

Mendo Film Fest spotlights Seabiscuit

on Sunday, May 31

Courtesy of the Mendocino Film Festival

The Willits area boasts an illustrious and starstudded history, with many Hollywood's biggest of names, including Clark Gable, Bing Crosby, and Carole Lombard, frequently staying with Charles S. Howard at the Ridgewood Ranch south of Willits. Perhaps the biggest star of all to grace the grounds was the legendary racehorse, Seabiscuit.

In 1940, Seabiscuit won the Santa Anita Handicap, smashing records and racing into history as he cemented his legend and inspired the nation, before retiring a hero at Ridgewood Ranch. That same year, the Noyo Theatre was founded. Now, 75 years later, as the Mendocino Film Festival

Read the rest of Seabiscuit

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Baechtel Grove named **'Gold Ribbon** School'

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Baechtel Grove Middle School has been named a California 'Gold Ribbon Superintendent School,' Patricia Johnson announced



Above, from left: Robert Goleman of Bolliver's Fine Foods and Confections holds one of his strawberry rhubarb tarts. Madge Strong, Kristin Miller Fraser and Holly Madrigal pose at the Willits Economic LocaLization (WELL) table. Baby Ruby showcases one of the darling fruit-themed knitted hats, this one a strawberry, by Valerie Trimmer.



Robert Chavez to be new WHS principal

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school Veteran administrator Robert Chavez has been named principal of Willits High School, Sanhedrin High School and New Horizons School, effective July 1. He will replace Jeffrey Ritchley, who served as principal of



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Water: How it works in Willits

Ron Orenstein

Contributing Writer

Part 1

The drought, now going into its fourth year, has grabbed everyone's attention, and whatever the

k to the City Park Bac Willits Farmers Market returns to its summer location

Above: Sarah Grusky and market manager Michael Foley of Green Uprising Farm. Below. left: Artichokes were available for sale at last week's market. Below, right: Owner of Picaro Gordo Pet Memorials, Jacki Pealatere, chats with a customer at her booth.

Photos by Maureen Moore

bustling and festive affair to kick Read the rest of In addition to the first market

On every first Thursday in May, the Willits Farmers Market returns to its outdoor

location, lining the north end of Willits City Park, taking over the whole block of

State Street. Vendors last week included those who participated in the winter

market at the Little Lake Grange and also featured new summer faces - creating a

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at the May 6 school board meeting.

The special designation was created late last year by the California Department Education to honor of schools while the state office's traditional award for excellence in education. the California Distinguished School award, is on hiatus. The office thought it best to suspend the Distinguished School award while California schools are transitioning to the state's new Common Core

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County, deputies reach labor agreement

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Mendocino County and the county Deputy Sheriffs Association announced April 30 they had reached a tentative agreement on a new labor contract.

The agreement provides that members of the DSA will receive a 6 percent wage increase effective immediately. They will receive another 2 percent hike on July 1, 2015, and a second 2 percent increase on July 1, 2016, meaning the 10 percent salary

Read the rest of Labor Over on Page 11



off the summer season.

Oil Well Hill road improvements underway

It looks like normal road repair, but road construction on Oil Well Hill may help drivers pass over the mountain ... after some turns are tweaked and new asphalt is laid.

Zack Cinek Reporter zack@willitsweekly.com

A Granite Construction crew arrived on the hill not long after survey stakes appeared on the shoulder and in two turnouts on the south face of the landmark hill.

"By increasing the banking on turns and then [laying] better high-friction asphalt it will help keep people in their lanes," California Department of Transportation spokesman Phil Frisbie said.

The project is considered a "safety project," Frisbie added.

Cost of the Oil Well Hill work is about \$650,000.

The road work could have residents living north of Willits thinking about leaving for town a few minutes earlier. Another delay occurs a short distance away to



make way for dump trucks working on the Willits bypass. Drivers can anticipate a brief slowdown. Caltrans expects delays on Oil Well Hill to be about 10 minutes.

The safety project spans from the bottom of the hill at the Reynolds Highway junction to the top of Oil Well Hill.

Above: Trucks hauling lumber descend Oil Well Hill, where Granite Construction crews have been working this week. Below: A view of the northern interchange of the Willits bypass.

Photos by Zack Cinek



cause, we're seeing what may be the new normal, when it comes to using and managing our water supplies.

Early on, the City of Willits took steps to secure and preserve our water supply, being one of the first, if not the first jurisdiction in the state to impose water use restrictions. And thanks to the conservation efforts and cooperation of our citizens, we were able to stretch our water supplies enough to keep from running out of

Read the rest of Water Over on Page 13

Brookside teachers seek English specialist

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

Ten Brookside Elementary School teachers walked to the front of the room during the May 6 school board meeting to ask trustees to make sure the district hires a specialized teacher to instruct Spanish-speaking elementary school students how to read English.

According to Brookside teacher Barbarie Gonzalez, Brookside does not have designated English а Language Development teacher. Instead, the school

Read the rest of English Over on Page 11

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Memorial Day

To the Editor:

The American Legion, Willits Post 174 will be conducting Memorial Day services on Monday, May 25, from 10 am to 10:30 am at the Willits Cemetery, off Highway 20, and at the Little Lake Cemetery (off East Hill Road) from 11 to be taking place in Ukiah, 11:30 am.

Note: Flags will be placed on veterans' graves at both cemeteries on Saturday, May 23, and will be "taken down" Monday afternoon (before sunset) on May 25.

Also, Post 174's Color Guard will present "The Colors" at the Classic Car Show , Sunday, May 24 at 12 noon.

Roger Ham,

vice commander, Post 174

Sober Grad update

To the Editor:

Thank you, Willits and beyond! Once again this community, this village, has risen to the challenge and supported the Class of 2015 in their goal to raise funds to put on an awesome celebration of all their hard work over the last 13 years! Once again they will be able to have a safe and sober send-off with their fellow classmates on June 11, as they gather at the Community Center to party all night long.

