

Few attend Measure **V** forum

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Of the 13 people who attended an April 26 forum in Willits on Measure V. nine were involved in reporting on, producing, or promoting the event in some way. And three of the remaining four were there because their businesses use tan oak wood: Tan oaks are one of the main trees targeted by the hack-and-squirt forestry technique that uses herbicides to kill standing trees competing with more commercially valuable redwood and Douglas fir in the county's logged-over timberlands.

Measure V would declare dead trees left standing upright in the forest for more than 90 days a public

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Citizens oppose pot ban at council meeting

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Several area residents egistered their vehement





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Though the time for tomatoes is still a while away, the garden of Tom and Shirley Schott on the west side of Willits is filled with springtime goodies and signs of good things

growing, which will be ready in the months ahead. Graphics & Photographress

"Gardening is the best thing for you, and something

I've enjoyed doing forever," laughed Shirley. "I remember





Clockwise from below left: Asparagus, chive blossom, fava beans and purple vetch. Below, left: The yellow beard of a white and purple iris. Below, right: Olallieberry flowers. At bottom: An artichoke just about ready to enjoy.

Schotts' Willits plot brimming with

practically forever!"

The raised beds are filled with starts and seeds from San Hedrin Nursery and Bountiful Gardens. "I wish I was a better seed saver, and I've tried over the years," said Schott, "but I love supporting the local small businesses, too."

Plants currently growing in the Schotts' garden include: Fava beans (a cover crop planted last fall, but one that bears



Revit-ED to tackle vacant buildings, post-bypass signage

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The Willits City Council unanimously last voted week to authorize the refurbished recently **Revitalization-Economic** Development Committee, or Revit-ED, to pursue policy recommendations that will establish a "sphere of influence," abate vacant buildings. commercial and identify opportunities to establish post-bypass highway signage.

Revit-ED is tasked with creating plans to improve Willits' economic well-being and residents' quality of life, and is, according to City

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Board agrees 'in concept' to fire funding

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Supervisors agreed "in concept" to divvy up almost \$400,000 among the county's 22 fire protection districts on Tuesday, but have yet to decide on how to allocate the funds.

opposition to a proposed cannabis ban within the city limits during the public comment period at last week's meeting of the Willits City Council.

now-disbanded The mariiuana ad hoc committee (Mayor Bruce Burton and Councilman Larry Stranske) had called for a total marijuana ban during a special March 21 council meeting, using the City of Merced's marijuana ordinance, enacted in January, as a model.

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FPPC clears MRC of wrongdoing

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The state Fair Political Commission Practices has rejected a complaint by Citizens for Fire Safe Forests Treasurer Allen Cooperrider alleging wrongdoing by Mendocino Redwood Company.

On April 12, Cooperrider charged MRC had failed to provide information to the Mendocino County Office of Elections concerning spending on the part of the company between July 1 and December 30, 2015. MRC spent \$52,768 on a publicity campaign

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Miller: Mental health transition on pace

The transition from Ortner Management Group to Redwood Quality Management Company is proceeding on schedule, according to Mental Health Director Jenine Miller.

At any rate, neither Miller nor county CEO Carmel Angelo

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Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse asked Miller if she thought the timeframe for the transition was realistic; Miller replied she did.

"I notice that of the 33 elements of the transition you have listed on our chart, 24 of them are meant to be completed on June 30. Is that a realistic date? You feel this is doable?" Woodhouse asked.

"I do," said Miller.

On April 25, Scott Abbott began working as mental health contract manager, a position recommended in the independent Kemper Report, which offered recommendations to improve the county's mental health services. In addition, the county has plans to craft memoranda of understanding with all the elements of the

Read the rest of Mental health Over on Page B7

Retirement board starts investment options study

Mendocino County Employee Retirement Association trustees started a long-term study of investment options at their April meeting.

Representatives Greg DeForrest and John Pirone from

Ursula Partch Contributing Reporter

investment advisor Callan Associates Inc. presented trustees with a first brief review of some asset classes currently

not used in the county's pension plan. The options presented and discussed included private equity, hedge funds, multi-asset class, infrastructure, and commodities.

Part of the reason for considering such alternative investment options is the fact that expected rates of return for the more traditional investments currently included in the county's pension plan are less optimistic than in the recent past. If market expectations for investment returns decline below the investment return rates used by the plan's actuaries, shortfalls will have to be made up by increased contributions to the plan, both by the county and by employees.

Callan's John Pirone summarized the features of the investment options as follows:

Investments in private equity partnerships are becoming

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The fire departments are urging supervisors give them each "a minimum distribution equal to 2 percent of the total funds allocated to local fire agencies," then to distribute the remaining monies based on the ratio of population in each agency's service area, "divided by the total population in the unincorporated area of the county."

Those population figures would be determined by

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Supes pleased with animal care changes

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Mendocino County Animal Shelter Interim Manager Mary Jane Montano on Tuesday presented a detailed plan to improve conditions and operations at the shelter - and supervisors liked it.

After Montano gave her half-hour report, the public weighed in. Although some criticized Montano for her performance while working as the manager of the Clear Lake SPCA shelter, many others said they were pleased at the changes Montano has wrought here so far.

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The best of Willits

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on Mayor Bruce Burton's letter

to the editor (Willits Weekly, April 28, 2016). Burton notes that he and councilman Larry Stranske brought back a recommendation to the full council to ban all types of activity related to marijuana in Willits. There are a number of concerns that Mayor Burton discusses that are concerns that I share as well. First, we don't want neighbors "whose garden odor diminishes the use of our property." Second, we don't want our identity as a community to be defined by people who are involved with the growing, sale, or use of cannabis. Third, as Burton says, "We need our children to raise their children here, confident that they are in a culture which prioritizes values over money." Fourth, we want to attract new teachers, health-care professionals, and others to our community. As he notes: "They have choices all over the country. What are you going to tell them when they ask what kind of community this is?" I think most people in Willits share Burton and Stranske's concerns.

While I agree with their concerns I don't believe their idea "to ban all types of activities related to marijuana from Willits" is the best approach for addressing those concerns. There's an old saving. "What we resist, persists." I believe there is a better way. As a counselor who has been working in the area of drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment for more than 40 years, I've learned that trying to exclude drugs we don't like, actually makes them more popular, particularly among youth. Paradoxically, trying to make Willits the only town in the county that bans marijuana will bring more attention to marijuana, not less.

of this action."

We learned from our experiences with alcohol in years past that making alcohol consumption illegal didn't make it go away or prevent problems. Making it illegal just drove it underground and created more problems than it solved. Bringing alcohol into the mainstream didn't eliminate all the problems. In treating people with problems I've learned that about 10 to 15 percent of all those who use alcohol will become abusers of alcohol. Those their home people need treatment, not punishment. I also know that 10 to 15 percent of those who use marijuana will have some level of problems. The vast majority, 85 to 90 percent, of those who drink alcohol, drink in a responsible way and the vast majority. 85 to 90 percent of people who use cannabis, use it in a responsible way

If we want to address the concerns we have about our community identity, let's focus on the things that Willits has to offer beyond hope to attract. intoxicants like alcohol and cannabis. I'll

What do YOU think? Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Roots of Motive Power, Ridgewood strategy to stop the spread of marijuana and other drugs into society is now Ranch and Seabiscuit, Frank R. Howard being labeled a colossal failure. By some Memorial Hospital, the medical campus estimates we have spent over a trillion and Commonwealth Garden, our great health-care practitioners, our healthy food dollars, and filled our prisons with people movement, Frontier Days and the rodeo, for the crime of getting high or peddling a Memorial Day car show and festival, Willits small of amount of weed, resulting in the Economic Localization (WELL), the Skunk disenfranchisement of thousands of felons. Train, the Willits Center for the Arts, the most whom are black and brown. We have museum, and much, much more, wasted vast resources that could have

been used in productive ways. That is why Burton suggested that the image Willits all of the leading candidates for president presents to the world is focused on have declared the "War on Drugs" useless. marijuana and asks us to take a look for Trump, Cruz and Clinton have publicly ourselves. "Willits citizens, go 'Google' stated that marijuana regulations should Willits. See what people are seeing when be left to the states. Sanders has called for they first look at our town." I thought outright marijuana decriminalization. The that was a reasonable challenge, and conservative Political Action Conference, in googled Willits images. Here's what I 2014, voiced support for decriminalization found: the Willits Arch, people protesting of marijuana. Even Reverend Pat Robinson the bypass, the Skunk Train, redwood supports ending the "War on Drugs." trees, oak woodlands, Roots of Motive

Power machinery, and many more images. Why would conservatives, liberals and didn't see one picture that suggested "a libertarians support this change of policy? pot culture," as Burton suggested I would. Because the horse named cannabis is Perhaps I'm just looking at images of out of the barn, and it isn't coming back. Willits through rose-colored glasses. I'd be California will soon join other states in interested in knowing what images stand decriminalizing pot. Government smells out for others. money, and they may as well start collecting

taxes on the sale and distribution of pot. Burton concludes his letter with another

concern that I share. He says: "I would Our city can also benefit. The Willits City dearly love for the city to present a single Council needs to pass sensible laws face on this issue. Based on discussions that will allow for dispensaries, testing to date, Holly Madrigal, Madge Strong, and laboratories and the like, not because the city council likes marijuana, but because it Ron Orenstein seem to prefer some sort of 'middle ground.' I believe they are missing makes good business sense. Willits will be squeezed by the loss of sales tax revenue the importance of the message. A message of perception.... I would encourage those when the bypass opens later this year. We who agree with Larry and I to help convince will need to make up this loss. The city my friends on the council of the importance could use additional tax money for our Main Street improvement projects. We need to

face the future with all options available. If , too, would love for the city to present Willits bans opportunities to tax sales on a single face on this issue, but have a retail, research and manufacturing of pot, different suggestion than the one Burton that revenue will go to the county. We don't makes. Rather than trying to get Madrigal, need to be the pot capital of the world, but Strong, and Orenstein to change their we don't need to revert to the dark ages of minds to align with Burton and Stranske, denial either. I would suggest we find common ground

that represents the views of all our citizens, I am for state and federal legalization of voung and old, those who live within the cannabis now. Period! Let's regulate it the same way we do tobacco and alcohol. city limits like Carlin and I do now, and those who live outside, but consider Willits We should restrict minors' access, tax the hell out of it, and use the revenue for

drug education, prevention and treatment. We all remember Ed Burton's columns in The laws of economics will quickly The Willits News where he was always disrupt the black market and its history of looking for "A Better Way." I believe our environmental pillage. I am also in favor of community can find a better way to deal strong and sensible local nuisance laws to with cannabis controversies that unites all protect people who have verified complaints of us and brings our community together. about the offensive odor of neighbors' Let's focus on all the great things that marijuana plants and the dogs that protect Willits has to offer. I think if we do that, we'll them. The only ones who have reason to be proud of how Willits is perceived by its oppose the decriminalization of marijuana

citizens and by the larger community we are big growers. law enforcement and the prison quard union. The rest of us have This is an important issue as we move something to gain: tax revenue to create a ahead in our attempts to capture the best of better place to live. what Willits has to offer our local community and the rest of the world. I look forward to Marc Komer, Willits hearing what other people have to say. No prohibition against Jed Diamond, Willits herbicide use A colossal failure

there was anything in the mitigation project contracts. or in the Army Corps of Engineers permit or the California Department of Fish and Wildlife permits - which permits detail how

the mitigation will be accomplished - that prohibits the use of herbicides. In fact, the contracts and the permits not only allow the use of herbicides (and in particular encourage their use to kill blackberries), they actually include a long list of additional pesticides approved for use. The contracts allow the use of rodenticides that indiscriminately kill small mammals that might nibble on the desired plants; insecticides, including some implicated in the death of honey bee colonies; and soil sterilants to kill vegetation around hundreds of thousands of newly planted wetland plants

Both Wright and Thangavelautham admitted that there was no prohibition against the use of these poisons in the Caltrans-awarded contracts. They also admitted that the reason herbicides had not been used in the valley so far was because the contractor, in this case Hanford, Inc., decided, for their own internal reasons, not to use herbicides. I asked if Bortolussi & Watkin, the contractor awarded the second mitigation contract last year, planned to use herbicides. Mitigation Manager Thangavelautham said that he didn't know, but as with Hanford, the decision would be up to the contractor. Both agreed that if a contractor chose to use herbicides, pesticides, rodenticides, etc., they could, assuming they went through the proper processes with the water board. They further agreed that there was virtually no chance that the public would know in advance whether or not the contractor intended to use herbicides or other poisons, or whether the contractor was already using them.

In other words, Caltrans completely ignored the city and county resolutions passed last year asking that herbicides not be used on the mitigation lands. Caltrans did nothing to incorporate the spirit or the letter of these resolutions into their contracts. And finally, Caltrans is deliberately giving the Willits City Council and the public a false impression regarding the use of herbicides and other pesticides in our valley. In my book, that's lying.

The council members, the supervisors and the public should not quietly accept lies. It's clearly time for us to "update" Caltrans on the use of these poisons in the valley, the water, the forage, the soil and the wildlife. We'll inherit the valley when these politically motivated wetland "enhancements" are finished. It should at least be poison-free.

Ellen Drell, Willits

Don't miss the

big green boat. Willits!

Redwood Medical Clinic moves to Lamprich Center

By Cecilia Winiger, for HMH

The dream of building a medical campus to bring greater access to care to the Willits community and beyond is coming to fruition. Redwood Medical Clinic has just opened in the newly constructed Jann Lamprich Center medical office building, at 3 Marcela Drive.

