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The most far-reaching change in the newly revised ordinance, according to Deputy County Counsel Matthew Kiedrowski, is that the revised version no

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Above, from left: Jaxon Apodaca works the speed bag at Bodyworks Gym. Jaxon, Jemma and Jacob Apodaca are ready for the ring! When Jaxon was just a little baby, he was photographed in his father, Jeff's, gloves, which is the main image on the event poster. Below: 9-year-old Jemma Apodaca, with curls and pink gloves, will also show her stuff at Saturday's event alongside her brothers.

Ready
for the
Ring

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Fighters will be paired up according to age, weight and experience level, and will compete in a

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Above, from left: Ready for the ring, the crew holds up the BodyWorks Gym banner, including, from left: Jeff Apodaca, Melissa Apodaca, Jaxon Apodaca, family friend and fellow boxer, Nick Harrington, Jacob Apodaca and Jemma Apodaca, in front. Jaxon and Jacob practice their sparring. The Apodaca kids are ready for a "one, two, punch!" this Saturday.



Candidates for Third District supervisor at the first forum of the 2018 election at the Little Lake Grange, from left: Cyndee Logan, John Pinches, Tony Tucker, Susi Barsotti, John Haschak, Pamela Elizondo, Shawna Jeavons, and Mike Horger.

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What do YOU think?

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Foolish and dangerous

To the Editor:

According to a recent news article about the Measure B Mental Health Committee, plans to convert the former Howard Hospital building into a lockdown facility for the mentally ill will include a full perimeter fence 12 to 15 feet high, because neighbors are worried about their safety. This high-security installation seems to contradict a statement from Margie Handley of the committee that: "We are not talking about the criminally insane, just ordinary people who need help."

Handley also stated that, "These people are living in our community now." But I have been told that the facility is for mentally ill patients from all over the county and from any other county that wants to send their troubled residents to Willits. And when the patients are released after being locked up for two or three days, will they be required to go back to where they came from, or can they just head out onto the streets of Willits?

Neither the citizens of Willits nor the City of Willits itself will have any say in what is coming to Willits if the Howard Foundation sells the building to the County of Mendocino. When this happens, I was told by a local official that the City of Willits will have no legal authority over how the facility will be constructed and how it will be used. County property within Willits City limits is

exempt from city regulations. All decisions will be made by the board of supervisors in Ukiah.

One of the committee members, Jed Diamond, was quoted as saying that one of the biggest challenges is "citizens' misconceptions" about what may be coming to our town. I truly hope I do have misconceptions about what I am starting to hear. Because it sounds foolish and dangerous. There are two public schools just around the corner from the old hospital. I can't imagine any parent wanting to put their children at such risk.

Bernard B. Kamoroff, Willits

Flag retirement

To the Editor:

The American Legion Post 174 will conduct its annual flag retirement ceremony on April 23 (not open to the public). If you have a flag(s) that is no longer serviceable (tattered, torn or faded) and needs to be disposed of, a representative will be available to receive your flag for the ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Building, 190 North Main Street as follows: from 10 am to noon, on Monday, April 16, Wednesday, April 18 and Friday, April 20.

Roger Ham,
Post 174 adjutant, Willits

Call for quilters

To the Editor:

The Willits Center for the Arts is sponsoring a quilt show this September 2018. "Made in Mendocino" was a big hit last year, and we would like to repeat the show featuring work by a variety of quilters.

We are currently looking for both art quilters and traditional quilters to participate in the show this fall. Please send three photos of your work to Gary Martin at gtm1950@gmail.com along with an artist statement (tell us a little about yourself).

This show is being co-curated by Nan Trichler. We welcome participation by all Mendocino quilters.

Gary Martin, curator, WCA

Appreciating hospice volunteers

To the Editor:

During National Volunteer Week, April 15 to 21, Adventist Health Home Care Services is honoring the 24 dedicated hospice volunteers from our local communities who help patients and families facing serious and life-limiting illness find hope, dignity and love.

"Our community is a better, more compassionate place because of their

service. Hospice volunteers play an indispensable role in enabling Home Care Services to offer the best possible hospice care for our patients, families and caregivers. By sharing their time, energy and expertise, our volunteers bring compassion and caring to the lives of those in need.

While some hospice volunteers serve patients and families, others offer assistance and support to the office staff. Always there with a smile and a helping hand; selflessly giving of their time to support fundraising projects that raise awareness of hospice. They also offer help in the hospice bereavement program, which supports survivors as they process through the grief and pain suffered from the loss of a loved one and much more.

Hospice volunteers not only help the people they serve, they enable the organizations they work with to achieve their mission in the community. These volunteers are an integral part of the services offered to the estimated 1.6 million patients served each year in the U.S. by hospice. During National Volunteer Appreciation Week, these dedicated volunteers deserve our appreciation and gratitude.

Tammy Long, volunteer
coordinator, Adventist Health
Home Care Services



Above, from left: A tasty assortment of vegan donuts. Fresh roasted beans give SheWolfCoffee its deep rich flavor. At right: Sarah Bailey, master roaster at SheWolfCoffee at her Willits Farmers Market table.



SheWolfCoffee Willits-roasted and served with vegan donuts

Sarah Bailey, master roaster of SheWolfCoffee, partners with her mother, Krista Pickins, to offer home-roasted coffee and vegan baked goods. Don't let the word "vegan" scare you. The donuts are delicious and almost healthy. The coffee is rich and aromatic. She has plans to grow her business to where it can sustain her, her mother and 2-year-old Jupiter.

"We've been in business for about a year now," Bailey said. "I've been here about seven years. We owned a coffee shop about 10 years ago in Salt Lake City. It was vegan, and we became really proficient at baking that way. I started roasting coffee about two years ago and will eventually open a storefront here."

Why vegan? "My mom has been perfecting her vegan patisserie art as long as I can remember, around 15 years. The vegan thing is just because we believe that you don't need to use animal products in baking sugary baked goods. Although we are not pushing a strictly vegan diet, we believe that doing baked goods in a vegan manner helps the whole planet. People freak out about it, but even if you just do baked goods vegan, we can cut out so many eggs and so much milk. We have so many vegetables available to us," Sarah said, indicating the various green farm stalls at the market.

Bailey and Pickins have plans to expand into other markets, including Ukiah, but for now they are limited by time and resources. They are a two-woman operation, and there is a baby at home. "I love Willits. I think it can grow," Bailey said. "Our coffee business has been doing well through events, memorial services, educational events, and get-togethers at the Willits Center for the Arts. I also sell beans privately. I always run out. Ultimately, I would like to sell coffee at local shops and restaurants."

"I import my beans from various countries and only use Rain Forest Alliance organic, bird-friendly, shade grown. It's a little more expensive for me, but well worth it. I roast the beans myself. We have a Mexican Ciapas and a Rwandan Microlot from a small farm and Sumatra."

"Our vegan donuts are Sourdough Glazed, Peanut Butter Fried, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Chocolate Cake, fresh Lemon and Blueberry, and some gluten free Chocolate Coconut Almond donuts. We always have samples for people to try, so come and say hi. I love to meet the community."

SheWolfCoffee can be contacted at: 707-354-6019 and hello@shewolfcoffee.com. Visit www.shewolfcoffee.com for more information.

Even More at the Market

Come see the fresh
veggies and meet the
fresh faces new to the
Willits Farmers Market

Food entrepreneurship is alive and well in Willits. It is all about growing food, preparing food, cooking food and selling food.

Agriculture is ancient as an art and modern in its distribution and presentation. This is a business that will not become obsolete. Food is basic. The vendors at the Willits Farmers Market believe in the purity of organic, non-altered, non-GMO nourishment that is as nutritious and sustaining as it is beautiful in its simplicity.

These new vendors interviewed below are all young, ambitious, knowledgeable about their fields, and eager to find their niche in the market by growing and creating attractive and nutritious products for a long time to come. And they have all chosen the Mendocino County farmers markets to begin their journey. The winter Willits Farmers Market continues every Thursday through April at the Little Lake Grange, 299 School Street, from 3 to 5:30 pm.

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Eliot's Whole Grain Bread Fresh-milled loaves, baked at the Grange

"I started doing this because there was no one selling bread that I wanted to eat at the market," explains Eliot Hartley. He saw a niche and decided to fill it after an apprenticeship with Doug Mozel of the Mendocino Grain Project last year. "He grows grain. He's a miller as well so he mills flour. He has combines and tractors and all the implements."

Hartley derives his love of whole grain baking from his internship with Mozel: "He's a great resource of knowledge. He helped me get back into planting. I wanted to start a whole grain outlet for him ... to take his grain and make bread. It seemed like a good fit."

Hartley has been at the Willits market for four weeks and his business is growing, selling out each week. "I bake spelt bread which is considered an ancient grain. It's a type of wheat. It's been around for 8,000 or 10,000 years. It's different than a modern hybrid type of wheat that has been bred specifically for certain desirable traits, more gluten, lower stature in the plant when it grows, easier to combine, harvest, higher production. That's a lot of what drives me. Hybridization is about trying to get higher yield grains. Some people attribute negative health issues to that process."

"Another bread I have is called a Khorasan. It's also considered an ancient grain. This grain is maybe 10,000 years old, found in the Fertile Crescent. It's not a high-production grain, not something modern wheat farmers grow, because the yields are lower, same as the spelt. A lot of people think that it's a healthy alternative to the modern varieties of wheat. I also bake a seeded rye bread."

"This variety, Red Spring Wheat," Hartley points out, "is a hybrid wheat. It's a spring wheat, which has a higher protein content than the winter variety. For baking bread you want a higher protein so you want more gluten."

All of Hartley's breads are sourdough and wholegrain. He mills everything fresh right before baking at the Grange. They are all naturally leavened without commercial yeast added. "It's all just grain and water and time. All the grain is organic or better."

There are tasty samples available at his booth.

Hartley can be reached at: 707-371-6125 for further information.

At right: Eliot Hartley of Eliot's Whole Grain Bread at the Willits Farmers Market. Below, from left: An assortment of the grains Eliot Hartley mills to make his breads. Samples of Eliot's Whole Grain Bread are always available at their market table.



The New Agrarian Collective Greens, radishes and eggs with meat to come

Carolyn Rieberger enjoys growing and selling at the farmers market. She offers a colorful array of spring salad mix, spinach and a variety of brilliant red radishes. The New Agrarian Collective branched off from the School of Adaptive Agriculture. "Each different enterprise that started under the school, such as Eliot's (Hartley) grains, Ruthie (King) and Eliot's livestock, and Joshua's vegetables have all combined under one collective," Rieberger said.

"I did the Agriculture program in the summer of 2016. It's a 14-week program. We lived and worked at the school. I did mostly vegetables. I came back in 2017 and started doing market and vegetable farming with Joshua. I'm back again this year. I do mostly market and all the selling of our food. And I also work for



Above: French Breakfast radishes from the New Agrarian Collective.