Our recent annual Tri-Tip Dinner was the biggest and best yet! We served 840 people an awesome dinner, thanks to not only this community's support but to the hard work and generosity of many, many people and businesses, and so thank yous are in order.

First, what would a tri-tip dinner be if we didn't have an awesome tri-tip barbecue team to prepare those best ever tri-tips? Our gratitude and thanks go out to: Annette and Dan Pinon, Doug and Cathy Goss, Art and Annette Cooley, Rick Crowder, Bruce Smith, Tom Sleeper, Curtis Labus and Tim Ellis.

Another thank you to Linda Matz and the Cat's Meow gals for tracking the tickets - all 200 of them (plus the extra 10 we were able to add)! Thank you to Rachel Cash and Peter Smith for once again gathering all the rest of the food items and containers, and spearheading the prep nights.

More thank yous to: Crush Italian Steakhouse, John Frenzel and Cattlemen's Restaurant, Jill Persico and Loose Caboose, Cat's Meow, Tam and Kashava Adams and Emandal, Old Mission Pizza, Christy Wisdom and staff, The Peg House/Trillium Delights, Imagination Station, Gribaldo's, Flowers by Annette, Forks Ranch Market, Rose Mann and her cookie crew, Karen Thiel, Pleasant Thank you. View Dairy, Safeway, Ukiah Paper Supply, Willits Charter School, and the Class of 2015 and their parents!

How wonderful to live in a place that comes together to let our graduates know that their lives matter and we want to keep them safe and sound on graduation night! The Sober Grad Party is a true celebration; however, it takes lots and lots volunteers to set up and decorate and then even more people to chaperone the event!

We start set up and decorating at 9 am at the Community Center and will be working on it until late afternoon/early evening. We need volunteers to help chaperone beginning at 9 pm on June 11 until 4 am on June 12. If you are an early bird (not a night owl!), we need new energy at 4 am on June 12 to do the massive cleanup! Please join us for this important and fun celebration!



Wheels 4 Todd

To the Editor:

will begin at 9:30 am, and the pack ride will begin at approximately 10:15 am. The ride will route its way through some beautiful areas of Mendocino County, with some stops along the way, returning to Gunnink's Harley-Davidson at around 12:30 pm for a burger barbeque by UVAH (Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation). The cost for registration

is \$20, which includes the ride and barbeque. and any associated costs. For more information about the ride, you can call 707-489-3313. For more information about Bikers Against Child Abuse, please visit www.bacaworld.org.

> Rich Venturi, president, Mendocino Temp Charter of BACA®

Thank you

about water filtration.

statement and to raise

funds to continue our work

Registration for the ride

with local youth.

To the Editor: The Willits Charter School Student Leadership would like to cordially thank John Ford Ranch, Safeway, and Grocery Outlet for donating to our Drive Thru Dinner.

Their donations helped us raise much-needed funds for upcoming WCS dances and other school activities. These activities are great for us because they help to bring us together as a student body, to grow and challenge our abilities as leaders, and to deepen our feeling of responsibility. From you, the community, we flourish!

Willits Charter School

Student Leadership

Compassion and clean water To the Editor:

The class voted unanimously to donate the funds to a

charity that helps people who have no access to clean

on the Prairie" - we had been talking about the difference

funds. Rather than spend it on a luxury for themselves, they

decided it was best to spend it on a necessity for others.

I was so proud of them that I matched their donation, as

have some parents, so the charity received far more than

Christine Felton, WECS

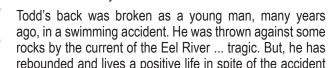
Grade 2 teacher

the original \$20. You can read about the project here:

www.charitywater.org/projects/countries/kenya/

Good work, second-graders!

I am writing to let the community know about how second-



member of society.

rocks by the current of the Eel River ... tragic. But, he has rebounded and lives a positive life in spite of the accident and is a great role model for the children he works with on a daily basis.

Todd Jennison needs a new wheelchair; his is 20 years

old and falling apart. There are no parts available to fix

it. Todd's 2006 Dodge "Handi-Capable" van is also in

desperate need of repair. The lowering "kneeling" function

is broken. We are trying to raise \$6,000 to cover both costs

Todd works everyday with the middle school youth in our

community and needs his wheelchair to remain an active

If you would like to make a donation, you can drop a check, cash or money order off at the Willits Body Works Gym & Martial Arts Center, 1511 Main Street in Willits, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, with General Manager Keith or call 459-0594 for a drop-off time that is convenient for

You can also make an online donation at www.YouCaring. com: search for "Wheels For Todd Jennison" to find the fundraising page.

"Willits – Let's Git 'er Done" – just looking for a hand-up. For more info, call 354-0565 or 459-2220, and speak with Mike Tobin. Thank you.

Mike Tobin. Willits

Todd Jennison

young people he

center. with some of the

mentors.

Parent mentors wanted

To the Editor:

Do you have experience navigating the special education system? Are you willing to volunteer a few hours each month to help mentor other parents/caregivers through the



Women's Club gives \$1,000 to Brooktrails Firefighters

Judy Corzine, president of the Brooktrails Women's Club, second from left, presents a check for \$1,000 for the Brooktrails Firefighters Association to Deputy Chief Jon Nover, while Engineer Eli Owen and Dorit Schmidt-Peterson, treasurer of the Brooktrails Women's Club. look on.

"We received a surprise today!," Noyer wrote on the Brooktrails Fire Department's Facebook page about the donation. "Not only did the Brooktrails Women's Club present a check for \$1,000, but they also provided dessert at last Saturday's Spaghetti Feed as a show of support. The Women's Club has been a long-time supporter of not only the department, but the community as a whole. The Brooktrails Firefighters also assist the Women's Club with their fundraisers, which also help support the club and firefighters. This donation will help with purchasing life-saving equipment and training. We thank everyone for your continued support!!"