The new building, located on the new Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital campus and at the intersection of East Hill Road and Haehl Creek Drive, also houses the Howard Foundation office, Outpatient Rehabilitation Services. and a soon-to-open retail pharmacy.

Redwood Medical Clinic began seeing patients at their new location on Monday, May 2. The clinic offers 16 exam rooms which will improve access to timely care. With its proximity to the new hospital, patients will also have convenient access to other hospital services such as laboratory and medical imaging.

OBITUARY |

Mark **Terry II**

Mark Leon Terry II of Willits passed away on April 17, 2016 at the age of 60.

Born to Mark Leon Terry and Virginia "Hutchins" Terry on January 13, 1956 in Oceanside, California, he married Carol A. Eulie on February 9, 1992 in Willits.

Mark was a very kind man who had a great sense of humor; he was a master at telling jokes and delighted in bringing laughter to all who knew him. He loved music and was always singing. He will be greatly missed by all blessed to know him.

He is survived by his wife, Carol A. Terry; daughters: Racheal L. Terry, Nicole Norton, and Staci Scott; granddaughter, Brooklyn Lee Ann; sisters: Linda (Frank) Wright, Sue May, and Jenny Terry Harris; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date

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Sharon Noonan

Sharon Lvnne "Walklev" Noonan of Willits passed away on April 12, 2016 at the age of 72. She was born to Harold G. and Dorothy M. "Calder" Walkley on September 23, 1943 here in Willits. She married Charles Freeman in Red Bluff. California on November 23, 1963, then was divorced in 1970. She and Michael A. Noonan married on April 21, 1972 in Las Vegas, Nevada



Hospital campus. According to Shauna de Marguez, practice manager for RMC, the clinic was moved over the weekend to avoid any disruption to patient care. "Our patients are our priority, so we planned this as carefully as possible. We are also informing our patients by

sure it will be as seamless as possible," she explains. De Marguez adds, "This move will allow providers to see more patients in a bigger and better space conducive to healing and patient privacy.

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Similar to the new hospital's patient-centered philosophy of care, the new clinic was designed with patients in mind.

Read the rest of Redwood Clinic

parking is available in front of the building.

Artwork by local artists was carefully chosen. A spacious

and comfortable lobby also welcomes patients, and ample

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Marjorie Jones

OBITUARY

Marjorie Ann Jones of Willits passed away on April 22, 2016 at the age of 65. She was born January 26, 1951 to Willard and Agnes Jones in San Leandro. California. Marjorie married Gary Jones in January of 1996 in Clearlake, California.

A school psychologist for over 30 years, she loved her work and also enjoyed walking, going to the beach, animals, and especially helping people.

Marjorie is survived by her husband, Gary Jones; son, Scott McGann; son-in-law, Greg Jones; and son, Soney Vasquez. Services will be private.

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John Robert Bothwell II died April 21, 2016, peacefully at home in Raleigh, NC, at age 64. Born June 20, 1951, in McAlester, Oklahoma, John was the oungest child of John (a.k.a. Jack) and Shirley Bothwell. He is survived by his wife, Susan Bothwell; daughter Jennifer Billian (Douglas); son Brian Bothwell (Erica); and four granddaughters: Katherine and Madeline Billian and Elliot and Blake Bothwell. He was predeceased by his mother and his sister, Karen Vandrick. He is survived by his



admit that I enjoy red wine and support the many fine organic wineries in Mendocino County. Carlin and I attended the gathering at our local Mendocino County Museum some time ago and bought the book published by the museum, "Mendocino Roots and Ridges: Wine Notes from American's Wine Region."

Although our fine wines are known world-To the Editor: wide, and many know about the regions cannabis cultivation, I don't believe either Mayor Bruce Burton explained why he defines our community. There are many and Councilman Larry Stranske oppose other things our community is known for the establishment of cannabis businesses including our Native American heritage, within the city limits of Willits (Willits

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To the Editor:

At the April 13 City Council meeting, during Caltrans' update on the status of the Willits bypass and the wetland mitigation projects, I asked if herbicides or other pesticides would be used on the mitigation lands in Little Lake Valley (which include about one-

Weekly, April 28, 2016). I third of the entire valley). Willits Weekly concur with his desire to reported Caltrans' answer: "According to make Willits the best town Caltrans, no herbicides have been used in it can possibly be, the kind the mitigation process, and no herbicides of town that will attract use [is] planned in the future." families, professional

especially now that our new End of story? Not by a long shot. In a hospital seeks doctors. lengthy conversation outside of the council chambers with bypass Project Manager Mayor Burton's ideas seem Geoffrey Wright and Mitigation Manager to reflect an era whose time Ragu Thangavelautham, I got the rest of has passed, specifically a the story. belief in the effectiveness of the "War on Drugs." That Based on my reading I did not think

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To the Editor:

I have a lot of respect for Willits Mayor Bruce Burton and Councilmember Larry Stranske. But I disagree with them about marijuana. I think it would be a big mistake for the Willits City Council to ban marijuana and I hope city councilmembers Holly Madrigal, Ron Orenstein and Madge Strong continue to resist.

Would Mayor Burton and Councilman Stranske ban alcohol from the city of Willits? It seems virtually undisputed that alcohol is far more dangerous and harmful, both to the individual user and to society, than marijuana is. Almost all of the harmful effects of marijuana cultivation that Burton mentions are functions of the black market, which should dissipate or disappear with legalization.

I can understand that some folks don't like the smell of marijuana. I don't like the smell of lavender, perfume and chemical cleansers. I sometimes find my neighbors'

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travel, crocheting and, more than anyt else, she loved being a grandmother and spending time with her family.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Dorothy Walkley; numerous aunts and uncles; and her niece Pam Tucker.

She is survived by her brother, Dick (Barbara) Walkley of Laytonville; her Willits family: sister. Diane Lee: son. Richard (Angela) Noonan; granddaughter Kassidy Noonan; niece, Phyllis Beltran; also, nephew, Jerry (Pam) Walkley of Sumrall, Mississippi; uncle, Jim Brians of Red Bluff, California; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Should friends desire, the family suggests memorial contributions in her name to Phoenix Hospice, 100 San Hedrin Circle, Willits, CA 95490.

A Celebration of Life will take place Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 2:30 pm at Anker-Lucier Mortuary Chapel.



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sister, Patricia Wilson (Wendell); as well as his father. He is also survived by nieces, nephews and many loving friends.

John graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California Santa Barbara, a proud brother of Sigma Chi Fraternity and perhaps the only redheaded, freckled surfer on the beach.

John enjoyed almost 43 years of marriage to his beautiful wife, Susan. They married just after graduation with little more than two 1966 VW Beetles. John's greatest passion was time with his wife, children and, eventually, grandchildren, although his extended family was also a delight to him. One year his brother-in-law (Wendell) was John's guest as a spectator at the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia. Recently, John and Susan came to Willits to celebrate his father's 90th birthday. They hosted a dinner the day of Jack's birthday. The next day, the family went on a day boat trip along the Sacramento River.

John retired in 2004 as Vice President and General Manager of IBM Global Services after 31 years with IBM North America and IBM Asia Pacific, expanding IBM and raising his family around the world, from California to Japan and many cities between. He eventually overcame his steadfast denial of all things Apple, devouring daily news on his iPad.

The home of John's heart was in Nags Head, walking the beach with Susan; splashing in the waves with his granddaughters; foraging for lost golf balls (playing some golf, too); "reading" in the hammock; and happy hour at the pier or club.

John and Susan were always up for another adventure...stalking lions in Kenya; sampling wines in Australia; cruising European rivers; skiing in Park City; sailing the Caribbean; dining on mysterious rubbery food in South Korea; climbing Beijing's Great Wall; racing kayaks in Bali; and more.

His family teased him about his intriguing sense of fashion ... understandable after decades of suit, tie, white-collared shirt and wingtips. John never missed his daily run, no matter the city, country or risk of bodily harm from crazed tuk tuk drivers. A great bottle of wine and a fabulous meal with friends and family were always a priority, the spicier the better. He loved reading, whether an actual work of fiction or the latest political news that he wished were fictitious.

John was so appreciative of the kindness and quality of care while undergoing treatments at Duke Cancer Center and by Transitions LifeCare during the final days of his fight against stage IV prostate cancer.

His family wishes him a perfect sunset overlooking the water with a martini in hand. Here's to good friends...and a most amazing man, husband and father.

A private memorial service will be held in Nags Head, North Carolina.

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Get art in the schools

Guest artist Ursula Partch teaches felting to Willits High School students

By Carolyn Bakewell, WHS Art Department Willits High School received a GASP (Get Arts in the Schools Program) grant from the Arts Council of Mendocino County, and Ursula Partch came and shared her love and talents of textile arts.

Our community is blessed to have many talented artists, and Partch is among the best of the best. She is a master textile artisan who is passionate about her craft. Through her work, Partch strives to "foster strong connections" between humans and their environment." She weaves and dves her own fabric, and then paints, felts and uses sewing techniques to create the most beautiful expressions of our natural world.

Partch is an inspiration to all who know her. I've enjoyed having her as a guest artist in



The students enjoyed the entire process of making art. Partch captured their imagination Wells and encouraged them along the way. She has a wonderful, relaxed presence in the classroom and a witty sense of humor. She is her felted piece. a gifted teacher.

Felting is an ancient art that dates back over 5,000 years. People made shoes, saddles, clothes and even yurts with felt. The process is easy. You need wool, water, soap and a little Martinez work with felt.

agitation. WHS students thoroughly enjoyed the felting process.

Meet the Sweethearts! Tickets on sale now!











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Library, Mariposa Market, the old Country Skillet, Old Mission Pizza, Gribaldo's Cafe, Brewed Awakening and Ace Copy and Shipping.

The rest of From Page 1 Gardening

lovely white and black flowers in spring), chives and onions, artichokes, blueberries, strawberries and olallieberries (a hybrid berry resembling a large blackberry with fewer seeds, which is popular for desserts and common in Oregon), rainbow chard, bok choy, sugar snap peas, lettuce, potatoes, rhubarb ... and asparagus

"This year, the asparagus is four years old, and we're able to get 10 weeks of picking from the patch," explained Schott. "We've been getting about 3 to 4 pounds a week and it is so sweet and so tender. It's delicious!"

Schott explained that this is the fifth asparagus patch she and husband Tom have planted during their married life, and she noted the plants last for some 100 like them, I'll just pinch the heads!"

years.

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"I really hope those people are still enjoying those beds we planted all those years and locations ago!" said Schott.

The rest of From Page 3 Redwood Clinic Redwood Medical Clinic, which first

opened its doors to the community in 2014, provides primary care for the whole family, men, women and children, and offers a wide range of services, including preventative medicine, such as vaccinations and annual physical exams; management of ongoing chronic illnesses such as diabetes and hypertension; and treatment of non-urgent conditions such as colds and flu. John Glyer, medical director for RMC, says the new clinic space will be great for the community.

"There's a shortage of primary care physicians in the country and even more so in rural areas such as ours. By having a bigger space, we will be able to provide care for more patients and also be able to bring in more specialists to Willits," Dr. Glyer said.

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As the days get longer and warmer, Schott's dreams and tastebuds turn - like many summer gardeners – to the siren song of the Time of Tomato. "If I could only grow one thing, it would be tomatoes," said Schott. "They - well, and

the asparagus – are my favorite things to eat right in the garden. Pick and enjoy." Like many knowledgeable gardeners,

Schott is waiting until after Memorial Day to get the summer tomato starts in the ground. However, a few motivated volunteer surprise mystery squash have already

started up from the compost pile. "I'm not sure what they are," laughed Schott. "But I'll let them grow, and if I don't

For now, the Schotts are enjoying the literal fruits (and veggies!) of their labor and are enjoying passing on the tradition of gardening to the next generation.



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Peace of Mind V Lifetime Tire Tire Protection & Mileage Care Redwood Medical Clinic is also now accepting new patients. To make an appointment or learn more about their ICES GOOD THROUGH APRIL 30, 2016 LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTER OF WILLITS 1565S. MAIN STREET 707-459-5938 www.LesSchwab.com services, call 459-6115.



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Thursday, May 5

National Day of Prayer in Willits: the Imani Christian Fellowship Ministries will host a National Day of Prayer event, Thursday, May 5 at Baechtel Creek Community Room, 61 Alder Court, from 11 am to 4 pm. The theme for this year's 65th annual National Day of Prayer, led by chairman Dr. Tony Evans, is "Wake Up America!" Rev. Khevan Lennon-Onaje, senior pastor, will lead the prayer service in Willits. More local info: Pastor Khevan at 707-841-6413 or imanichristianfellowship1@hotmail.com. Or visit www.NationalDayofPrayer.org; call 800-444-8828

Cinco de Mayo at the Library. The Willits Library invites everyone to the Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Thursday, May 5, at the library, 390 East Commercial Street. 11 am: **Bilingual Story**

Time for kids

200000000000000 with librarian Jill Dorman and volunteer Patricia Baumann. 12 to 3 pm: Crafts. 3:30 pm: Bilingual Story Time for kids. 4 to 5 pm: Traditional Snacks prepared by Mujeres Unidas. All library events are free and open to the public.