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April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Submitted by the California Department of Transportation

Sacramento – Drivers are using their cell phones less often while driving, but distracted driving remains a serious safety challenge in California. Observing April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month, traffic safety advocates will focus on education and enforcement efforts statewide as California marks 10 years of the hands-free laws.

In an effort to address the issue, the California Highway Patrol, California Office of Traffic Safety, and Impact Teen Drivers have planned events throughout the state during the month of April to educate people on the dangers of distracted driving.

"California's distracted driving laws have been saving lives for a decade now," said former State Senator Joe Simitian, who authored the state's hands-free and no-texting laws. "Every day, somewhere in California, someone is sitting down to dinner with their family who

wouldn't have made it through the day without these laws on the books. That's tremendously gratifying."

"However, there's more work to be done. Public education, meaningful penalties, and rigorous enforcement are all essential. Most importantly, all of us who are out on the road have to remember: it can wait," Simitian said.

Senate Bill 1613, the hands-free cell phone law, and Senate Bill 28, the no-texting law, were enacted in July 2008.

Data collected by the CHP shows decreases in the number of citations issued for distracted driving and in the number of inattention collisions since that time, but the problem persists. Last year, the CHP issued more

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4. Roman Statesman
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12. Colored with red powder
13. Tivoli
15. What bowlers hope to knock down
16. Finnish lake
17. Damaged regions of tissue
18. World-renowned guitarist
21. Political action committee
22. Oxygen reduction system
23. Part of a circle
24. Italian monk's title
25. Kidney problem (abbr.)
26. One point east
27. Home to a world famous bay
34. Mollusk
35. Large nest of a bird of prey
36. Predict
37. Reconnaissance
38. Move in a particular direction
39. Cut with a tool
40. True firs
41. Heaven's opposite
42. Employed
43. 'Partridge Family' actress Susan
CLUES DOWN
1. Induces vomiting
2. Gloss or sheen on wood furniture
3. Meteorological line
4. Help shoppers save money
5. Heart condition
6. What tweens become
7. ___ and ends
9. Small knob
10. Island capital
12. Refinisher
14. Brazilian city
15. Pearl Jam's debut
17. Resinous substance of an insect
19. Stretched out
20. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal
23. Reference works
24. Hoover's office
25. Confused
26. The Science Guy
27. A young woman
28. Used to express good wishes
29. Body part
30. Draw blood
31. Curved
32. ___ Kidman, actress
33. Profoundly
34. Fools
36. Wife (German)

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG
April 2 to April 8
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 212 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

April 2
12:08 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Highway 20 and issued a warning.
1:48 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 900 block of South Main Street.
6:54 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.
12:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.
1:07 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
1:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
8:05 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue.
9:11 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West Van Lane.

April 3
5:59 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of Coast Street.
7:34 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 500 block of Mill Street.
8:55 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Williams Street.
11:43 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Laurel Street.
12:18 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.
2:45 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
3:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 800 block of South Main Street.
4:55 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 300 block of Coast Street.
7:02 pm: BOYCE, William Andrew (36) of Ukiah was contacted near the intersection of Locust Street and Holly Street. He was arrested on felony charges of failure to appear.
9:37 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Coast Street.
10:09 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 2100 block of Valley Road.

April 4
1:34 am: JOHNSON, James Brandon (47) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence) and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a blood alcohol content higher than 0.08 percent.
11:34 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.
12:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping in the 800 block of South Main Street.
4:03 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
4:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 2000 block of Goose Road.
6:06 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Coast Street.
6:12 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main Street.

April 5
8:19 am: YADON, David James (47) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and East Valley Street. He was arrested pursuant to 11550 (A) H&S (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance) and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).
10:06 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
1:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.
6:06 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.
6:58 pm: Officers initiated a robbery investigation in the 300 block of South Main Street.
7:02 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

April 6
1:32 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 300 block of Franklin Avenue.
5:20 am: Officers initiated a robbery investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
6:44 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of Kawi Place.
10:47 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
12:42 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 300 block of North Main Street.
6:34 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 400 block of West Mendocino Avenue.
9:20 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
10:36 pm: BOREN, Thomas James (39) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of East Mendocino Avenue and South Humboldt Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and driving with a blood alcohol content higher than 0.08 percent.
11:29 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 400 block of East Valley Street.

April 7
7:51 am: NEWBERRY, Bryan Keith (51) of Willits was contacted in the 700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).
9:21 am: SMALLEY, Jesse Sheldon (29), city of residence not available, was contacted in the 600 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges pursuant to 459 PC (Burglary).

April 8
2:25 am: VORIS, Micheal Jack (24) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of West Valley Street and South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and fighting.
3:08 am: SERGY, Stephanie Jill (47) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of North Highway 101 and Reynolds Highway. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence), and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a blood alcohol content higher than 0.08 percent and resisting a peace officer.
5:50 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Fort Bragg Road.
1:54 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 21000 block of Eva Claire Street.
7:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.
9:47 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.



Jesse Sheldon Smalley

Roots of Motive Power's annual
Steam Engineering
and Safety Class

By Chris Baldo, for Roots of Motive Power
The lonesome whistle of a steam locomotive and other steam-powered equipment echoed in the Willits valley this past weekend as Roots of Motive Power conducted its annual two-day Steam Engineering and Safety Class.
The class is mandatory for any steam engineer operating Roots of Motive Power steam equipment. Students from as far away as Federal Way in Washington state, Grass Valley and Santa Cruz attended the class, which provides a rare opportunity to acquire knowledge of steam power in both a classroom setting and hands-on training with equipment in the Roots collection.
The class is divided into two sections, beginning-intermediate and advanced, with the beginning students focusing on more manageable wood- and coal-fired equipment, and the advanced students working with oil-fired equipment and acting as instructors for the beginning group.
Under steam for both the afternoon hands-on sessions were the 1921



At far right, from top: Troy James instructs Marcus Moore in the fine points of operating the Buffalo Springfield steam roller. Ken McCrary instructs the beginning students in the inner workings of a steam pressure safety valve during the morning classroom session. Troy James fills the Kelly Springfield steam roller with fuel oil before the afternoon hands-on training session on Sunday at the Roots Steam Engineering and Safety Class.



Photos by Jerry Moore

Tri Tip Time again!
Sober Grad dinner April 27



On Friday, April 27, Willits Sober Grad will hold their annual Drive-Through Tri Tip Dinner, and tickets are on sale now!
Make sure to get your ticket, \$50, to reserve your dinner for four, which includes a whole tri tip, baked potatoes with sour cream and butter, salad and dressing from Trillium Delights, Emandal bread, cookies and a rose from Flowers by Annette. Dinners will be bagged and ready to grab as patrons come through the Willits Frontier Days driveway. The ticket holders don't even have to get out of their cars!
Sober Grad hopes to pre-sell 200 tickets so they can make sure they have enough food for all! Tickets are available at Cat's Meow and from Karen at the WHS office and from seniors.
At left: Jamie Johnstone, Miranda Wilson and Vanessa Camp add potatoes to the to-go dinners at last year's event.



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Dinner Includes: Complete meal for 4 people. Marinated, BBQ'd Tri-Tip, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Rolls, Cookies, and a Beautiful Rose Donated by Flowers by Annette.
Willits Sober Grad is a non-profit organization that works each year from September through June to raise funds which are used to put on a safe, sober party for graduating Seniors of the Willits Community Schools on Graduation Night. These schools include: Willits Charter School, Willits High School, San Hedrin High School, La Vida Charter School. Since it's inception in 1986, no High School Senior has died on Graduation Night.

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1-minute fight in the ring with headgear, mouth pieces and 16-ounce gloves. Referees will be watching close and will step in right away if things get too intense. All entrants will receive a "winner" trophy and commemorative Mike Tobin T-shirt, but, after a determination is made by the volunteer judges on the best bout, that pair of fighters will receive large trophies for putting on the best show.

The event is free to attend; however, donations will be gratefully accepted at the door. The Willits Community Center will open at noon for fighter weigh-in, match-up and coordination. Attendees are welcome to come check out the array of vendors including representatives from the U.S. Army, a masseuse, a beef jerky table, and representatives from the American Legion, as well as bid on items offered at the silent auction, including donations from Lumberjacks, GlenMark Storage and Auto Mart.

There will also be a parent-provided bake sale to peruse where attendees can get a sweet treat, too. Starting at around 2 pm, attendees will be able to get a bite to eat from Lisa Davis and the Scoops Frozen Yogurt & Deli crew, who will be selling a selection of pizza, nachos, hot dogs and drinks in the concessions area.

Mike Tobin, who will be the DJ at this year's event, was the originally intended recipient of the funds raised from the first annual boxing event, when Apodaca wanted to give Tobin a fun show to enjoy and some financial support while Tobin was battling cancer. Tobin is a past officer with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Department and part-owner of BodyWorks Gym, where the weekly boxing practices are held. He is also very involved with the S.A.L. program, and when presented with the money raised from the first event, instead asked that it be donated to S.A.L. to keep programs like the boxing classes and events free to kids in the community.

Apodaca met got connected with Tobin after he started teaching boxing classes at the old Willits Fitness World. Apodaca had started teaching here in Willits some 16 years ago after moving north from Nevada where he had a 501(c)3 Top Gun Fighters club which put on casino-sponsored shows and still continues to run, today.

Before Nevada, Apodaca grew up and started boxing in Sebastopol and then, at the age of 17, he joined the U.S. Army where, once they discovered his boxing talents, he was added onto the boxing team, won awards, and was even offered a boxing teaching contract.

Different beneficiaries are named to receive the funds raised by the match every year. In 2015, monies were donated to the family and memory of Ed Hayes of Covelo, who was a 20-year youth boxing coach and sparring partner of Apodaca. In 2016, monies were given to Todd Jennison, a local teacher at Baechtel Grove Middle School, who was able to get a new wheelchair. This year, monies will be donated to S.A.L., with a special recognition to BodyWorks Gym for hosting the boxing program, not charging them rent, and for their support of the S.A.L. program.

Fellow Mendocino County Sheriff's Office officer and co-owner of BodyWorks Gym, Joey DeMarco, will be receiving a plaque from Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman who will present it to DeMarco and BodyWorks Gym this year at the fight.

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The rest of **Proposal** | From Page 1

County administration has proposed combining the administrative functions of the county library system, the county museum, and the small Parks and Recreation Division, to form this new CSA. Under the proposal – which remains little more than a concept – the position of museum director would be abolished, and museum directorship would fall to the library director, who would rely heavily on recommendations from museum staff.

Director Horner told the board of supervisors at their March 27 meeting that she believes, over the past seven months, she has used about one-tenth of her work time to administer and oversee work at the museum.

Marc Komer, chairman of the county's Library Advisory Board, and former museum guest curators Kim Bancroft and Judi Berdis, said they opposed formation of the CSA.

