Downtown firehouse has

ADA problems

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

The city's downtown fire station has compliance issues with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Fire Chief Carl Magann told the Little Lake Fire District Board of Directors on Tuesday.

Magann said that was the upshot of an inspection by Gary Waters, an ADA expert retained by a number of businesses in Willits to provide a professional opinion on ADA compliance issues.

Magann said firehouse does not have wheelchair access into the building, except through the front roll-up doors, which cannot be used to let in the

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District honors students, approves new positions

Joanne Moore Reporter joanne@willitsweekly.com

Thirteen students had progressed "needing help" to proficient English presented were with certificates of recognition by Superintendent of Schools Mark Westerburg during the May 3 Willits school board meeting at Brookside Elementary School.

"It's really a gift to be bilingual," Westerburg commented. "We all wish we were."

Student school board member d'Artagnan Meek, a senior at Willits High School, also was awarded a certificate of recognition for "his help and input" to the

school board. Brookside School then

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'High-risk' sex offender moves to Willits

24-year-old Santa Rosa man who sheriff's detectives describe as a "high-risk sex offender" is now living in the Willits area.

The man, Jonathan Michael Hoppner, registered as a sex offender with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office on May 5, said detective Sgt. Andrew Porter in a May 10 press release. Hoppner, who is on state parole, told county law enforcement officials he was moving to an address in Willits.

"The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office was not

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Read the rest of Offender



Fundraising Feast

Brooktrails Fire Department holds annual spaghetti dinner this Saturday

On the Saturday before Mother's Day, the firefighters, friends and family of the Brooktrails Fire Department welcome the public to come up Sherwood Road, gather at the Brooktrails Community Center, and enjoy an evening of festivities, to help raise funds for the

department.

Maureen Moore Graphics & Photographress maureen@willitsweekly.com

The annual spaghetti dinner will be held from 5 to 8 pm on May 13 and will offer plates

of meat- or veggie-sauce topped noodles, salad and garlic bread for \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under.

As usual, an array of desserts will be provided by the women of the Brooktrails Property Owners Association, and the Willits Lions Club will hold the no-host bar. Firefighters will be cooking and serving the meal, with help from the friends and family of the department.

"This is an all-hands-on-deck event," said Brooktrails Fire Department's Deputy Chief Jon Noyer. "We really appreciate all the people who make this event happen each year!"

Around 100 pounds of meat, 30 pounds of noodles, and 25 to 30 loaves of garlic bread will accompany the dozens of heads of lettuce needed for the At top: Deputy Cheif Jon Noyer shows off salad. Noyer noted that – depending on

the size of the crowd – they often have to run out for more food and supplies to keep the meals coming.

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tickets for the spaghetti feed.

Above: Chef Ashes the K-9 Arson dog promises

Photos by Maureen Moore



her quality control is performed from a distance.



Brooktrails Fire Department's Deputy Chief Jon Noyer, probationary firefighter Brittany Kessler, Captain Jim Kessler, Fire Chief Darryl Schoeppner, and Ashes the K-9 Arson dog pose together, ready to cook, in front of the Brooktrails Fire Station.

Saturday's

WHA Walk

in memory of Lynn Kennelly

The weather looks good for this weekend's annual Willits Walk for Health &

Community Wellness, set for Saturday, May 13. Regular WHAT (Willits Healthy Action Team) walkers may remember a little dampness at last year's walk, but this Saturday is predicted to be mostly sunny and

Registration opens at 9:30 am at J.D. Redhouse. Men, women and children, bicycles, and well-



or all of the five-mile route that winds through Willits neighborhoods. The walk this year is in memory of the late Lynn Kennelly, executive director of the Willits Chamber of Commerce. The first 300 registrants will receive a red carnation.

Questions? Call Martin Rodriguez at 354-0528.

Croskey named **3rd District** supervisor

Mike A'Dair



Georgeanne Croskey has been appointed Third District supervisor by Gov. Jerry Brown, filling the seat left vacant by Tom Woodhouse's resignation in early January.

Croskey is currently a member of the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees. She was appointed to the school board

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Advisory board chair gives

positive library report

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

Library Advisory Board Chairman Marc Komer gave a positive report on the state of the county's library system to supervisors at the board's May 2 meeting.

According to Komer, funding is adequate, staff is great, nearly all the indicators are up, and Library Director Karen Horner "has done an excellent job of coordinating library services and maintaining staff levels."

"We are making materials acquisitions to replace many of our outdated items. Our \$2 million reserve is adequate for contingencies and a planned expansion of services into the north

Read the rest of Library Over on Page 13

State ag department to hold cannabis hearing in Ukiah

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter jennifer@willitsweekly.com

The California Department of Food and Agriculture will hold a hearing in Ukiah this month as part of series of hearings around the state to gather public comment on CDFA's new draft state regulations for the cultivation and licensing of medical cannabis.

The hearing is set for Thursday, May 25, from 1 to 3 pm at the Ukiah Convention Center, 200 South School Street.

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- Jennifer Poole

Photo by Mathew Caine

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What do YOU think?

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Time to register for Kids Club Day Camp

To the Editor:

Willits Kids Club is offering eight weeks of summer day camp this year for children who are entering kindergarten through the seventh grade. The first day of camp is June 19, and camp runs through August 11. Full and half-day schedules are available. Camp starts at 7:30 am and ends at 5:30 pm.

According to Day Camp Director Diane Heath, camp will be held in rotating locations in order to expose the kids to the rich resources and environments in their home town. Day camp at Kids Club on Blosser Lane (weeks 1, 2, 7 and 8) allows kids to play in the Discovery Park, enjoy all of the activities and games available at Kids Club, including arts and crafts, cooking and gardening.

During weeks 3 and 4, the camp will move to Willits Elementary Charter School across from Recreation Grove Park to allow for exploration and field trips to the Mendocino County Museum, the Willits Library, and Recreation Grove, with swimming in the afternoons at the City Pool.

Weeks 5 and 6 of camp will have an outdoor education focus, with base camp at Brooktrails Community Center. These weeks will get kids hiking and exploring the redwood groves and trails and learning about nature in our unique and beautiful outdoor environment.

Fees for camp vary depending on the schedule chosen. One week of full days is \$135, and one week of half days is \$75. Some partial scholarships are available, and there are options for attending just two or three days each week and a discount for paying in advance

Camp registration forms can be downloaded from the Kids Club website at Willitskidsclub.org or a carnival and healthy family fair that obtained at any of the after-school sites weekday afternoons until 6 pm. More information is available by calling Diane at 841-8012.

> Karen Oslund. Willits Kids Club

Fortunate to have San Hedrin High School

To the Editor:

For the past school year, we have been part of a Mentoring Network at San Hedrin High School, where Everyone of all ages is invited to community members offer an hourlong class each week. Some of the

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subjects have included gardening herbs, cooking, crafts, Somatics, Chi Kung, public speaking and working

We are grateful to Yulia Ritchley at San Hedrin who has coordinated these classes, and we are especially grateful to the students.

Teaching these classes and interacting with the San Hedrin students has been educational, inspiring, challenging us at times in a good way, and very worthwhile. Both teachers and students have benefitted.

We are fortunate to have this school in

Vicky Salcido-Cobbe, Diane Smalley, Linda Posner. Samuel Senercha and Donna d'Terra,

Healthy Family Fair on Friday

I love living in Willits, and spring is especially beautiful in Mendocino County. The creativity of our residents brings out the best in flowers, gardens and innovative projects. Spring is also the time for renewal of growth and change. Local residents can enjoy the warmer weather, as children, families and others partake in the many fun activities that our beautiful area offers to support health and well-being.

The month of May will feature various health fairs by different groups. Avenues to Wellness is joining the Willits Kids Club this year on May 12 from 3:30 to 7 pm at the Baechtel Grove Middle School yard to provide should offer something for all age

Free food, games, prizes, a bike event, information about pet care, diabetes and blood pressure testing, summer safety tips, a smoothie bike, and support for elder care are just a few of the many activities that are planned for a rich and memorable afternoon. You can learn more about the planned Caring Kitchen by NCO or get help in designing an action plan for your health goals.

celebrate spring with engaging

information about your wellbeing! I hope you will visit on May

> Doreen Blumenfeld, Avenues to Wellness,

Willits Unified School District undertakes school improvement projects at all sites

Superintendent Mark Westerburg has created a plan to address the district's most pressing issues and has posted a 25-minute explanation video with a school-by-school summary at www.willitsunified.com (in the left sidebar under "WUSD School Improvement

Westerburg acknowledges that change is hard, especially for adults, but says he is confident that with community support and WUSD's excellent staff, Willits public schools can become some of the best in the county.

Since arriving in the area last summer, Westerburg has immersed himself in all

things Willits, both school-related and communityrelated. spoken with students families. community members to hear people's concerns and hopes related to WUSD; and he has pulled from his decades of school leadership experience to craft a plan he believes will work well for Willits.

Elementary



K-5 elementary schools include Blosser and Brookside, where Westerburg lists three goals: 1. Bringing students up to grade-level in reading, 2. Bringing students up to grade-level in math, and 3. Making school enjoyable for students.

To reach these goals, the schools will implement a new language arts program called Benchmarks Curriculum and a new math program called Everyday Math. Students will be evaluated through a combination of teacher grading and external, standards-based assessments: DIBELS (dibels.org) for language arts and Delta Math (deltamath.org) for math. Finally, Westerburg savs, the schools will work hard to encourage parent participation.

Sherwood School will expand from a K-5 to a K-8 school. While it offers the same curriculum as Blosser and Brookside in the early grades, Sherwood is a small, alternative school where students learn in a multi-age classroom environment. Students who excel at academics can easily be offered more challenging work, and those who are struggling are able to slow down and review challenging material – all within the same classroom. The supportive culture and high parent engagement allow students to take advantage of creative and exciting programs, and the waiting list is often a long one. It is offer special education services.

"Next year, we'll offer transportation to and from Sherwood School from Baechtel Grove Middle School and the Brooktrails Golf Course. Also, any middle school students who attend Sherwood will be able

Unified School District to participate in sports at Baechtel, if they choose to," Westerburg said.

At Baechtel Grove Middle School, Westerburg plans to help students and staff focus on high-school readiness "in a culture of learning and respect." Each grade level will progressively help students transition from elementary school to high school, both academically and from a social/emotional

Core classes (i.e., math, language arts, science, and social studies) will be taught in 60-minute periods and exploratory classes (also called "electives") will be taught in

> 40-minute periods. Exploratory classes will include art, music and computers, among others. Each grade level will have its own lunch period, and all students will have a bonus period at the end of the day to focus on their specific needs or interests -Advancement Via Individual Determination, Read 180, English Language Development, Study Island, Odyssey of the Mind, and more.

Independent Study

Independent Study for elementary students, grades K-8, will run through Sherwood School, and students in grades WUSD Superintendent Mark Westerburg. 9-12 will be incorporated into Willits High School as a school

within a school. This allows students to work independently as well as take advantage of direct instruction at the high school. Independent Study students will be able to participate in all extracurricular activities, including athletics.

Alternative High School

Sanhedrin Alternative High School will transform into a vocational high school with the goal of having all students graduate with employable skills. Students will receive core instruction at Sanhedrin and be required to enroll in a Career Technical Education program of their choosing at Willits High

Comprehensive High School

Willits High School will adopt a trimester schedule, allowing students to take more electives and dig deeply into core subjects. A school day will consist of five 75-minute periods. Teachers will teach four classes a day and have a prep period.

A trimester system allows struggling students to get guicker remediation and advanced students to have more time in Advance Placement classes. For more information about the trimester system, visit the website trimesters.org.

"I'm really excited about this plan. We'll adjust as we go, but we are definitely headed important to note that Sherwood does not in the right direction. I believe we will have the best schools in the area in a very short time," Westerburg said. "If people have questions, I really encourage them to check out the video on the district website, or to call me.'

