causing moms to corral their children and bring them back to the starting point.

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At the appointed time, 10 minutes late due to the great amount of last-minute entrants, the ribbons were pulled back, releasing the horde of children onto the grass, stumps and logs where 2,000 brightly colored plastic Easter eggs were "hidden" – in plain sight, mostly. The kids ran, climbed

and got on their knees to find the eggs, filled with treats such as candy and tattoo transfers.

In each age group (ages 1-4, 5-8 and 9-12), there were separate areas for the hunt and one large golden egg containing a cute stuffed animal. In the common area, further down the course, was hidden a small golden egg containing a \$20 bill, which was not found until after 45 minutes of futile exploration and several escalating hints by organizer Ashley Sherf of the Brooktrails Neighborhood Association, sponsors of the annual popular event. Eventually, the prized golden egg was found by Dimitri Calderon and his family.

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Above, from left: Dimitri Calderon gets the final golden egg, with \$20 inside. Lily holds a cupcake along with her Easter basket. And they're off....

Far left: Alex finds a high spot to survey the field with the eggs. At left, top: Three young searchers getting energy to prepare for the hunt. At left, bottom: One of the large golden eggs in hiding. Below: Easter egg hunters wait for the signal to begin.



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Above, from left: The Easter Bunny waves for the camera, with kids on his lap, surrounded by a crowd of attendees. Joey Duenas refilled one opened egg with a few crisp dollar bills.

Below, left: The mad dash across the baseball fields at Willits High School to try and find any of the 2,000 eggs. Makenna Frenier heads back to the line after getting her pre-agreed-upon 10 eggs.

Photos by Maureen Moore

before dashing off the starting line about making sure to get only 10 eggs, and then coming back across the line to make sure others can get a chance at getting their fair share, too.

others on their baskets. It was a very sweet sight and respectful lesson about sharing and being courteous to others.

After the hunt concluded, the Easter Bunny made an appearance, to smile and pose with the egg hunters.

"We're happy to be mixing things up after 80-some-odd years," said Helton. "This will be an annual tradition now, having the Easter Bunny attend. We look forward to more surprises and improvements next year, too!"



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done a self-portrait before, and it did get me out of my comfort zone." Art extends one's boundaries and takes the artist to places within themselves that they have not formerly realized.

Another interesting creative work was "The Dictionary Project," in which Carolyn Carpenter's Laytonville art class had to each take a page in a dictionary and do artwork on it around a word. Her classes also did some psychedelic self-portraits with Peter Max style '60s hair growing out of some photographic faces.

The hallway at the Art Center was filled with all the posters from all the years of the Art Under 20 shows, showing the wide variety of visions.

Artist Stephanie Brundage channeled her rabbit-raising experience with a "Killer Rabbit" ceramic. The rabbit "is based off of a picture my friend posted on Facebook 10 years ago. It was this really, really mean red-eyed white doe that had its teeth bared and was ready to attack. I gave her little earrings to imbue her with some humanism."

Many of the ceramics were fashioned in Sienna Reno's Friday Academy class at the Willits Charter School. "One of our themes was cows," instructor Reno said, "using the cow as a canvas and how you can express all kinds of different forms, shapes, ideas off of the surface of a cow, using their skin as a blank gessoed canvas. Got some sort of abstracted cows. The 'Baby Bouncer Cow.' An abstracted 'Rainbow Cow.'"

"We did a whole series of abstracted faces," Reno continued. "The students really liked the alien theme. We have a kiln at the school. They are firing and mixing their own glazes. We've got eight wheels at the school and the biggest ceramics studio in Mendocino County for this age group."

Reno pointed out a small piece with hearts: "This called 'The Lovers,' by Dominic Garcia. This is his first year in public education after being homeschooled. He's been doing miniature sculpture work for years in Fimo clay. He took enthusiastically to ceramics when I introduced him to it. He ran my class one day when I couldn't attend. He taught about sculpting miniatures."

Student artist Alton Cook created a coffee table with a burnt-in design of the original colonial flag of the United States, "I like working with wood. I've done clocks and other projects." Artist Elyssa Fraser showed her papier-mâché dragon: "This was my first time doing papier-mâché. We could paint it and put things on it like feathers. It was so cool to do things other than paper and pencil drawings."

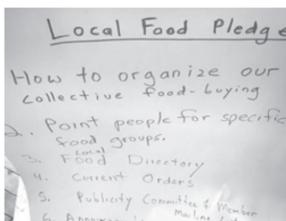
Whatever media the students have chosen to work in, there was in evidence their passion and burgeoning understanding of the arts and the desire to create, whether it be in art or any other field which they might choose for themselves in their future. Art has a lasting effect.

The Art Under 20 show can be seen at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm through Saturday, April 29.



At top, from left: Black beans and rice from Grange Grains were for sale at the Food Pledge meeting. Spaghetti squash, rice from the Central Valley, and free fresh garbanzo beans donated to the buyers club from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation in Capay Valley. Above: "Fire Cider Salad," a spicy addition to salads or beans, or a tasty side dish, was made by Green Uprising Farm and offered at the potluck.