Komer said he felt the reorganization would endanger re-authorization of Measure A funding, which is tentatively scheduled to be placed on the 2027 ballot. In his statement, he suggested meeting with Museum Advisory Board Chairwoman Rebecca Montes to discuss the possibility of having the Library Advisory Board and the Museum Advisory Board issue a joint statement opposing the CSA.

Komer's opposition to the CSA was echoed by Bancroft. "I really believe this museum would be well-served by having somebody who is very experienced in museum directorship, leadership, who understands how to bring the museum into the 21st century."

Montes also said she was having a hard time supporting the proposal. "Before I could support the CSA, I would need to be convinced that the museum would benefit from having less leadership," she said.

The City of Willits representative to the Museum Advisory Board, Councilwoman Saprina Rodriguez, expressed her dissatisfaction after Horner once again failed to bring any printed materials to the meeting that would convey either the status of the current year budget or what is being proposed for the museum's budget next year. Horner said a detailed draft budget was not yet available from the county executive office.

"It doesn't seem like our input on the budget is really needed, because the executive committee is going to be making these decisions," Rodriguez said. "How can we give input if we don't even have facts from the current year as to how we're spending our money?"

"Furthermore, during the period we've been told there was mismanagement of funds, we still have not received any kind of budget spreadsheets [to show] any money was ever mismanaged," she said.

"I am flabbergasted it was on the agenda today to talk about budget, and we don't have any information.

That's one of our concerns about this idea of having you for 10 percent of the time," Rodriguez added. "You probably didn't have the time to provide that to us."

Rodriguez added the last time the Museum Advisory Board received printed budgetary information was in April 2017. "It has been a year since we've received any information on the budget."

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Horner again apologized to Rodriguez and to the other members, repeating she would have brought the numbers if they had been available. Horner failed to explain why she did not bring available information about the museum's budget for the current fiscal year. She said she would email the 2017-18 budget information and the proposed draft budget to members as soon as they became available.

Based on recent discussions with county executive office staff, Horner said she believes the budget is going to be cut only marginally and may not be cut at all. She said the museum director's position would be in the budget and she has requested a program specialist be hired.

Horner added Human Resources had advised her they believed it would be better if the position was renamed "program manager," and given more administrative responsibilities, noting the final decision on whether to hire a program specialist or a program manager would be made by the board of supervisors.

When asked whether hiring a program manager would tend to make the formation of a CSA more likely – since the program manager could be expected to take on many of the responsibilities of a museum director – Horner replied she did not know.

Horner also said she intends to recommend the position of administrative services supervisor – which became vacant in February – not be filled. Money saved from jettisoning that position could be used to hire a full-time archivist.

Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey defended the proposed CSA, urging advisory board members to review the staff report on the proposal – which is expected to be made public soon – with an open mind.

"I don't think we have made up our mind about which way we're going to head or what we're going to do," Croskey said. "I am interested in finding a way to do more with what resources we have. I don't want this antagonistic feeling – that we are trying in some back-door way to steal money, because that's not what this is. I would ask this advisory board to look at it, and see if they think it is worthwhile and how would it benefit – or would it hurt?"

As the meeting closed, Chairwoman Montes asked the members if they were prepared to render an opinion on the CSA. Mendocino County Historical Society representative Roger Kruger said he thought the advisory board should wait until the county had issued its report.

Kruger's opinion carried weight, and members agreed to wait until they have had a chance to read the full report before they meet to discuss how the advisory board will respond to the county's proposal.

The rest of **Rally** | From Page 1

protesters held signs – and umbrellas – during the protest. The group is organizing against rent increases put in place by new, out-of-town owners of the park that they say could cause hundreds of Willits residents to lose their homes. The group plans to rally at the park twice a month on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, before the twice-a-month Willits City Council meetings, to encourage council members to adopt a rent stabilization ordinance for mobile home parks in the city.

– Jennifer Poole

‘Willits Waterways’ Savings Bank walls feature Betty Hansen’s oil paintings of local creeks, ponds and lakes

Artist Betty Hansen has an exhibit of her oil paintings, "Willits Waterways," gracing the walls at the Savings Bank of Mendocino County's Willits branch through the month of May. The show is curated by Suzanne Picetti, former owner of the now-closed Blue Sky Gallery on Main Street.

The waterways illustrated by Hansen are creeks, ponds, and lakes found in the area, many of them in Brooktrails. "She captures light, uses rich hues, and takes realism to the verge of impressionism in her paintings," said art historian and curator at the Willits Center for the Arts, Gary Martin.

Hansen has had a long and varied life experience creating art. "As a small girl I drew green sticks, leaves and colors," Hansen remembers. "They were hollyhocks – over and over and over again." She continued reminiscing, with her bright and animated spirit: "At about 8 years old, I started to make clothes for 'Tilly the Toiler' paper dolls. They were in the newspapers then. My father was very enthusiastic about me making the dresses and brought home wallpaper books so I could design my own outfits for my dolls."

Hansen also made Christmas cards and other paper creations growing up. During her Catholic grammar and high school years, Hansen was lucky enough to have an art teacher nun who was trained in the art skills of the early masters. "So I had good art training," Hansen said.

The classically trained artist was taken aback when she attended San Jose State and entered the art program. It was 1947, and one of her art instructors put a black dot on the wall and called it "art." She thought he was crazy. "I was

refuting everything that was going on [in the art world] then," she said. Hansen saw that everything was about painting how one felt, and abstracts were in vogue.

"I thought they were crazy and fought it all the way because I thought I had better training," she laughed. Years later, when she moved to Colorado, she ended up creating abstract paintings herself. She had fun shifting into that style with splashes of color and shapes to complement the purple couches, orange chairs, and green walls of her customers' homes.

Hansen continued to paint – she couldn't help it. When she was living in

Read the rest of **Hansen** | Over on Page 11

OBITUARY | Carol Hughes

Carol Mendell Hughes, age 66, from Willits, passed on April 1 at her home. She was born on June 30, 1951. Carol's beloved husband, John Hughes, passed six years prior.

Carol was a wonderful woman in many ways: an inspiration, a treasured friend to many, a community contributor, spiritual seeker, knowledgeable in Ayurvedic healing, a beloved mother to Rachel Nelson, husband Ryan Nelson, and grandmother to Kailea and Blake Nelson. She was also a beloved "other" mother and grandmother to the Hughes clan and many others. She was a close sister to Janet Mendell of Ukiah and Paul Mendell of Philomath, Oregon.

Above, from left: This Brooktrails waterway painted by Artist Betty Hansen is titled "Summer Lake." The soft reflections in the water bring memories of warm summer days. This painting by Betty Hansen beautifully captures the light in the sky and reflected in Lake Emily. Hansen exquisitely represents warm autumnal colors in her painting of Brooktrails Creek.

At left: Betty Hansen holds the painting of her grandson, Jay Hansen, playing at Spring Lake in Brooktrails, that was stolen from Willits City Hall and later recovered.

OBITUARY |

Neil Orr, Sr.

It is with great sorrow we announce our father, Neil F. Orr, Sr., passed away at the age of 84 on March 17, 2018.

He was in the Navy on the USS Bennington, and worked for PG&E for 20+ years. In his retirement he worked for Pine Mountain Water reading meters and for Black Bart Casino doing maintenance work. He was an electrician by trade.

He is survived by his son Neil F. Orr, Jr. (wife, Julie) and two grandsons Christopher and Patrick; his daughter Terri Robards (husband, Mark) and three granddaughters, Jessica Thompson and Nicole and Christine Robards, along with great-grandsons Kaden, Gavin and Rhys; his daughter Melodee (Dee) Dickson (husband, Robert) and granddaughter Robin.

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Joe White challenged the norm. With an inexhaustible love of life, he dreamed BIG and believed passionately in entrepreneurship. With unbeaten enthusiasm and positive faith pushed him to excel in diverse pursuits, always hands-on. Truly, a remarkable achiever.

He was creative and dynamic, interested in novelty and innovation. Hard-working with a drive to succeed you wouldn't think he could lighten up but he did. He could be so funny and playful. With a big heart and a handy frisbee.

In childhood he was determined to be the president of the United States and we all believed he would. He studied hard and planned, graduating '73 from Los Gatos High, then San Jose State in political science and economics. Early teens he found love of skiing and wanted to be the best. His expertise in freestyle and ballet were second to none. Hours he studied technique on a rug out on the deck and every patch of snow he perfected ballet and tricks. Kneissl and Soloman were sponsors. Through life, he amazed onlookers at his incomparable style and grace.

His first enterprise was firewood with brother Jeff. Then KIDS TOO toy stores he designed kids' play areas with state-of-the-art big screen video (new). Los Gatos Commercial Real Estate Broker with dad, Larry White. Joe built town walkways with arbor, benches & landscaping to promote nature and small town charm. As Los Gatos Weekly Publisher he promoted to GO LOCAL (new). To streamline editorial, and production (with sisters Kym, Jenny, and mom) he brought in a Macintosh system (new), to create what we believed was the first digitally produced newspaper in California. We were guinea pigs in the process. To our credit we got the paper out even in the aftermath of the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake, with office destroyed we had to set up temporary shop. Then GREAT AMERICA VORTEX roller coaster construction with brother Jeff and sister secretary Chris.

Interest in international economy took Joe to Switzerland for MBA, to learn fluent French, and take over a failing hi-tech steel company. (Of course he was still skiing). His business model encouraged families of employees to come and picnic at the company in the rural countryside. He believed integrating work and family better enhanced employee morale.

Joe's last endeavor to put his life's practices to work would be his West African NGO. Senator BERNIE SANDERS commended him in a letter for his dedication and contribution to help the West Africans. Joseph writes of his mission to improve the socio-economic conditions of the rural populations. Believing it's time for them to lead themselves and each to be counted, by adopting entrepreneurial activities and working together to better their circumstances". He gave them pride and hope. NGO protected sea turtles & coastal land too.

Nothing goes without saying that family was Joe's base. He often wrote letters home to name each of our family members and dog, to thank us for believing in him.

Joe leaves 5 daughters, 2 sisters and twin sister, brother and beloved mother. Willits was second home to him as dad Larry White was born and raised here. Mom JoAnn and sisters Chris (with family) and Kym are still Willits' locals.

Joe's message:
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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 our 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

Drip Irrigation Workshop: Hosted by NCO Gardens Project in conjunction with DripWorks. Friday, April 13 at the Willits Community Garden, 474 East Valley Street. 10 am to 12 pm. "Learn all about drip irrigation from our partners, DripWorks!" This workshop is open to all, and will be followed by a hands-on drip irrigation installation workday at the Willits Community Garden.



Drip Irrigation Workshop

WCA Art Talk: Willits Center for the Arts presents a talk on Friday, April 13, by curator Gary Martin on "The Quattrocento, 15th Century Renaissance." 6:30 pm in the classroom at WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. No charge. "Join us for this informative and free event." Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Shanachie Pub: Tim Flannery and Bug Guts in a benefit concert for Project Sanctuary. Friday, April 13, 8 pm. Tim Flannery, ex-San Francisco Giant World Series champion, "ebbs and flows with brilliant melodies, soaring harmonies and themes of love, travel and connecting with the Great Spirit." Tickets available at the Pub, 50B South Main Street, behind Adams Restaurant and Main Street Music and Video. \$25 advance or \$30 at the door (if available). Limited to 50 people.