Monday night, Brooktrails Fire, along with Little Lake Fire and Cal Fire, responded to a report of three structures on fire - "with spread into vegetation" - on Ridge Road near Iris Drive, west of Willits, "Upon arrival," Deputy Chief Nover reports, "a travel trailer was fully involved with another threatened, with minimal spread to the wildland. The fire was contained by the first engine within minutes of arrival."

Fire season is here: Be prepared by Read the rest of Over on Page 9 creating defensible space around your Donate



Brooktrails Women's Club supports Relay for Life

Relay For Life Survivors Co-Chairs Sharron Kidd, right, and Liz Gardner, center, receive a donation of \$100 from Brooktrails Women's Club President Judy Corzine, left. Kidd and Gardner attended the May meeting of the women's club - wearing their 2015 Relay "HOPE" T-shirts - to talk about plans for this year's Relay for Life, set for July 25-26 at the Rec Grove. The "organized overnight community fundraising walk" starts at 10 am on Saturday, July 25 and continues through 10 am on Sunday, July 26, with Relayers doing laps all night long. "Cancer never sleeps," Kidd says. All funds raised go to the American Cancer Society for research on cures for cancer and for support services for people with cancer

Early registration is recommended and will guarantee a "Survivor" T-shirt in your size. To register now, visit www.relayforlife.org and search for "95490" or call 1-877-7848 and an operator will assist you with Read the rest of

registration. Registration is free! All Over on Page 9 Relav are welcome.



Amazing Athletes

WHS Varsity Baseball Team

I would like to nominate my nine baseball players for "Athlete of the Week" for our game on Friday against Kelseyville. We have been going through a rough patch for a few weeks. and the kids really stepped it up last week.

On Thursday they had a players meeting, then had a great practice, and finally came back to beat Kelseyville in extra innings on Friday. The team: Dimitri Betts, TJ Buzzard, Jackson Harris, Nick Johnson, Blake Leslie, Kyle Martinez, Brandon Slater, Will Switzer, and Lane Wright.

- Coach Tim Conrad, chair of WHS Physical Education Department

you

Joyce Waters, secretary, drinking water. Weeks ago - when reading "Little House Willits Sober Grad Party **Planning Committee**

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IEP [Individualized Education Program] process? Please graders at Willits Elementary Charter School are showing compassion for people without clean water. Today our class join us for an information event to find out how you can put decided how to spend the \$20 cash award we received your collaboration skills to good use.

from Sarah Hanna Consulting for our Science Fair project The Mendocino County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee is looking for parents/caregivers in each school district, including the Willits Unified School District. Please join us on Friday, May 22, at the Mendocino County Office of Education SELPA Office, 2240 Old River Road, at the Elm Building conference room and outdoor picnic tables for lunch (11:30 between a luxury and a necessity. Without any prompting am to 1:30 pm) and for an opportunity to learn more about from me, the students brought up those two vocabulary how you can be a part of this important effort. words several times as they discussed the best use of their

> Please let us know if you are coming by May 21. Childcare is provided if you let us know by May 19. For more information please contact: Karen Jason, kjason@ mendocino.edu, (707) 468-3168 or Lisa Larimer Burtis, parentsupport@mcn.org, (707) 972-2261. You can register online for this event at: http://mcoe.k12oms.org/ eventdetail.php?id=96672. Thank you.

The Mendocino County Special Education Local Plan Area Community **Advisory Committee**

At left: Willits High School's varsity baseball team. Back row: Lane Wright, TJ Buzzard, Dimitri Betts, Jackson Harris and Brandon Slater; middle row: Kyle Martinez, Will Switzer and Nick Johnson; and front row: Blake Leslie.





Saturday, May 30

Coyote Valley Casino Event Center Doors 7pm | Show 8pm Tickets Starting at \$35

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Call 800.332.9683 for tickets. Phones are open daily from 9am–9pm.



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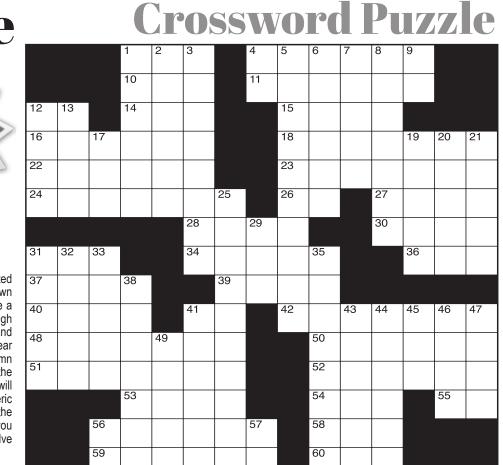
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Jordy is a 1-year-old neutered male American Staffordshire mix who weighs 65 pounds. Check out this handsome hunk. His good looks and charm will have you head over heels! Our play groups have brought out the best in Jordy. He is cool and calm, nice with every dog he meets, never bickers, and is able to adapt to any play style. Jordy needs an owner that he can develop a trusting relationship with. If you are willing to continue his training and create a bond with him, Jordy will show



'Patriot' mix flowers for Willits Frontier Days

Sanhedrin Nursery has donated special red, white and blue petunias, called the "Patriot" mix, each year for the past seven years to the Willits Frontier Days Association. This year the nursery donated nearly 600 lovely and specially grown flowers. The flowers have already been planted on the Frontier Days grounds, with help from the regular Frontier Days volunteers and the Willits Junior Horsemen.

Above: Willits Frontier Days President Marcy Barry, center, receives the annual donation of flowers from Sanhedrin Nursery owner Dave Watts, left, while TnT Towing & Recovery employee Victor Hernandez, right, helps out, Below: Barry's truck was filled to the brim with the colorful petunias.