> - submitted by the office of WUSD Superintendent Mark Westerburg

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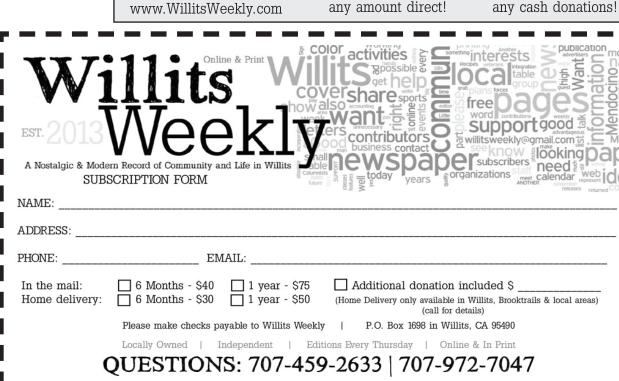
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Beholding Beauty

Art Center hosts reception for multiple art installations in May

chosen forms, exhibiting for the month of May at the Willits Center for the Arts. The latest shows, which both had an opening reception on Saturday night, are an eclectic blend of creativity and expression. Upstairs are the paintings and texture studies of Holly Cratty, a fine artist and poet who unfortunately passed away in 2012. In the main gallery downstairs is the show collectively known as "Vessels, which is a juxtaposition of HP Bloomer's ceramic vessels

Mathew Caine

and Craig Gardner's photographs of the "vessels" that are pregnant athew@willitsweekly.com and nursing mothers.

Holly Cratty, who was known locally through her work at the Blue Sky Gallery, was a renaissance artist who practiced various forms of paintings, from stunning sunsets and seascapes, to deep texture studies. According to her husband, Scott Cratty, she would obsess on one form of painting until she exhausted her energy and interest in that form. Then she would find

discipline and work on that form until she would find another technique that would interest her. Her dedication is evident in the work that is being shown in the upstairs gallery. She also wrote books of poetry, one of which is available at the gallery.

Gallery manager Holly Madrigal reached out to Scott Cratty to fill the space, which was a challenge, as Holly Cratty's work is being shown in seven galleries concurrently and there was - at a first look - little left to show other than some "juvenilia and intense geometric abstract stuff" which may not have been apt for the space. Luckily, Scott Cratty was able to find some excellent examples of his wife's work, which will be exhibited for two months in her show titled. "One of a Kind."

The Crattys are known in the area for opening the Westside Renaissance Market in Ukiah at 1003 West Clay Street. The market is the "last neighborhood market in Ukiah," specializing in local foods and a vast variety of

HP Bloomer IV's work, in the lower gallery, is a blending of various forms of ceramics which are decorated with

There are three amazing artists, each a virtuoso of their iconic and primitive-seeming designs. "[The] patterns originate from an interest in interior design, fashion design, architecture and painting," reveals Bloomer. "The patterns, through repetition, become narrative for me. I use them in the context of personal language as it relates to people close to me, experience, or geography. I use them to tell

Bloomer comes from a creative ceramic family in Texas. He was exposed to the art form at an early age by his mother who has a master's in ceramics. He now lives in Cobb and teaches ceramics and sculpture as an adjunct professor at Mendocino College in Ukiah. He originally pursued a degree in painting and drawing, but ended up with a master's in ceramics.

Bloomer asked the gallery to place flowers in some of his pieces. He likes his work to have function as well as form. "There is something nice about ceramics that, when it's approached correctly, is a bit subversive, in that most of the objects are generally very accessible to the viewer," he shares. "Anyone can relate to a mug, or a cup, or a butter dish. Our society is so far away from handmade objects that in some regards, I consider it a rebellious act to make an art object that is a functional, everyday piece of art that the owner can interact with in very personal spaces in their

Bloomer concludes: "So I'm kind of putting that message into their hands and sending it out into the world. People then can be creative in the way they display the piece, where they place it, and how they use it."

Photographer Craig Gardner has been an integral member of the Willits Center for the Arts for several years, participating in the Willits Photo Club and their yearly shows. He came up with the concept for this show a few years ago when he observed controversy concerning mothers nursing in public - an act that he considers a beautiful rite between mother and child, and one that should not be stigmatized and vilified by the misperceptions of people who fail to see the beauty.

> Read the rest of Vessels

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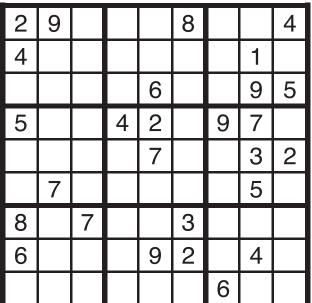
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Crossword Puzzle 8 Sudoku



A LA CARTE

APPETIZER

BAR

BEVERAGES

BILL

BREAKFAST

BUS

BYOB

CHEF

CLUES ACROSS

5. Federal poverty level

11. This many makes a trio

1. Protective crust

8. 'NCIS' network

13. Geological time

Colombian city

16. More (Spanish)

15. Interviewer Morgan

20. __ Farrow, actress

21. One point east

of southeast

are two

31. Uganda

33. Assistants

38. I (German)

45. Vetoed

47. Wings

49. Vestment

41. Small vessel

22. Kinetic and elastic

25. Taking possession

30. Associate of same rank

32. Heads the department

43. Home to Deadwood

of a property

14. Populous

17. Not close

18. Confined

Level: Advanced

FAMILY STYLE

GRAND OPENING

HOSTESS

LUNCH

MENU

PARTY

PATRON

PAYMENT

RESERVED

DINE OUT WORD SEARCH

COUPON

COURSE

CREDIT

CUISINE

DESSERT

DINER

DINNER

DISCOUNT

EVENING

50. Heavy cavalry sword

55. Deer native to Japan

59. Famous New Yorker

60. Liquefied natural gas

63. Sense of self-esteem

CLUES DOWN

4. 'Friday Night Lights'

6. A treeless grassy plain

7. Large flat rectangular

12. Midway between east

and southeast

director Peter

5. fatale, French

seductresses

strips of pasta

8. Eating houses

Divulge a secret

10. Beget

1. Engine additive

2. Fashionable

3. Region

61. Jewish spiritual leader

56. Spy agency

57. Was hurting

film critic

62. Male offspring

64. Cheek

Sudoku:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row. column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve May 2

the puzzle!

How To

seven-day reporting period. **Summary of Active Investigations** 12:45 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a citation. 3:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping of garbage in the 700 block of Central Street. 9:35 pm: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 1700 block of South

RESTAURANT

REVIEWS

SAMPLE

SERVER

SOCIALIZE

TABLE

TRANSACTION

14. Container for shipping

19. Deceased basketballer

25. Licenses TV stations

26. Express delight

assistance

34. A way to sign

36. Shock therapy

39. Basketlike boat

44. Autonomous island

45. Made of wood

46. Meat from a calf

48. Chinese dynasty

53. 'The Wire' actor Idris

54. Resistance fighters

28. Upon

37. Ocean

41. Doctor

47. Inquires

51. Swiss river

52. Prejudice

58. Criticize

40. Irish sport

42. Middle day

27. Refusal of medical

29. Bright or deep red

35. Zhou Dynasty state

Bison ___

24. Large lizard

23. Neither

6:53 am: Officers responded to a report of of an individual brandishing a weapon in resisting/ the 1200 block of South Main Street.

The officers of the Willits Police

Department handled 146 incidents in this

and Arrests

7:53 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1100 block of Magnolia

11:00 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

11:42 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of East

12:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

2:59 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Pine Street. 5:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Main Street.

10:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

May 3

2:26 am: SUPER, Richard Gerald (44) of Ukiah was contacted in the 100 block of

Northbrook Way He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on charges of felony violation of probation.

9:09 Officers responded to a report of suspicious near intersection of Madden Lane and East Valley Street.

12:51 Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of West

Commercial Street 4:33 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run collision investigation near the intersection of East Mendocino Avenue and South Humboldt Street.

Richard Gerald Super of Ukiah.

4:49 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of East Valley

5:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of North Main

9:52 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

May 4

8:22 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Main Street.

8:26 am: LAWSON, Brandon Todd (21) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Holly Street. He was arrested on charges misdemeanor failure to appear and misdemeanor disobeying a court order.

8:50 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Madrone Street

POLICE LOG

May 1 to May 7 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

> 12:43 pm: STANTON, Kelly Marie (40) of Ukiah was contacted in the 800 block of South Main

Street. She was arrested pursuant to 11550 (A) HS (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance) 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation). charges felony

Kelly Marie Stanton of Ukiah.

1:47 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of East Valley

6:41 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1500 block of South

8:11 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of McKinley

9:31 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of South Main

11:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1400 block of Baechtel

May 5

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10:53 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

12:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

> 3:56 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Sequoia Boulevard.

6:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of rape in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

10:37 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 19000 block of North Highway 101.

1:02 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Tuttle Lane and Humboldt Street

1:34 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

1:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Railroad

5:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Creekside Court and Creekside Drive.

9:12 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1000 block of Magnolia

May 7

12:06 am: Officers responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

2:07 am: Officers responded to a report of a structure fire in the 3000 block of Bear Canyon Road.

11:00 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of East Commercial Street

12:37 pm: BRIGGS, Martin Christopher (46) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Alder Lane and Elm Lane. He was arrested on charges of misdemeanor violation of probation.

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Kids on the Run

Twenty local kids showed up for the first 2017 "Kids on the Run" session on April 19, coach Michelle Kluskeiwicz was happy to report. "Last year we had, consistently, about 12 runners, and this year we had 20 show up the first day!," she said.

The flyers for Kids on the Run say: "train for races - have fun - get strong win awards," and that describes what the running club is all about. The K-12 club is sponsored by the Sheriffs Activity League and meets every Wednesday through mid-October at 3:30 pm, usually at the ball fields between the Willits Dog Park and the Mendocino County Museum. Sometimes the group runs at the Brooktrails Par

The cost is \$10 for the 2017 season, and that includes a vellow SAL and Kids on the Run T-shirt and free race entries.

Although the club is for kids of different ages, it's also "a family thing," Kluskeiwicz said. Parents are welcome to walk or run with their kids each week. All experience levels are welcome, too. Kids don't have to show up every week, and they can join the club at any time.

The typical schedule for a training session is: "warm up, run, stretch, and then play a game like Capture the Flag or

Sharks and Minnows," Kluskeiwicz said

The group will compete in mostly local races like the Whale Run in Fort Bragg, the Jesse Pittman Memorial in Ukiah, and, coming up soon, the "Color Me Green" 4-H run at Nelson Family Vineyards in Ukiah. "The races are really fun and family-friendly events," Kluskeiwicz said.

This is the second year Kluskeiwicz has been coaching Kids on the Run along with Coach Gina Henebury, who introduced her to the club. "I love running," Kluskeiwicz said, "and I met Gina through friends, and she said, 'oh well, we need a coach for running and I love kids."

Why should kids get involved with the club? "Running gets you ready for any sport," Kluskeiwicz said. "It keeps you in shape, trains you for basketball, baseball or soccer. Whatever your passion is, running will probably support that."

In addition to the SAL sponsorship, the North Coast Striders running club has also given Kids on the Run donations.

For questions, contact Kluskeiwicz at 267-608-6262 or Henebury at 707-485-

- Jennifer Poole

Volunteers install new

At right, top: The play structure, designed by Willits Elementary Charter School children, is part

of phase one of the Brooktrails playground redevelopment project. At right: It took many hands to

Brooktrails playground More than 30 volunteers from the Rotary County Community Foundation and Rotary

Brooktrails Township Community Services members, joined forces on Saturday, May 6 to help give kids the childhood they deserve by building phase one of the new playground near the Brooktrails par course.