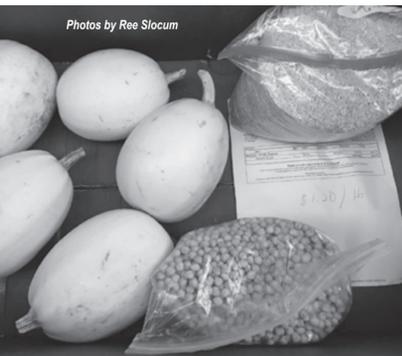
Below: A simple agenda for the Local Food Pledge meeting where they were forming the bulk buying club. Local Food Pledge members, from left, Jason Greenberg, Sky Lofgran, Ella Slade, Faith McDonald, Sienna Reno, and Mike Adams in line for the potluck dinner that they'd all made tasty contributions to. Fresh garden greens, homemade goat cheese and salsa, as well as fresh-baked bread and curried lentils – a sampling of food brought for the potluck.



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Once the hunt was over, the participants were encouraged to recycle their eggs for use next year, which would enable them to be included in a raffle for a large stuffed rabbit. The floppy-eared toy was won by 2-year-old Oscar Bathrop, who immediately began to – lovingly – throw the rabbit on the ground and abuse it.

The Brooktrails Neighborhood Association, which puts on a number of fun events each year, including The Great Pumpkin Hunt and Movies in the Grove, invites any residents of the Brooktrails community to join through their Facebook page, with a small donation.



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Food Pledge

Locals take the pledge to support local farms by buying food closer to home

Wonderful things are happening in the Willits food scene, thanks to a core group of committed local foodies. The group is comprised of eaters who want locally produced food and eaters who also produce local food. The movement started with brainstorming sessions in early January by a collection of people who care about the sustainability, availability and affordability of local food produced now and into the future. They wanted to take a "Local Food Pledge" and grow the movement for purchasing, eating and supporting the plethora of healthy food found locally. Gatherings happened, ideas were explored, and emails flew back and forth with agendas and proposals for the next meetings.

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People gathered, ate a delicious potluck dinner of fresh and often local food, and discussed what they wanted to see happen with the Local Food Pledge. To a person, it was decided that the pledge be "gently worded" and inclusive. The idea is for each person who's interested in eating local food to find what foods are most important to them and see where they can find them close to home. The food group is a resource helping to provide support by committed people working on sourcing a variety of local agricultural products at affordable prices.

"Local" is a mutable concept and can mean produced within a 100-mile radius or simply in California or the U.S. Each person determines what it means to them. Some will continue to

buy curried paste from India or chocolate grown in countries near the equator. The idea is to obtain what's needed closer to home, thereby reducing the carbon footprint in the food chain, eating healthier – mostly organic – and supporting small farmers.

Historically Mendocino County produced food like wheat, potatoes, cattle, sheep, and oats on a relatively large scale for local consumption. Today that has declined drastically. According to an email sent out by the Local Food Pledge group: "Most of the food we eat comes from long distances. Analysts report that a single bite of food has traveled, on

average, 1,500 miles before it is eaten." It begs the question, "Is this sustainable?"

To deal with that, the next project that grew from the group was a bulk buying club. Because there are loads of food producers within a 100-mile radius of Willits and the group's membership is growing, there's enough buying power to begin purchasing bulk products locally. Meetings were more animated when the idea of actually buying food began. Members took on researching certain foods to see where they were available, if they could be purchased in bulk, and the pricing.

Rosamond Crowder found a source for garbanzo beans grown by the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation in Capay Valley. Twenty-five pounds of the legumes were donated to the buyer's club. Sara Grusky could bring Green Uprising Farm's salad mix and get Grange Grains' local black beans and brown rice in bulk. Cy Bacon found spaghetti squash in quantities from the Mendocino Food Hub.

The next Local Food Pledge meeting on March 19 was attended by 17 people ready to dig in to the next phase of the Local Food Pledge and bulk buying club. Grusky facilitated the meeting and, once people were settled, asked, "What is compost?" It was a way of introducing ourselves and also getting into a philosophical frame of mind. Answers varied. Some were very philosophical: "Compost is everywhere, all the time, creating life." Another simply stated, "Bug food!" And others had more scientific answers like: "It's rich soil created by microbic action on matter."

The group moved on to other things including the produce brought by David Dreil and Mike Adams to give away to members. They also formed up the idea that there's so much work to be done in the buying club that each member could easily take on a job.

The idea is simple: "Many hands make light work." For the buying club, Mary Zellachild found a source for organic, pasture-fed eggs. There were walnuts that could be ordered from the Mendocino Food Hub. Allegra Foley, who couldn't make this meeting, found a source for local olive oil. Sign-up sheets for each product were sent around. All but the walnuts had the required amount for a bulk order. One person mentioned they'd contact the producer to see if he'd sell a smaller amount this time. People prepaid their orders that will be delivered in two weeks. It all went smoothly, and the rest of the light agenda didn't take much time.