Companion Planting

for the Vegetable Garden By Leon Springer, DripWorks

Editor's note: This piece was originally posted on "The Mainline," the DripWorks blog which features a wide variety of informative posts on subjects related to farming, gardening and water conservation.

Though some may plant their gardens haphazardly (to each their own, I say), I like to create a plan and plant carefully for beneficial growth and insect control. With 40 years of vegetable gardening experience as my guide, here are a few things that I have learned along the way:

· Diversity in the garden (as in most areas of life) is healthier

· Some plants have a positive effect on others.

· The results of these relationships are often as beautiful as they are productive.

The following is a brief synopsis of what I have athered on the subject of companion planting from books ("Roses Love Garlic" is my favorite), online blogs, friends, trial and error, and good old common sense. Some of this material is based on science and some on folklore. Take what works for you, be open to experimentation, and, above all, have fun. Whatever

Read the rest of Over on Page 9 Planting



es or snubs (slang) glass bubble ese mahogany genus water Horizon Co. lenotes past **Hunky Jordy**

Thursday, May 14

WHS Alumni vs. Varsity Baseball: the 1st annual WHS Alumni vs. Varsity Bikers Against Child Abuse: BACA general membership meeting, every second Thursday of the month. Baseball Game starts at 4 6;30 pm. Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street. pm at Willits High School Meetings are open to the general

Friday, May 15

public.

Dance Recital: Cloud 9 Dance Studio's 29th Annual Dance Recital presents "On Top of the World," featuring the students of Kathleen Ferri-Taylor, Jenny Montes, Amy Stocker and Ayla Decaire. The show

Cloud 9 Dancers will include creative, contemporary ballet and hip hop dance. 7 pm. Willits High School's Allen at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School

Garcia Memorial Auditorium. Tickets at the door: \$5-\$10 sliding scale.

Shanachie Pub: Portland trio Three For Silver. 9 pm. \$5. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, May 16

Civil War Exhibits at the Mendocino County Museum: Two Civil War exhibits open today at the museum, 400 East Commercial Street. "Lincoln

The Constitution and the Civil War," a nationally traveling exhibition on display through June 21, examines how President Lincoln used the AMERICA Constitution to confront three CONSTITUTI intertwined crises of the Civil War - the secession of Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties. "Uncivil Mendocino Homefront: County during the Civil War curated by Rebecca Montes,

professor of history at Mendocino College, also opens on peace from one person to another throughout the world. May 16. The exhibit focuses on the local effects of the Civil War through politics, the military experience, and the Monday, May 18 indentured servitude of Native Americans. Admission to the museum is free during the "Lincoln" exhibit, from May 16 through June 21. See article on page 11 for more info, visit www.mendocinomuseum.org, or call 459-2736.

Auxiliary Rummage Sale: the annual big sale by the Howard Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. North Main Street between Scoops and the old Vassar's Pizza. Proceeds benefit the hospital equipment purchase fund. Clothing, Sports Equipment, Crafting Supplies, Housewares, Furniture, Books, Kids Clothes, Homemade Items, Small Appliances, Home Décor, Toys, Audiobooks, Seasonal Decorations and more. Refreshments for sale.

Republican Central Committee: the Mendocino County Republican Central Committee meets from 10 am to noon, Saturday, May 16, at Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street. Info: contact Evelyn Hayman, (707) 948-6467 or go to: www.mendocountygop.net.

'lf you are an alumni and would like to play, the cost is \$15. Contact Aaron Branscomb at 489-2103. Please come down and watch to help support WHS baseball. Plus food and raffle prizes.

> "A Concert of Peace": Emandal Chorale's 20th anniversary concert. 7 pm

Street. "The concert will present some of their most memorable songs, old and new. Guest artists will include Spencer Brewer, composer, pianist, and performer, and Val Rogers, a dynamic South African song

and dance leader from Eugene." Tickets, \$10 in advance, available at Mazahar and Mendocino Book Company in Ukiah. \$15 at the door. Shanachie Pub: Dennis Chrisp & Friends. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-

9194. **CIVIL HOMEFRON** Sunday, May 17 Buddhist Discussion Meeting: hosted by Soka Gakkai Nicheren, 1 pm at the Willits Library conference room, 390 East Commercial Street. The public is invited. Soka Gakkai Nicheren is a "UN recognized NGO, 'Society for the Creation of Value based

Willits Dances of Universal Peace: 7 to 9 pm at The Muse, 30 A East San Francisco Avenue. "Join us in sacred circle as we honor the teachings of the world's wisdom traditions." Info: 459 9085.

Tuesday, May 19

18th Willits Walk for

Health & Wellness

Sunday, May 31

great food samples from Howard

Hospital Chef Kyle Evans; fun fitness

activities; free health screenings; Zumba

707 459-5505.

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movie: "Avengers 2: Age of Ultron" and "The Age of Adaline." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre. com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

"Dinner with Ralph": The Laytonville Healthy Start Coalition invited parents and other community members to dinner with Bay Area educator Ralph Cantor. "Ralph will present

1st Annual Willits High School Alumni vs. Varsity Baseball Game Saturday May 16th @ 4 p.m. If your an alumni and want to play

contact Aaron Branscomb @ 489-2103 there will be a \$15 player fee. We will have a concession stand and raffle items Come watch and support

Willits High School Baseball All proceeds go to buying the boy hats, socks, shirts, baseball and transportation Call if you have any questions at 354-1149



Banquet, "Living the Dream," at the Rec Grove. Meeting starts at 5 pm; dinner to follow. The public is welcome! Raffles, great food, and fun. Also: 2015-2016 Officer Installation; Greenhand & Chapter Degrees Awarded; Recognize Honorary Members. Donations are welcome. Recreation Grove, South Lenore Street. Info: kelleycase@willitsunified.com or 707-272-0871.

Start at 984-8089.