The design is based on children's drawings and ideas created as a school project last fall at the Willits Elementary Charter School. A playground is a place for children to expand their imaginations, to grow physically, mentally and socially. It is also a place for parents and caregivers to come together and ensure that their children are engaged in balanced, active play so they can thrive.

Phase one of the playground was supported by grants from the Mendocino

erect the new play structure.

Club of Willits. Brooktrails Firefighters District 5130, as well as the fundraising Association, Brooktrails Neighborhood work of the Rotary Club of Willits. Sparetime Association, Sparetime Supply, and Supply donated its forces to grade and prepare the site. Phase one provides a District, as well as other community whimsical play house that contains more than 30 play activities for children 2 to 5 years of age.

The Rotary Club of Willits is accepting donations for phase two of the playground project. Phase two of the project will provide play equipment for children age 6 to 12. Brooktrails Neighborhood Association is working with BTCSD and the Rotary Club of Willits to finalize the phase two design and to develop sponsorship opportunities for businesses, organizations and individuals. Donations may be sent to the Rotary Club of Willits, Box 787, Willits, CA 95490.

> - Denise Rose, general manager, **Brooktrails Community** Services District



Get ready to dig at the

Gleaners plant sale

Sunday, May 21 from 10 am until 3 pm at their storage location at 130 Tuttle Lane, just off Humboldt Street, one block north of the Willits Post Office.

The plant sale, a fundraiser for local organic agricultural efforts, reflects the The group recruits new volunteers and Gleaners' commitment to increasing local food security in the Willits valley. Over the and is always eager to hear about new past 11 years, Gleaner volunteers have growers with orchards or gardens that will harvested fruit, vegetables and nuts that need to be harvested in the coming months. would normally have gone to waste, and For more information about the plant sale Kids on the Run,' and I said: 'I'll do it; I love distributed them to over 16 local agencies or to become a Gleaner, leave a message and schools that serve nutritionally on their voice mail: 707-367-9759.

> Despite the plentiful rains this year. drought-tolerant plants will always be highlighted at the sale, including annual and seedlings may be purchased with cash or perennial flowers, medicinal and culinary checks. Get ready to dig in your garden! herbs and groundcovers. Certain heritage

> The Grateful Gleaners want to get you and heirloom plants will be available and back in your garden after a long wet winter. hopefully, if all goes as planned, there will They are holding their annual plant sale on be a range of vegetable seedlings to help you start your own abundant backvard garden.

The Grateful Gleaners in Willits has been the largest and most-sustained gleaning effort in Mendocino County in recent times. team leaders at the time of their plant sale

Come join us on Sunday, May 21 from 10 am to 3 pm. Look for directional signs just north of the Post Office. Plants and

- Karen Gridley, Grateful Gleaners

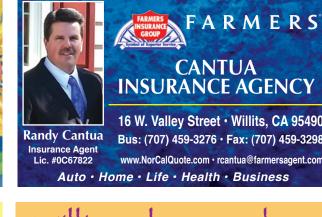
















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Gardner affirms, "I want my exhibit to say, 'women of all body types are beautiful.' Society says that once you have a child, the pregnancy ruins your body. It doesn't ruin it; it is iust different. And there is beauty in everyone.

In all of Gardner's photography, he focuses on the curves of light and shadows. "I like working with - and manipulating - light," he declares. This view is certainly evident in the works hanging in his exhibit. Both the low-key and high-key lighting that he employs act to create a visual environment within which the mother and child, the pregnant mother-to-be, or just beautiful, relaxed models can live comfortably.

Gardner has a way of putting his models at ease in order to allow them to join with him in expressing the inherent beauty of the female form. According to Beonnicca Kohenskey, mother of two and model, who came from Lake County to work on the project and to attend the opening: "Craig is a wonderful photographer High School, has been selected as a finalist for and a joy to work with. I wanted the California's 37th Annual Homecoming Queen maternity photos to remember this selection, to be held May 21 at the Ayres Hotel time in our lives. I've done alternative Hawthorne in Hawthorne, California. nude modeling in the past, and we have a healthy nude household, so I'm extremely comfortable. We consider the body to be completely natural.'

June Ruckman, WCA board member and fellow photography club member, was integral in helping to mount the show. "Craig's work is amazing," she said, "and he shows off the women's bodies in a beautiful way. In the photography club we are always amazed at his ability to light the body in such a flattering and beautiful way."

The curator of the Willits Center for the Arts, Gary Martin, who was also extremely helpful in making the show a reality, expounds: "It is a pretty amazing show. Craig's exhibit was planned a year ago before I came here. Craig has a lot of work in here, but it all blends very well."

"Vessels" will run at the Willits Center for the Arts. 71 East Commercial Street, through May 28. Holly Cratty's show, "One of a Kind," will run through June in the WCA's upstairs gallery. Hours at the WCA galleries are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. For more information, call the art center at 459-1726 or visit www. willitscenterforthearts.org.

Upcoming at the WCA in June is an exhibit of quilting, with artists from Willits, Ukiah and Laytonville The whimsical ceramic dinosaurs of Edward Hobart will be showing in

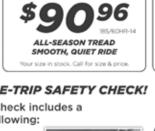








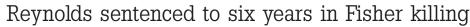
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Charles Wallace Reynolds, Jr., the argument about money last August 28 32-year-old Willits man convicted of killing outside a Laytonville bar. a Laytonville man with a single blow to the head last August, was sentenced to 72 months in state prison Wednesday morning by Superior Court Judge John Behnke.

A courtroom full of onlookers, including family members and friends of the victim, Kenneth Wavne Fisher, attended the hearing.

After hearing arguments from prosecution and defense counsels, and considering the Adult Probation Department's background study and sentencing recommendation, Behnke denied Reynolds' application for probation, according to a press release from the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office. Instead, Behnke sentenced Reynolds to 36 months in state prison for battery with serious bodily injury, and an additional 36 months for being convicted of inflicting great bodily injury on Fisher, which

Reynolds was convicted of killing the 29-year-old Fisher following a brief

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for California's

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The convictions constitute a "strike" under California's "Three Strikes" law, the press release stated, and may limit the credits Reynolds may earn in prison against his overall sentence to 15 percent.

"However," the release continues, "it is also likely that the Department of Corrections will award the defendant greater credits than the 15 percent limit mandated in the Penal Code" after the passage of Proposition 57. The statewide initiative was passed last November and – as the press release notes was approved in Mendocino County by almost 70 percent of those who voted in the general election.

Deputy District Attorney Luke Oakley prosecuted the case against Revnolds. He was defended by Ukiah attorney Justin

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

'Inside/Outside – Your Choice' teen essay contest

The Mendocino County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission, in conjunction with Heroes For Youth, Mendocino and its supporters, has funded a graphic novel for teens entitled "Inside/ Outside - Your Choice: A Letter from Prison."

Directed to young people in our community and beyond, it was entirely written by Ukiah native, John Mendoza, who is currently serving a 15-year-to-life sentence. The book was his idea to help keep young people from making similar mistakes. It demonstrates the value of making good life choices and the consequences of making poor ones.

The mission and purpose of the Juvenile Justice Commission is to advocate for a quality system of care for involved juvenile offenders. The Delinquency Prevention Commission promotes the development of quality services, employment opportunities, and resources for juveniles. In conjunction with the release of the book, the Mendocino County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission is sponsoring an essay contest based on the novel. First prize is \$500 cash.

Leading the panel to judge the essay winners will be the Honorable Judge David Riemenschneider, Juvenile Court and Family Dependency Drug Court, Mendocino Superior Court. Winning entries will be published in Mendocino County papers.

The contest is open to all youth ages 12 to 18 from Mendocino County. Many of the entries will be published on the website for "Inside/Outside," in local papers, and possibly in a booklet to be given away along with Mendoza's book. Entries must be received by May 31, 2017.

Essay topics include writing about learning from one's mistakes; important qualities and skills that a young person needs to make their own decisions; and healthy ways to avoid engaging in risky behavior. For full descriptions of essay topics, contest rules, and more information regarding the book, visit www.inside-outside.me.

> - Submitted by the Mendocino County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency **Prevention Commission**

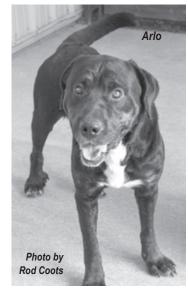
Beautiful Kona

Kona is a sweet 5-year-old female chocolate Lab that was surrendered by her owner when he moved and could no longer keep her. She is a very happy dog and loves to run and play! She is house-broken and knows some commands like "sit" and "shake," but needs more basic training. A home with children and dogs would be fine, but she is strong and playful, so some supervision is advisable around young children. She's a beautiful lady come meet her soon! For more information on Kona or other adoptable animals, call 707-485-0123, check www.mendohumanesociety.com, or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

Affectionate Arlo

Arlo is a 5-year-old neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 74 pounds. Arlo is a very playful and affectionate dog. He had some training in his former home, as he knows "sit," "down," "lay down," and also "lay up" – for belly rubs! Come in to meet this staff favorite today! Arlo needs to be the only dog in his

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. Please join us the second Saturday of every month, May 13 this month, for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk and help us get every dog out for some exercise! To view photos and bios of available pets, please visit www.mendoanimalshelter. com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453.















Preparing the inverter for the next panel on the roof of the Grange Connecting the micro inverter. Moving a solar panel into place.

Far left: A happy crew of installers celebrates the end of the job. At left: Placing the final panel of the new solar

Below: Crew members Oz, Haley, Clarence, Letitia and Sho pose after completing the installation.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Going Solar

Volunteer crew installs a 39-panel, 11.7 kw array on the roof of the Little Lake Grange

The Willits Grange has gone solar.

Thanks to the efforts of Richard Jergenson, property manager of the Little Lake Grange, solar installers GRID Alternatives, and Enphase, developers of micro inverter systems, the local grange hall has become one of the first granges to take steps towards energy independence and safe renewable energy

Drawing upon the experience of the Anderson Valley Grange, which was rebuilt as a solar-powered facility

Mathew Caine

after a catastrophic fire a few years ago, Jergenson went about researching a plan to find the money in the budget for solar installation, and to find companies

that could do it at a reasonable fee.

He ran into GRID Alternatives at a local farmers market as they were putting out the word that they were a new business in town offering to help lower-income homeowners install solar. As the grange was a non-profit center, GRID agreed to help at a greatly reduced price.

The array installed last Friday contains 39 solar panels which will produce 11.7 kilowatts, approximately 4.5 times what is normally used in a single-family home. The panels will produce around 80 to 85 percent of the energy needs of the grange building. The cost of materials and installation ran approximately \$43,000 for the 800-square-foot array. which is expected to pay for itself in energy savings within eight years. Any electricity that is not used at the hall goes back into the grid, as battery technology is not viable at the present time.

GRID Alternatives is a "non-profit whose mission is to make solar facilities and solar job training available to under-served communities," according to Julian Foley, GRID director of communications. "The vast majority of the work we do is installing solar for low-income homeowners. We¹ve started to branch out in the last couple years and now do more multi-family housing and special projects

that really serve the community like the Grange project. The installation is being led by our awesome Willits office, the North Coast Regional Office. The Grange qualified due to all the non-profits housed in the building and all the great community work that happens here. One of the ways we make our work a reality is by partnering with solar companies who donate equipment and volunteers. Enphase, who provided the micro inverters, is one of those partners. They have worked with us for five or six years, providing us with volunteers about four times a year for various projects. This relationship has enabled us to have a really great crew today."