Then it was time to test out the process of packaging and weighing the food they'd ordered two weeks prior. That process also went quickly and passed with flying colors, making it possible to move forward confidently with the buyers club.

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APRIL 2018

MONDAY
POINTS DAYS **3X POINTS**

All Players Club members will earn 3X Points from 10A to 10P on the days of the promotion!

TUESDAYS
50/50 HOT SEATS!



6pm-10pm
 (ending before 10pm)
 (8 hot seats)

Hot seat drawings 2x per hour for \$25 free play and \$25 cash

WEDNESDAYS
Roosters and OWLS

8AM-12PM 6PM-10PM
 EARN 50 POINTS ON PLAYER'S CLUB CARD AND RECEIVE \$10 IN FREE PLAY (ONCE PER SESSION)

HOT SEAT DRAWINGS 9AM-1PM
 (2X PER HOUR ENDING BEFORE 1PM)
 \$50 CASH

7PM-11PM
 (2X PER HOUR ENDING BEFORE 11PM)
 \$75 CASH

Sundays
CASH PLINKO
RANDOM HOT SEAT DRAWING

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 (Twice per hour = 8 Drawings)

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 (Twice per hour = 8 Drawings)

 **Sherwood Valley Rancheria Smokeshop**

100 Kawi Place • Willits
 Hours: Monday-Friday 10am to 6pm
 Saturday 11am to 5pm • Closed on Sundays

SUPER SENIOR DAY BINGO
TUESDAYS FRIDAYS
 Buy in starting at 10am for 40 points (each) to receive up to three (3) bingo card(s) and 50% meal discount to the Creek Side Café on Senior Day Special!

11am
\$75 CASH

12pm
\$100 CASH

1pm
\$125 CASH

2pm
\$200 CASH!

2pm
\$50 Second Chance

BINGO! THURSDAY

12PM
\$100 CASH

1PM
\$125 CASH

2PM
\$150 CASH

3PM
\$175 CASH (2ND CHANCE \$50 CASH)

7PM
\$125 CASH

8PM
\$150 CASH

9PM
\$175 CASH

10PM
\$300 CASH (2ND CHANCE \$100 CASH)

Players Club members must have earned minimally 50 points to receive a bingo card for the 12P, 1P, 2P & 3P bingo games.
 -Bingo at 12P for \$100 Cash, 1P for \$125 Cash and 2P \$150 Cash, 3P for \$175 Cash for each game winner. (up to 3 Cards per guest per game)

Players Club members must have earned minimally 100 points (throughout the day) to receive a bingo card for the 7P, 8P, 9P & 10P bingo games.
 Bingo at 7pm for \$125 Cash and 8P for \$150 in Cash the 9P game \$175 Cash and and \$300 in cash for the 10P game. (Second Chance \$100 Cash)

Bingo Cards can start being issued at 11A for the 12P game, and 6P for the 7P game. The 1P, 2P, 3P, 8P, 9P & 10P cards will be issued after the earlier game has ended.
 If two customer's claim the win together, the prize amount is "split" between the two winners.

For the 3P and 10P, there will be a "Second Chance Win". After a confirmed bingo for these three games (and the winning customer has been processed), the game will continue until a second "Bingo" is won, and the "Second Chance Win" customer will win \$50 Cash for the 3P game and \$100 cash for the 10P game. The "Second Chance Win" opportunity will be announced before each of the specific games.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Ticket Entry Drawings - 20 Minutes Entry
 May start to redeem points for tickets starting at 11A
 *Each drawing time has a prize value to it!

PROGRESSIVE DRAWING!
PAYDAY!

8:00PM	9:00PM
WIN CASH FROM 8-11!	WIN CASH FROM 8-11!
\$100	\$150
10:00PM	10:30 PM
\$200	\$250
	11:00PM
	\$300

At each drawing (except the 10:30 & 11P drawing), an entry will be drawn from the Raffle Barrel. The winning customer will have approx. one minute to claim their prize. If the number is not claimed the money for the specific drawing will be forwarded to the next drawing for the night. For example: if the 8P drawing has no winner, the \$100 will be forwarded to the 9P drawing and will be worth \$250.

For the 11P drawing, if there is no claim on the drawing, there will be an additional drawing. This process will continue until a winner has claimed the cash prize.
 Customers may win up to 2 times each week of this promotion.

SATURDAY'S CASH IN YOUR MEMORY!



RANDOM HOT SEAT DRAWINGS:
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (TWICE PER HOUR = 16 DRAWINGS)
WIN ANYWHERE FROM \$15 IN FREE PLAY UP TO \$100 IN CASH

SATURDAY NIGHT
PAYDAY

Starting at 11am every 20 points = 1 entry

8pm \$100 cash 9pm \$150 Cash 10pm \$200 cash
10:30pm \$250 cash 11pm \$300 cash

Pick an Egg



Sunday April 1st - Pick An Egg
Random Hot Seat Drawings:
(2 Sessions)

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Twice per hour = 8 winners)
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (Twice per hour = 8 winners)
 Cash prizes range from \$25-\$100

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



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