Saturday, April 14

Sing with Cotton Dandee: Kids Rock the Mic! Saturday, April 14, 12 to 2 pm at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Marjo Wilson presents a sing-along, strum-along, open mike event with Cotton Dandee, for a "hoppin'-good time" for the kids and mamas. All ages welcome. Suggested donation of \$10 per kid. Cotton Dandee CD Fun Packs available for purchase.

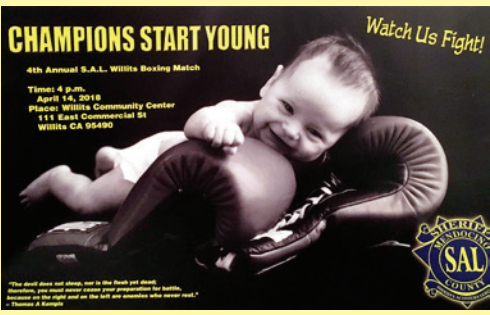
Bunko Game at Harrah Senior Center: Saturday April 14, 12:30 to 3:30 pm. "Progressive rolling of the dice. Meeting new people by moving from table to table. Come join in the fun. Bunko is a social dice game involving 100 percent luck and no skill (there are no decisions to be made), scoring and a simple set of rules." 1501 Baechtel Road.

Sit n Sew: Monthly drop-in sewing group meets at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, on second Saturdays. This month: Saturday, April 14 from 1 to 5 pm. Free to all and open to the



public. "Bring a project to work on, sewing machine, and tools." Questions? Call Rachel at 354-0605.

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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with Jaynene Johnson at 10 am, Ecstatic Dance experience with DJ Leapin Lygress from 11 am to 1:30 pm, then a sound healing with Sonic Soul Therapy with Alyra Rose from 1:30 to 1:45 pm. Sunday, April 15 from 10 am to 1:30 pm. All are welcome; families welcome. \$15. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

"No talking on the dance floor. Move however you choose. Respect each other's space." More info: "Ecstatic Dance Mendo" on Facebook or 347-831-3645.

"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.

"Jane Doe in Wonderland": A new play, also with a survivor talk-back, raising awareness and education on sex trafficking, from anti-sex trafficking non-profit organization Game Over, founded by survivor/educator Elle Snow, and MFA playwrights Grace Booth, Kate Tobie, and Erin Johnston. Sunday, April 15, 7 pm at Willits High School Auditorium, 299 North Main Street. "Based on multiple sex trafficking survivors' testimonials and Elle's educational training, 'Jane Doe in Wonderland' draws parallels between the well-known story of 'Alice in Wonderland' and how young women and men are lured into the world of sex trafficking – a world that exists in our own backyards." Free admission. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Ticket reservations are at janedoeinwonderland-willits.eventbrite.com. janedoeinwonderland-willits.eventbrite.com. Every hour-long performance is followed by a survivor talk-back, in which audience members can ask questions and learn directly from a survivor's experience. The show is appropriate for teenagers 14+.



Monday, April 16

Adventist Health Howard Memorial CPR classes: Due to the response and demand, Howard Memorial has added more dates for their free Heartsaver CPR/AED classes for this month. There are openings for Monday, April 16, 6 to 9 pm and Sunday, April 22, 1 to 4 pm. Classes held in the Seabiscuit Conference Room, in the hospital. Due to limited slots, pre-registration is required. Call 456-3156. Class includes Adult, Pediatric and Infant CPR.

Tuesday, April 17

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

Downtown Improvements Open House: "Join us to learn more about our informational open house." Tuesday, April 17, 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Willits City Hall Community Room, 111 East Commercial Street. Caltrans and other officials will be on hand to answer your questions. Check out the project map and see the planned work schedule. For more information, call Caltrans Project Manager

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Wednesday, April 18

Bill Bruneau Author Reading: Local author Bill Bruneau reads from his just-published reference work on traditional herbal antibiotics in the Sida family, entitled: "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." Wednesday, April 18 at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, from 6 to 7 pm. With books and Sida seeds for sale, and opportunity for questions. Visit www.bbruneau.com for more info.



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Thursday, April 19

The Cannabis Hour": Host Jane Futcher's guests, Pomona College Professor of Environmental Analysis Char Miller, editor of "Where There's Smoke," and contributor and cannabis policy expert Amanda Reiman, will discuss "The Environmental Science, Public Policy, and Politics of Marijuana," Thursday, April 19, 9 am, on KZYX Radio, 91.5-FM. Stream the show live at kzyx.org or listen to an archived version at jukebox.kzyx.org.



"The Last of the Red Hot Lovers"

Willits Forum for Third District Supervisor Candidates: This Willits forum, Thursday, April 19 at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial at 6:30 pm, is co-sponsored by Willits Economic Localization and the Willits Environmental Center. Questions will be taken from the audience. "Topics can cover any issue with which our supervisors will be dealing. Starts with refreshments and socializing. Candidates are: Susan Barsotti, Pamela Elizondo, John Haschak, Michael Horger, Shawna Jeavons, Cyndee Logan, John Pinches, and Tony Tucker.

Shanachie Pub: Evan Lanam & The Wild Oaks with Tommy Alexander and Long Gone John "a rowdy folk rock and roll outfit from the San Francisco Bay Area." Thursday, April 19, 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street behind Adams Restaurant. No cover.

Hot Topics in Diabetes: ongoing educational series from Adventist Health, every third Thursday, from 6:30 to 7 pm at the Seabiscuit Conference Room, Howard Memorial. This month's presentation, Thursday, April 19, features guest speaker Matthew D'Anis, Adventist Health Howard Memorial pharmacy director, on the topic of "Diabetes Medications – What You Need to Know." Everyone is welcome free, no referral required, and refreshments are served.

Friday, April 20

Willits Library closed: All Mendocino County libraries branches are closed on April 20 for Staff Training Day.

Mendocino Cannabis Resource 2018 Conference and 420 Celebration: Friday, April 20. Doors open at 9 am. At the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Information, Music, Food, Community, Sharing. Morning Session: Environmental, Mendocino County and State Regulations with emcee Kerry Reynolds. Afternoon: Cannabusiness Development and Marketing. Evening: Dinner and dance with DJ Green B. Tickets available at HeadChange, 215 South Main Street or online at MendocinoCannabisResource.com. 707-223-4367 for more information, to sponsor, or exhibit. Must be

21 years or older.

"The Last of the Red Hot Lovers": Opening night Friday, April 20, at 8 pm at the Willits Community Theatre for Neil Simon's award-winning Broadway comedy hit, which runs through May 6. Directed by WCT veteran Don Samson, the play features two popular and talented local actors, Kelly Kesey and Rod Grainger, who in real life are happily married. Thursdays at 7 pm for \$15, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$20, and some Sunday matinees at 2 pm for \$15. A special benefit performance for Willits Senior Center will be held on Thursday, April 26 at 7 pm; more info: Pat Collins at 459-4594. Advance tickets for all other shows are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpaperickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. For students with an ID, \$5 discount tickets will be available at the door, subject to seat availability; not recommended for under 13. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Shanachie Pub: Congo Sanchez. Friday, April 20, 8 pm. "He continues to explore the downtempo, reggae mezzla, with an obvious hip-hop overtone." No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street (behind Adams Restaurant).

Saturday, April 21

Sparetime Garden Center Anniversary Sale/ Vendor Day: 35th anniversary event. Saturday, April 21, 9 am to 7 pm. Meet the vendors 9 am to 4 pm. Over 25 vendors expected to attend. Sparetime Supply, 208 East San Francisco Avenue.



Sparetime Garden Center

Earth Day Celebration: Saturday, April 21, 10 am to 5 pm, at Mariposa Market, 500 South Main Street. Features environmental education, live music, eco-basket raffles, fresh organic produce, delicious bites from the deli, planting workshops, face painting and kids activities. 459-9630 for more information.

Registration for the Children's Theatre Summer Camp: Will be held for one day only – Saturday, April 21 from 1 to 5:30 pm at the WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). According to Camp Director Mana Young, space will be available for 20 students ages 8 to 17. The camp runs from July 9 to August 19, with classes meeting Mondays through Thursdays from 2 to 5 pm. The cost is \$200 for the five-week camp, which includes a culminating five-show performance of Norton Juster's "The Phantom

Toll Booth," performed and co-produced by the students.

WHS Booster Club Dinner & Quarter Auction: Saturday, April 21 at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Dinner at 6 pm. The auction starts at 7 pm. \$20 dinner and paddle, \$5 paddle only. No host bar. Tickets may be purchased at the event, or by emailing whsbooster123@yahoo.com or calling 707-272-6262.

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Community Theatre. See Friday, April 20 listing for more details.

Shanachie Pub: Fat Chance Truckin' Band. Saturday, April 21, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub. Rock, Blues and a little bit of Country tossed in. No cover. 50B South Main Street behind Adams Restaurant.

Sunday, April 22

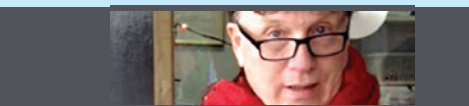
Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: "Join your friends at the Little Lake Grange pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 am, Sunday, April 22 (and every fourth Sunday through October). \$8 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods". Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Extra: sides of organic fruit and Amish organic maple syrup. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial Street; 1 block west of Main Street)



Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital CPR classes: Due to the response and demand, they've added a date for their free Heartsaver CPR/AED Classes for this month. Openings for Sunday, April 22, 1 to 4 pm in the Seabiscuit

Conference Room, in the hospital. This typically costs \$75 but it is being provided free as a service to the community! Due to limited slots, pre-registration is required. Call 456-3156. Class includes Adult, Pediatric and Infant CPR.

COLUMN | At the Movies



'A Quiet Place'

The Story: A monster movie with blood-spatter, terror, and sign language. The Abbott family is under siege on their rural farm. Big ugly alien creatures are hunting them. The creatures are blind. They attack anything that makes a noise, so the Abbot family communicates using sign language and whispers. The family walks everywhere barefoot. The big and ugly aliens look something like overgrown mantises. They chirp and click. They're very fast. And they've got way too many teeth.

My Thoughts: Emily Blunt and John Krasinsky are humane actors, stars actually, who bring conviction and warmth. What I especially enjoyed was this saga of brave loving parents actually being loving and caring, and at the same time they teach their children survival skills and how to have courage, even joy in a world of terrifying monsters. I don't always agree with the Rotten Tomato folks (but I'm sure they're nice); they give this flick 97 percent approval, so let's all just get along. Bottom line: this horror movie has both gore and class.

Parents: Too scary. No little children. Age 11 (more or less) and up.