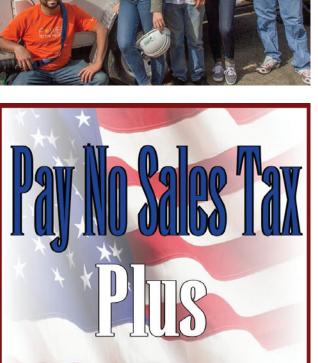
Cora Saxton, North Coast construction and program manager for GRID Alternatives says the nonprofit is "trying to spread the access to clean, renewable energy to underserved communities. We are using a 'barn-raising' model, with community volunteers who might want to learn more about getting a job in solar, one of the fastest=growing industries in America. We are trying to put money back into people¹s pockets who need it most and clean the air with more renewable, sustainable forms of energy across the three counties we serve: Mendocino, Lake and Humboldt."

GRID started in 2004 in the Bay Area. In 2012, they began a national expansion and now have offices in Colorado. Washington, DC and New York. They have also began to go international with off-grid projects in Nicaragua and in Nepal where they installed a micro-grid for a community hard-hit by a recent earthquake, enabling locals to rebuild and get back on their feet by providing the energy to restart local businesses to mill wood and grains.

GRID gets donations from the solar industry, from corporate sponsors, private foundations and individual donors, as well funding from California's solar rebate

To learn more about qualifying for GRID's programs or about training, visit www.gridalternatives.org online or contact the local Willits office at 377 East San Francisco





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Willits Furniture Center 775 Central Ave. (707) 459 4224 www.willitsfurniture.com







Above, left: Cora Saxton, North Coast construction and program manager for GRID Alternatives. Above, right: Letitia and Sho of Enphase, who helped install the solar array at the Grange last week. At left: Wyatt Atkinson, solar installation

supervisor for

GRID Alternatives

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Thursday, May 11

Willits Farmers Market: Visit the farmers market at its new location in the Recreation Grove, on East Commercial Street, 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, live music. the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Friday, May 12

Digital Storytelling Workshop: Mendocino County

Public Library and the California State Library offer a personal and family images, videos and Videos will be part of a statewide story archive. Workshop features: storytelling scripting, vided editing, production support. Limit: participants.

Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13, 9 am to 5 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. To apply: 510-292-6513.

Softball: Willits vs. Cloverdale: 4 pm. Willits High School Softball Field, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Magnum Forkner).

Field, 4 pm (coach Darren Wisdom).

School, 1150 Magnolia Street.

Auditions for September Show: Willits Community West Van Lane. Info: contact director, Jim Mastin, 621-0021, or email: jwmastin@pacific.net.

include two 4x6 photos. Friday, May 12, 7 to 9 pm. day May 13, 10 am to 2 pm. Little League field Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial on East Commercial Street. Info or guestions: Street. Info: Ashley Jewell on Facebook, or text: willitsyouthfootball@gmail.com. 707-354-0402.

Shanachie Pub: Dennis Chrisp & Friends. This show features local musicians in a night of original

and improvised music. Friday, May 12, 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-

Saturday, May 13 Storytelling Workshop: Two-day intensive workshop to help participants make a short film using personal and family images, videos and archival

materials. See Friday, May 12

listing for more information. "Walk for Lynn": 15th Willits Walk for Health & Wellness. The Willits Healthy Action Team's 5-mile WHAT (Willits Healthy Action Team) walk this spring is in memory of the late Willits Chamber of Commerce Director Lynn Kennelly. First 300 to register receive a red carnation.

through the neighborhoods. The entire walk is 5 miles, and you can walk some or all. We walk rain or shine! Men, women & children of all ages are welcome (and well-behaved pets on leashes). Bicyclists are also invited to join the walk route." Saturday, May 13. Registration starts 9:30 am at J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street. Info: Martin Rodriguez: 354-0528.

Gardening Classes at Sparetime Supply: Randy Ritchie (founder: Malibu Compost) will

teach two classes on organic gardening. The first class is from 10 to 11 am, "How to Really Grow Organic Vegetables." second class is from to 2 pm, "Organic Gardening for Spring.' Saturday, May 13 Sparetime Supply, 208 East San Francisco Street. Info: 459-6791

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6th annual "Tea & Togs": Fashion show & afternoon tea features fabulous fashion finds from the Senior Center Thrift Store. Patrons will enjoy: tea sandwiches, curried egg salad and chutney; cream cheese-olive-cucumber; roast beef-cheddar-

horseradish salad. varied including: sweets mini cupcakes, eclairs, cream puffs, cookies strawberries. Assorted teas and Please, punch. bring your own favorite tea cup.

baskets; need not be present to win. And featuring 12 models (all local), each appearing in two to six outfits. Event is a fundraiser to benefit the Senior Center's Outreach Department. Saturday, May 13, 12 pm. \$15. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel

Road. Info: 459-6826. Auditions for September Show: Second audition for Steve Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile." Saturday, May 13. 1 to 3 pm. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. See: May

"The WHAT Walk begins in downtown Willits and winds Cookie Bake-Off at the Museum: To celebrate the current exhibit, "Second Shift: 100 Years of Housework," the Mendocino County Museum hosts a Cookie Bake-Off Competition. "Sample and

vote for your favorite!" Event

12 listing for casting needs and

is free with museum admission Saturday, May 13, 1 to 3 pm. Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-2736, or visit www. MendocinoMuseum.org.

> Brooktrails Fire Spaghetti Fundraiser: Brooktrails Firefighters Association Annual All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Feed, featuring firefightermade meat sauce and vegetarian sauce, salad and garlic bread. Arson K-9 demonstration with Ashes the Arson Dog. Adult tickets (age 13 and up), \$10; youth tickets (age 12 and under), \$5. Saturday, May 13. 5 to 8 pm. Brooktrails Community Center, 24860 Birch Street.

Booster Club Dinner & Quarter Auction: The Willits High School Booster Club is hosting a dinner and a "quarter" auction to support Willits

Second Shift:

100 Years of Housework

in Mendocino County

4999, or Bridgett 972-2164.

Shanachie Pub: Old River Road, an acoustic duo out of Hopland and Ukiah, play traditional songs and covers. Saturday, May 13, 8 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, May 14

What's Happening Around Town

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day Breakfast: Harrah Senior Center presents a Mother's Day breakfast that starts with complimentary mimosas. Menu includes: pancakes, bacon, sausage, ham, eggs any style, Grandma's biscuits, country sausage gravy, plus coffee, tea, milk or juice. Sunday, May 14. 8 to 11 am. Adults \$7, Senior Center members \$6, children Linda Wiley and Kathy Neff of Tea & Togs. under 8 years \$5. Harrah Senior Center, 1501

Tuesday, May 16

Willits High School Baseball Home Game: Willits versus Lower Lake: varsity plays at the WHS field, 4 pm (coach Rick Yadon); junior varsity plays at City Field, 4 pm (coach Darren Wisdom).

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D

movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "Guardians of the Galaxy Two." "Born in China," and "The Circle." For showtimes: www.novotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street, 459-

Thursday, May 18

Hot Topics in Diabetes: "Topic to be announced." Refreshments provided. Free to attend. Reservations preferred. Thursday, May 18, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Seabiscuit Conference Room, Howard Hospital, 1 Marcela Drive. Call to reserve space: 456-3132.

Friday, May 19

Annual FOWL Spring Weekend Book Sale: riends of the Willits Library (FOWL) holds their rearly three-day (May 19, 20, 21) book sale in the conference room of the Willits Library. This means money for the library. Boxes of books in the most popular categories including mystery, now-to, nature, science, and more will be ready for ourchase starting Friday, May 19. 10 am to 5 pm. Villits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Shanachie Pub: Take Two, with opening act Billie Kerr. Friday, May 19, 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Committee: "Meet and Greet" at the Brickhouse

am. At 10 am sharp, all interested citizens are invited to hear Sheriff Tom



Allman speak on the pros and cons of the sanctuary city and state. Allman will answer questions after the short talk. The regular MCRCC meeting begins at 10:30 am. Saturday, May 20. Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street. Info: Evelyn Hayman 948-6467, or mendocountygop.

Corporate Personhood?: Willits Economic Localization (WELL) and Move to Amend Mendocino co-sponsor a half-day workshop which features the "Timeline of Personhood Rights and Powers." This timeline is a graphic presentation of the Supreme Court rulings which have granted national and international corporations increasing "rights," empowering those corporations and reducing the strength of We the People. Free, but a suggested donation of \$20 to support political resistance. Saturday, May 20. 9 am to 1 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: Margaret Koster at mkoster@pacific.net, or

Annual FOWL Spring Weekend Book Sale: Day two of the three-day book sale in the conference room of the Willits Library. See Friday. May 19

Learn to Be a DJ: Free radio DJ/Programmer training class for those wanting to do a show on Willits Hometown Radio, KLLG. Saturday, May 20. 12 to 5 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Bunko at the Senior Center: For \$12 play the dice game "Bunko," then win prizes. Fun and social activity. Snacks provided. All are welcome. Saturday, May 20. 1 to 3:30 pm. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6828.

Shanachie Pub: Emerald City is three local musicians who play original music, contemporary rock with hints of r&b, gospel, folk and reggae. Saturday, May 20. 9 pm. No Cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, May 21

Grateful Gleaners Annual Plant Sale: Fundraiser for local organic agriculture Sale projects. features droughtresistant plants,

Emerald City heritage and heirloom plants, vegetable seedlings, annual and perennial flowers, medicinal and culinary herbs, groundcovers. Plus: handouts and gardening

advice. Sunday, May 21. 10 am to 3 pm. 130 Tuttle Lane (just off Humboldt Street, 1 block north of the post office). Info: 367-9759. KLLG 97.9 Garage

Sale: Willits Radio sale

fundraiser. Sunday, May 21. 10 am to 6 pm. Peter's Sushi parking lot, 383 South Main Street. Info or to

Willits Flea Market

May 27 and 28

Commencing the weekend of May 27 and 28, there will be a Flea Market in the vard next to Willits Auto Mart, located at 101 Lenore Avenue. The Flea Market hours will be 9 am to 4 pm. There are many spaces available for rent. To reserve a

St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble Sunday, May 28

On May 28 at 7 pm, the award-Winning St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble will be performing Masterpieces of Russian Classic Choral and Sacred Music at the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street. Free will donation. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. "Come join us for a spectacular evening of wonderful music from Russia."



Time: 1:00-3:30 1501 Baechtel Rd The game is a fun and social activity in which players role dice and rotate tables at the end o

Willits - 459-6826 \$1.00 ea. or 6 for \$5.00 donate "stuff" - can also drop off the day of the sale Rossi at 354-8100.

Green Party Resurgence: Green voters and others are invited to a meeting to discuss/take action on reactivating the Green Party of Mendocino County. David Cobb (past Green Party presidential candidate and Jill Stein campaign manager), and Erik Rydberg (Jill Stein campaign outreach coordinator for California) will join us. Sunday, May 21. 2 to 5 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5970, or mkoster@ pacific.net; also, Cynthia Raiser Jeavons 650-888-

Annual FOWL Spring Weekend Book Sale: Final day of the three-day book sale in the conference room of the Willits Library. Sunday is \$3/bag day: "Bring your book bag because for \$3 you can fill it up from a cornucopia of books." See Friday, May 19 listing for details.

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Digital Storytelling Workshop Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, 9am-5pm

Flea Market Hours: 9am - 4pm Call to reserve your space! 707-972-8242

Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, 7:30 pm and Tuesdays at 8:30 pm. Some experience

desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from

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

Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm; Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5 pm to 6 pm; Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 pm to 7 pm; Tweens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 pm to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/ MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Singer songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. No cover, "Local musicians ... take iazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable.' Open Mic Night every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7:30 pm; pre-signup list starts at 3 pm when the Pub opens. "An eclectic array of local musicians and even performers from around the world!" 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194

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

Memorial Day Flea Market

Saturday, May 27

The Memorial Day Flea Market will take place on May 27, 8 am to 1 pm, at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. \$2 hot dogs and root beer floats. If interested in being a vendor, please call Lucy Stanley at 459-5826 ext. 113.