Grace Christian Academy Open House: Grace Christian Academy hosts an open house on Thursday, May 5 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at 25 Hazel Street (behind Flyer's Gas Station). Enrollment applications for kindergarten, first and second grades are being accepted. Small class sizes for more one-on-one instruction. For more information, call 459-3106.

Friday, May 6

The Willits HomeBREW Club will meet Friday, May 6 starting at 7 pm at the Willits KOA in their meeting hall (pull up to the gate, tell them you are here for the homebrew meeting, and then drive straight back to the meeting hall). The beer style of the month is Red Ales. "Come and learn about all things fermentable!" Visit http://willitshomebrew. weebly.com for more info.

"Twining Time": John Wagenet & Anita Blu of Twining Time perform an easy listening mix of originals and modern favorites in the spirit of old time mountain music, folk, and vintage country/Americana roots at Caminiti's Restaurant at the Brooktrails Lodge, 24765 Birch Street. Friday, May 6 from 5:30 to 9 pm. Visit www. brooktrailslodge.com and www.facebook. com/TwiningTime. Info: 459-1596.

Shanachie Pub: Marty's Garden. Friday, May 6 at 9 pm. No cover. "Take a hefty dose of psychedelic boogaloo and blend it with a base of Backwoods World-Beat Banjo Jazz and you get 'Marty's Garden.'" 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Benefit Book and Plant Sale: a benefit sale for the Mentoring Program, which

offers free after-school classes for students in the Willits school system. Saturday, May 7, 9:30 am to 12-ish. 134 Pine Street. Books: all ages, all subjects; **Rotary Club Surf & Turf Dinner:** plants: veggies, house plants, herbs, etc. The Willits Rotary Club is putting Questions? 459-5030. on an "Evening Before Mother's

Day Dream" dinner at the **Brooktrails Firefighters Spaghetti Feed:** Willits Community Center on this annual fundraiser for the Brooktrails Saturday, May 7, to raise Firefighters is set for Saturday, May 7 at the funds for scholarships for Brooktrails Community Center, 24860 Birch Willits-area graduating high Street, from 5 to 8 pm. The feed features school seniors. Catered all-you-can-eat spaghetti – meat and vegetarian options - with salad and bread. by Chef Adam Celaya of Adam's Restaurant, with The Willits Lions Club will offer their no-

filet mignon and jumbo host bar, and the Brooktrails Property prawns with chimichurri Association's Women's Club members will offerina desserts finish arilled to

sauce as the entrees, accompanied by panseared potato cakes, asparagus, and a locally sourced

arugula salad. Dinner also features are \$10: \$5 for hors d'oeuvres, antipasti, a cheese board children 5 to 12. with local cheeses, fine local wines and beer, and – for dessert – a chocolate decadence and children under the age of 5 are admitted for free. Featuring cake with a berry compote. The community center will be elegantly draped and demonstrations by Ashes the K-9 Arson decorated in the WHS Wolverine colors of Dog, an information booth by members of CERT - the Community Emergency green and gold, and members of the WHS Interact Club

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Mike Smith (707-972-2471)

Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, May 8

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SAT., MAY 7 • 5-8PM benefit event for Willits \$10.00 Adults Community Services \$5 - 12 yrs & under Food Bank. Arson K-9 Saturday, May 7 at 7 pm at Willits High School, Det

and

299 North Main Street. "A

marvelous variety show with friends, neighbors and special guests! New and special acts, in addition to some old favorites.' Tickets: \$15 (available in advance at J.D. Redhouse, Main St. Music and Mazahar); 12 and under tickets, \$5 at the door. Info: 456-9429 or 459-3333. Thanks to sponsors: Ace Copy and Shipping; Book Juggler; East Hill Veterinary Clinic; Emandal - A Farm on a River; Epstein State Farm Insurance; Garfield Construction; Healing Central Chiropractic; J.D. Redhouse; John Ford Ranch; Laytonville Disposal Company; Les Schwab Tire Center; Main Street Music &

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sausage, gravy and eggs any Willits 2016 Graduating Seniors by the Willits Roty No Adults \$7; Senior Center member with membership card, \$6; children under 8 years old, \$5. Info: 459-6826.

Tickets \$100

music, and there will be

Tickets

Cyclofemme Bike Ride: Leading up to Bike to Work Week, May 9-13 music by "The Bassics" (see www.walkbikemendo. org for countywide info), a Cyclofemme Bike Ride in Willits on Sunday, May 8. Meet at 9 am the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: Marisela de Santa Anna at 707-841-7172.

Mother's Day Brooktrails Golf Special: "Ladies play for free" at the Brooktrails Golf Course, on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8. 24860 Birch Street. "Bring your wife, girlfriend, grandma or any other special lady or "mother" in your life for a round of gold will dress up in black and this Mother's Day!" Tee times suggested. white to serve dinner. Info: 459-6761. The Baasics will provide



Scottish duo of Linsey Aitken and Ken Campbell performs at Willits Community (459-4224) and at Theatre, 37 West Van Lane, on Sunday, May 8 at 2 pm. "This Mother's Day concert promises to be a rare opportunity for audience members to enjoy enchanting vocals, multiple instruments and the charm of an authentic Highland sound. The duo hails from Loch Lomond, Scotland and brings together an unusual blend of musical pedigrees from Classical to Traditional Folk Shanachie Pub: Wrongs Krew DJ Night.

and Contemporary music, along with a songbook of original and traditional Scottish tunes." Advance tickets are \$15; available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets

Monday, May 9

Willits Garden Club Picnic: The Willits Garden Club is hosting a picnic this month. Monday, May 9 from 12 noon to 2 pm, at 230 Haehl Creek Court, located two blocks past the new Howard Memorial Hospital on Willits Garden Club, and celebrate the day. pickled radishes; and There is no charge. Info: Gary Bodensteiner an addictive Jamaican at 459-2708 or Kitty McDill 707-489-6203. Jerk sauce recipe using spring onion tops that's Shanachie Pub: Dusty Brough Trio. 7 pm. delicious on pretty much No cover. "Guitarist Dusty Brough brilliantly everything. \$20. To combines his roots in Flamenco with Jazz, reserve a spot, contact Folk, Brazilian, Gypsy and Balkan music." April at: acunningham@ Visit www.dustybrough.com. 50 South Main ncoinc.org or 467-3212. Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194. **KLLG Radio Meeting:** Organizers and volunteers Tuesday, May 10 working on Willits Hometown Radio, KLLG,

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre invite those interested in All 2D movies that are in their second week learning more to come to are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for their regular Wednesday all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad meeting, May 11 this week, at the Little movies: "The Jungle Book." For showtimes:



classroom and hands-on components. available RSVP at the Food Hub: 707-467-3238. From 459-5506.

Friday, May 13

"Annie, Jr.": a musical production of the 5 to 6:30 pm: History of Agriculture and Willits Charter School. 8 pm. See Thursday, Domestication workshop led by Michael May 12 listing for details. Foley and Rachel Britten. \$10. Ridgewood Ranch, 16200 North Highway 101. Info:

Shanachie Pub: Sara Petite & The Sweet Pea Possums. 9 pm. No cover. "A true original singer/songwriter, with influences in country, bluegrass, rock and folk, with a rootsy 3-piece Classic Country, swampysounding ensemble." Visit www.sarapetite. com. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's it-shine--5 Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, May 14

Brooktrails Pancake Breakfast & Healthy Harvest Workshop: Join April Flea Market: The Prosperity Club and Cunningham and Caroline Radice on Brooktrails Lodge are hosting their third "All Wednesday, May 11 from 2 to 5 pm for this You Can Eat Pancakes" breakfast (tickets month's Healthy Harvest Workshop at the are \$5) and flea market on Saturday, May Little Lake Grange Community Kitchen to 14 at the Brooktrails Lodge, 24675 Birch cook and preserve seasonal, local produce. Street, 9 am to 2 pm. "A great family event On the menu this month is the very popular offering a chance to socialize with members Blackberry Rhubarb Jam, featuring rhubarb of our community, including local artisans from Fortunate Farm; Savory Tomato Onion

beverages at additional cost. Jumperz Bounce House will also be there for the kids. Vendor space (outside and inside) is limited but may still be available, please call:



Pub:

of his unique sound, offer an authentic and unedited experience." Visit www. Lake Grange, 291 School dallasburrowmusic.com. 50 South Main Street, room 4, starting at 6 Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info:

pm. More info: contact Lanny 459-9194 Cotler, general manager. at 367-1812 or lanny@kllg.org, Sunday, May 15 or see Letters page for an

Willits Charter Schools Rummage Sale: Both charter schools are participating in a rummage sale at Willits Charter School,

1431 South Main Street, on Saturday, May 14 from 9 am to 1 pm. Accepting donations during school hours, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, "Annie, Jr.": a musical Monday-Friday) production of the Willits Charter School, 1431 South Movement, Monologues and Music: The

"fabulous finale" on Sunday, May 15 from 2 Main Street. Opens Thursday, to 4:30 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, May 12, and continues May 71 East Commercial Street, to the WCA's 13-15 and then May 19-22. "Let It Shine" fundraising campaign to raise ′ pm on Thursdays, 8 pm on \$10,000 to restore and repaint the outside ridays and Saturdays, and of their historic building. "A rare opportunity pm matinees on Sundays. to see these artists, many whom no longer Tickets \$10, \$5 students, perform regularly. Movement will include at Willits Charter School. Info: numbers by many noted dancers including Jenna Byrne, Janet Orth, Lydia Sims, Linda Posner, Melinda Clark, and Eryn Schon-Brunner. Monologues will be performed by Emmy Good, Ursula Schlicting, Earlene Gleisner, and others. Music will be provided by Loren Hertz-O'Brian who is equally at home on guitar, piano or flute, and The Chanterelles, the a capella group with

Diane Smalley, Madge Strong, and Helen Falandes." Visit WillitsCenterfortheArts. org for details. To donate online, visit www. generosity.com/community-fundraising/let-

> "Annie, Jr.": a musical production of the Willits Charter School. 2 pm matinee. See Thursday, May 12 listing for details.

The Real Sarahs: Vocal duo Sarah Ryan and Sarah Larkin in concert at the Willits Community Theatre, Sunday, May 15 at 7 pm. The Real Sarah's "honest, affecting and unpretentious" music blends folk, blues and country "with organic harmonies that enchant and uplift the spirit." 37 West Van Lane. Tickets \$15, are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, online

Ongoing Events

Willits Summer Farmers Market: As of May 4 2016, the Willits Farmers Market moves to Bud Snyder City Park, from 3 to 6 pm every Thursday afternoon. Veggies, strawberries, green garlic, artichokes, local meats and local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Music on May 5: the Farmers Market band.

Art Under 20: The 17th annual "Art Under 20" exhibit, presented by the Willits High School art department, continues through Sunday, May 29 the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Student artists from Willits High School: plus Willits Charter School, San Hedrin High School and Lavtonville High School, "Please join us to celebrate the creativity of our Willits and Laytonville youth. Their artworks are impressive!" Gallery hours: Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 am to 3 pm; Thursday from 2 to 7 pm; Friday from 11 am to 7 pm; Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 3 pm.

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

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

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

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

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

Willits Library Public Events: "Stories for Crawlers and Walkers." Thursdays at 11 am. Technology group for help with hand-held devices, Fridays at 1 pm. Youth Game Night, ages 10-14, Fridays from 5 to 7:30 pm. 390 East Commercial Street. More info: 459-5908

Soroptimists International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays

of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission



459-6696.

Grange

info@grangefarmschool.org.

Irish musician John Faulkner:

CANCELLED. The Grange has announced

the cancellation of John Faulkner's concert:

"Our apologies, John cannot get his visa

out of Ireland and is cancelling his tour. We

hope to reschedule him at a later date."

Wednesday, May 11

J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street (459-1214). For tickets, sponsorships or donations: Jolene Carrillo event co-chair, 707-841-7758), Ann Alumbaugh (event co-chair, 459-1440), or

First Saturday of every month. 9 pm. \$5 cover. "All forms of House Music from 1996 to the present concentrating on deep, funky & groovy tunes, with some Latin & Jazz undertones as well as Electro." 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. will also available at the door until sold out.

Senior Center Mother's Day Breakfast: from 8 to 11 am at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Menu: Pancakes, with

live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$100 each - a limited number will be available - and advance reservations can be made for tables for eight. can be purchased at Willits Linsev Aitken and Ken Campbell: Furniture Center, 775 Central Avenue

Saturday, May 7

Bank; Wayne Bashore Construction; Willits choice of ham, bacon or sausage, and eggs the right side of Haehl Creek Drive. Guests Furniture Center; Willits Redwood Co.; and any style; Grandma's Biscuits, with country are welcome to come, learn more about the Willits Solid Waste.

Happy Mother's Day!

Conserve featuring spring onions from and vendors." Plus biscuits & gravy, bacon, at brownnpapertickets.com; and by phone Tequio Community Farm; crisp and crunchy eggs, country potatoes, drinks and adult around the clock at 1-800-838-3006.



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Bikers Against Child Abuse

Local chapter holds awareness event about abuse rates in Mendocino County

Members of Mendocino County's new chapters in 48 states and chapters in chapter ("temporary charter") of Bikers Canada, England, Spain, and more." Against Child Abuse gathered at East According to BACA's extensive website: Commercial Street in "We work in conjunction front of the baseball fields Damian Sebouhian with local and state officials

who are already in place to

protect children. We desire to

send a clear message to all

BACA was established 20 years ago

This fear often manifests itself into a

child freezing up during court proceedings,

when it's time to give testimony. If that

abused child is a part of the BACA family,

members of BACA will stand up in court

as a comforting and confidence-building

BACA gets involved with a child abuse

Saturday to conduct a short and meaningful damian@willitsweekly.com balloon release ceremony.

involved with the abused child that this Eighty red helium-filled balloons were child is part of our organization, and that released, with each balloon representing we are prepared to lend our physical and a reported case of child abuse in emotional support to them by affiliation. Mendocino County during 2015. and our physical presence."