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



Senior Center Lunch

Week of April 16 through April 20

Monday: Hot Open Face Beef Sandwich
Tuesday: Grilled Chicken Sopa
Wednesday: Fish & Chips
Thursday: Turkey Bacon Avocado Sandwich

Friday: Chicken & Dumplings

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.



Flag Retirement:

Drop-off next week

The American Legion Post 174 will conduct its annual flag retirement ceremony on April 23 (not open to the public). If you have a flag(s) that is no longer serviceable (tattered, torn or faded) and need to be disposed of, a representative will be available to receive your flag for the ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Building, 190 North Main Street as follows: from 10 am to noon, on Monday, April 16, Wednesday, April 18 and Friday, April 20.

'Dangerous Puppets Gets Weird in Willits'

April 14

Dangerous Puppets Gets Weird in Willits with Mitchell Hollman for the Mendocino Almost Fringe Festival. Watch as Dangerous Puppets performs a variety of acts that are certain to delight and fright. All of the puppets are carved out of local Mendocino County hardwoods by artist and lead puppeteer, Darren Way. Opening up the show and providing musical accompaniment for the puppets, Mitchell Hollman, original member of "It's a Beautiful Day" continues the tradition of psychedelic performance with his custom "electric bass violin," Baritone voice, and poetic lyrics. A fundraiser for the Willits Center for the Arts, in conjunction with Visit Mendocino. Doors open at 7:30 pm; show from 8 to 11:30 pm. Tickets \$15 or \$20 including a Dangerous Puppets DVD. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Visit visitmendocino.com/event/dangerous-puppets-get-weird-willits/ for more info.

Sober Grad

Tri Tip Dinner

April 27

The annual fundraising Willits Sober Grad Drive-Through Dinner is set for Friday, April 27. Dinner for four includes a whole marinated and BBQ'd tri tip, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, cookies and a rose donated by Flowers by Annette. Proceeds go to support the Class of 2018 Seniors Sober Grad Night. Pre-sale tickets only! Tickets are available at Willits High School, through members of the WHS Senior Class, and Cat's Meow, 29 South Main Street, or call Linda at 459-6201 or Karen Thiel at WHS, 459-7700, ext. 1504.

Third District Supervisors Candidates Forums

April 19

Several local organizations are co-sponsoring three candidates forums for the eight candidates running for Third District Supervisor.

The Covelo Forum, Saturday, April 14 at the Covelo Library Community Room, from 3 to 5:30 pm, is being co-sponsored by KBYU (the Round Valley Community Radio station), and the Willits Environmental Center. The Willits Forum, Thursday, April 19, from 6:30 to 9 pm, is being co-sponsored by Willits Economic Localization and Willits Environmental Center. The Laytonville Forum, Saturday, April 28, from 2 to 4:30 pm at Harwood Hall has several sponsors, including Mendocino Wildlife Association, Willits Environmental Center, Mendocino County Observer, 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 refreshments and a little socializing just to get us all in a good mood.

The eight candidates are Susan Barsotti, Pamela Elizondo, John Haschak, Michael Horger, Shawna Jeavons, Cyndee Logan, John Pinches, Tony Tucker, and Michael Horger.

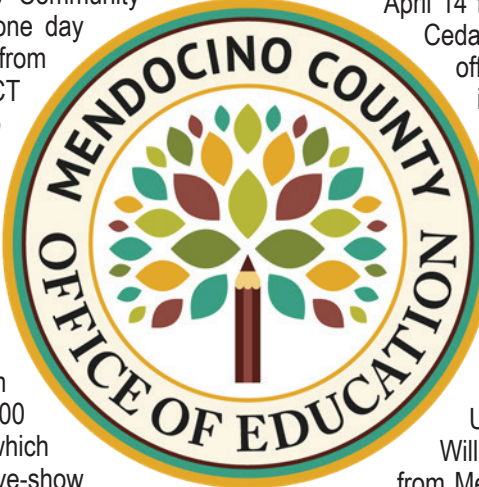


Scout Shouts!
Ceremonies | Games | Songs | Crafts
For girls going in kindergarten through 12th Grade this fall all are interested in joining Girl Scouts AND for current Girl Scouts AND their families.
There are many ways to be a Girl Scout... start a new troop of 5 girls or more any time during the year, join a troop, just attend events and/or camp, participate independently... come learn all the ways Girl Scouts can fit into your schedule!
6:00 - 7:00 pm
March 20th
April 24th
May 29th
Willits Kids Club at 1265 Blosser Ln, Willits, CA 95490
Girl Scouts of Northern California | www.girlscouts.org | Molly Schmitt | mollyschmitt@girlscoutsnorcal.org

Registration for Children's Theatre Summer Camp

April 21

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Young says the camp is designed to teach how live theater performance can empower children through teamwork and dedication. Each week there will be a 30-minute mini-workshop featuring local thespians from Willits Community Theatre's alumni.

Students will enjoy lessons in acting with improvisation, characterization, blocking or stage action as well as the other side of the stage with lighting, sound, set design and stage management. Young will be accompanied by Angela Lau of La Vida Charter School.

The WCT Playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane. Info: contact WCT Producer Mike ADair at 459-1576 or WCT Managing Director Christina Patterson at 702-686-6953.

Education Job Fair

April 14

Those interested in pursuing a career in education are invited to attend the Mendocino County Office of Education Job Fair on April 14 from 10 am to 2 pm in the Cedar Building at the MCOE office, 2240 Old River Road in Ukiah. This collaborative event includes employers from local school districts, including Anderson Valley Unified, Fort Bragg Unified, Laytonville Unified, Leggett Unified, Potter Valley Community Unified, Round Valley Unified, Ukiah Unified and Willits Unified, as well as from Mendocino College, National University, and North Coast School of Education. Available positions vary, covering a wide range of experience and training, from maintenance positions to behavioral aides and teaching positions. Those interested in attending the job fair can pre-register for this free event at www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?staId=24&countyID=23&districtID=429



Fire Season is Coming Be Prepared





Above: The youngest seamstress in the Sit n Sew group, Gigi Mueller, with her machine.

Photo by Donna Linville

At right: Karen Oslund, executive director of Mendocino County's Cancer Resource Centers.

Below: The Cancer Resource Centers has a collection of hats to make available to locals undergoing chemotherapy.

Photos by Joanne Moore

Cancer Resource Centers

Local 'grassroots gem' helps Mendocino County cancer patients – for free

Profoundly local amidst a sea of regional and national mega-agencies, Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County quietly and efficiently provides for the needs of people facing cancer in our county – and for the people who love and care for them.

It's the little nonprofit that could, and does. If you are facing a cancer diagnosis, undergoing treatment, or navigating the years after recovery to prevent reoccurrence, Cancer Resource Centers can help with whatever you need.

Participants are encouraged to bring a project to work on, a sewing machine, and any supplies or tools they need. "We created the group because there was such a big interest," said cofounder Rachel Cash. "We decided early on that this would be a drama-free zone. In here, we teach and we learn."

Read the rest of **Sewing** Over on Page 11



Guided by the principles of "equity, access to information, self determination, and harm reduction ... our vision is that no one in Mendocino County will face cancer alone," she said. "Improving the quality of life is central to our work."

"Everyone deserves to be treated, has the right to know the truth, get the information they need to make treatment choices, and decide what treatments to accept and what not," she said.

Acknowledging "it's not everybody's favorite subject," she went on to say that, nonetheless, "it's going to touch everybody's life."

And when cancer touches your life, and your priorities suddenly change, and you find yourself in unfamiliar and frightening territory, Cancer Resource Centers will be there for you, anticipating needs that you don't even know you will have.

Need a wig, a hat, breast prosthesis, bra, a book with just the information you want from an up-to-date lending library on all-things-cancer? How about transportation to doctors or treatment appointments, financial help with must-have small odds

Read the rest of **Cancer** Over on Page 11



Photos by Donna Linville

The rest of **Sewing** From Page 10

They also like to have fun! Sit n Sew encourages everyone to bring a "fat quarter" (a one-fourth yard cut piece of cloth that usually measures 18 x 22 inches), to join in with "quilt bingo." Each fat quarter gets you a bingo card. The winner takes them all home.

The group works on a large variety of personal and community projects. Several are currently joining forces on a queen-size community quilt to raffle off. Proceeds from the raffle will be used for the materials needed to hang their finished quilts on display at the library.

If you have any questions, please call Rachel Cash at 354-0605.

Above: Seamstresses work on their projects at a Sit n Sew meeting at the Willits Library. Below: Sit n Sew co-founder Rachel Cash helps a young seamstress.



The rest of **Hansen** From Page 7

Colorado and Los Angeles with her husband and children, she painted continuously. "I painted all sorts of little dumb things," she said. "In our tract home I painted the children's lamp shades and dresser drawers with clowns and other circus things. All the cupboards in the kitchen were painted with hearts, leaves, flowers and other stuff."

Hansen worked for the Denmark-based Lego company, and later Entex, as a model designer during her Colorado and LA years. It was lucrative and she, again, had fun – this time creating small, three-dimensional models from thousands of Lego pieces and, later, Brix and Loc blocks. The models she made were glued together, photographed, and printed on the packaging as examples of what can be made.

She was hired first to make little yellow ducks and other small things out of the plastic pieces. At that point, when she showed her mother what she'd been creating, her mother exclaimed, "Nine years of art lessons for that?!"

Hansen continued with the work and ended up taking a thousand-block Lego or Blix set and making castles, parasols, houses, people, clowns and more innovative models for the companies. All of us, of a certain age, have probably seen some of Hansen's work on those boxes.

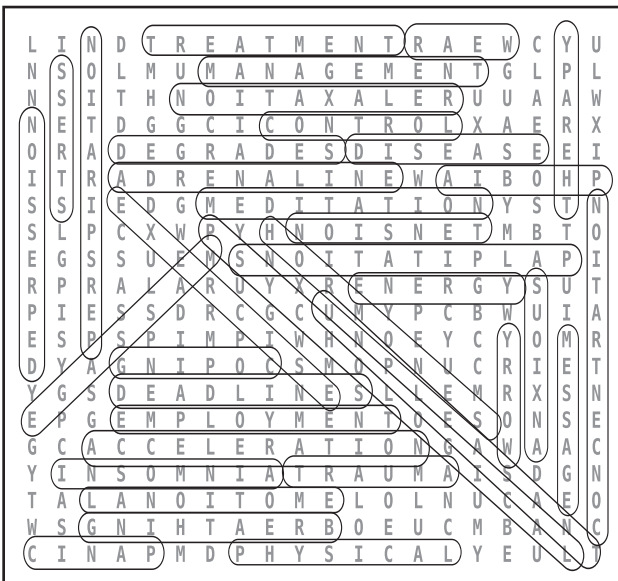
In 1990 Hansen moved to Brooktrails in Willits to be close to her son, Chris Hansen, his wife, Lenore, and grandson, Jay. In the following years she began teaching art at elder hostels and at the Ukiah Adult School while continuing to paint.