Sparetime Supply Saturday, May 13

an extravaganza we No other: ONE NIGHT ONLY! Friday, June 2nd 1431 South Main St. 6-8 pm 6pm Dinner > Garden Show inside 7pm SILENT AUCTION WCS Performing Arts yusic_w WCS Choral Ensemble NCS Main Office proceeds benefit WCS's **Email:** willitsweekly@gmail.com **Mail:** P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490

two-day intensive workshop to help participants make a short film using archival materials.

COMMUNITY WELLNESS

Registration opens at 9:30 AM at JD Redhouse Mer 212 S. Main St., Willits First 300 participants will receive a red carnation

Willits Hiah School Varsity

Willits High School Baseball Home Game: Willits vs. Cloverdale: varsity plays at the WHS field, 4 pm (coach Rick Yadon); junior varsity plays at City

fairy, elder care, and many more activities for kids, parents and grandparents. Sponsors: Willits Kids Club, Avenues to Wellness, NCO, HMH, County of Mendocino, Walk & Bike Mendocino, and many more programs and community agencies. Friday, May 12, 3:30 to 7 pm. Baechtel Grove Middle

Theatre is holding two auditions for Steve Martin's comedy "Picasso at the Lapin Agile." Casting: four men, ages 20 to 30; two women, ages 20 to 30; one man, age 30 to 40; two women, ages 30 to 40; and two men, ages 40 to 60. Special casting need: three "dynamic" young male actors to play Einstein, Picasso, and Elvis. Scripts available at Willits Library and Ukiah Library. First audition: Friday, May 12, 7 to 9 pm. Room 106, Ukiah Methodist Church, and more. No 270 North Pine Street, Ukiah. Second audition: Saturday, May 13, 1 to 3 pm. WCT playhouse, 37

'The Guardians of

the Galaxy Two'

The Story: This is a Marvel comics movie ... superheroes

monsters, dastards, alien beings. Also, it's very funny.

Rather than share a plot, which would be mean, let me just

reassure you all that the wise-cracking good guys ("guys"

being a gender-neutral

pronoun meaning males

females. a

raccoon. a

large

COLUMN | At the Movies

Daniel Essman

empathic humanoid insect) face impossible

odds and dastards who smirk (don't they

always!), and finally triumph. I hope that's

not a spoiler. This flick is a cranking jack-

in-the-box full of brawling, fantastical

landscapes, literal cliff hangers, figurative

cliff hangers, snarky jokes, and rock-n-roll.

My Thoughts: My first impulse for this

review was just to write "Bravo!" in big

letters and leave it at that. I slept on it. I

awoke the morning-after and realized that

a tragic abandoned single mother and

narcissistic father is a central theme of

this (comedic) flick. And that's dark. Then

I thought, "Guardians Two" is what "Fate of

the Furious" could have been, but wasn't.

That is: creative, coherent, clever, and not

insulting to its audience. "Guardians Two"

is science fiction filled with irony and made

fandult). It's a hero story. Bravo!

absent father, and the betrayal of love.

wisdom of the imagination

for Marvel fangirls, fanboys and fandults (fan plus adult =

Parents: Not appropriate for smaller children, though they

are going to want to see it. Beneath all the space ships and

monsters and flashing lights, there are heartbreaking, very

adult themes at the center of this movie. If you do allow

your little ones to watch this flick, talk to them afterwards.

Even though the heroic good guys win, "Guardians Two"

has a story line powered by the myth of an all-powerful

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the

Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047

15th WILLITS WALK FOR HEALTH f st

WALK FOR LYNN

SATURDAY. MAY 13. 2017 IT'S FUN! IT'S FREE! AND, WE ARE WALKING IN MEMORY OF LYNN! winds through the neighborhoods. The entire walk is 5 miles, and you can walk some or all. We walk rain or shine! Men, women &

Willits Healthy Action Team (W.H.A.T) Information: Martin Rodriguez @ 354-0528

Kids Club Carnival/Healthy Family Fair: Free to all! Food, games, prizes, bike event, pet consultant, diabetes and blood pressure testing, chair massage, smoothie bike, summer safety, tooth

Mother/Son Dance: First Annual Mother/Son Dance, couples tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door (\$5 each additional person). Tickets



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ne Mendocino County Museum presents

Second Shift, named for the housework that awaited women

in the workforce during the 1940s, explores how women have traditionally approached cooking, cleaning and caring for their children and how both technology

and social expectations have changed these tasks over time. The exhibit feature

appointment necessary. Saturday, May 13. 10 to High School athletics, arts & drama and band. \$20 ticket includes dinner and auction paddle. All-in paddle available at the door. Saturday, May 13. 6 pm. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Tickets: House Doctor Paints, 65 North Main Street, or at event. Info: David 540-

Saturday, May 20 County

House at 9

This Week At KLLG

KLLG is organizing a garage sale on May 20 at the Peter's Sushi Parking Lot. Clean out your garage, closet, sheds and other areas to gather up used goods in good condition to donate to the sale! We hope to see you there! Drop off donations the day of the sale, or contact Rossi for more info on donating and volunteering!: space, call 972-8242.

354-8100. Our next DJ Programmer training will be Saturday, May 20 from 12 to 5 pm!

- Michelle Cummings

and social expectations have changed these tasks over time. The exhibit features kitchen displays from the 1900s and 1930s, a living room from the 1950s, washing machines from the 1800s-1970s, and much more. The common wisdom on child rearing, vintage advertisements, and the advent of television round out this glimpse into the evolution of housework and the expectations of women's roles. Our Sincerest Thanks to Pardini Appliance and the many community members oo East Commercial Street, Willits, California ♦ www.MendocinoMuseum.org ♦ 707-459-2736 ♦ Open: Wed-Sun, 10am - 4:30p 36th annual Grateful Gleaners Community Festival Annual Plant Sale Memorial Day Weekend

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"Join us May 27 and May 28 for two days of hot rods, sizzling music, amazing food and good old-fashioned Willits hospitality." On Saturday, May 27, enjoy the Classic Metal Mixer from 5 to 7 pm at Les Schwab Tire, 1565 South Main Street. under 55: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, On Sunday, May 28, it's the 36th Annual entree, vegetable, bread, dessert, and Community Festival Car & Motorcycle Show, from 10 am to 4 pm, at Rec Grove Park. Fun for the whole family: classic cars, motorcycles, games, arm wrestling contest, food, vendors, train rides at Roots of Motive Power and more. Start the day



two-hour ride, leaving at 10 am.

Browse our wide selection of plants, including: Easy-maintenance Landscape Plants Vegetable and Flower Starts Fruit and Berry Plants Heritage Perennials Handouts and advice available on gardening techniques for low water use Sunday, May 21 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. From Willits Main St, turn onto East Valley at the Post Office, then left onto Humboldt Street. Follow the plant sale sign to 130 Tuttle Lane



Senior Center Lunch Week of May 15 through May 19 Monday: Baked Ham Tuesday: Pizza and Pasta Salad Wednesday: Alaskan Sole Thursday: Chicken a la King Friday: Lasagna w/Meat Sauce Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-Saturday, May 13

Cookie Competition at the Museum

To celebrate the current exhibit, "Second Shift: 100 Years" with the Lions Club Breakfast from 7 to 10 of Housework," the Mendocino County Museum hosts a am at the Rec Grove: a deluxe pancake Cookie Bake-Off Competition, on Saturday, May 13, from 1 to breakfast with ham, scrambled eggs, 3 pm. This event is free with museum admission. Mendocino pancakes, biscuits and gravy. Adults County Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street. \$9; children \$6. The Skunk Train will be Information: 459-2736, or www.MendocinoMuseum.org. running to Wolf Creek Turn, a little under "Come sample and vote for your favorite cookie!"

Car & Motorcycle Show

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Ongoing Events Willits Farmers Market: Weekly farmers market is outdoors for the season, at a new location: Rec Grove Park on East Commercial Street. 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items,

jams and jellies, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, live music. the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Willits Center for the Arts May shows: Upstairs is "One of a Kind," a retrospective collection of paintings by fine artist, Holly Cratty through June; downstairs is "Vessels," featuring the ceramics of HP Bloomer IV and the black-andphotography of Craig Gardner. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Info: visit www.willitscenterforthearts.

Twice-Monthly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501

Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941. Tibetan Buddhist meditation group meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. at the Muse. 30-A East San Francisco Avenue.

Info: 456-9425 or honemann@yahoo.com. Willits Community Drum Circle: 7 to 10 pm at the Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932

> 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. The Willits Seed Lending Library: Offering

information on seed saving and gardening. Seeds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables are free to seed library members, and seed donations are gladly accepted. "We look forward to seeing you at the Willits Library!"

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

that changed attitudes can aid recovery." Willits Library Activities: Tuesdays: 3 to 5 pm, "Wii U Games" (video games); Wednesdays: (except the first Wednesday of the month), 9 to 10 am, "Tracing Your Past" (research your family tree, must pre-register) and 3:30 to 4:30 pm, "Lego Day" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am, "Walkers and Crawlers" (stories, songs and a craft with the children's librarian); Fridays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm, "Therapeutic Coloring Club" (relax and get creative); Fridays: 5 to 7 pm, "Youth Game Night" (Magic the Gathering, Force of Will, Pokemon, board games, puzzles, chess and more, geared for ages 10 to 14; Willits Library,

problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and

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

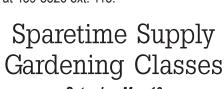
390 East Commercial Street. Info: Wendy Copperfield 459-

Life Changes: Discussion and support group with Linda Posner Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am Harrah Senior Volleyball Open Gym: at Baechtel Grove gym; Sundays

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works

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Sparetime Supply is hosting Randy Ritchie, founder of Malibu Compost, who will be teaching two organic gardening classes on Saturday, May 13. The first class runs from 10 to 11 am, and will be "Bringing the Farm Home: How to Really Grow Organic Vegetables." Then, from 1 to 2 pm, the second class will be "Organic Gardening for Spring." Sparetime Supply is located at 208 East San Francisco Street. "If you have always wanted to have an organic garden but never knew how to start, then you won't want to miss these two classes.











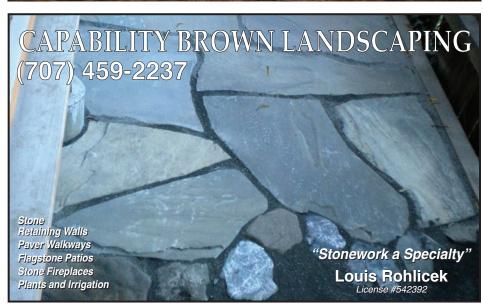


At top, from left: Cera Bacci and her fish. Michael Jaguar shares a poem with the audience. Lilah Crane listens to the poetry of her peers. Amanda Garcia recites her original poetry. Sienna Reno, art teacher at the Willits Charter School, sings a cappella.

Above: Katie Madison feels her poetry.

Photos by Mathew Caine







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Freestylin' It

Youth Poetry Night draws a

standing-room-only crowd at Brickhouse

Friday night. It was a perfect storm of accepting environment, which would allow creativity, art, personality, love and respect. It was the anniversary of the original "Slam Poetry Night," now known as the "Youth Poetry Night," and soon to be known as,

"whatever name Mathew Caine Features Writer person up with that will

encompass all the creativity and beauty that arise from these nights of spontaneous camaraderie, poetry, songs, and readings."

The word of the night was "inspiration." People who never envisioned themselves getting up in front of a group of their peers and expressing words and music from the depths of their being, stood one by one and braved their fears, inspired by the creativity that surrounded them and the acceptance of the other artists. They wanted to give of themselves and, in doing so, make a connection to those things that are universal in all beings.