According to the president of the Mendocino chapter William Evans. by a therapist who recognized that the whose road name is "Preacher," the event greatest impediment to a child receiving was put on as part of April's Child Abuse justice, and leading anything resembling Prevention Month, and to let people a normal life, was fear. know of the organization's presence in Mendocino County.

"We're still kind of a new chapter," Evans said. This specific chapter has been together for 18 months and has 14 current members.

presence. "We empower these [abused] children to not be afraid of the world in which they live," Evans explained. "We make them case once a request is made to BACA a member of our family; we give them by an authorized agency. According vests." to the website, in the first intervention

step, a liaison from BACA "contacts the These vests display the BACA emblem: family and an initial ride is organized to a clenched fist silhouetted in red, with the meet the child at their home or in some organization's initials imprinted on the other location where the child will feel fingers.

comfortable." "BACA is an international organization with chapters in Australia and

Read the rest of Over on Page B8 Iceland," Evans said. "We have 200 BACA





At top, from left: Bikers Against Child Abuse balloons at the ball fields





in front: Bones, Woody holding Kickstand, and Wicket. In rear: Barefoot Bob, Sunshine, Foghorn, Teddy Bear, Preacher, three non-member friends. Airborne, Chaps, Road Kill, a non-member friend, Dirty Girl, another non-member friend, and Buzz.

> At left: BACA members with their bikes.

At left, below: Preacher, left, and BACA members before the balloon release.

At bottom, from left: Watching the balloons. Bikers Sunshine and Foghorn chat with Virginia Jorge. Woody with Kickstand.

Photos by Mathew Caine



activities annoying whether or not

they produce a smell I don't like. I had

The rest of

society isn't it? We all have to tolerate limited differences and get along. The closer we live to our neighbors, the more we have to tolerate.

Letters From Page 2

Some Willits folk think the future of our town is in expanding on our pioneer roots. Others feel indifferent or even turned off by the Western culture. Some think it's just great that Willits is a center of cannabis cultivation, while others think it's the worst thing that

ever happened. I think there's room for all of us in Willits. Before the bypass wars I used to tell friends in other places that Willits was a town where everyone

could get along, where the hippies could win first prize for best float in the cowboys' Fourth of July parade. That's the town I love, with a Western store on one block and a head shop Love" on Saturday, May 14 from 9 am on the next.

Sure let's put trains and horse statues all over our new downtown and direct people to Roots of Motive Power, the Willits museum, and the oldest continuous rodeo in the U.S. But I hope we also have a bed, bud, and breakfast. a cannabis farm tour, and a pot tasting room for those who would like to visit us and spend their money at such places. I don't think legal marijuana tourism will harm our

community any more than wineries, bars and liquor stores do – likely much less Towns like ours in Colorado and Washington are flourishing because of legal cannabis-related industries.

I hope Willits doesn't miss the big green boat.

Randi Covin, Willits

'The Enlightened Marriage'

There have been several recent events based around localization and economic development that have reignited energy towards re-building our local economy and establishing community resilience. The Willits Chamber of Commerce hosted a workshop and brought in a marketing expert to train and inspire our small business owners. WELL hosted an

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Jed in a small setting to learn from his To the Editor: personal and professional experience am a long-time member of the on how to create your own enlightened Mendocino County Democratic relationship. In addition, we're creating Central Committee, which recently a product that we will market and sell held its monthly meeting in Willits, as online. Andv Wright will be videotaping part of its rotating meeting schedule. the event. He's helping develop a The committee currently has three series of video modules that we'll sell vacancies, here in the 3rd District. We to our customers. Because of the size are actively recruiting candidates, and of Jed's existing online audience, we would welcome applicants who are hope to bring in significant revenue. interested in becoming more involved Here's the exciting part: We're in the activities and decision-making

partnering with several Willits of county-wide arty politics. businesses to create the final product. Please contact me at gigi@pacific. We hope this video series ends up net for more information if you are representing the best of Willits, and interested in greater involvement with ends up in front of thousands of

the Democratic Party of Mendocino County; visit www.mendodems.org or We know that great food is the key to the "Mendodems" page on Facebook a great event, and it sets the entire to learn more.

tone for the experience. Janene of Zocalo Collective will be catering Ginger Pohlson, WIllits the event, and sourcing many of her ingredients from local farmers. We're

people across the world.



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Brooktrails Flea Market Vendors Needed 2016 Market is Saturday, June 4. Outdoor spaces and indoors tables: \$20	time medical records clerk. Physically demanding job. Will train. Bilingual preferred. Send resume to 1245 S. Main St. or fax to 459-3057. No phone calls, please.		
each. Vendors check in: 6 to 7:30 am. Market open: 8 am to 3 pm. Call to reserve a space: Arlane 456-0734.	Help Wanted Adventist Health Homecare & Hospice Services - Mendocino County. F/T & P/T & Per Diem. RN's and		
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1 acre w/views over the valley. 3 bedrooms & 2 baths, large kitchen w/ center island. Living room has beautiful rock fireplace. Local references & proof of income required. No S/no D. \$1,800/month (including all utilities) with a \$2,300 security deposit. Contact redostrander@gmail.com.	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		
For Rent 3 bedroom, 1 bath home. Fenced yard, garage,	team, call Deb at 707-459- 6826.		
beautiful country setting. No smoking. \$1,400/month, \$2,800 deposit. 707-984- 6479.	Volunteers Wanted Frank Howard Memorial Hospital is looking for positive members of the community to volunteer in various departments of the		
For Sale '65 Ford T-Bird, \$13,000. Had 1 owner. very good running condition, 459- 9228.	hospital. Hours: flexible and can include weekends. More info? Call 456-3245.		



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breakdown, if you are a 40-something urban dweller of good income, you probably read The New Yorker magazine and appreciate their outstanding journalism, highquality fiction, amusing cover art and sophisticated outlook. Does that mean those of us who flip through and guickly read all the cartoons are somewhat immature? This outstanding publication has reflected American literary culture and writing style since 1925, and whether you are a subscriber or not, you may

going to recommend today. First, I'd like to introduce

be interested in the books I'm

you to a true gentleman named Roger Angell. His mother, Katherine Angell White, was the first fiction editor for the magazine. Her son followed in her footsteps and, at age 95, is still editing fiction and contributing short pieces. This is a man who loves dogs, baseball, reading and writing ... my kinda guy. His most recent book, "This Old Man: All in Pieces" (2015) is a memoir composed of essays, letters, reviews, and miscellaneous short writings that together create a charming and fluid portrait of a long life centered around New York and its premier periodical. Angell is well-known as a sports writer, but he is also a wry commentator on life in general and an insightful appreciator of the decades-worth of great writers who have been published in The New Yorker, from Dorothy Parker to Stephen King, from Vladimir Nabokov to John Updike. Reading this book gave me fresh respect for our precious legacy of quality, innovative fiction as it has been showcased in the pages of this magazine.

The next book is a memoir as well, also by a New Yorker staff person. The author of "Between You and Me" (2015) is Mary Norris, a copy department editor of long standing and a self-confessed "prose goddess," who combines the personal, the grammatical and the history of the magazine's legendary style standards in her book. Each chapter is organized around a common English grammar or usage problem. Scan her chapter titles, and you'll see a wicked sense of humor at work: "Spelling is for Weirdos," "Who Put the Hyphen in Moby-Dick?," "A Dash, a Semicolon, and a Colon Walk into a Bar," and "F*ck This Sh*t" (about the post-Nixon use of profanity). It's not for the grammatically faint of heart, but if you are a "word person," you'll find Norris both helpful and entertaining.

Finally, there's the perfect BROOKTRAILS book for the cartoon lover, now in paperback with **GOLF COURSE** an accompanying and GRILL appropriately titled, 24860 Birch Street Complete Cartoons of Willits, CA 95490 the New Yorker" (2006). (707) 459-6761 Impossible not to find brooktrai plenty to laugh about in A. this outstanding collection **Golf Course Hours:** organized by decade and put 8am-7pm together by Robert Mankoff. Grill Hours: The New Yorker's current 9am-5pm cartoon editor. From Charles Weekly Schedule: Addams to Roz Chast, this 8am is the full picture of American Mondays & Fridays humor's twists and turns. Whether you read by page 8am Wednesdays or device, please utilize our 18 Holes Golf library system and patronize Fun Day All Wecome independent bookstores, 5pm Thursdays both new and used. **Bordo Scramble** Local poet Fran Resendez is retired 10am Sundays from 20 years of bookselling at the **Disc Golf Club** former Leaves of Grass bookstore in Willits





Annual Spaghetti Feed

Brooktrails Fire Department fundraiser Saturday night

department.

The Brooktrails Fire Department has held their all-youcan-eat spaghetti feed fundraiser for more than 30 years, and this Saturday, May from 5 to 8 pm, the tradition will continue

The firefighters will be serving up platefuls of spaghetti and vegetarian or meat sauce, salad and bread at the Brooktrails Community Center located right by the fire station at 24860 Birch Street. The Willits Lions Club will be manning the no-host bar offering wine, beer, soda and water. The Brooktrails Property Association's Women's Club members will be making dessert to finish the meal.

The Brooktrails Fire Department will return the cooking favor to the Women's Club by barbecuing hamburgers and hot dogs during the club's annual flea market, which will be held at the same venue on Saturday, June 4.

CD, The spaghetti dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5 "The to 12, and children under the age of 5 are admitted for free. Monies collected will be used to help purchase equipment and supplies that are not part of the normal budget for the department. This is the main fundraiser held by the



Ashes the K-9 Arson Dog will showcase her skill set in several demonstrations held throughout the evening in the bays of the fire department building. Members of CERT - the Community Emergency Response Team - will also have a booth where they will hand out information and talk

about their community involvement.

The department will also be offering applications to anyone wanting more information about becoming a volunteer firefighter. Currently, the Brooktrails roster includes 20 members, but the firefighters are hoping to recruit more new members. Anyone can apply who is over 18 years of age, is a resident of the Brooktrails township, and has a valid California driver's license.

For more information on joining the department or to prepurchase tickets, stop by the Brooktrails Fire Department, Monday through Friday between 8 am and 5 pm. Tickets will also be available at the door.

- Maureen Moore

Above,

left: Ashes

demonstrates

for the crowd.

Above, right:

Willits Lions

at the bar.

Attendees

at the 2015

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At left:

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the most recent data available	"below state-required levels,"	Planner Dusty Duley, "charged with	said it was time to get punitive.	From Page 1
from the California Controller's Office.	Roderick said, a sentiment echoed by Brooktrails	initiating these plans and bringing them to the council for consideration	"There are a bunch of other strategies we're looking at for	opposing what later became Measure V, the dead and standing
In a May 3 letter to the Mendocino County Association	Community Services District board member Tony Orth.	and possible adoption." Duley is one of several members	vacancy abatement," Madrigal said. "But the eminent domain idea	trees initiative. Citizens for Fire
of Fire Districts, supervisors said they recognized "the crucial	"I hope we can do something	of the Revit-ED committee, which also includes Councilwoman Holly	was brought up by more than half of our committee members and	Safe Forests led the petition drive to place Measure V on the ballot in
value of [fire districts'] work and	soon," Roderick said, "because we definitely need help now."	Madrigal, Third District Supervisor	easily the majority of the public in	November.
agree fire agencies should be included in the planning for [the]	Currently most county fire departments are not meeting	Tom Woodhouse, City Manager Adrienne Moore, real estate agent	attendance at that meeting." City Attorney Jim Lance	The company did report its spending during that period to
county's future," beginning with the fiscal year 2016-17 budget.	state-mandated safety levels, Orth added, and while	Bill Barksdale and Chamber of Commerce president Lisa Epstein.	cautioned against using that mechanism.	the California Secretary of State's Office.
The board said it would be "appropriating funds from the	supporting county allocations of Proposition 172 funds	Several members of the public attended Revit-ED's April 27	"With eminent domain, you	"The Fair Political Practices
Proposition 172 sales tax to fire service," using the same	to districts "as a first step,"	meeting to offer opinions on how to	have to pay the fair market value to acquire the property," Lance	Commission has found no evidence to establish a violation of
formula it employs to backfill	believes passing a fire tax is the only way fire departments can	deal with the three issues, identified as priorities during the committee's	explained, offering an alternative provided under the Health and	the Political Reform Act. As such, we are closing this case without
other public safety services. Proposition 172, a one-half-	create "a foundation of financial support."	March 3 meeting. Duley addressed the city council	Safety Code. "If there's a delinguent property	further action," the FPPC wrote in a letter to Cooperrider.
cent statewide sales tax, was passed in 1993 to partially	"There's a lot to sell a one- half-cent sales tax in Mendocino	last week about some of the strategies Revit-Ed had discussed.	owner who's letting his property	
backfill property tax monies California counties lost to the	County," noting the "level of	As far as the sphere of influence,	become blighted property, and is not responsive to city demands	The rest of Investment
state's Education Realignment Augmentation Fund.	[wildfire] threat" the area faces this summer.	or SOI, is concerned, Duley said Revit-ED is investigating ways to	for abatement, there's a procedure where you can go to court and	From Page 1
However, the board	Orth expects the 2016 fire season to be as catastrophic	expand it to include the land around the two Highway 101 bypass	request a receivership and basically take over the property," Lance said.	more common with large public
acknowledged the "funding required for future fire agency	as last year's, which saw	interchanges.	Madrigal said that was the	pension plans. They typically offer high returns. On the downside,
needs exceeds the amount taken from fire districts due to	eastern Lake County. He	A SOI is defined as a planning boundary outside of an agency's	precise measure taken by the City of Ukiah regarding the long-vacant	they are complex and risky, fair value of the investment is hard to
the ERAF property tax shift," and the amount the county	believes the same kind of devastation could occur	legal boundary (such as the city limit line) that designates the	Palace Hotel, and it hasn't seemed to solve the issue thus far.	establish, and funds are not liquid.
will be able to distribute to fire districts in Proposition 172	in Mendocino County this summer, noting temperatures	agency's probable future boundary and service area. Currently, the	Other punitive measures Revit-ED is looking into include	 Hedge funds are unregulated investments where success
funds.	are already running 10 degrees above normal, while rainfall	SOI for Willits is defaulted as the city limits.	registration fees or other taxes on	highly depends on the skills of the investment managers. Strategies
The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, district	lags two inches behind what the county receives during an	The reason for expanding the	long-term vacant buildings. "There are communities that	involve short-selling, leverage, and derivatives.
attorney's office, county probation department and	"average" year.	SOI around the interchanges would be, among other things, for the City	require you to rent out your space for free to art galleries or nonprofit	Multi-asset class products
county jail already receive Proposition 172 funding, as do	"The fire season will reflect that," Orth said, "and the public	of Willits to collect tax revenue from any new businesses that may be	businesses," Duley said. "So at least there's a presence in the	bridge the gap between traditional investments and hedge funds.
public safety agencies in the county's incorporated cities.	will see that before November." While board of supervisors'	developed after the bypass opens at the end of this year.	building."	They share strategies of short- selling, leverage, and derivatives,
The nearly \$400,000 the	Chairman Dan Gjerde,	Any expansion plans first have	Duley added that other methods are being explored and further	but are more liquid, cheaper and more transparent than hedge
fire districts could receive falls far short of the estimated "\$3	who also sits on the ad hoc committee, told his colleagues	to be approved by the County of Mendocino Local Agency	meetings will be required before the Revit-ED committee finalizes	funds.
million, and perhaps as much as \$10 million more each year	he supports MCAFD recommendations regarding	Formation Committee, or LAFCO, which is expected to review the	its recommendations.	 Investments in infrastructure, such as bridges, airports, jails,
[the districts require] to properly staff, train, equip and serve	allocation of Proposition 172 funds to fire districts, and	Willits SOI situation soon.	Highway signage How will Willits entice travelers	hospitals, or utilities can be made directly or through investment
under increasing state and federal mandates and declining	perhaps supplementing those allocations with certain property	"We would like to look at potential lands to include in the	to turn off Highway 101 once the	funds.
volunteer resources," the letter	tax monies, Supervisor John McCowen questioned MCAFD's	sphere of influence," said Duley. "Then examine LAFCO's review,	bypass is open, and explore the city's attractions? What signage	Commodities are tangible goods that are interchangeable
concedes. And while a board	funding methodology, arguing	rules for reviving our SOI, and then come back to the council with	options are available, and how can they be employed? These are	with similar goods, such as grains or precious metals. The typical
of supervisors' ad hoc committee met in April with	he would "be more inclined to [provide a greater share of	recommendations and strategies about how to accomplish that."	some of the questions Revit-ED has been tackling.	investment vehicle is commodity
representatives from CalFire, local fire departments, state	available funding] to districts most in need."	Councilwoman Madge Strong	"[Revit-ED] is exploring whether or not we might be able to include	futures. The ensuing discussion among
Senator Mike McGuire and	McCowen and Supervisor Carre Brown both guestioned	remarked that any expansion proposition would have to include	some signage to let drivers know	trustees narrowed down the potential new investment options.
Assemblyman Jim Wood to discuss redirecting a portion	the legality of allocating funds	proof that the city could provide services to those areas. A city is	there's a museum on the next exit, and the Vietnam Memorial," said	Hedge funds were mainly rejected
of state responsibility area fees to local fire departments,	to several of the smallest fire departments which are,	obligated to provide police, fire, water, sewer and road maintenance	Duley. "We're talking to Caltrans about whether or not we can get	because large public pension plans such as CalPers are exiting
the results were less than	technically, non-government	convises to all areas within its SOL	those types of signs established	such investments. Commodities



* * * * * * Peace Advocate Ukiah Conference Center 200 South School Street Saturday, May 7th \star 1pm watch her Bernie ad: Cost of War https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohvbllKzq28



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grants to fire departments may Brown worried, could be seen Dulev explained there is a because MCERA already program possible way to get around the be possible, the amounts are as "a gift of public funds" that a significant investment in real Such signage would be free of SOI requirements and restrictions "unlikely to prove significant could put the county on the estate, another real asset charge to the city, unlike traditional by identifying the interchanges as without a reversal of policies wrong side of a lawsuit. commercial billboards. Trustee John Sakowicz inquired: areas of concern. by the Legislature or the court,' urged MCAFD Brown "Do any of Callan's other clients A "gateway monument sign" where the legality of the fees is representatives to "have According to Duley, this would invest in direct infrastructure would be allowed by Caltrans in the being challenged by the Howard patience with the [allocation] mean notifying the county "that we assets? I'm thinking of projects right-of-way, according to Duley. Jarvis tax group. want to be part of any process that process. such as a mental health facility "Provided the city constructs it Instead, MCAFD is exploring involves those properties, whether proposed by Sheriff Tom Allman. "I want no surprises," she and maintains it, there's no fee to they're rezoned to commercial, the possibility of placing a said. "We have to get this right." Callan's DeForrest countered pay Caltrans," Duley said. "[It could or something like that. That might countywide sales tax initiative But Supervisor Dan Hamburg, accomplish what the sphere of read] 'City of Willits, Gateway to the "Such an investment would open a on the November 2016 ballot. who also serves on the ad hoc influence would for us, but it would Redwoods,' but It can't include [any slippery slope. Who would choose While initially reluctant to committee, said he "puts quite a commercial advertising]. which projects to invest in? This possibly be an easier, cheaper way propose a one-half-cent sales lot of credence" in the MCAFD's would put additional fiduciary risk to get there." Duley suggested any billboards tax to provide fire service fund allocation proposal. "It's on you as a board." funds - especially with a at the interchanges be civic in It was acknowledged that there not a perfect funding formula, nature, promoting Frontier Days, similar measure already being are many options on the table and After trustee Ted Stephens he said, "but it is a fair formula. the Willits Center for the Arts, and put forward to fund mental Revit-ED would be narrowing them warned of the risk of regional the Mendocino County Museum. "We have to show some faith health services – Comptche down in future meetings and then concentration, the discussion Community Services board and trust" in the fire districts, he return to the city council for specific ended. Orenstein asked about signage said. "This isn't going to solve member Michael Schaefer says recommended actions. inside the city limits for drivers who The Callan representatives the [funding] problem, but it MCAFD "now endorses creation do turn off into Willits. agreed to return to the May meeting Vacancy abatement does show good faith" on the of a sales tax." with additional, more specific Duley suggested putting county's part." The council green-lighted Revit-Acknowledging placing an "wayfinding" signage around the information on private equity and ED's investigation of possible initiative on the ballot will be Gierde added that MCAFD's Highway 20 intersection to alert multi-asset class products. "a big undertaking," MCAFD measures to be adopted for dealing proposal presented "a fair and travelers of downtown attractions, with long-term vacant commercial Later in the meeting, Retirement rational formula for allocating "does not take lightly," Schaefer noting there is nothing in place now Administrator James Wilbanks buildings. concedes any Proposition 172 a portion of 172 funds to fire that does that. announced MCERA will no longer funding fire districts receive departments." With the bypass set to open soon, "You might come to Safeway's provide paper copies of the agenda "will be just a drop in the bucket and Main Street north of Highway McCowen and Brown urged gas station and you'd have no and related reports to trustees, but [compared to fire districts'] 20 set to be relinquished to Willits supervisors and county staff to idea that downtown is two blocks the information will be provided on needs." by Caltrans, Duley said there is examine MCAFD's allocation ahead," said Duley. "Or you might electronic tablets. Only one paper "We need a package [of an increased sense of urgency in proposal in more detail and be in downtown on Main Street, copy of the information will be dealing with these vacancies. funding sources] as part of a suggest other options for and you'd have no idea that on available to the public during the total solution" to the problems aiding the fire departments. In Councilman Ron Orenstein East Commercial Street there's a MCERA meetings, and members districts face, he said. the meantime, they urged the fabulous dog park and museum agreed of the public are encouraged to ad hoc committee to continue Hopland Fire Protection and Roots of Power, the Vietnam "Last week we just finished the bring their own electronic tablets meeting with MCAFD's board District board member Dave Memorial, etc. So, connecting Main Street Corridor Enhancement to have the information available of directors to refine its funding Roderick said his district "is, people to those features through Planning] fair about what we're to them in effect, broke," noting "last proposal signage [is imperative]." going to do with Main Street," said October 31 Hopland ran out Wilbanks also announced that McCowen added he believed Orenstein. "Everybody is intimately Once Revit-ED meets with of money and had to borrow procedures for mailing benefit the board would endorse aware of the fact that when you go Caltrans to review all of its signage [funds] from the county to MCAFD's ballot initiative. checks to retirees will change on down Main Street, there are some options, the committee will make [continue operations] through July 1. Checks will no longer be holes, and glaring things that stare its recommendations to the council "I kind of thought you'd be December.³ mailed prior to the last day of the The next Revit-ED committee at us every day that need to be handing it back to us," Orth told month. All affected retirees will be "I can't think of another public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, dealt with.' supervisors. "We look forward notified agency that's been allowed to July 12, at 4 pm, at City Hall. to meeting with the ad hoc Madrigal reported that during run out of money," he said. MCERA continues to encourage committee," he said, adding the For more information, Citv the April 27 meeting, attendees "tax initiative will be part of our retirees to get their benefits via At current levels of service, the expressed their lack of patience Planner Dusty Duley can be direct deposit fire department is responding future discussions.' with certain property owners and reached at 459-4601 Willits Weekly | May 5, 2016 Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047 Email: willitsweekly@gmail.com Mail: P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490 Pg. 11

services to all areas within its SOI.

those types of signs established such investments. Commodities

through their general signage and infrastructure were rejected



Art Under 20 Young artists shine at the Willits Center for the Arts

Come visit the Willits Center for the Arts for a peek into the talents of area high school art students, during the 17th annual "Art Under 20" exhibit. Organized by Willits

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High School art department's Carolyn Bakewell, the exhibit also includes work from students of the Willits Charter School and Laytonville and

Sanhedrin high schools.

The exhibit runs through Sunday, May 29 and features a variety of art forms, from sculptures, to jewelry, to cloth work, including paintings in every medium.

The opening reception, held Friday evening last week, was well-attended, with the Willits High School Jazz ensemble setting the mood, performing an array of jazz standards. Hors d'oeuvres were served in the back room.

Bakewell, the WHS visual arts teacher for the past 10 years, makes it a requirement for her students to submit at least one piece of art for the exhibit.

"Once they submit their work, they have to write a statement [explaining the piece]," Bakewell said. "I take it to Firefly Framing to be matted, so it creates unity to the show. It's special, because, for a lot of the students, it's their gallery debut."

Much of the artwork is not simply for display purposes, but is also for sale. Many of the exhibiting students are seniors and will be using the money they receive from art Gayski, senior; Chanel Alexander, junior. sales towards continuing their education.

One such student is Sanhedrin High senior, Lacey Ayers, who has two acrylic landscape paintings on display.

"I really love art," Ayers said, who plans on extending her talents by attending Ukiah Beauty School next year.

One of the highlights of the "Art Under 20" exhibit this year is the work of Willits High School senior Norea Israel. Her four pieces include a charcoal painting she submitted to the "Google Doodle Competition" titled "A Fungi."

It's a representation of a man with a grey beard and a scrunched-up face with mushrooms and other creatures living in his hair, which is tied up into braids to spell the word "Google."

"I could have won a substantial amount of scholarship money," Israel said. "Sadly, I didn't make it in, but I'm proud anyway."

According to Bakewell, Israel was her student for four years, and will be missed as next year she's expected to be attending the Art Institute of San Francisco.

Israel's other pieces include an oil pastel painting, "Lady in Red"; a watercolor titled "Wanderer"; and a chalk pastel and charcoal painting called "Pickled & Preserved."

Other WHS student artists include Miangel Perez, junior; Coltin Doak, sophomore; Gabrielle Terrell, senior; Shanna Above, left: Student artwork is hung and placed, and the Willits Center for the Arts galleries are ready for the opening night crowd

Above, right: Gwyn Ware, art teacher at Willits Charter School, ready to show off her students' work.

Student artists representing Laytonville High School include: Iris Ferretta, senior; Lily Peterson, sophomore; and Makai Steven, freshman.