Wednesday, May 20

Thursday, May 21

"Mental Health Month" Outreach at the Farmers Market: Mendocino County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) will be at the Willits Farmers Market, from 3 to 6 pm today, at City Park, with resource and referral information, and fun stuff. For info: Mental Health Services Act Coordinator, Robin Meloche at 707-472-2332 or melocher@co.mendocino.ca.us

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": Shakespeare's masterpiece performed by students at the Willits Charter

> School. Plays Thursday, May 21, Friday, May 22, and Saturday, May 23, and Thursday, May 28, Friday, May 29, and Saturday, May 30. All shows at 7 pm. Tickets at the door, \$10 general, \$5 students with ID.

Now and Then Film Series: "The Russian River: All Rivers – The Value of An American Watershed," a documentary exploring "the diverse forces which have come to shape one of California's iconic rivers — forces which impact rivers and watersheds throughout the world. It examines how the Russian River has been used, and what the consequences of that use have been. By looking at the

Free CERT

Training

At Howard

effects of mining, logging, fishing, agriculture, diversion and development, the film conveys a historical perspective for the river's condition. Scientists, educators, policy makers, activists and citizens offer their perspectives on how this

information on how marijuana, resource has been used and managed." 7 to 9 pm, Little alcohol and other substances can Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Suggested impact a developing adolescent donation \$5 to \$10. Heirloom "Tiny but A Irio ot Irios

brain. Ralph will also give tips on Mighty" popcorn with organic butter and Fair how to talk with youth about the Trade chocolate refreshments for sale by the importance of 'getting a life' without Grange. Info: 459-6362. using substances to get high.

Shanachie Pub: Julian & The Upside Ralph's presentation is engaging Sound, playing Americana. 8 pm. No cover. and non-judgmental." 5:30 pm at 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Harwood Hall in Laytonville.Dinner Restaurant. Info: 459-9194. starts at 5:15 pm; presentation

starts at 5:30 pm. A raffle for gift Friday, May 22 cards will take place at the end of Memorial Weekend Book Sale: annual the event. Info: Laytonville Healthy

> sale sponsored by Friends of the Willits Library. "Spring into summer with a book!" At the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Friday, May 22 from 10 am to 5 pm;

Willits FFA Banquet: The FFA Saturday, May 23 from 10 am to 5 pm; and Sunday, May 24 from 10 am to 3 pm. Sunday is "\$3 a bag" day: Bring your own bag!

Shanachie Pub: Stenna and The Poison Apples from Winters. Indie/Folk/Punk. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-

Saturday, May 23

Senior Center: Flea Market & BBQ: Harrah Senior Center hosts a flea market & BBQ, from 8 am to 1 pm. "Come shop the many different vendors and find some hidden treasures." Hot dogs, root beer floats, and snow cones available. Spaces available for rent (7 am to 3 pm) \$20 each or 2 for \$30; \$15 each or 2 for \$25 for members. If you want to rent a space, contact Mariya at the Harrah Senior Center: 459-6826.

Brooktrails Cleanup Day: 8 am to 4 pm. "To collect old and no longer useful items for disposal. No recyclable materials, hazardous materials, e-waste, or green waste." Community Center Parking Lot. Sponsored by the Brooktrails Property Owners Association.

Memorial Weekend Book Sale: 10 am to 5 pm today; see Friday, May 22 listing for more details.

Rosalia Open Garden: Come tour the renowned "Red Rose Ridge" rose garden of Michael and Pamela Temple, south of Willits, with more than 1,200 roses in bloom. This oncea-year event, 11 am to 4 pm, is a fundraiser for the nonprofit Hearthstone Village's work at the Reveil Martinal Girls Orphanage in Haiti. For more information on Hearthstone Village and their work in Haiti and Mexico, visit www. hearthstonevillageukiah.org or the "Hearthstone Village" page on Facebook. Red Rose Ridge garden is located at 5111 Westview Road. Heading south on Highway 101, take a right on Muir Mill Road right after Glen Mark Storage, and follow the balloons. Tickets \$20; children under 13 free.

Several Willits artists and painters will be at the event to paint plein-air portraits at the event for interested attendees. Classic Metal Mixer: Baechtel Creek Inn & Spa hosts the

"Sanford Fare Well" Wednesday, May 27

"Sanford Fare Well" is a poetry and jazz Sunday, May 31 performance in honor of Sanford Dorbin, who

What's Happening Around Town Willits Chamber of Commerce "Classic Metal Mixer." 5:30 to 7 pm. 101 Gregory Lane. "Join us for delicious food, fun networking and a sneak peak at some of the cars that will be on display at the Community Festival & Car Show on Sunday, May 24."

Trio of Trios Concert: with Chanterelle, Just Enough Featured Trios

and Twining Time, 7 pm at the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street. A benefit for the Willits Food Bank. \$10 donation. Light refreshments served after the concert. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details.

Shanachie Pub: Jason Daniels Band, playing the Blues. 9 pm. \$5 cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194

Sunday, May 24

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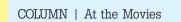
Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: every fourth Sunday breakfast at the Little Lake Grange, 8 am to 11 am. "Join your friends at the Grange Breakfast!" With live music. Choose Sourdough Wholegrain or Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs made to order, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$7; \$6 seniors; \$4 under 10. Extra sides of organic fruit in season or Amish maple syrup, \$1. 291 School Street (two blocks south of Commercial, 1 block west of 101).

34th Annual Community Festival & Car Show: The 34th annual Community Festival & Car Show is set for the Rec Grove from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday, May 24. New this year: Black Bart Gunfighters, Arm Wrestling Contest, Yokum's Bounce House, and the Boy Scout's Swinging Bridge Obstacle Course. With beautiful classic cars on exhibition, music, games, vendor booths, and raffles! "Join us for this fun family event at the Rec Grove!"

Memorial Weekend Book Sale: 10 am to 3 pm today; see Friday, May 22 listing for more details.