The poetry nights were the idea of Carter Lane of the Mendocino Youth Project, an organization founded to empower youth to support healthy life choices and behaviors in themselves. He expressed his concept to Billy Hetherington, who suggested Brickhouse Coffee as the perfect place to produce the shows. The idea was to create a space in which anyone could find the

Magic happened at Brickhouse Coffee poet within themself in a supportive and the participants to reach their full creative

> This concept was fully evident this Friday night. Poets, some in supportive groups of two or more, stepped up to the microphone and shared their deepest feelings with the people in the room - other artists who had come to perform, and others who just came to appreciate and support.

Billy Hetherington, who is the organizer from the Mendocino Youth Project, theater arts teacher at the Willits Charter School, and founder of the Willits Shakespeare Company, told the crowd: "It's been my honor and privilege to help bring this concept of youth poetry to Willits and help to create this space along with Tom Mann, proprietor of Brickhouse, and recently, Tristen Cockrall. It's our anniversary, and we're celebrating it with poetry, as usual, with a youth art show, and a dance after."

"Growing up in this area, there was a distinct lack of space for the youth to really just be themselves, share their thoughts and ideas," Hetherington said. "I think it's really important to have this as a collective where people can not only share, but can come together, enjoy and appreciate each other's differences, and feel safe in this community. I think we're still discovering what this means to the youth in this area. In the past year we've been doing this, I've

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At left: Amaya Martinez and her artwork with haikus Above: McKenna McNelly recites a

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loved seeing the progression from just a few people to this standing-room-only crowd.

"I actually never performed a poem until these poetry nights," Hetherington confided. "I remember going to coffee houses with my dad in L.A. and watching people do it, but never sharing. Every time I don't come here with the intention of sharing, but I get inspired.

Tristen Cockrall, organizer and MC, poet, and visual artist, opened with, "I'm here to host the Youth Poetry Night that's really not just a poetry night. We are going to have people popping in with art, songs and live music. This is a spontaneous, planned event."

Cockrall, who just turned 19 a few days ago, related: "There is so little for youth to get involved in in Willits. I wish I had this when I was younger and was trying to get my art and music out there. I believe this opportunity motivates the participant to keep at it; keep at whatever drives their passion. It gives a sense of satisfaction to let [the participants] know that people like what you do as long as you put your heart into it. It is a very supportive and receptive audience."

Steve Hellman, professor of English at Mendocino College and P.R. rep at the Willits Community Theatre, came to do something spontaneous, something freestyle. He asked the audience for a prompt, a word, an idea. "We'll see what shows up, and then I'll just run with it and see what happens."

Poet McKenna McNelly performed a couple pieces about loss – which helps her to heal. She always gets nervous when she steps up to the stage, but feels exhilaration when she hears the applause and acceptance

Dan Roberts, poetry teacher and radio producer of "Rhythm Running Radio" on KZYX, said: "I'm really happy to hear youth poetry in Willits because I have been trying to promote poetry in Northern California since I was a teenager in the Bay Area. It does my heart good to see people not afraid to express themselves. A lot of poetry is self-discovery: figuring out who you are and how you feel about thing in the process.

Aurelie Clivas, poet and Mendocino Youth Project coordinator, said: "We are hosting our sixth youth poetry event, and it has been going really well. Our goal is to bring in more and more young people and our teenage MC, Tristen, has been doing an excellent job of bringing more people in. We want to change the name to be more inclusive and bring more young people in." Michael Jaguar, poet and singer, played a game with willing participants. He put random words in a bowl. Each of the poets blindly chose a word and made up instant freestyle poems. One of the poems:

"Looking around this world sometimes

It's hard to see sometimes, it's hard to feel Sometimes we numb ourselves because it's hard to heal

Sometimes we hold on to so many things from the past

That it is hard to remember anything but the past"

There was so much creativity in evidence Friday night that it is hard to believe Youth Poetry Night can get any better. The truth is that it will continue to grow and evolve and provide a safe place for the arts to flourish in Willits.

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s/Jason Dunlap, President

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Willits Unified School District ("District"), of the County of Mendocino, State of California, will receive sealed bids for the Willits Unified School District - Sherwood Elementary 2017 Modular Classroom ("Project" up to, but not later than, 2:00 pm., on June 13, 2017, and will there after publicly open and read aloud the bids. All bids shall be received at the Willits Unified School District Office, 1277 Blosser Lane, Wil lits, CA 95490.

Each bid shall be completed on the Bid Proposal Form included in the Contract Documents, and must conform and be fully responsive to this invitation, the plans and specifications and all other Contract Documents. Copies of the Contract Documents are available for examination at the office of the Architect, Alameida Architecture, 555 Main Street, Suite 2, Sebastopol CA, County of Sonoma, Californi and may be obtained by licensed contractors upon payment of nonrefundable deposit of one hundred and seventy five dollars

3. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a cashier's or certified check, or a bidder's bond executed by a surety licensed to do business in the State of California as a surety, made payable to the District, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximu amount of the bid. The check or bid bond shall be given as a guarar tee that the bidder to whom the contract is awarded will execute the Contract Documents and will provide the required payment and erformance bonds and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the contract.

4. The successful bidder shall comply with the provisions of the Labor Code pertaining to payment of the generally prevailing rate of wage and apprenticeships or other training programs. The Department Industrial Relations has made available the general prevailing rate o per diem wages in the locality in which the work is to be performe for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the contract, including employer payments for health and welfare, per sion, vacation, apprenticeship and similar purposes. Copies of these prevailing rates are available to any interested party upon reques and are online at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR. The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall pay not less than the specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract. It is the Con tractor's responsibility to determine any rate change.

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6. The substitution of appropriate securities in lieu of retention amounts from progress payments in accordance with Public Contract Code §22300 is permitted

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10. The project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcemen by the California Department of Industrial Relations. In accordance with SB 854, all bidders, contractors and subcontractors working at the site shall be duly registered with the Department of Industria Relations at time of bid opening and at all relevant times. Proof of registration shall be provided as to all such contractors prior to the ommencement of any work.

11. Each bidder shall possess at the time the bid is awarded the folowing classification(s) of California State Contractor's license: General Contractor

12. A mandatory bidders' conference will be held at Sherwood Elementary School, 32600 Sherwood Rd., Willits CA on May 23, 2017 at 3:00 pm, for the purpose of acquainting all prospective bidders with the Contract Documents and the Project site. Failure to attend the conference may result in the disqualification of the bid of the non-attending bidder.

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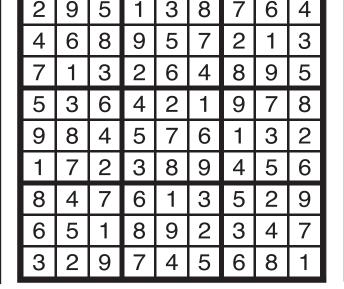
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Back to the (new!) Park

The first outdoor Willits Farmers Market last Thursday was a bustle of activity as excited shoppers came to check out the market's new location: the Rec Grove Park. Vendors lined the cement inlet coming off Lenore Street towards the Willits Frontier Days grounds in the center of the park, and shoppers milled about the area while the kids enjoyed getting their energy out on the nearby

While school is in session, market managers remind all shoppers and stoppers to be courteous of the Willits Elementary Charter School's pick-up

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Band plays to the crowd. Timothy Becker of Spice of Life. Robert zones. The outdoor market will continue to be held from 3 to 6 pm at the new Goleman of Bolliver's Fine Foods and Confections almost sold Rec Grove location through the summer months, until returning to the Little out at the first outdoor market this year. The inlet was a buzz of Lake Grange in October.



Counterclockwise from above: Denise Bartolomei shows off her array of custom-infused oils and balsamic vinegars. Plant starts aplenty were available for purchase. The Farmers Market activity, with many new and returning summer market shoppers. Don't forget to grab a Willits Weekly, hot off the presses very early









Croskev

Asked when she was going to be sworn in, Croskey

said the swearing-in had been set for Thursday, May

11, but she had a previous family commitment she

Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer and Clerk

"My veterinary work is very demanding right now,"

from people who want to know if their animals are still

Her college education has been extensive, although

it was interrupted by a period of military service. She

was educated at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio,

from 1996 to 2000. She graduated magna cum laude

flight commander and a senior missions operations

period she managed 55 personnel and provided

From 2005 to 2007 Croskey was an Air Force

Intelligence Center in Dayton, Ohio, where she

analyzed imagery intelligence data and created

graduated from Ohio State in 2012 with a doctorate

Fair and the Mendocino County Fair, and a member

of the Animal Care and Use Committee for the

According to the governor's office press release

announcing the appointment: "This position does not

is \$61,200. Croskey is registered without party

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never been elected to public office.

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(the second Gulf War).

in veterinary medicine.

100 people.

Library

Arenal and the Round Valley library, previously known as 'library stations' are now 'branches,' and all branch Contacted Tuesday, Croskey said she was excited managers have had their status upgraded to librarians." by the appointment. "I've had to work," she said. "I haven't spent a lot of time learning the job, because

it was a job I didn't know I was going to get. So now use. For 2016, program attendance was up 46 percent starting a 45-day public comment I've got it, and my learning curve begins. I'm very ex- over 2015; the door count was up 17 percent over the period. "All interested parties are same period, and checkouts were up 9 percent. The encouraged to submit comments number of new patrons was down 1/10th of 1 percent about the proposed regulations to from the previous year.

"Program attendance" refers to the number of people that is overseeing the cannabis couldn't reschedule. Croskey said she'd be talking to who attend special events or regular programming cultivation regulatory framework," at county libraries. Programs include children's and the press release announcing of the Board of Supervisors Carmel Angelo later on teen events, arts and crafts, film nights, poetry and the release stated. "The last day that afternoon, and expected she and Angelo would literary events, bridge groups, technology classes and for the public to submit written knitting groups. There was a lecture series at the Coast Community Library, and the Willits library hosted an hearings is Wednesday, June 14, ancestor identification class.

Croskey said. "I have all these people and animals scheduled - operations, stuff like that. I can't just individual libraries, noting the Ukiah library had received leave them hanging. So, Ms. Angelo and I will talk, and we will make a number of decisions, including a \$10,000 donation to fund hands-on projects in science, technology, engineering, art and math for youngsters.

The Fort Bragg library hired a branch librarian last In a subsequent conversation, Croskey clarified June and a new children's librarian in February of this she does intend to keep her veterinary practice. "I year. The library also boasts a robust special events am trying to bring a partner in, to help share the load," she said. "I've been getting a lot of calls and emails program.

The building that houses the Coast Community Library was identified as needing a seismic retrofit. Croskey, 38, was born, raised and educated in Following an analysis of needed work by an engineering Willits. She graduated from Willits High in 1996. She firm, the Friends of the Coast Community Library raised the \$400,000 needed for the repairs in six months and Act. If that [budget trailer] was senior class president in 1995/1996 and Willits

family tree tutorial, after-hours gaming for teens, a book club for adults, and Christmas programs. The relatively brief report for the Willits library was, Komer explained, and Phi Beta Kappa, with a bachelor's degree in because the library had been without a librarian since physics. She received officer training from the United August and "this has had some negative effects on staff."

While at Miami University, Croskey was the ROTC hired Nicole Bird as Willits branch librarian in March a captain in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Beale Air wrote the report in January; it was approved in February, Force Base near Marysville. While there, she was a although not delivered to the board until last week.

Komer also wrote in his report that the Round Valley commander. According to her resume, during that Library and Commons has become the major hub of the community. The library hosts a film series that has been mission management of U-2, Predator unmanned well-attended, as well as a breakfast club for teens, aerial vehicles, and Global Hawk imagery and signals which helps young people become more involved in manufacturing for analysis. She led mission crew and provided direct their library. The Round Valley library has received a comment. A two-page summary support to troops in Operation Enduring Freedom donation of an extensive DVD collection; this, too, has of the 95-page draft regulation (the war in Afghanistan) and Operation Iraqi Freedom become a favorite with locals. The library also hosted a document includes proposed stargazing night in December.