Student artists representing Willits Charter School include: Savannah Zeschke Munton, freshman; Daisy Hincker Tye, sophomore; Eileah Frye, sophomore; Simon Vigil, junior; River Hickman, sophomore; and Joshua Wear, junior.

Student artists representing Sanhedrin High School include: Lacey Yaden, junior, and Lacey Ayers, senior.

Bakewell is requesting that student artists and their respective parent(s) choose a time during the month-long exhibit to sit at the gallery to welcome visitors.

Gallery hours areTuesday and Wednesday from 11 am to 3 pm; Thursday from 2 to 7 pm; Friday from 11 am to 7 pm; and Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 3 pm.

Willits Center for the Arts is located at 71 East Commercial Street; for more info visit willitscenterforthearts.org or call 459-1726. WCA is currently conducting a \$10,000 "Let It Shine" fundraiser to repair and paint the outside of the building; just over 40 percent of that goal has been raised so far with fundraising events and 46 online donations at www.generosity.com/community-fundraising/let-itshine--5. Perks for donations, in addition to "Art Under 20," can be viewed at the WCA during gallery hours.









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At top, left: Red cheetah nails. At top, right: Teal sparkles and butterfly wings. Above: The mermaid nails.

At right: The new City Nails owner, Lori Pham, center, stands with her sons, Mike, left and Eric, right.

Below, left: Standout 3D elements complement the soft pink and white colors. Below, right: Green and purple stiletto glitter nails.

At bottom: Handpainted henna designs on light pink nails.

Pinterest Perfect

City Nails offers custom, clean and professional nail art, and more

Since the beginning of January, a new family has taken over the City Nails salon in the Evergreen Shopping Center: Lori Phan and her two sons, manager and artist Eric and artist Mike, and they have created a

Maureen Moore Graphics & Photographress maureen@willitsweekly.com professional, clean and exciting new space. Coast," explained Eric. "Since there aren't the same licensing requirements there, there are many more people offering services. It really gets competitive and really pushes you to come up with new, creative and interesting designs and looks."

With his highly focused creative eye, Eric now is running the family shop and offering custom nails to the community – many that are worthy of a Pinterest-envy status. City Nails excels with freehand designs, custom tip shapes, including coffins and stilettos, layered gel and acrylic, 3D embellishments, gloss and matte finishes, and much more





Lori purchased the salon and requested the return of son Eric who had moved to the East Coast in August of 2015. Eric was living in Connecticut and working in the nail industry, which he notes, is very different on the East Coast.

"Everyone's doing nails on the East

Read the rest of Nails Over on Page B8





The Real Sarahs Vocal duo to perform at

Willits Community Theatre

The Real Sarahs are coming to the Willits Community Theatre, Sunday, May 15, at 7 pm. Above, left: The Real Sarahs at Big The Real Sarahs' music blends folk, blues and country with organic harmonies that enchant River Beach, Sarah and uplift the spirit. Their original music is honest, affecting and unpretentious. Ryan, left, and Sarah

The Real Sarahs are Sarah Ryan and Sarah "Songbird" Larkin, two friends who have been "Songbird" Larkin. playing together since 2011. They recorded one extended play CD in 2013 and are just finishing Above, right: their second CD. Visit "The Real Sarahs" on Facebook for more info. Sarah Ryan, left, and

The Willits Community Theatre is located in downtown Willits, at 37 West Van Lane. That's one Sarah "Songbird" block west of Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, and just one block south of Commercial Street.

Tickets for this event are \$15, and are available in person at Mazahar; online at brownnpapertickets.com; and by phone around the clock at 1-800-838-3006.

– Mike A'Dair

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next week

The Willits American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 174, will be distributing poppies, made by disabled veterans, to the community beginning next Monday, May 9. "Your generous donations to us will be used for community ojects and to aid disabled veterans," said Vicki Ham, president of the ALA, Unit 174. "The Willits community has been very gracious to the auxiliary in the past, and our wish is that your generosity will continue for this, our biggest fundraiser of the year.



VHS senior girls help with the Emandal dinner rolls. Above, right: WHS senior girls serve up salad with Trillium dressing. Below: Melodie Sorace picks up

Photos by Jennifer Poole





Friday night drive-through at the Rodeo Grounds

Willits High School seniors and volunteers served up more than 200 take-home dinners for four - enough food for 800 people – Friday night at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds. The annual Drive-Through Tri-Tip Dinner – featuring a hefty brown bag containing the full dinner for four people and a beautiful rose from Flowers by Annette – is the main fundraiser every year for the Sober Grad graduation night party at the Willits Community Center.

Dinner prep for that much food is a big deal: the meat crew grilled 210 full tri-tips, and the high schoolers "scrubbed, poked and wrapped" more than 800 potatoes and washed, chopped and

[ennifer Poole grated ingredients for enough salad to match. The tri-Editor & Reporter tips are marinated overnight in Kathleen Goss' secret

marinade and then grilled with a half-cord of oak and madrone firewood, donated and chopped by some newer members of the Sober Grad meat crew, Bruce Smith, Bryan Tyler and Jack Drew.

As cars headed toward the exit after picking up their dinners, the students working the line gave a loud "Thank you!"

"We've got a really good group of kids this year," said chief Sober Grad organizer Joyce Waters. "And the community is so supportive of Sober Grad!" Waters said tickets to the next Sober Grad fundraiser, the Ducky Derby on Sunday, May 19 at the Brooktrails Golf Course, are almost all sold out already, thanks to tickets sold during visits the students and organizers made to local service clubs, including the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Soroptimist International, the American Legion and the Kiwanis Club.











At bottom, left: A happy ner with his tri-tip d Bottom, center: WHS senior boys help wrap and serve the grilled tri-tips.

Bottom, right: Willits Furniture's Mike Smith picks

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Auxiliary members will be in front of The Book Juggler in downtown Willits the week of Monday, May 9 through Friday, May 13. American Legion Post 174 members will also be selling poppies, in front of Safeway, "several days over the next couple of weeks," Ham said. "Thank you in advance to the Willits community for your awesome support!"

The American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program was instituted at the 1925 National Convention. Millions of red crepe paper poppies are handmade every year by veterans and distributed across the country by Auxiliary and Legion members in exchange for donations. The poppy flower adorned the battlefields of Flanders Field in France during World War I, and has long been looked upon as a symbol of the sacrifice made by men and women who serve and die for their country during wartime.



Photography by Maureen Moore

[fuh-tog-ruh-friss] noun: a person who creates fabulous photo moments



Scratc May 8t

Female Players Club members that earn minimally 40 points on each specific Sunday, will receive two (only two) Scratch Cards via the Players Club (Men will only receive one scratch card on Mother's Day.)

Each Scratch Card will have a prize (cash or free play), which will be;

\$10 Free Play \$20 Cash \$50 Cash **\$20 Free Play** \$50 Free Play \$100 Cash \$75 Free Play \$100 Free Play

Customers may receive only Two Scratch Card on May 8th for this promotion. All Free play that is won via the Hot Seat drawings must be used by 2A on the same gaming day, or the winnings (Free Play) will be removed from the customer's account

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Happy Mother's Day! We all love you so much, thank you for everything you do for all of us. Greg, Jorden, Kass & Jeb.



To the best mom in the world, Happy Mother's Day, love, Charley, Brodey, Rowdy and Wiley.



Kelly Thrift, Devon Jones, and bear Augie. I love you so much, mom. Happy Mother's Day XOXO.



Alison Southard, Lindsey Lucier & Sandy Lucier.





Thanks for always riding the ferris wheel with me, mom! Love you, Happy Rachel Britten, auctioneer, and personal Mother's Day! Love, Rachel.

Families

Happy Mother's Day to two Willits families

great-grandmother to granddaughter

Below: Great-grandmother Elouise Belio, mother Linda Dean, daughter Erika Rowland, and

great-granddaughter Kiera Dragness.



Kassidy, Trenton and Mariah.

Counter-clockwise from far left: Cupcakes by Anna's Organic Kitchen. **Candles from Misty** Made. Danya Davis of Jamberry Nails. Carolyn Bakewell of Fruit and Veggie Plus. Some of the art on display in the dance studio. Beaded jewelry by Sarah Manning. Energize Willits T-shirts. Photos by

Maureen Moor















Happy Mother's Day to my best friend! Love you, Momma.

Imagination

Station

Mother's Day love

My mom is special because

she is nice. She's pretty! She

I was going to get my mom a ring because I love her

very much for mom's day.

Also, flowers so we can go to

Disneyland. It will be fun!

– Grace Orozco

is kind and likes kids.

Tinley says, I love my mommy.

Brie Jones on her first Mother's Day in 2015 with daughter, Emma Jones. PQI Tou mommer KGYADUL Dretty

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shoppers instead of students Saturday, when Energize Willits held their second annual Mother's Day Boutique sale at there looking for that perfect gift. the school. Energize Willits' Megan Hall Jimenez, Erin Fitzpatrick, Rachel Cash and Patricia Baumann organized the event.

The great room was filled with over 20 the group uses for their exercise classes. vendors offering everything from candles Net proceeds of \$714 from the sale of to nail wraps to jewelry to cupcakes! raffle tickets for giant baskets of goodies Vendors included: Jamberry Nails by Danya Davis, Pampered Chef and jams and jellies by Amanda Fairall, Catherine school directly and \$260 will be used to Reese Photography by Catherine Reese, Arabella Soap Co. by Jessica May, Younique Cosmetics by Becky Donahue, Twisted Threads by Kerryjane Devito, exercise classes. Beaded Jewelry by Sarah Manning, Pure Romance by Dana Froneberger, Painted

see where we've moved," said Energize Cellars and Paparazzi Jewelry by Erica Willits' Patricia Baumann. "We displayed art Ramirez, Hallowed Henna by Jessica Clark, work by the students of Willits Elementary cutting boards and beaded accessories Charter School on the studio walls during I like the way my by Terri Appleberry, Fruit and Veggie Plus the boutique, and it was great to see all the and Vertical Gardens by Carolyn Bakewell and Lynn Kennelly, eyebrow waxing and accessories by Sarah Bella Salon Spa Boutique, Aquas Frescas and skewered School, too. fruit by Vey Gomez, Anna's Organic Bakery by Anna Gross, Thirty-One by Martin and

Sara Mendoza, jewelry by Cyndee Logan, basically doubled since last year's sale. Llama Mama by Karen Sue, wind chimes by Morgan Rex, and a raffle table by Energize event was just plain FUN!"





and services. Shoppers included everyone My mom says "No" and from single people to moms to guys, all makes good choices. I love Energize Willits hosted the event, not only – Dominic Lopez as a fundraiser for the Willits Charter School, but to also showcase the new dance space

plays with me. She makes









My mom gives me hugs and food. She wears sparkly want a fancy dinner, she

She

Mares

So thankful to be

your mom, Champ.

necklaces. Sometimes when says "yes.' - Ava Rose

were divvied between Energize Willits and Willits Charter School. \$453 went to the purchase window coverings for the WCS My mom does dance studio in the front of the school where Zumba. Energize Willits holds their Zumba and other drops at Imagination

Station. "We want to give people a chance to loves me! mom picks me

talent of the young artists in the community." up at school. I like how she lets A few works were also on display from eighth-grade students of the Willits Charter me have fun at school. She likes cleaning a lot! Baumann noted that the vendors and

She cleans my traffic at this year's successful event had room. She gives me a lot of hugs "Overall in one word," said Baumann, "the and kisseys.

- Maureen Moore







forever.







HAPPY





Happy Mother's Day, mom, you are the best.

Photos by Maureen Moore

Each vendor had a booth, offered

For some women their dog is their child.Happy Mother's Day to the best mommyHappy Mother's Day to the best MarmieHere are Baylor and Chandra Brouillette,ever! We love you! Love Mark, Luke andever! I love you! who graduated from Willits High. Nora.



Chrystina, Damian, Kaya & Sam Reiter. The essence of loveliness, the beauty of a rose, the sparkle of a dewdrop, and sunset's sweet repose.



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New location for annual Gleaner **Plant Sale**

By Karen Gridley, contributing writer

The Grateful Gleaners will hold their annual plant sale. set for Sunday, May 15, at a new location this year: 130 Tuttle Lane. Since Edi Ceccarelli has moved, the Gleaners got the brilliant idea of hosting the popular plant sale at their storage garage at 130 Tuttle Lane. The garage is centrally located just off Humboldt Street: a block east of Main Street and a block north of the Post Office (follow the signs by the Post Office). The plant sale's hours are 10 am to 4 pm.

As usual, there will be a wide variety of landscape plants, herbs, fruit bushes and plants, and annual flowers and vegetables. The selection of plants includes hard-tofind heritage plants such as sweet violets, bleeding hearts, forget-me-nots, and sweet woodruff, and culinary and medicinal herbs such as valerian, horseradish, comfrey, French sorrel, sage, lavender, along with more more common cooking herbs such as parsley, dill, chives and basil

Although the El Nino rains have given us a reprieve this year, we are hoping to help Willitsians move toward more drought-tolerant landscapes. So, not only will we have a range of low-water-use ground covers, grasses and landscape plants (many of which deer will not bother!), we will identify these plants with a special label. Some of these plants also serve to attract beneficial insects, bees





May and June will mean that you will have to water them

through the summer months for this first season and at



and butterflies.

seedlings to help you start your own abundant, organic backyard garden. Remember that planting water-conserving plants in

Free handouts will be available to help you set priorities in your vegetable garden and to learn water-reduction strategies.