One of her favorite paintings – of her grandson, Jay, age 4, playing at Spring Lake in Brooktrails – was stolen from Willits City Hall. She was devastated. Years later the painting showed up on an online Goodwill Industries auction. She found out about its resurrection when someone called her from Seattle wanting to know more about the painting. Hansen contacted Goodwill about the theft, and the organization returned the painting. She's since had it reproduced as a print, and sometimes repaints the blond color of Jay's hair to match her buyer's preferred color.

The inveterate painter is currently working on her next painting of a young cowboy in a field of flowers. He's looking at three riders off in the distance. The painting is titled "Nacho," the little boy's name.

Hansen, never at a loss for subjects, finds inspiration all around her and has many ideas for future paintings.

Betty Hansen's paintings can be seen during open hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm, and Friday from 9 am to 6 pm, at the Savings Bank, 145 South Main Street.



The rest of **Cancer** From Page 10

and ends, a support group, someone to talk just to you who has been through exactly what you're facing, lodging if you have to stay overnight for treatment, information about alternative treatment choices, support services, or new technologies for screening, diagnosis and treatment?

Cancer Resource Centers has it and does it all.

The heart of their work, though, their "core service," is to provide people facing cancer with "lay patient navigators." It's a navigator's job to help with planning, early in the process, by helping people get their "questions and concerns on pieces of paper to take with them to their oncologist," said Oslund. The patient navigator also goes to the appointment, makes a recording, writes a summary of what transpires, and makes a CD for the patient.

"People absorb about 15 percent [of what transpires at an initial appointment], because it's overwhelming," said Oslund. "Having a patient navigator with you reduces anxiety." This latter fact, she pointed out, was confirmed by research done at UCSF (in which Cancer Resource Centers participated), which showed the benefits of consultation planning.

And, "doctors love it," she added.

Patient navigators continue on, helping after initial appointments as much as they're needed, with support and information to manage diagnostic and treatment options, deal with financial and logistical hurdles, and maintain family and professional life while undergoing treatment.

The cost for all this? Nothing. It's all free "for as long as you need us," said Oslund.

Truly local from the get-go, this grassroots gem of an organization was the first of its kind from "Marin County to the Oregon border" when it was founded in 1995 by Sara O'Donnell. Today, it's "one of only two stand-alone centers" from Marin to Oregon.

Oslund described O'Donnell, who retired as executive director only two years ago, as "a young mother living with three young sons off-the-grid in Comptche," when she received a diagnosis of cancer. She looked around for information and support and found – almost nothing. Not wanting others to have to face this same sad state of affairs when confronted with their own struggles, O'Donnell founded Cancer Resource Centers.

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The centers also welcome donations, promising to "stretch your dollars as far as they can go." Upcoming fun fundraisers include the annual "Big River Walk and Paddle for Cancer" on May 19 and the Goldeneye Winemaker dinner on June 16.

The Cancer Resource Centers office in Mendocino village is at 45041 Calpella, 937-3833, and the office in Ukiah is at 590 South Dora, 467-3828. More information at crcmendocino.org.

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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.

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

Garage Sale

Moving sale at 1094 Locust Street, at the former Sanhedrin Nursery. Small appliances, furniture, sporting goods, games, kitchen items and antiques. Fertilizers and hard goods. Saturday, April 14, from 9-3.

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Volunteers Needed

Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital is looking for positive members of the community to volunteer in the gift shop, information/greeting desk, hospitality cart and the garden. Hours are flexible and can include weekends. More info? Call 456-3245.

Volunteer Opportunities

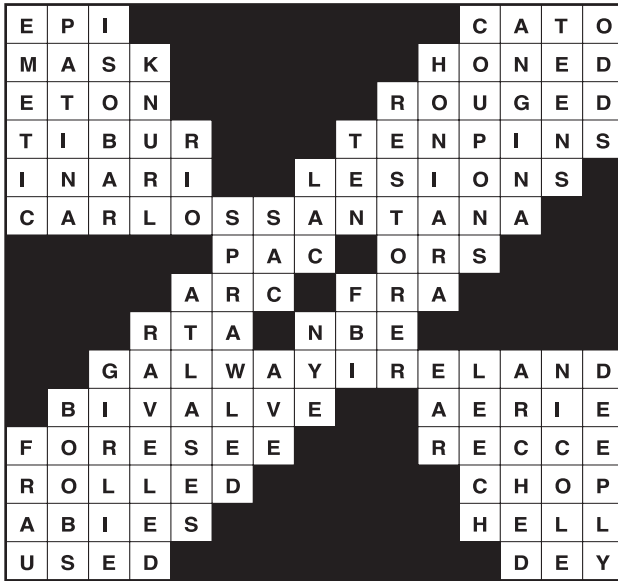
The Willits Senior Center has many areas where your expertise and talents are needed. Front Desk, Thrift Store, Dining Room, Sunday Bingo, Sunday Breakfast, Special Dinners, Landscaping, Garden, Firewood. Come join our team, call Deb at 707-459-6826.

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Food Hub, which is a local wholesale program. We buy from all kinds of vegetable farmers. We just added meat and eggs as well. Later in the summer we'll be adding value-added products [any food that has been processed to any small degree]. We sell to restaurants and anyone who would buy wholesale."

For farmers market, Rieberger said: "We have two types of radishes. We have French Breakfast and Easter Egg which are very delicious. The long ones are the French Breakfast. The colorful globes are the Easter Egg. We have a spring mix to offer. We have a braising mix but we are all out of spinach. Ruthie has her eggs for the first week, and we'll have them every week from now on. \$7/dozen. We'll also have meat, probably in the summer. We'll be doing chickens and lamb and potentially pigs."

The New Agrarian farmers enjoy meeting people and plan to be at the farmers market "from now until we run out of vegetables."



At left, above: Carolyn Rieberger of the New Agrarian Collective, with spring greens and fresh radishes.

At left: Easter Egg radishes from the New Agrarian Collective.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Yokayo Roots Farm

Renegade international greens and salad mixes

Maci Rodrigue belies the image many have of the stocky sun-hardened farm worker. She is petite, with a smile that lights up the room. She really enjoys meeting people, too, and telling them about her Yokayo Roots Farm vegetables, which she and her partners, Bo Wardlow and Julia Dakin, grow on just one-third of a 1-acre spread.

"We sell mostly salad greens, occasionally some root vegetables like beets," Rodrigue explained. "During the summer we'll have peppers, tomatoes, eggplants and cucumbers when it gets too hot to grow the rest of the greens. We produce year-round. We don't take any breaks."



SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church
803 Coast Street
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Above, left: Salad mixes from Yokayo Roots Farm.

Above, right: Fennel from Yokayo Roots Farm.

At right: Maci Rodrigue of Yokayo Roots Farm, with bins of varied greens.



Yokayo Roots Farm has only been at the Willits market for three months – through the slower winter months – but business is picking up. "We're looking forward to moving the market outside," Rodrigue said. "There will be greater visibility and foot traffic."

Yokayo is Mendocino Organic Renegade kind of a Mendocino organic loophole. We're renegade certified by the Mendocino Organic Network. It's a stringent organic certification without as much paperwork. It's been around for many years."

Rodrigue would love to get to the point where Yokayo Farms can utilize their entire acre and be able to accommodate interns. "Our goal is three markets a week plus Food Hub. Maybe we could offer more unique greens. People really take to the unique salad greens, stuff that you haven't heard of, like Italian minutina and orach [known as 'mountain spinach'], and chrysanthemum greens and edible flowers, loose chicory and radicchio, and French sorrel [which makes a classic French sauce for game or salmon]."

Like many of the young farmers in the area, Rodrigue and her partners learned their trade by interning. "I've only been doing this for four years," she said. "We learned everything from interning. We did WWOOFing: "World Wide Opportunities in Organic Farming." Most of us got our start going through WWOOFing. You hop around from farm to farm for free room and board.

"That's where we learned everything," Rodrigue continued. "None of us came from farming families. We're still learning. We try to go to all the workshops at the Agrarian Collective or School of Adaptive Agriculture. Or the Farmer's Convergence. They are a great resource for us. We're lucky to have them so close to our farm."

Rodrigue can be reached at 601-543-6222 or maci.rodrigue@eagles.usm.edu for further inquiries.

The Basket Girl

Hand-woven out of local willow

Thea Grusky-Foley makes baskets. She was born into the Willits farming community, being the daughter of Michael Foley and Sara Grusky of Green Uprising Farm. Grusky-Foley lives on the farm and helps out with the crops when she is not crafting her magic willow creations.

"This is something I always wanted to learn how to do," she said. "One of my mom's friends got me started, and I've self-taught from there with the help of some great books. I've always loved coming to market with my parents, but it's a lot more fun bringing my own stuff."

Grusky-Foley explains a bit of the process without revealing her methods: "I start by collecting willow from our creek on the property in the valley. It's really fun. I love it. There's only a short window where I'm able to collect willow from the creek. I've also gone to the south fork of the Eel River to collect. I once even went to the Sacramento River."

She hopes, in the future, to expand her basket styles after she gets proficient at "wickerin'." She has a deep respect for the local Native Americans who developed this craft into an art: "Our local Pomo Indians were world-renowned basket-makers, and I will never be as good as them. They can make water-tight and incredibly precise, grass woven baskets. I feel kind of amateur compared to some of the incredible native baskets being made in our area.

"There are many different styles of basket-making. This is called 'wickerin'," she says, indicating her baskets. "This uses willow, but you can also use grasses or barks or splitting or splinting. There are many forms of basketry. I'll work up to different shapes."

From the looks of her nascent attempts at basketry, she will be engaged in this art for some time to come.



Above: Thea Grusky-Foley shows off her hand-made willow baskets made from local branches.

appears to be to take what MSWMA is already doing and to do it better and more systematically. He has hired four new staff people, including a full-time materials management specialist, a part-time outreach and education specialist, a reporting and compliance specialist, and a part-time office assistant.

This is a national problem, he noted, not one localized in Mendocino County.

Carlson said he would work "with other counties and the state to utilize available resources to attempt to create new recycling markets."

He also plans to address gaps in the composting of organic materials generated in the county. First, he will "develop a plan to measure the necessary capacity for county-generated organic waste and to identify gaps in the current infrastructure."

After that, Mendo Recycle will undertake a further study to "develop additional needed capacity. This will not only ensure our organic waste has a suitable place to be responsibly processed but will allow the county to comply with upcoming Senate Bill 1383 regulations, Carlson said.

In addition, Carlson plans to address the agency's funding issues.

"It is not sustainable for an organization to rely mainly on a funding mechanism that is tied to an activity that organization is tasked with reducing," Carlson said.

He indicated he would "like to identify and implement a sustainable funding model to ensure that programmatic needs are accomplished in a timely fashion and at the lowest cost to rate-payers."

Finally, Carlson told supervisors he plans to address the county's franchise hauler contracts.

"The current contracts are inconsistent with each other and outdated," he said. "Some contracts could be improved with amendments, while others may require more significant adjustments."