"The library's Commons area is the community venue reserve officer at the National Air and Space for regular events," the report stated.

with Friends of the Long Valley Library to purchase a and labeling rules, and fees. procedural manuals and training guides for operations modular unit and place it at the old Laytonville High support center. During that time, according to her School as a new, functional library for the town. The resume, she managed an office staffed by more than old county Bookmobile, which the county gave in early 2016 to the Friends of the Long Valley Library to use for During her military service, she also attended that purpose, was judged unfit for public occupancy and Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, where she sold by the Friends, with the cash going into the kitty to took prerequisite classes for veterinary school. She purchase the modular unit. Komer said proponents of took the veterinary medicine course at Ohio State the Laytonville Library "hope to open our newest library University in Columbus, Ohio from 2008-2012, and satellite this year."

highlighted in the 2013-14 Mendocino County grand Since 2013 she has been a large animal veterinarian jury report and repeated in the 2014-15 grand jury serving Lake and Mendocino counties, operating report. Those reports claimed it was illegal for the as the sole practitioner of Mendocino Equine & county to pay its librarian out of library funds; instead, Livestock. She is vice president of the Willits Otters the report argued, California Education Code Section board of directors, a Ukiah City League basketball 19147 requires that county librarians be paid out of the coach, the fair veterinarian for the Redwood Empire county's general fund.

Mendocino County CEO Carmel Angelo: "Paying the county librarian out of the county library fund is in She is the daughter of Dr. Tedd and Carol Dawson compliance with Section 19147. Section 19148 does of Willits. She is married to Matthew Croskey and is not change this. If the state Legislature had wanted the the mother of three school-aged children. She has county librarian to be paid from the general fund, they could easily have stated that in Section 19147."

Komer reminded supervisors they had stated in 2016 that the board would seek an opinion on that point from require Senate confirmation, and the compensation the state attorney general.

Second District Supervisor and board Chairman John McCowen told Komer the board had said it would seek Croskey will serve as an appointed supervisor an opinion from the state Legislature, not the attorney through 2018, when the next election for 3rd District general. McCowen said the letter to the Legislature had not yet gone out, but would be mailed within the week.

> Komer invited board members to attend meeting between themselves and the LAB. That added. meeting is scheduled for July, but a firm date has

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in December 2015 after then-board member Saprina county," Komer said. "Coast Community Library [in Point

The report provided four hard statistics about library

Komer also talked about the achievements of

Komer's report noted the Willits library offered a

However, Komer told supervisors, the library system group commander. Between 2001 and 2005, she was after the report was written. Komer told Willits Weekly he

Komer told supervisors the library district is working

Komer also brought up the nagging question first

The county has disputed that claim. According to

Library Advisory Board meetings and urged

The rest of Hearing

2017, by 5 pm."

Hearings on the draft medical

cannabis cultivation regulations

are being held in Santa Ana,

Visalia and Sacramento, as well

The press release also notes:

"There is currently budget trailer

bill language designed to align

the Medical Cannabis Safety and

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The 56-page draft regulations

for the state medical cannabis 1), then in Los Angeles, San Jose cultivation and licensing program and Sacramento. were released on April 28, These draft regulations can all be found at the "California Cannabis Portal": https:// cannabis.ca.gov, along with information about how to CalCannabis, the branch of CDFA provide public comments on the proposed regulations. There's also an extensive FAQs page with interesting questions and answers on cannabis topics. Just a few examples are: comments apart from public

bureau released draft regulations

for medical cannabis testing laboratories for public comment.

Hearings for these regulations

are scheduled in Eureka (June

Question: "What about the fact that California will be allowing and regulating something that is still illegal under federal law?" Answer: "Although the federal government issued a memorandum in 2013 that outlined the Obama Administration's expectations for state and local governments that enact cannabis related laws, we cannot predict whether or how that guidance might change in

Regulation Act with Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Question: "Will people be able to smoke nonmedical cannabis bill passes, these proposed anywhere?" Answer: "No. The regulations will be withdrawn initiative prohibits consumption and a new set of regulations will of cannabis in a public place be proposed that is consistent with changes in the law. unlicensed for such use, including near K-12 schools, on sidewalks. However, public comments on and other areas where children the regulations published today are present." are still very important, as many of the provisions in the licensing Question: "How will nonmedical

regulations published today will cannabis be kept away from carry over to new regulations if kids?" Answer: "The initiative includes provisions designed to help keep cannabis away from Also on April 28, the state children, including but not limited Department of Public Health to, marketing restrictions, school released their proposed buffer zones, child-resistant regulations for medical cannabis packaging, and warning labels." public Question: "If I want to apply

for a medical cannabis license issued by the bureau, what license types, a requirement for should I do now?" Answer: "Be "good manufacturing practices," patient. The bureau is still in the early stages of development and standards, THC limits, packaging won't be accepting applications for licenses until 2018." The Bureau of Medical

Question: "What if my city/ county prohibits all or certain medical cannabis businesses?" Answer: "If a local jurisdiction bans all or a specific form of medical cannabis business, then, under the act, a business is not allowed to operate in that transporters. On May 5, the jurisdiction."

The rest of

"The feed is a great event for BFD goodies will be available for the community to gather together, hang out, enjoy good food, and reminisce about the good ol' days," laughed Noyer. "Lots of folks come year after year we've been holding the feed for around three decades - and they get to catch up and enjoy one another's company."

operational and

Cannabis Regulation, a new

department within the state

Department of Consumer

Affairs, also released 46 pages

of proposed regulations on April

28 for licensing medical cannabis

dispensaries, distribution and

In addition to the meal, Ashes the K-9 Arson Dog will be giving demonstrations for the crowd; the fire engines will be parked outside and available to check out, and T-shirts, hats and other sale. Kids can also enjoy jumping in the bounce house, which will be provided by ServPro of Mendocino County.

Tickets will be available at the door, or in advance through the Brooktrails Fire Department Monies raised from the event will help cover costs of expenses not already in the budget, including various training equipment, fire prevention materials, and other equipment and supplies.

For more information: 459-

From Page 1 Offender

supervisors to set a firm date for the next joint notified prior to Hoppner relocating to Mendocino County," Porter

Since his May 5 registration, the Mendocino County Sheriff's

Office "has learned more about Hoppner and his past convictions," Porter said, and determined Hoppner to be a "high-

> risk" sexual offender. The developmentally disabled man has seven prior convictions for groping girls and women dating back to 2013, according to Santa Rosa Press Democrat reports.

Sheriff's "The Office notify the as a public service announcement," Porter

wishes to public



Hoppner's physical address cannot be released based on the crimes he is convicted of, he noted. "Only city and zip code are released.'

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

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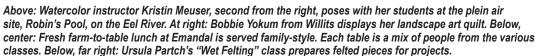
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Echoed throughout was the feeling that all the teachers

had sensitivity to each of their students' creative needs. The

instructors were described as having a "compassionate

approach while being a technician" and "a deep and innate

ability to draw out creativity from beginner to seasoned

artist." They were also attributed with being "a very patient,

enthusiastic and mellow teacher" and "a brilliant teacher

The morning sessions stopped for lunch, which was

served in the oak-paneled dining room. Adams, with her

staff of four cooks and servers, created mouth-watering

dishes found in her Emandal cookbook, "Emandalicious.

Freshly harvested Emandal vegetables were served with

a variety of four sauces: white bean hummus, carrot

hummus, basil pesto, and spicy cilantro peanut sauce.

Caponatas with eggplant and tomato sauce or basil pesto

topped colorful pasta bows. Platters of Adams' fresh bread

varieties, butter and Emandal jam also graced the table.

The water was flavored with basil and cucumber, and there

was freshly farm-roasted coffee with coconut cookies for

After lunch until about 3 pm was free time for all

participants. Emandal farm is known for hearty hikes – two

new trails have been made and are open for the Art Stays

- and, sometimes, bracing swims in the Eel River. It was a

hot day, so swimming was on a few people's minds, while

others relaxed in the shade, contemplating, writing, working

"I'm honored to be in a position to offer the Art Stavs

and Family Camp at the farm," Adams said. From her

vantage point after 52 years at the farm, she explained:

"I see people leaving feeling renewed by their experience

here." She ended the interview with this: "Bloom where

Emandal is offering three Art Stays this year. The first

session is scheduled for June 7 through 11, the second

for August 26 through 30, and the third for September 13

through 17. Prices range from \$675 to \$787 and include

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Family Camp, Emandal cookbooks and jam visit www.

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on projects, napping, or working on jigsaw puzzles.

dessert - a mid-day feast.

and artist." Most importantly: "There was lots of laughter."

Getaway Art Vacation

Artists, writers and musicians teach

five-day summer workshops at Emandal farm

Emandal, "A Farm on a River," has a 109-year history

offering a sanctuary of quiet, natural and amazingly

beautiful surroundings and delicious homegrown food for

families from the Bay Area and beyond. The experience

has been called "Family Camp." Five years ago, second-

generation owner Tamara Adams realized school calendars

had changed, making Family Camp shorter. With some

careful thought after a writing workshop she attended and

Her idea became real in 2012 with artists, writers and

musicians she knew personally, offering to teach five-day

classes on the farm. "We struggled at first with Art Stays.

The teachers I knew were not local, and even though many

had a following, we weren't able to fill some of the classes

full enough." Adams then offered classes from mostly

locally known artists, writers and musicians, and success

followed. This year Adams has a mix of local talents and

other known artists who have a following or have developed

There are three sessions in this year's Art Stays, offerings

which have compelling titles like: "Low Fat Fiction" by Guy

Biederman; "Baskets from Nature" by Louisa Lenz-Porter;

"Quilted Landscape Collage" by Laura Fogg; "Watercolor

Nature Journaling" by Kristin Meuser; "Texture in Wet

Felting" by Ursula Partch; and "Bringing Your Poems to

Life" by Armand Brint. Each of the artists/teachers has

a far-reaching reputation for their crafts as well as their

abilities to draw out the sometimes hidden creative voices

At last year's Art Stays, about two-thirds of the students

hailed from Mendocino County, while others traveled from

as far as Oregon or the Mexican border to experience an

art vacation at Emandal. "What an amazing experience this

has been!" enthused Su Burnley from Healdsburg, who

was taking Laura Fogg's art guilt class. "All the people are

friendly and I want to stay forever!" said Barbara Carlon,

who was in Sheridan Malone's singing and ukulele class.

Comments like these were repeated in every class when

Ree Slocum

one in previous years' classes.

a few suggestions from friends,

Adams decided to try something

new for adults, and "Art Stays" was



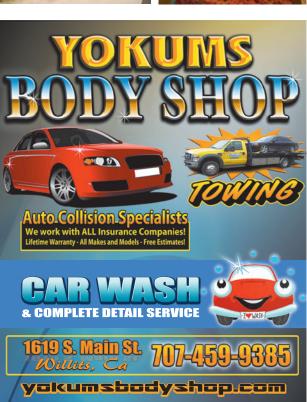
Above: Instructor Sheridan Malone and students Cathy Decker. Barbara Carlon, Elaine Goltz and Gigi Goltz practice the song, "Defying Gravity," for the evening sharing.

Below: "Art Stay I" welcome greeting at Emandal Farm. At bottom, left: Tam Adams doing one of her favorite things: preparing food for her 35 quests.

At bottom, right: Su Burnley from Healdsburg, a regular attendee at Laura Fogg's workshops, attaches details to her landscape art











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the fire district's board of directors decided not to put a proposed special tax before the voters in a possible 2017 special election. Magann said the board is open to putting the issue on the ballot in 2018, but hasn't decided to do so, yet.