Plants may be purchased using cash or check. If you want more information about the plant sale or to sign up to become a Grateful Gleaner, call Karen at 459-2101

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effect on June 9.

right thing."

Brown signs bill raising

smoking age to 21

of Assemblyman Wood's Assembly Bill 2X-8 and Senator Ed the back door of the house. Hernández's SB 2X-7. Assemblyman Wood served as mayor when the City of Healdsburg became the first city in the state Lopez on suspicion of assault with a deadly to pass a ban on the sale of tobacco products to anyone weapon, false imprisonment and conspiracy under 21 vears old.

"It is incredible to see something I worked on in a small town in Northern California turn into such a huge public health bail victory and something that will benefit the whole state," Wood said. "Finally, after decades of stagnation, we have passed with a deadly weapon, false imprisonment, the most significant tobacco reform legislation in 50 years in conspiracy to commit a criminal act, and an California. This policy will prevent countless young people outstanding arrest warrant for fraud. He was from becoming addicted to a substance that has claimed the booked into county jail where he is being held lives of millions of their ancestors," Wood said.

Jim Wood (D-Healdsburg) the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

The rest of Mental health

mental health system, including hospitals, clinics and law enforcement. According to a chart provided by Miller, many of those meetings are in the process of being scheduled.

Miller told supervisors the California Health Facilities Financing Authority has extended its deadline to use a \$500,000 grant awarded to the county's mental health division. However, Miller could not say what the new deadline was before the money reverted to the state. She said she had requested an extension until June 30, 2017, and would determine precisely how long of an extension had been granted. The money will help the county establish a crisis/residential facility in Mendocino County.

In a separate conversation, Miller told Willits Weekly she is in discussions with Camille Schraeder of Redwood Quality Management Company regarding the logistics of establishing a crisis/residential facility. Schraeder has said she would like to establish such a facility here. "We have all the parts, or we know where to get them," Schraeder said. All we need is the building. If we had a building, we could open almost immediately.'

marijuana is a medicine, Fisher

likely a majority of the people who wanted the housing Mental Health Services Act Supervisor Karen Lovato in Ukiah lived there was less successful in persuading supervisors to commit Mental Health Services Act money to construct housing for mental health patients. Lovato shared the results of a survey conducted this spring of 150 people who attended either MHSA survey respondents meetings or community outreach presentations in Gualala, Laytonville, Fort Bragg, Ukiah and Willits. that could fund housing, using either \$1.3 million in agenda in the near future. The rest of From Page 1 Pot ban No action was taken by the said: "It helps kids with their McConnell council at the time, and it was seizures. You have thoughts about clear the ad hoc committee would helping the kids? Well, why don't not get the three votes needed for you help them out? Why don't you approval. let them have their medicine?" However, Mayor Burton's letter to the editor ("Letter from the mayor," article in Scientific American, April 28, Willits Weekly) appeared "New evidence suggests that a chemical derived from marijuana to ruffle some feathers in the pro-California cannabis camp, as Burton called [cannabidiol], may be an effective "That's nearly a treatment for patients with drugon the public to "encourage those who agree with Larry and I to help resistant forms of epilepsy." convince my friends on the council Fisher added that by implementing Willits," McConnell said. of the importance of this action." a ban, the City of Willits would Willits resident, author and miss out on the economic benefits psychotherapist Jed Diamond, who cannabis legalization would provide, suggesting Burton and Stranske wrote a lengthy letter of his own rebutting Burton's plea ("The best were not acting on behalf of the consequences. of Willits," May 5, Willits Weekly), majority of the city's populace. urged the council to act thoughtfully "Your personal beliefs shouldn't regarding cannabis regulation. get in the way of city politics," Fisher "I just suggest that trying to keep said all cannabis out of the area isn't Another lifelong Willits resident the best way to address some of McConnell, addressed Trov the concerns you have and I have Burton's concern that cannabis about protecting citizens," Diamond hasn't been made legal at the criminals. said. "I hope the council and the federal level. community will look more deeply Referencing a U.S. deputy at how we can come together as attorney general's memo titled a community and not have policies Guidance Regarding Marijuana that would exclude members from Enforcement," released on August each other, [but instead] will meet 29, 2013, McConnell said: "The economically devastated the needs of all the people. memo states the Department of Adrian Fisher, chef and co-owner Justice will allow the states to of Nikos Gyro Shop and lifelong implement their ballot initiatives council Willits resident, told the council that legalize the production and about the growing number of distribution of marijuana for adult medical benefits being discovered recreational use. This means the in cannabis, specifically regarding feds are leaving it up to the states. children with epilepsy. There's no fear of the feds for Noting the American Medical recreational use according to this Association recently declared memo, and there's no fear from the

state of California.'

The rest of Shelter From Page 1 Two Covelo men held in attack on woman

Governor Jerry Brown signed a bill Wednesday raising the Two Covelo men were arrested Monday minimum age to purchase tobacco from 18 to 21 for the nearly night after they allegedly attacked a 55-year-40 million people living in California. The new law will take old woman at a home in the 76000 block of brought to the shelter. She said Henderson Lane

North Coast Assemblyman Jim Wood, principal co-author of According to sheriff's Lt. Kirk R. Mason, the men - Oscar Armando Lopez, 36, and Joshua the bill, said: "Getting to this point feels like reaching the finish line of a long quest in California, but it is just the beginning for Michael Thomas, 32 – forced open the woman's Mountainfire, who remains on the country. We have kicked this door down for our colleagues bedroom door shortly before 8:30 pm and began in other states to follow. The wave in Hawaii has turned into choking her. The woman managed to break free a tsunami in California, and I think it won't be long before we of her attackers and ran screaming for the front door of the home, but Lopez blocked her way, see it roll all the way to Washington D.C. while Thomas came up behind here armed with

"As the largest state in the country, California's courage a knife on this issue should lead the way for other states to step up to the challenge. The governor and my colleagues deserve tremendous credit for displaying the courage it took to do the woman's throat of she continued to scream."

The woman allegedly grabbed the knife, Senate Bill 2X-7 is part of the Second Extraordinary Session pushing it away from her throat, cutting a finger called by Gov. Brown in June 2015 and represents a merger on her left hand in the process. She then fled out and operated Facebook page Arriving at the residence, deputies arrested

> product: Accel. Montano said to commit a criminal act. He was booked into county jail where he is being held on \$30,000 Accel is better for the animals Thomas was arrested on suspicion of assault

Mason said Thomas threatened to "cut the and-neuter program,

on \$55.000 bail.

- submitted by the Office of Assemblymember This report was based on a press release from hire a shelter greeter and a

From Page 1

MHSA money, or the MHSA money plus expertise from the Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation, a local agency that constructs and

manages low-income housing. Option 1 would use MHSA money only to create housing in one location, most likely a renovated home or apartment that would create three to 10 living units. Option 2 would have RHDC work with MHSA to leverage additional funds with tax credits, and build two housing complexes in two locations. This would result in creating more units than Option 1 but less than Option 3.

Option 3 would use MHSA money and RCHDC expertise to build one large housing complex somewhere in the county that would provide more housing units than options 1 or 2.

According to Lovato, 58 percent of those who responded said they preferred Option 3. And 65 percent said they preferred the complex be built in Ukiah. Board Chairman Dan Gjerde asked Lovato if she knew where the respondents lived, but Lovato replied the survey hadn't asked that guestion. Gjerde felt it

Gjerde also asked who would decide where the housing would be built. Lovato replied that decision would be based on the preferences expressed by She added it might be helpful if RCHDC Director Michael Pallesen addressed the board on the subject, Lovato sought opinions on three potential scenarios and supervisors asked the item be placed on their added that by implementing a ban on cannabis, the City of Willits would be intervening with patient rights. Citing a Marijuana Policy Project According to a January 22 study of February 8, McConnell said there are currently 758,607 legal medical marijuana patients in million [Californians] that aren't going to feel very welcome coming to Another Willits resident, who identified himself only as Fred, warned a total marijuana ban in Willits could create other negative "[You would] criminalize citizens for activities that they're already engaging in," Fred stated. "I don't understand what the gain is. Making more criminals doesn't make the streets safer, it just makes more Fred added he has many friends in the industry, and sees firsthand how local business benefit from cannabis cultivation, and that without it, Willits would be "Why damage the businesses in this economy?" Fred asked the No action was taken by the council last week, as the issue was not on the agenda. The proposed ban was tabled during March's special meeting, and has not reappeared as an action item on the

Montano presented a quick proper procedures for customer review of changes she has service. I am very proud to be a kennel attendant at Mendocino she has continued to emphasize County." pet adoptions, continuing Bliss Seifert, a long-time

from 82 percent in 2015.

for the shelter.

professional training, and has

work done under the direction employee of animal care and of shelter Supervisor Sage control who most recently is in charge of the agency's Care-Aadministrative leave. Montano Van program, said the program said for 2016, the shelter's live is now starting up again. "Mary release rate is 92 percent, up Jane's only been here a couple of months," Seifert said. "From Montano also has reactivated the time she got here, she's the Care-A-Van mobile spaybeen dealing with volunteer has issues, staff issues, as well as directed shelter staff to get the day-to-day issues that every

shelter faces. established a county-owned "Over the years, I've seen a lot of changes. We went from euthanasia rates of 40 percent. She has directed the shelter to now euthanasia rates in the to move from using bleach as single digits. It means that more a disinfectant to using another animals are going home alive. And they're working on yet more animals doing that.

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and has helped reduce
                                   "Mary Jane has been
 unpleasant odors in the shelter.
                                incredibly supportive and
  Montano outlined a dozen
                                protective of the staff. She's
 short-term steps she intends
                                made it really clear to me that
to take by June 1. She wants
                                she supports the Care-A-Van,
to create a new animal intake
                                and wants to get Care-A-Van
 room. install disinfectant foot
                                services into the outlying areas
baths at all kennel entrances,
                               of the county," Seifert said
                                "We have contacts with the
volunteer coordinator, train her
                                tribes. We have contacts with
staff in customer service, finish
                                individuals in each tribe, who
the volunteer handbook, update
                                have contact with the triba
the policy and procedures
                                councils, and they want us out
manual. install a new ventilation
                                there. The support is amazing.
system, move the "mister
                                   "Anna Mahoney used to tell
 nozzles" to the outside eaves
                                me all the time the county is
in the main building and on
                                a big ship," Seifert added. "It
 the roof of the outdoor kennel,
                                doesn't turn on a dime. It takes
and double the size of the cat
                                time to turn that ship and let it
cages by installing portals that
                                build up steam so it can move
 will connect two small cages.
                                forward. Now, the ship has
 That move, she says,
                          will
                               turned. We need time to build
 provide each cat with twice the
                               up the steam to show you what
 cage area they now have, and
 allow the felines to move from
                               can be done.
 "bathroom" to "kitchen" as their
                                 "I would encourage each of
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hearts desire. you to come by the shelter,' Seifert said. "Stop by the Care-She also plans to shorten the time in which incoming animals A-Van. Come see what we've will be evaluated. In addition, done, and talk to us about what we're trying to improve. Please she plans to institute regular - and thank you. And woof." staff and volunteer meetings.

Over the mid-term – which Former Clear Lake SPCA staff Montano defined as occurring person Haley Pallace, however, by August 1 – she wants to had harsh words to say about Montano. "She had big plans convert the cat isolation room to a sickbay room, create a for the SPCA. She was going livestock holding area in the rear to make it great again and fix of the facility, update the Animal everything. We see where that Care and Control ordinance, ended up. Just in case you don't establish a foster and adopt know, the Clear Lake SPCA is program, and work with the county's executive office to enter "I would encourage you to into a contract with the Coastal find proof of the numbers she Humane Society to operate the is putting out," Pallace said old Fort Bragg Animal Shelter. "Anyone can throw out numbers County CEO Carmel Angelo and statistics. Get proof of that told supervisors she is working All the great things that she said on this, but discussions are too were going to happen, all of preliminary to reveal details. that fell out. There were no real Montano has fewer long-term plans in place. goals. Among them are to make "Quick changes don't last certain that at least three of long. They don't help," Pallace her regular staff have received Certified Professional Dog Shelter critic Mark Montanos Trainer – Knowledge Assessed wanted to know about the status (CPDT-KA) training, to receive of an investigation into \$28,000 a shelter evaluation from UC that has reportedly gone Davis and share the results with missing from the animal shelter. supervisors, and to establish Angelo told him an investigation both short- and long-term goals had been completed, but said for the shelter. she was not at liberty to discuss County Assistant CEO Alan Flora told supervisors Montanos also inquired about the executive office intends a second crime at the shelter expand the shelter to involving a missing \$100,000. administration to a two-person Angelo said she had never structure. Flora said there will heard of any crime involving any be a shelter manager, which sum other than the \$28,000. will be the top position. Under She told supervisors new cashthat position will be a shelter handling practices had been supervisor instituted at the shelter Following Montano's Supervisor John McCowen presentation, about a dozen chairman of the board's people spoke. Health and Human Services Some spoke in support of Committee, told his colleagues Montano's efforts, including the committee recommended shelter worker Angela Thomkins, efforts to continue to reopen who said: "I've seen different the coast animal shelter. He procedures and protocols, as clarified that the request for well as different directors' points proposals process - by which of view. It's how they handle the county was searching things. I am very pleased at for an outside organization how Mary Jane has handled to take over management of the situation with the volunteers the existing shelter in Ukiah and with the public so far. She - has been completed, and has been very supportive of the recommended no new RFP staff members who are turning process be initiated. this into a very wonderful shelter for Mendocino County. She McCowen said the county has provided opportunities for now needs to focus on improving

us to have training, as well as

shelter operations.