Board Chairman Dan Hamburg told Carlson: "You've brought a new level of professionalism to the department. It's really rewarding to be a member of the [MSWMA] commission and to be able to work with you."

"I think what's been most impressive is you've taken a budget that seemed to be very tight, and you've managed to expand it, without adding dollars."

"I feel we're doing a better outreach and education, and we've had some real improvements in the hazardous waste facility," Hamburg added. "And you have more planned. I feel the Central Coast Transfer Station problem ... is now starting to move forward under your guidance, and I really like that we are getting up to date on our reporting requirements."

Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority is a joint powers authority between three Mendocino County incorporated cities and the county itself. Current board members include Hamburg and John McCowen from the county, Madge Strong from Willits, Dave Turner from Fort Bragg, and Jim Brown from Ukiah.

Although Point Arena is an incorporated city, it does not have a seat on the MSWMA board.

the deputy "activated [his vehicle's] emergency lights and siren," Cromer said. Instead, "the sedan continued traveling at high rates of speed on Sherwood Road."

After multiple turns, the deputy lost sight of the car and ended the pursuit. However, he continued searching for the vehicle in the area of Madrone Drive. After five to 10 minutes, Cromer said, the deputy observed Silva "running in the road near the intersection of Maize Place and Maize Way." When he saw the deputy, Silva reportedly fled into a nearby wooded area.

The deputy was able to recognize Silva, who had an active warrant issued for his arrest for violating probation and was also on active formal probation. When he exited his patrol vehicle and ordered Silva to return to the roadway, the man complied and was detained for the bench warrant.

The deputy located Silva's vehicle a short distance away, and a search revealed a hidden compartment inside the car. When the hidden compartment was searched, the deputy discovered it contained controlled substances.

Silva was arrested on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance, evading a peace officer, reckless driving, using a false compartment, violating probation, and the misdemeanor bench warrant.

He was booked into county jail and is being held without bail.

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

Willits Senior Center board seeks directors

Submitted by the Willits Senior Center


The Harrah Senior Center has an upcoming election to fill two vacant "member director" positions on the board of directors at the Willits Senior Center. In order to be elected as a member director, you need to be an active member of the senior center.

We also have two "community director" positions that need to be filled. You can be elected to the board as a member director or appointed to the board as a community director by member directors. Community directors are invited to serve because of their involvement in business or civic affairs.

The center needs board members who will commit to volunteering their time and have the energy required to support our fundraising efforts and activities. This is a huge commitment and should not be taken lightly – the center relies on board members for leadership and guidance.

Each board member brings their individual strengths, unique life experiences and beliefs together with one common goal; to keep the senior center doors open.

If you want to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others, positively impact your community, and serve selflessly, the center invites you to submit a brief biography. Please drop your bio off at the senior center or email it to wsdirector@willitsseniorcenter.com by Monday, April 23. The bios will be placed on the board ballot and inserted into the center's monthly newsletter, which is mailed to members. The membership will vote to determine who will be elected to serve as member directors. Votes will be counted on June 18 at 1:30 pm in the dining room of the senior center. All new board members will be officially announced at the annual membership meeting on July 23.



BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TK-Kindergarten Registration

Date: April 26 & 27, 2018
Time: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Location: Brookside Library

Our Kindergarten program is for children 5 years old by **September 1, 2018**. Our 2 Year Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Program is for children turning **5 between September 2 and December 2, 2018**. Our TK Program is half-day; beginning at 8:25 am, ending at 11:35 am, with the option of staying for lunch ending at 11:50 am.

If you have any questions please call the Brookside office at (707) 459-5385 or visit our Website at brks.willitsunified.com

To pre-register please login to the following link: <https://abi.willitsunified.net/enrollment>

longer contains the word "medical" in the oft-repeated phrase "medical cannabis." The ordinance now simply uses the word "cannabis" when referring to the type of cannabis grown. Therefore, it is no longer the medical cannabis cultivation ordinance, but is now the "Mendocino cannabis cultivation ordinance."

Supervisors slightly modified provisions of Table 1 in the Cultivation Site section of the ordinance: Section 20.242.040. That table states that existing cultivation sites in Forest Land and Timber Production zoning districts must undergo various review processes, depending on the size of the site.

For example, persons growing cannabis outdoors on 2,500 square feet or less need only a zoning clearance. If they are growing indoors on 500 feet or less, they need an administrative permit. If they are growing indoors on a grow site that is between 500 square feet and 2,500 square feet, they need to go through a minor use permit process. If they are growing using mixed light on 2,500 square feet or less, they need a zoning clearance.

Table 1 in Section 20.242.040 also provides that, within FL and TPZ zoning districts, administrative permits are required for medium outdoor (up to 5,000 square feet), medium mixed light, large outdoor (up to 10,000 square feet), large

mixed light, and nurseries. Supervisors approved a modification of the table, inserting new language at the bottom of the table that states "existing cultivation sites in FL and TPZ zoning districts that were previously enrolled in a permit program pursuant to county Chapter 9.31 shall be required to obtain a zoning clearance, unless the applicant is seeking to expand the cultivation site beyond the size previously cultivated under such permit program."

Language was added to the ordinance which redefined the term "agricultural commissioner" to include "or such other department, division or representative as designated by the board of supervisors."

The requirement that primary caregivers growing under an exemption to the cultivation ordinance as provided by Section 10A.17-030 (B) must register with the agricultural commissioner was adjusted. Now, only primary caregivers who are growing over 100 square feet on a legal parcel, as allowed in 10A.17-030 (B) (4), must register with the agriculture commissioner annually.

Because the approved changes constitute an ordinance amendment, the revised ordinance will receive a second reading on April 24. If approved, it will become law 30 days later, on May 24.

In March, the board of supervisors' ad hoc committee for the review of emergency ingress/egress throughout the county discussed improving ingress and egress for several inland communities with one-way in-and-out roads. Residents from communities along Sherwood Road attended the meeting to voice concerns about both emergency evacuation routes and long-term transportation needs. However, many of the solutions proposed would take years to implement, such as construction of a Brooktrails "second access" road.

During the meeting, Croskey proposed the county improve directional and other signage along the Sherwood Road Corridor, and repair and maintain the road and a single-lane bridge near First Gate to ensure it can be used as a possible evacuation route during disasters such as last fall's Redwood wildfire.

Following the meeting, communities along Sherwood Road formed a coalition to explore ways to increase disaster readiness, improve communications, and develop short-term emergency ingress/egress routes.

As a member of the Sherwood Communities Coalition, Brooktrails "supports the recommendation of the ad hoc committee to maintain the North Sherwood Road as an emergency route and install ... additional signage along the road." Directors also urged the board of supervisors "to make application to Caltrans for available grant funding to identify and improve emergency evacuation routes during the October 2018 application period [and] implement

the recommendations of the ad hoc committee as expeditiously as possible."

In their letter, Brooktrails directors noted the Sherwood Road Corridor "is the fourth most-populated area in the county and is in urgent need of improved ingress and egress, both for emergency evacuation and to meet the ever-growing transportation needs of residents."

Directors approved almost \$1,000 requested by the coalition to print and mail postcards inviting Sherwood-area residents to an April 28 meeting on the issue.

Sewer, water charges
In other action, township directors introduced a draft ordinance continuing a \$50 sewer standby charge for each Brooktrails parcel that has the capability of receiving sewer service from the district whether that service is used or not.

The standby charge generates about \$190,000 per year for the district, and funds sewer system maintenance.

The charge has remained unchanged since November 5, 1996. "It never changes," Rose said

Township directors also introduced a draft ordinance fixing a water availability charge for fiscal year 2018-19. The proposed charge will remain the same as that for fiscal year 2017-18: \$30 for each non-metered parcel of land, and \$5 for each metered parcel of land within the township to which water is made available.

Public hearings on the two draft ordinances have been scheduled for May 8.

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For more information on the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County's adoptable animals, call the HSIMC at 707-485-0123, check www.mendohumanesociety.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 HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.

Good Watson

Watson is a 4-year-old neutered, male hound mix who currently weighs 63 pounds. Watson can walk on ladders if he spies his favorite human on the roof! He likes to climb onto structures, like the potting bench, lounge chairs etc., but he will be obedient if told to stay off. Like any good hound, Watson is a "talker," i.e., he bays. He is always happy to see his people, and he'll howl his delight when his family comes home. Watson's favorite toy is a tennis ball – he likes to pull off the fuzz! – and he knows basic commands like "Sit," "Stay" and "Down." Watson likes walks, and

he's OK in the car, though he does whine, and has lived harmoniously with cats. Above all, Watson is a good dog!

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. More 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, this weekend, April 14.



At top:
Susi Barsotti
Above:
Shawna Jevons
Below:
Mike Horger
At bottom:
Tony Tucker

Tony Tucker was clear and direct in naming his neglected issues. "Affordable housing, mental health services, and rural transportation and roads. Those are issues that are not being discussed, really, in depth. These are really huge issues that are facing our community."

He also felt cannabis was not being promoted by the county in the way it should be. "[We need to] embrace green tourism, if I can call it that. Embracing the Emerald Triangle as a moniker, addressing appellations, you know: 'Sun-Grown, Organic.' Embracing the culture that has been hidden for so many years. It was voted by the voters to be accepted, so it's time to accept it," he said.

"We have three real issues," said Willits teacher John Haschak. "We have the economy ... dealing with this time of real transition with the bypass and the legalization of marijuana. We have lots of things we have to do with that."

"We need to get career and technical education," Haschak continued. "We need to look at housing. We need to look at broadband, and try to get

More of Candidates

the side," Pinches said. "Started out as a hobby, then people realized they could sell the product, and then that increased to where, in the '80s and '90s people were makin' their sole living from it. Now it looks like it's to where it's goin' back to a part-time business for a lot of people."

Pinches said he thought the county needed to work more closely with the state on cannabis. "I think we can have an impact on the state."

Covelo social worker

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that in. We have all these things that we need to be doing, and we need to move forward quickly on those things.

"We need to have a disaster preparedness plan. We cannot go through another fire like we had last fall in Redwood Valley and lose all our communication in the Willits area. That is unacceptable."

"We need a second access route built out of Brooktrails. We need to be working on that. It's a disgrace that we haven't had that before. And I am going to work on that when I am elected."

Former Willits volunteer firefighter Mike Horger said the lack of jobs is a big issue for him. "It used to be that when you got out of high school you got a job, and you started out sweeping floors. And then when somebody moved up, you moved up, you got more responsibility and your pay went up with it."

"Well, we're at the point where we don't have that type of jobs. There's a couple around that do this, but now, people start at minimum wage jobs and they stay at minimum wage jobs. As for housing, you got houses at \$300,000 or \$400,000, and you can't afford that with a minimum wage job."

Horger felt the economy was so bad in the Willits area that people are starting to leave town. "There's people that are leaving the area because they can't find jobs and keep their families. The class size last year for high school graduation was 67 kids. Used to be 100, 120. So that's 40 families, just from one grade, that are gone."