Grateful Gleaner Annual Plant Sale: "Learning to Garden in Drier Times" is the theme of the annual plant sale offered by the Grateful Gleaners on Sunday, May 24, from 10 am to 4 pm at the corner of Spruce and West Mendocino streets.

St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble: a concert of Russian sacred and traditional folk songs at the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street, across from the Grange. 6:30 pm. Free will donation is being asked, and there will be light refreshments served after the concert.





Save the Date

Willits Walk for Health & Wellness, starts at J.D. Redhouse, May 31

Mendocino Film Festival, Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series, May 31

Redwood Run Motorcycle Run, June 12 through June

Ongoing Events

Willits Summer Farmers Market: from 3 to 6 pm every Thursday at City Park on East Commercial Street, with produce, local meats and fish, local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly. and more

The Emandal Chorale: this community chorus based in Willits is in its 20th season, and you are welcome to join! Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm. No auditions necessary. The Chorale meets upstairs at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

Free Classes for Girls: The Mentoring Network, under the umbrella of the Youth Grange, is offering free after-school classes on Friday afternoons, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, for girls in Willits area schools, grades 6 through 10. Classes will be on herbs one week, yoga another week, cooking and life skills. Room 4 of the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Questions: call Michelle at 972-1601. No pre-registration is necessary.

Free English class/Clase de ingles gratis: Every Thursday at 7 pm / Cada jueves a las 7 pm. At the LDS church, 265 Margie Drive. Info: 707-758-8709.

"Art Under 20, 2015": The annual art exhibition for student artists from Willits High School and Willits Charter School is at the Willits Center for the Arts through May 31. Gallery hours are Thursday and Friday from 4 to 7 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 2 pm.

Willits Frontier Twirlers: Monday night session at the Willits Center for the Arts. New beginner class runs from 7 to 8 pm, with dancing to follow from 8 to 9 pm. Singles and couples and all ages are welcome. Caller/teacher Lawrence Johnson. Singles and couples and all ages are welcome. \$20/month (to help pay the caller), with young dancer scholarships available. Questions? Contact Emmy Good at Emmy@pacific.net or Jenny Watts at Wattsup@gmail.com.

Junior Grange After-School Program: an after-school program for kids ages 5 to 14, Mondays from 3 to 6 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 10. Membership fee: \$1, plus \$1 annual dues. Info? Contact Zeynep at 707-972-8558 or zeyny34@yahoo.com

Mondays at Wowser: Free events at the Wowser maker space, 330 East Commercial Street. 6:30 pm. Lectures, slide shows, flash videos, guest speakers, demonstrations. Info: 459-9697 or www.wowserllc.com.

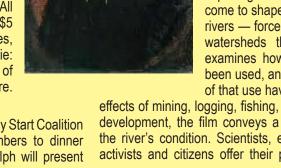
Al-Anon Meeting: Every Thursday Night from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid at the Evergreen Shopping Center. "Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

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

Library's Community Room. Tuesday bridge sessions from 1:30

to 3:30 pm; Thursday bridge sessions from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

Saturday free bridge classes, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm, for new



Willits Kids Club

Summer Camp

June 15 - August 14





Sunday, May 31

Mendocino Film Festival

Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series

Ridgewood Ranch,

The Mendocino Film Festival celebrates the 75th anniversary of Seabiscuit's legendary win at Santa Anita Park with the launch of the "Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series," highlighting stories that embody the spirit of hope that Seabiscuit instilled in his fans and in generations ages are welcome (and also wellsince. Screenings will take place at Ridgewood Ranch and at the Noyo Theatre in Willits, including "The Making of a Legend: Seabiscuit's 1940 Victory at Santa Anita Park," plus two short films, "Ridgewood Ranch - Home of Seabiscuit," and "Riding My Way Back," at Ridgewood Ranch. Program starts at 10 am with a tour of the historic ranch; film screening at noon, 1 pm Q&A panel; and a Rec Grove for the Avenues to Wellness reception from 1 to 3 pm. At 4 pm, the Novo Theatre will (ATW) Free Family Food and Fitness host "Harry & Snowman," a feature-length documentary Fair from 11:30 am to 2 pm, including: that tells the remarkable life story of international show jumping legend Harry deLeyer, whose career was launched by his famous show jumping horse Snowman. Tickets are available at the Mendocino County Museum, and yoga for adults and kids, and much 459-2736, and www.seabiscuitheritage.org. Proceeds to more! Info: Information: Willits Healthy benefit Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation and Ridgewood Action Team (W.H.A.T.), Jed Diamond T.R.A.I.L. Riders Association.

18th WHAT WALK for Health & Wellness SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015 Registration opens at 9:30 AM @ JD Redhouse, 212 S. Main Street, Wilits

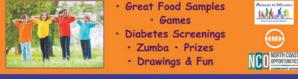




Men, women & children of all ages are welcome (and also wellbehaved pets on leashes). We also invite bicyclists to join us. The walk begins in downtown Willts and winds through the neighborhoods. The entire walk is 5 miles, but people can walk some or all. We walk rain or shine!

> Willits Healthy Action Team (W.H.A.T.) Information: Jed Diamond @ (707) 459-5505

HEALTHY FAMILY FAIR



11-2 PM after the WHAT Walk @ Recreation Grove Park

Registration for the free 18th annual Need a safe place for your kids or grandkids Willits Walk for Health & Wellness opens this summer? Kids want something fun to do with at 9:30 am at J.D. Redhouse, 212 South friends? Would you like your kids to keep up their math and reading during the summer? Willits Main Street.