"They're neutral on it. We don't want to burden the taxpayers with having to pay more taxes," Magann said. "But we're in a situation here where we need to either improve or replace the building. Monetarily, it makes more sense to replace it. We've been trying to save money toward the cost of building a new building, but we're

Magann said the fire district has saved \$1.125 million toward the cost of building a new downtown fire station. However, the cost of a new building has most recently been estimated at Divora Stern

Board of Directors Chairman Tom Herman directed Magann to assess costs associated with making the old firehouse ADA compliant. He also directed Magann to ask Santa Rosa architect Richard Burton to provide a cost estimate for making the second bathroom in the firehouse handicapped-accessible.

Sheriff's Report Trespassing leads

Two Willits residents were arrested April 26 after sheriff's deputies were called to a home in the 38100 block of Highway 162 about a possible

trespassing situation.

to arrests

Deputies contacted the homeowner and learned 46-year-old Shannon Cosman had been previously evicted and was not allowed to be on the property, said sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer. They also discovered Cosman had multiple felony arrest warrants.

They found Cosman about 200 feet from the property and placed her under arrest for the two felony warrants issued for probation violations.

Deputies went to the property, where they contacted 32-yearold Jeremy Auman, whom they suspected of being under the influence of a controlled substance while on formal probation. They also searched Auman and discovered he was in possession of drug paraphernalia. Cromer said.

Auman was arrested suspicion of violating his probation, recent use of a controlled substance. and possessing drug paraphernalia

Both Cosman and Auman were taken to county jail, where they were being held without

Woman cited in Lake County manslaughter

A 62-year-old Willits woman surrendered to Willits police April 27 after sheriff's deputies were asked by Lakeport Police Department investigators to arrest her on suspicion of manslaughter and arson.

Deputies were unable to find Tracey Morales at her prior Willits address. Said sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer, but Morales later called the Sheriff's Office dispatch center and met with deputies at the Willits Police Department.

Sheriff's officials determined Morales was suffering from "numerous medical issues that she was booked into jail on the warrant," Cromer said. They called Lakeport police detectives, who received permission from the Lake County Superior Court judge who issued the felony warrant to issue Morales a citation to appear in court instead.

Weapons arrest

A 42-year-old Willits man was arrested April 27 after a sheriff's deputy discovered a pair of metal knuckles protruding from the man's jacket pocket during a routine early morning contact

sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer.

and "a small bag containing suspected methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia."

was arrested metal knuckles, possessing club, possessing a controlled

He was taken to county jail.

Traffic stop leads to pot arrest

An early morning traffic stop on North Highway 101 at Reynolds Highway ended in the arrest of a 29-year-old Ukiah man on drug charges on their books for board members.

During the traffic stop, the deputy discovered the driver of the car, Nicholas Tow, was on probation with the term to obey all laws, said sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer.

vehicle, the deputy discovered approximately 70 pounds of marijuana and documentation/ paperwork related to the sales of marijuana.

was arrested Tow marijuana could cause complications if transportation of marijuana for sale, and violating his

> He was taken to county jail. Bail was set at \$50,000.

on press releases from the Mendocino County Sheriff's

The rest of Firehouse

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Waters advised the fire department to install a call button at the base of the steps on the Humboldt Street side of the building.

bathroom. The half-door that separates the foyer of the firehouse from the administrative office is not allowable under the ADA. Magann said Waters told him the firehouse should no longer be used to host public functions.

Board member Patrick Charlson asked if the second firehouse. located on Baechtel Road near the Willits Senior Center, could be

not able to save fast enough."

\$4.2 million. The fire district has been saving since 2006.

During the board meeting he mentioned that – counting time been with the Little Lake Fire District for 32 years.



Schools

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took over, with presentations highlighting student accomplishments, projects and performances. School counselor Patty Dalton began with an account of her work this school year in the classrooms with students and teachers. Dalton introduced students to the concept of "mindful minutes," and helped teachers with including two of these minutes into each school day. A video of students talking about this tool of quiet self-reflection and praise from teachers attested to the success of the

Second-grade teacher Lisa Bowles said kids in her class were empowered to take control of themselves. get in touch with their feelings, and make good choices in the classroom. "It made a phenomenal difference. They ask for it." she said. "It made a huge difference." echoed second-grade teacher Julie Muzzy.

Kindergarten teacher Dawna Allen's class followed, performing a La Raspa dance to rousing applause.

First-grade students of Michelle Kluskiewicz, "Miss K," then presented their "Ribbon of Excellence" science fair project, which showed how indicators tell if a substance is an acid or a base.

Books written by Julie Muzzy's second-graders were showcased, with three brave "young authors" reading

Moving on to the more mundane, Westerburg told the board the district's average daily attendance was up slightly from last year, and thanked parents for getting the kids to school in spite of the "tough weather."

Westerburg then summarized a yearly staterequired report referred to as LCAP (local control and accountability plan), which "basically shows how much do you get, how much do you spend, and how do you

LCAP, he said, had "three basic goals - curriculum and instruction, safe environment, and creation of students who are college- and career-ready.

He provided examples of LCAP spending, including career and technical education at the high school, the AVID program, class-size reduction, aides at Sherwood, deferred maintenance, counseling services, having no admission fees for athletic events, plays and musicals, full-time art and music teachers at Baechtel Grove Middle School next year, and enrichment activities

Westerburg's comments also included descriptions of "where we're headed": descriptions of the improvements planned for next year in all Willits' public schools. Read about these ambitious undertakings in the press release from the superintendent's office on page two of this week's paper.

Daniel Green, president of the local chapter of the California School Employees Association, invited "anybody who would like to ride along with" a classified emplovee to join them the week of May 22 to 26 during the ACE, "appreciating classified employees," program.

The meeting continued with the board moving from the superintendent's comments to the action agenda, beginning with unanimous approval for purchasing the curriculum for "Everyday Math," described as top-rated in the nation.

Next on the agenda was whether to approve a new position called "school intervention assistant." This person would not be a new hire, but rather a reclassification of a current position, and would provide supervision at Baechtel Grove Middle School in an inhouse suspension room.

Trustee Alex Bowlds noted this was "something we've needed for a long time." Baechtel Grove teacher Dawn McClelland said, "We really really need this," noting that the librarian was stepping in and doing the job. The new position would take a lot of pressure off other people. she said, adding that sending students home was "not a punishment. They go home and play video games."

Trustee Laurie Harris objected to the proposed position, arguing there were salaried employees who make a good salary and should be able to manage their student population disciplinary issues.

Westerburg explained it wasn't an issue of not being able to manage students, rather one of not being able to house them.

The board voted 3-1 to approve the position, with Harris opposing. Trustee Georgeanne Croskey was absent from last week's school board meeting.

The board then unanimously approved another new job position: director of alternative programs. This position would provide for "supervision on a regular

basis" at San Hedrin High School. The last item for approval on the agenda was also a new job position described as "approval of revision to educator effectiveness plan/teacher on special assignment." This would be a one-year assignment for a new teacher at Blosser Lane Elementary School "to help train teachers and get procedures and practices in

place with student management.' According to Westerburg, the teacher "would be in the classroom with teachers helping to manage situations. He noted someone like this was needed at Blosser. where there wasn't a "positive discipline Jedi" like

Brookside's Patty Dalton. Harris said she had "some real big problems" with the new position, noting there was already a mentor working with the administrator at Blosser and the new hire would take some of that administrator's responsibilities away

She said she had an issue "with money being spent on what I think of as a babysitter for an administrator

who has already had a year to do her job." Westerburg noted the position was only for one year, and that "we have a first-year principal here." He said

he wanted to be sure everything was done to make the situation the way it should be. Board President Chris Neary said he had "heard from Blosser teachers that they want assistance in the disciplinary process, and this year was a particularly bad

with Harris voting no. The board ended by changing the beginning time of its next meeting's open session on June 7 from 5 pm to 4 pm due to the Baechtel Grove Middle School graduation

ceremony at 6 pm on that day.

year." The board voted 3-1 to approve the new position,





At top: Superintendent Mark Westerburg presents a certificate of recognition for English language proficiency to Esperanza Sanchez.

At left: Dawna Allen's kindergarten class performs a La Raspa dance for the board.

Above: Westerburg thanks Willits High School student d'Artagnan Meek for his contributions as student board representative.

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near Golden Rule RV Park. The deputy investigated after finding Robert Williams' car parked at the entrance to the park at about 3:30 am, said When the deputy search

Williams, he found a "billy club" taped around Williams' ankle and concealed under his pants. "Upon searching Williams" vehicle, the deputy found a pair of 'nunchaku' in the driver side floorboard area," Cromer said,

He also found Williams "was on summary probation with the term to obey all laws," Cromer

on suspicion of possessing a nunchaku, possession of a substance, and violating probation.

Bail was set at \$15,000.

May 3.

While searching Tow's

probation.

These reports were based

public because doing so brings up a host of other problems.

The firehouse also does not have a wheelchair-accessible

used to host public functions. Magann said it could. Magann's report on Waters' inspection comes just a month after

Magann formally retires as fire chief on Friday, May 12.

spent working as both a volunteer and as paid staff – he has

Now accepting MediCal Partnership

NEXT WEEK:



The Burghardts: Tom, Kiki, Laurie, Dave, Kelly, Clementine Boz, & Bowie.



Mother Katie Brenneman, and son Jamie Ray



I love you mom, thank you for all your love, support, and encouragement. I do not know what I would do without you.



Happy Mother's Day to the best mom, grandma and mompop! We are forever grateful for you! Love your



Anna King, center, Christmas tree hunting with daughter, Lucy, left, and son, Jakoby,



Happy Mom's Day to my best friend. I love you with all my heart! Thank you for all you



Tawny Adams, Ryan Walker I love my mom because she is the best and she cooks good



Happy Mother's Day Great



Grandma Edna Mondo! We love you So Much and treasure each day we have with you... Love Zandria and Arabella Mondo.



Jeanne King, left, with son, Tim King, hiking at Crater



Happy first heavenly mother's



father Shandin Brenneman Brenneman.



Happy Mother's Day.



daughter and your grandkids.

Hayden

Kelsey

I love you. I like playing with you. I

love my mom because she gives

me breakfast. That's it. Have a great

I love you. Happy Mother's Day.

I love you. Wish you have a good

day. I love my mom because she got

James

- Tyvin

- Grady

Mother's Day!

That's it.

Happy Mother's Day to the very best mom in the whole world!! Thank you for always being around when I need you and I love you to the moon



and back and so much more.





macaroni and cheese for me. - Baron H.

I'm making good choices at school. I love you one thousand. Thank you for making my cereal.

I love you. Thank you for making

my cereal. Thank you for making

- Scotty Tuttle, Jr.

Whether it's all smiles and snuggles or an impromptu ride on the

shoulders, this mom has got it down! Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Mother's Day! I love you. She hugs me and everything. I need to go to the store to get a phone for my mom.

– Arianna

take me to ballet lessons. I like playing with you momma. Happy Mother's Day mom!

Happy Mother's Day Messages

I love you mom.

I like cleaning with you. I like drying the dishes with you. And I love you. I hope Mother's Day is fun for you!

Momma, I hope you have a good Mother's Day. I like your clothes.

- Annabelle



me in her belly. That's it.

Happy Mother's Day to the



world's greatest mom! I love



Happy mother's day momNana. We love you love Rowdy Riley and your baby Mellisa.





Love River, Alaska and Izzy



Happy Mother's Day! From



Happy Mother's Day to the

Marmie of all Marmies! <3 <3

Happy mother's day Jodi Renee



Happy Mother's Day Mom, love always your daughters!



Alice Coon and Jon Noyer.



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