The next question was: How can a well-regulated cannabis industry address those issues? [That is, those issues that were talked about



At top:
John Haschak
Above:
Pamela Elizondo
Below:
Cyndee Logan
Bottom:
John Pinches

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The rest of Candidates

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in the previous question.]

Laytonville resident and frequent political candidate Pamela Elizondo suggested "we put our people in prison to work, growing clones [cannabis clones] and other produce, and pay them \$5 an hour – or more as they are getting ready to get out – and transfer that all over."

"When they get out they'll have a job," Elizondo continued, "and it'll get rid of gang warfare, and it will create a community effort."

"We need to start planting marijuana all over, in all the wineries, right away, and start using it for houses...."

Reiman next asked the candidates: How should Mendocino County respond to climate change?

Susi Barsotti, resident of the Hog Farm in Laytonville, said fire prevention was at the top of her list right now, and advocated a massive control burn program to eliminate low-lying fuels in county forests.

"We need a countywide effort, broken down into 10 different areas, and over 10 years we could provide very high-paying jobs – like \$45 or \$50 an hour – to reduce our fuel load and bring up the canopy level," Barsotti said.

"I think it starts with education," said Willits teacher Shawna Jevons. "Becoming aware of climate change, protecting our waters, not [using] plastic bags, cleaning up the toxins being dumped into our rivers. I think it all starts with education."

"So that would be my vote ... to start in the schools and have educational resource programs about clean rivers and then also do a master certification so people can come here and get fire ecology degrees."

"It's about saving lives right now," said Pine Mountain resident Cyndee Logan. "Education and everything is great, and that's good for a longterm solution. But right now – with things like a Brooktrails second access, or even the fire road out – those are the things we need to deal with, because we're dealing with climate change. It's here. And we need to be able to save lives."

The last question of the evening was: How would you make it easier for people who want to enter the county's cannabis permitting process?

Jevons suggested surveying cannabis farmers for their input: "I think the farmers should be asked that question," she said.

"I do believe it needs to be streamlined more," Logan said. "We need to have people get licensed and be able to be licensed, because we need to be able to stop the black market and the people who are hurting the waterways and the environment. We're not going to be able to go after that while we are in this gray zone, while people who are trying to get licensed are not licensed, and it's taking so long."

"I'd like to suggest that the county get out of the regulation business with cannabis altogether," said Barsotti. "I would like to see the county do that. It would be completely streamlining down to nothing. We could be supporting state regulations as they apply to our rural area. I would like to see the county push back on a lar basis on some of these state level regulations."

The rest of Caltrans

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complete. Granite Construction will be doing the construction work, and will also be installing electrical, irrigation and broadband beneath the sidewalks as they work.

Caltrans and other officials will be on hand at the open house to answer questions, and will have a project map and a planned work schedule on display. For more information, call Caltrans Project Manager Cathy McKeon at 707-441-5877 or 707-502-7628 or City Hall at 459-7120.

The rest of Distracted

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than 97,000 citations for violations of the handheld cell phone laws. In 2009, the first full year of the hands-free law, the CHP issued more than 148,000 comparable citations.

Preliminary 2017 data from the CHP's Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System indicates nearly 22,000 drivers were involved in distracted driving collisions in California, a decline from the more than 33,000 drivers involved in distracted driving collisions in 2007, before the hands-free law went into effect.

"Cell phones are everywhere in our lives. Tweeting, texting and posting on social media are hard habits to break," CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley said. "However, they have potentially deadly consequences if you are driving. Any use of a cell phone or other distraction while operating a vehicle significantly impairs your driving ability. Changing those dangerous habits will help make our roadways safer for everyone."

Since 2011, California Office of Traffic Safety has conducted an observational study of handheld cell phone use every year. "This year's study on the use of handheld cell phones and texting shows a decrease over past years; however, more work needs to be done to target those who were observed to still be breaking the law," said Director Rhonda Craft. "The best way to put an end to distracted driving is to educate all Californians about the danger it poses. We will do this through enforcement and education efforts like our new advertising campaign 'Just Drive,' reminding drivers to put down their phones and focus on the road."

In an attempt to drive the message home with the state's newest motorists, Impact Teen Drivers partners with California's traffic safety organizations to deliver an educational program that confronts the dangers and consequences of reckless and distracted driving.

"We lose 11 teens every day to preventable car crashes in the U.S. In California alone, we lose the equivalent of eight large yellow school buses each year to this deadly epidemic," said Kelly Browning, executive director of Impact Teen Drivers. "It's time to stop the number one killer of teens in California. It's time we put two hands on the wheel, two eyes on the road, and most important, keep our minds focused on our driving. It will take a strong combination of education and enforcement to prevent distracted driving."

The California Highway Patrol and Office of Traffic Safety would like to remind drivers in California that the law prohibits them from having a cell phone in their hands while operating a motor vehicle.



Leadership Mendocino 2018-19 applications available

Submitted by Leadership Mendocino

Applications for the 2018-19 Leadership Mendocino Class XXVI are now available.

Leadership Mendocino is a 10-month program of North Coast Opportunities that introduces local citizens to Mendocino County's health care, education, natural resources, agriculture, economic, financial and governing issues. Once a month from August through May, the class meets at venues in different locations around the county to hear from Mendocino's experts, movers and shakers, policy-makers, entrepreneurs and innovators.

"Leadership Mendocino was an eye-opening experience to all that the county does and provides on a local and global level. Almost every industry imaginable is here, and we wouldn't normally hear of them because either they are small companies, or our own professions don't cross paths with them," says Maira Meza, marketing and community outreach coordinator for Community First Credit Union and graduate of last year's class. "LM does a great job at bringing them to light."

Jon Glidewell, also a member of last year's LM class, appreciates the networking opportunities, "I'm very lucky to have met so many interesting people who are engaged and interested in making positive change in our county," he said.

The 10-month Leadership Mendocino program combines unique field trips, stakeholder presentations and lively discussions on current issues and controversial topics. For example, on Government Day, during a mock county council, class members debated whether to approve a potential housing project in Ukiah.

In addition to being immersed in county and community issues, each class member gets involved in a project that benefits the broader

community. Alternatively, a class member may choose to be on a board of directors for a non-profit or on one of the county commissions and committees that have vacancies.

"I truly enjoyed my experience in LM Class 24," says Martin Rodriguez, owner of Ace Copy in Willits, who stepped up to coordinate the Willits Walk For Health and Wellness. "In the program I met some wonderful people and, in the process, discovered how diverse Mendocino County really is."

"I've lived here in since the early 1980s, and I learned about many new interesting, amazing, innovative and worthwhile activities going on," said Nadine DeLapo a member of Leadership Mendocino XXII. She loved hearing about the variety of programs at Mendocino College, especially the nursing program.

"The best part was making connections with people who share the same love for Mendocino County and want to see it prosper and grow," says Meza.

Employers who support Leadership Mendocino include Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Fetzer Vineyards, County of Mendocino, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, North Coast Opportunities, Community First Credit Union, Adventist Health Ukiah Valley, Beckstoffer Vineyards, City of Ukiah, City of Fort Bragg, the Saturday Afternoon Club, Savings Bank of Mendocino, Harvest Market, Mendocino County Tourism Commission, Mendocino County Office of Education, North Coast Opportunities, and Mendocino College.

When Class XXV graduates at the end of May, they will join 647 alumni from Leadership Mendocino since 1992. Deadline to apply for Leadership Mendocino Class XXVI is June 1, 2018. For more information visit Leadership Mendocino online at LeadershipMendocino.org, email lm@pacific.net, or call 467-3230.

2018/2019 Mendocino County Grand Jury seeks jurors

Submitted by the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino

"All qualified citizens interested in serving on the 2018/2019 Mendocino County Grand Jury are invited to submit their applications to the Superior Court for consideration," announced the Honorable Jeanine B. Nadel, chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee. The deadline for application submission is Friday, April 27. The 2018/2019 Grand Jury will be sworn in at the end of June.

Service on the civil grand jury is an excellent opportunity to learn about the inner workings of government, while providing a valuable service to the community. The 19 members of the grand jury serve for one year and are empowered to investigate the operations of county, city and district governments; provide civil oversight of local government departments and agencies; and respond to citizen complaints. The grand jury sets its own agenda and meeting schedule. Much of the work is performed in small committees, allowing for considerable flexibility in the work schedule and meeting locations.

Grand jurors are compensated \$25 per full panel meeting and \$10 per committee meeting and for committee attendance at public meetings. Mileage

is reimbursed at the current County of Mendocino rate. There is free onsite parking. Prior to being nominated, each qualifying applicant is interviewed by a Superior Court judge. Training for grand jurors will be provided.

To serve as a grand juror, the following requirements must be met:

- At least 18 years of age
- United States citizen
- Resident of Mendocino County for at least one year
- Sufficiently fluent in written and spoken English
- Not currently serving on any other governmental board or commission during the term
- Not presently holding a public office
- Not personally active in any campaign of a candidate for elective office

Applications and related information are available on the Internet at: www.mendocino.courts.ca.gov/general_info/operations/grandjury.asp. The application may also be obtained in person at the Superior Court, 100 North State Street, Room 303, Ukiah or by calling the Mendocino County Grand Jury at (707) 463-4320.



JOIN HOWARD MEMORIAL'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY ART CONTEST

What does Adventist Health Howard Memorial mean to you?

Join us in celebrating our legacy of almost a century of caring for our community while also helping us create a healing and pleasant environment for our patients and staff. Show us your best and most creative art and tell us what the hospital means to you and our community. Winners in each category will receive \$500 for their classroom and prizes for themselves.

The contest is open to all students and schools in Willits.

BRAINSTORM: Love, compassion, support, helping, healing, caring — these are all common themes around the hospital. So show us thru your art, what does the hospital mean to you?

DRAW, PAINT, CREATE: Use 8.5 by 11 or bigger; on paper or canvas to create your masterpiece. Be sure your artwork is flat/2-D, so it can be easily framed or displayed. Please include your entry form with your artwork. Students may submit

original artwork in various forms including acrylic, oil, pastel, pencil or mixed media.

SUBMIT: Complete the entry form and ask an adult to help you submit your artwork to the hospital's front desk. Or mail to:

Adventist Health Howard Memorial
1 Marcela Drive, Willits CA 95490
Attn: Cici Winiger, Communications

Entries must be postmarked or hand delivered to the hospital by May 1st.

Win prizes
for your
school and
class!

There are four categories and four ways for schools and students to win. Three winners will be chosen from each category.

- **Group 1: Grades K-2** \$500 for their class and \$100 gift card for the student
- **Group 2: Grades 3—6** \$500 for their class and \$100 gift card for the student
- **Group 3: Grades 6-8** \$500 for their class and \$100 gift card for the student
- **Group 4: High School** \$500 for their class and \$200 gift card for the student

Join us for the Art Show in the hospital on May 15th at 7:00 a.m. where we will announce the winners!

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