Kids Club has the place for you! Arts & Crafts, Men, women, and children of all Sports, Games, Swimming, Cooking, Gardening, Camps will be held at the Willits Kids Club, Willits behaved pets on leashes). Bicyclists Elementary Charter School and Brooktrails Camp. are also invited. The walk begins in Directors: Diane Heath and Tina Stanley, assisted downtown Willits and winds through by our excellent after-school staff. For children pre the neighborhoods. The entire walk is K through Seventh Grade. 5 miles, but people can walk some or all. Rain or shine! The walk will finish at

Willits. Held Saturday, May Camp runs June 15 through August 14, Monday 30, from 9 am to 5 pm; through Friday. Half Day: 7:30-12:30 or 12:00-5:30. Sunday, May 31, from 9 am Full Day: 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. Participation options: to 4:45 pm; and Sunday One week half days \$65. One day \$35. Two full June 7, from 8 am to 3:45 days \$65. Three full days \$90. One week full days pm \$125. Two weeks full days \$235. 4 weeks \$450 -

"Community Emergency Prepaid. 9 weeks \$975 - Prepaid. 9 am - 12 only Response Team (CERT) \$30/week. Space is limited to 50 per week. Register training is fun and early. Application packets available at school sites. empowering. It will provide For more information call Diane: 841-8012 or Tina: you with knowledge, skills 841-8013 or visit www.willitskidsclub.org1 and tools to support you,

Trio of Trios

After One and all, please join us Saturday, May 23 for The Trio of Trios concert at the Willits completing CERT training, Methodist Church, 286 School Street. Three vocal trios will be performing: Chanterelle, Just you have the option to Enough and Twining Time, beginning at 7 pm. There will be dessert afterwards! A benefit for become part of an active the Willits Food Bank. \$10 donation

CERT team that assists Chanterelle is a musical trio with Madge Strong, Diane Smalley and Helen Falandes. They with traffic control, light bring lush vocal harmonies to their repertoire, ranging from originals and contemporary songs search and rescue, and to folk music from around the world. Sometimes a capella and sometimes accompanied by emergency preparedness guitar and percussion, their songs celebrate nature, justice, peace and joy. education and awareness.

Sign up and attend Chanterelle has performed at many local events over the past three years, including Willits CERT training to receive on Stage, the Local Women's Music Festival, Light Up a Life, the Trio of Trios, and Christmas instruction on survival Chorale. skills, rescuer safety, fire

Just Enough is a Willits-based trio made up of friends Kate Black, Clancy Rash and Helen suppression, basic disaster Falandes. Each has played and sung in a variety of configurations as long as any of them can medical operations, light remember, reaching back to roots in Oklahoma, Washington State and Maine. Close harmony search and rescue, and vocals, acoustic guitars and the occasional ukelele create a nicely rounded mix for a variety more.

of tunes: some folk, some rock and American roots music. Just Enough is sure to play at least Please bring personal one song that will be your favorite - something dear and familiar from your past or something snacks, beverages and a rare and obscure that you've never heard before. bag lunch. To pre-register,

Twining Time is a musical trio with polished vocal harmonies from Mendocino County, call Rebecca Enberg featuring John Wagenet (vocals and guitar), Anita Blu (vocals), and our newest member, at 462-1959 or email William Cutlip (fiddle, guitar, and vocals). We play an eclectic mix of old timey mountain music, renberg@ncoinc.org. For more info on local CERTs, folk, old style country, as well as more contemporary favorites including songs from Bob Dylan, visit www.brooktrailscert. Boz Scaggs, Neil Young and Van Morrison, plus our own originals.

> com - submitted by Anita Elliott for Trio of Trios

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Forest died May 27, 2014. Noted musicians Jon Solow on piano and Les Tarr on bass will back WJ Ray Mendocino County Office reading or reciting to a set of eight jazz standards of Emergency Services and

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by Coltrane, Mingus, Jobim, Benny Golson, and NCO Volunteer Network Bill Evans. The music interplays with Dorbin's present 21 hours of free bebop tropes, as well as poems by Kenneth Community Emergency Patchen, Theodore Roethke, James Joyce, A.E. Response Team (CERT) Housman, and Ray. Saturday, May 27 from 7 to Training at Cal Fire Howard 8:30 pm, at The Muse, 30 East San Francisco Forest Training Center, Avenue. Admission: \$5 donation. 17501 North Highway 101.

Junior Giants Signups

The Willits Jim Hale Junior Giants Program, in association with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Youth Activities League starts its 2015 season on June 15. Sign up at www.irgiants. org or in person May 5 through June 26, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4:30 pm with Keith Terrell at the Willits Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Info: 707-459-0594 or cynthiapurdue@yahoo.com.

Gardens needed for tour in August

your friends, neighbors WELL (Willits Economic Localization) has sponsored a and family in times of farm or garden tour almost every year for the past 10 years. emergency or disaster. This year we're planning a walking tour of central Westside successfully gardens in early August (probably August 1). We're soliciting gardens now.

> Do you (or friends in town) have an organic garden - with edible as well as ornamental plants - you'd like to show off? Please let us know!

We hope to feature gardens that minimize water use through drought-tolerant plantings, permaculture features such as swales, or use of grey water and/or water catchment. Any food-growing gardens in the walking area (west of Main Street from roughly Laurel to West Commercial) are welcome. The tour will end at the Brookside School Garden, with lunch and music.

> If you know of suitable gardens, please contact Madge at 459-1493 or mstrong@ willitsonline.com.

- Madge Strong

Rock Your Ride Bicycle Show - Thursday. June 18 Come show off that Schwinn and bring out the BMX at the "Rock Your Ride Bicycle Show," 5 to 6 pm at City Park (near Farmers Market) Road). Flags will be placed on veterans graves All bikes welcome no matter the condition. at both cemeteries on Saturday, May 23 and Win bragging rights for: Best in Show, Best Family Bike, Best Beater Bike, Best Cruiser, Best Utility Bike, Best Banana Seat Bike, and more. "Bring the kids and check out the helmet Guard will present "The Colors" at the Classic decorating table." Info: Holly at 707-841-0612. Car Show - Sunday, May 24 at 12 noon.