Peace Club WHS students clean up Baechtel Creek

The Willits High School Peace Club members celebrated Above, left: WHS Peace Club President Olivia Cooper works to fill her trash bag. Above, center: Willits High School Peace Club members, in front, from left, Shy Earth Day by cleaning up Baechtel Creek on Saturday, April 23. Silverstein, Carlos Velarde, Veronica Vannorsdel and Nancy Villegas, with advisor They met up at 9 am and finished cleaning up the creek at 2 pm Marisela De Santa Anna, and in back, Olivia Cooper. Above, right: Peace Club that afternoon member Veronica Vannorsdel holds up a prize trash find. Below: A big pile of trash

dumped near Baechtel Creek. "It was a fabulous day," said Marisela De Santa Anna, Peace Club leader and teacher at WHS. "The students were enthusiastic and energetic. They cleaned up two miles of the creek, picking up all kinds of trash, including a huge dump site."

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Clean-up participants also included Mary Delaney, Shy Silverstein, Veronica Vannorsdel, Olivia Cooper (Peace Club president), Carlos Velarde, Michele Faucher, and Nancy Villegas.



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Willits City Council agenda.

Two arrested in Covelo shooting incident

A 29-year-old Round Valley man who detained at products available to use. gunpoint two people he believed had broken into his Barnes Lane home during the early morning hours of April 27 was arrested by sheriff's deputies on suspicion of illegally discharging a firearm.

It didn't help Kyle Danforth Field's case that he was on probation at the time of the 4 am incident and wasn't supposed to possess any dangerous weapons, according to sheriff's Sqt. Michael Davis.

Deputies were dispatched to the home in the 24000 block of Barnes Lane to investigate an interrupted burglary, Davis said. En route to the residence they learned Field had allegedly fired several shots into a car driven by 31-year-old Brett Charles Hoaglen of Covelo. Hoaglen's girlfriend was a passenger in the vehicle at the time.

The drama began after an evewitness told Field his place had been broken into earlier in the night, Davis said.

The witness gave Field a detailed description of the car involved in the break-in, and when it returned again a short time later, the witness called Field, who arrived armed to detain Hoaglen and the woman.

When Hoaglen reportedly tried to drive away, Davis said, Field fired a round into the car's hood and twice more into the vehicle's tires to prevent an escape.

Hoaglen was arrested on suspicion of violating probation and on a Mendocino County misdemeanor arrest warrant charging him with driving on suspended license, Davis said

Both Field and Hoaglen were taken to county jail, where Field was to be held in lieu of \$90,000 bail and Hoadlen is being held without bail.

The alleged burglary remains under investigation.

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

The rest of From Page A8 BACA

During the initial meeting, the child is given a vest and takes a picture with the BACA members. The child keeps the photograph "as a comfort to convey the message 'I am not alone, and you don't want to mess with my family." Intervention can continue from this first level, as warranted, but violence and physical force are not condoned by the organization.

According to multiple sources, Mendocino County has one of the highest levels reported of child abuse in the state. Data on the Lucile Packard Foundation's www. kidsdata.org site shows that Mendocino County had 17.9 "substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect (Ages 0-17)" per 1,000 children in 2014. The statewide rate of such child abuse cases in 2014 was 8.7 cases per 1,000 population.

BACA's local chapter meets every second Thursday of the month at Old Mission Pizza. 1708 South Main Street. at 6:30 pm. The meetings are open to the public.

departing from Ukiah.

For more information go to http://california.bacaworld. org/california/mendocino-county-chapter. BACA's helpline number is: 707-841-1354

Nails From Page B1 The rest of

for manicures and pedicures - they even have organic

"We're really interested in the environmental movement, explained Eric. "We wanted to make sure to consider green options when we refurbished the business, using less chemicals and less plastics, and doing our part to keep the air clean and fresh

Keeping up with the times, City Nails has a great social media presence; they feature many of their daily designs on Instagram and Facebook under "City Nails LLC" or 101 with the hashtag #citynailswillits, providing inspiration to new customers and showing off the fabulous style of their current clients.

adding sparkle, what to paint; the more I do, the more I like it! I get really excited when people want to try new things or bring me ideas, I get to learn more techniques and make

The rest of From Page 1 Measure V

nuisance, when those trees are within 1,000 meters of critical infrastructure, such as public or private roads, driveways, fire lanes, telecommunications or electrical infrastructure. The measure also applies to dead and standing trees within 1,000 meters of a structure, or when they are within a CalFire state responsibility area.

The measure would make any party responsible for leaving a dead tree standing in the forest for more than 90 days liable for any resulting damages.

The initiative will appear on the June 7 ballot. According to Albion-Little River Fire District Chief Ted Williams, the evening was supposed to be a debate, with Williams and former CalFire pilot Kirk Van Patten speaking in support of Measure V, and a Mendocino Redwood Company representative refuting the proposal. However, no MRC or anti-Measure V speakers were in attendance.

Contacted by Willits Weekly, MRC Director of Forest Practices John Anderson said he had been asked by Els Cooperrider of the group Citizens for Fire Safe Forests, proponents of Measure V, to attend the town meeting in Willits, but had declined.

"We have gone to some of them, three or four," Anderson said. "But they were stacking up. And besides, MRC isn't the only group that is doing this [hack-and-squirt practice]. So I gave Els a list of other people she could call. I guess either she didn't want to call them, or she called them and no one could make the Willits meeting.'

Anderson said other companies, agencies or groups using hack and squirt include the Conservation Fund, Camp Mendocino (a camp off Highway 20 run by the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Francisco), Jackson Demonstration State Forest, Lyme Timber Company (the company that now owns lands formerly owned by the Campbell-Hawthorne Timber Company), and private ranchers throughout the county.

"I wanted to get some other voices out there, other than MRC," Anderson said.

Fire Chief Williams told the small audience he supported BACA will be conducting a 100-mile ride on May 21, Measure V because it would protect the environment, firefighters and the local economy

The environment would benefit because MRC would be unable to practice hack and squirt near human habitations, thus reducing the risk of uncontrolled fires that could threaten communities.

It will protect firefighters, Williams said, because the hack-and-squirt method creates roughly a million dead and standing trees per year, and those trees can topple during a fire, posing a danger to firefighters. Those dead trees can drop limbs without warning, Williams added, which could kill people. "They call those limbs widow-makers, and they call them that for a reason," Williams said.

the customers really happy!

A recent design Eric was proud to accomplish is what he calls "mermaid nails": a multi-layered design with sparkles, waves, fish scales and iridescence that has the illusion of depth when viewed from above.

City Nails has customers from Willits, Ukiah, the coast and even from Eureka. Out-of-towners traveling through are also stopping into the salon. This out-of-town traffic is something Eric hopes will continue post-bypass, and he wants City Nails to be able to collaborate with other small businesses to encourage local growth and help create a destination location for those driving up and down Highway

The salon is located at 1726 South Main Street, in the southern leg of the Evergreen Shopping Center. They are open seven days a week; Monday through Saturday from "I dream about designs," laughed Eric. "Tiny flowers, 9 am to 7 pm and on Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. Call 456-0342 to set up an appointment or for more information. They can also be reached via email at citynailswillits@ gmail.com.

> multiple calls from Willits Weekly attempting to source his statements

Do dead trees increase risk of fire?

In a January 2016 report, Mendocino County Forest Advisor Greg Giusti reviewed professional literature on the relationship between standing dead trees and fire, quoting two experts who opined standing dead trees did not increase the risk of fire.

Giusti guoted a study by S.J. Hart (2015), in which the author assessed whether tree mortality from bark beetle attacks increased the incidence of fire. Hart wrote: "Contrary to the expectation that a [bark beetle] outbreak increases fire risk, spatial overlay analysis shows no effect of outbreaks on subsequent area burned during years of extreme burning across the west.... Our results demonstrate that the annual area burned in the western United States has not increased in direct response to bark beetle activity.... These results refute the assumption that increased bark beetle activity has increased the area burned.3

Giusti also quoted M.L. Bond (2009), who wrote about the effect of tree mortality from Sudden Oak Death on forest fires. "We found no evidence that pre-fire mortality influenced fire severity," Bond wrote.

Giusti said a complex relationship exists between standing dead trees and forest fires. "Herbicide treatment, like tree diseases, increases surface fuels over time, and a positive relationship exists between dead tanoak basal area and surface fuels," he said in his report. "Dead trees affect flammability, but do not necessarily affect fire behavior across the entire forest matrix. Dead stands need to be evaluated spatially to determine fire risk in the context of the forest matrix."

Van Patten was asked how it was possible Rainforest Alliance could have concluded the hack-and-squirt practice does not increase the risk of or the severity of forest fires, a claim Rainforest Alliance auditors made in the August 2015 recertification of MRC.

"Typically a pre-European forest doesn't burn as aggressively as a second-growth redwood forest," Van Patten said. "So their argument is, that they are making the forest into more of an old-growth, pre-European-type forest,



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Round #4 • 10P to 11P - 3 random winners/hour (3 winners). Each winner will win \$200 in Free Play Players Club members must play minimally \$50 to be eligible for Round #4 Hot Seat drawings.

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

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Point "Buy-In" starts at; 2P for 3P & 4P Games (40 points "Buy-In") 2P Game \$100 3P Game \$200 6P for 7P & 8P Games (55 points "Buy-In") 7P Game \$200 8P Game \$300 9P for 10P & 11P Games (75 points "Buy-In") 10P Game \$300 \$400 11P Game 12A for 12:30A & 1:15A games (100 points "Buy-In")

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If passed, Measure V will benefit the economy, he argued, because timber companies like MRC will be more likely to hire workers to cut down and remove unwanted tan oaks by hand.

Both Williams and Van Patten challenged MRC claims that trees killed by the hack-and-squirt method usually fall over in five years. Williams claimed studies have found hack-and-squirt leaves a legacy that lasts for at least 15 logged. years.

Referring to a binder containing printed information, Williams said there is an increased risk of fire after one to two years following hack-and-squirt treatment. After two to four years, there is an increased risk of a tree falling. And after four to eight years, the treatment results in an increase of "deep fuels," fuels lying on the ground that can spread a low-lying fire up into the tree canopy.

The added risk from the hack-and-squirt practice does not become negligible until 15 years out, Williams said. But he did not cite the source of his information, or return

one that will resist fire. So what they're saying is, hack-andsquirt is a necessary step towards a better forest.

"But it's a risk," he added. "They say it's a three-to-fiveyear risk, that you have to take, and that you have to pay for. But I think it's much longer than that."

Williams said high-ranking MRC administrative personnel have told him the company currently pays about \$300 an acre to use the hack-and-squirt method of tan oak removal, rather than the \$600 an acre it would cost to remove the trees manually. When asked how the additional cost would affect the company's price of timber, Williams conceded he didn't know, but thought it would be very small, especially if the tan oaks were removed at the same time an area is

"Running all that equipment for a couple of extra days would be a very small cost. They could afford it, but it's just not their business model," Williams said.

Els Cooperrider, a proponent of Measure V who was in the audience, said the company could easily afford it. "One redwood tree per acre would pay for the cost of getting all those tan oaks out of that same acre," Cooperrider said.

"If Measure V passes," Van Patten said, and they lose that tool [i.e., hack-and-squirt] then they'll have to start looking at some of these other options."



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Part #2 2X Points (5p to 10:30P) Hot Seat Drawings 6P to 10P – Two random winners/hour for \$100 Free Play/winner.

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Above, left: The "Helping Hands" group in front of the wall they cleaned. At top, center: Getting ready to clean up. At top, right: Leonard Nelson, front, helps scrape off the graffitied mossy wall. Above: Raking up the mess.

At left, above: Madelyn Bragdon with her rake. At left, below: Roni McFadden with her broom.

Below: Scraping the last bits of moss off the wall.

At bottom: Marcus McFadden digs in with a shovel.







Helping Hands Day Local Mormons perform community service on Saturday

Last Saturday was the annual Mormon Helping Hands Day around the world, and here in Willits, members of the Willits Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints did their share of helping out.

"We had a few members weed-eat the tennis courts," Roni McFadden told Willits Weekly. "But the main 'job' was beautifying the wall in front of the medical offices next to the old hospital. The moss on the wall was becoming a prime target for graffiti. So we cut the weeds down and scraped all of the moss off of the wall. We picked up all of the yard waste and swept the sidewalk, and then it looked like new."

The Willits members involved – dressed in their "Helping Hands" safety vests – were: Bishop Corey McFadden and his sons Marcus, Ty, and Caleb; John and Roni McFadden; Leonard Nelson; John and Gail Warner; Madelyn Bragdon; Sarah and Savanah Lewis; and Steve Hill.

The Mormon Helping Hands program was established in 1998, and since then hundreds of thousands of volunteers have donated millions of hours of service to their communities. The program started in South America but has since spread to nearly every corner of the world.

"This is an opportunity for us to give back to our community," said Willits Bishop McFadden. "My hope is for this to grow into an annual community-wide day of service."

Volunteer in Nigeria Charles Adebayo summed up the feelings of many who participate in the Mormon Helping Hands program around the world: "We find real happiness when we think outside of ourselves. That is true joy," he said.

Visit www.mormonnewsroom.org/article/helping-hands for more info on Helping Hands Day.

– Jennifer Poole





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