"The love story for me is between me and the is welcome to drop in. Cards and Games at Willits Library: free games in the Willits

- Alex Garland, writer/director of "Ex Machina."

'Ex Machina'

Daniel Essman The Story: Tech Columnist multi-billionaire Bateman Nathan invites Caleb, an ace coder/computer programmer, to his secret lab in a remote Norwegian valley to

perform a real live Turing Test. Nathan has built a disquietingly beautiful, even sexy android named Ava. The question Nathan seems to want Caleb to answer: Is Ava truly conscious?

My Thoughts: This is a science fiction film of scary undercurrents and suspicions ... a story which derives its suspense from intellectual guandaries about the nature of self-awareness. Does the beautiful and slightly uncanny entity "Ava" exist in the same sense that you, My Dear Reader, presumably exist?

Also, this is a science fiction drama (a rarity) about what characters say they want and what they really want ... and who is manipulating whom.

There are great special effects, but this not an action movie. I loved it. I was totally engaged

Parents: Not for children, but older teens, if they have an intellectual bent, will dig it. Nudity and some brief violence.

Note: "Ex Machina" got a 91 percent positive rating from Rotten Tomatoes. Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the

wisdom of the imagination

Memorial Day Services

Monday, May 25

The American Legion, Willits Post 174 will be conducting Memorial Day Services as follows from 10 to 10:30 am at the Willits Cemetery (Highway 20) and from 11 to 11:30 am at the Little Lake Cemetery (off East Hill will be "taken down" Monday afternoon (before sunset), on May 25. Also, the Post 174 Color

and review students. Info: Donna at 459-9035. "Friday Night Magic": Youth game night, for kids ages 10 to 14, starts April 2 (no games April 10 due to spring break) and runs through June. Bring cards and games to share. Parental contact info required to sign in. From 5 to 7:30 pm, but library doors close at 6 pm, and no admission after 6 pm. Info: the Willits Library at 459-5908. Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 pm: Chess: bring your chess set and have some fun with friends. All ability levels welcome. Info: Raymond at 841-0473. Life Changes: Discussion and support group with Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 **Baechtel Road**

> 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-

> 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.

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

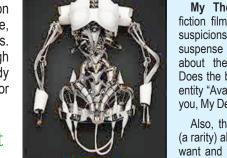
Shanachie Pub: Open Mic every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7 pm. Movie Night every Tuesday. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room: Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street 459-2444. With Mr. Larry's New Orleans Outside BBQ Café Catering serving from 9 pm until 1:30 am. Questions? Call Mr. Larry: (707) 367-7865.

Open Mic Jam at Al's Redwood Room: Every Friday night, hosted by Dream Capsule Entertainment, featuring talented, established local musicians from all over Northern California. Jazz, Blues, Rock. New talent welcome. Al's Redwood Room, 207 South Main Street; starting at 9 pm. Mr. Larry's New Orleans Outside BBQ Café Catering serving from 9 pm until 1:30 am. Questions? Call Mr. Larry: (707) 367-7865.

Laytonville Winter Farmers Market: Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Buy local: vegetables, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, crafts, hot soup, baked goods, and more.

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habitats at the beautiful

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of Willits." 9 am to noon.

Hosted by the Sanhedrin

Chapter of the California

Native Plant Society. Free,

but small donation welcome.

Visit http://sanhedrin.cnps.

org for more details.

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Maggie Weaver It is appreciated beyond words and Brenda how 500 people braved the Harder pose for windy afternoon/evening weather the camera. conditions to still show their Left, center: support for the shelter animals. Some of the The shelter, a 501(c)(3), does not auction items available

receive any tax-based funding, so the animals truly rely on the ongoing support of individuals and businesses in our county. They have a wonderful, tranquil

The winners of are anxiously awaiting that special the 50/50 raffle, adopter to take them to their Bob and Penny forever home. McIntosh

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won \$225.

Photos by

Rachel Belvin

Additional thanks go out to sponsors and other supporters: Barra of Mendocino, Rainbow 2015. The total

raised on the raffle was \$450, so the

On behalf of the animals at Khoury, Geiger's Long Valley Market, Forks Ranch the Humane Society for Inland Market, Raley's, Safeway, Lucky's, Grocery Outlet, Mendocino County, thank you Wal-Mart, Bi-Coastal Media, Mariposa Market, Jessica Tanning, The Mendocino Barkery, Redwood Valley Market, DBI, Copycats, The Felt-tips, fundraiser at beautiful Barra of Thompson's Party Rentals, Mendocino Brewing Mendocino Winery on Saturday, Company and Redwood Valley Fire Department. Also, to Kiwanis Club of Ukiah and Kohl's for serving our guests; Ukiah Shamrock 4-H for busing tables; Mary Miller for her desserts, kitchen, decorating and

event crew: Kevin, Leslie, Doug, Sara, Eric, Nancy, Chana, Taffy, Carlos, Racheal, Sondra, Terk, Lexus, Connie, Kat, Jessi, Heidi, Sherri, Peggy, and Krista; Miss Mendocino County Shyanne DeMarco, for running the 50-50 raffle; and to each and every one who donated to or bid on the silent auction. These volunteers and many others contributed to the success of the event on behalf of the animals.

We welcome you to come visit the animals located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley, right across the highway from Mario's. Our hours are Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm. Our phone number is 485-0123. Please join us also for our volunteer/supporter appreciation day and open

house on July 19.

- Maggie Weaver, for Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County



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June 6. Booths cost \$20 each. Vendors check in: 6 to 7:30 am. Market open: 8 am to 3 pm. Call to reserve booth space: 456-0734. Fire Department serving lunch!	Help Wanted Willits Charter School seeks a part-time janitor. Approx 20 hours per week. The position involves regular cleaning and light maintenance.	The rest of Planting
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your home or business. PC and Macintosh. Repairs and configuration \$35/ hr. Tutoring \$15/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email macamergin@yahoo.com.	Help Wanted J.D. Redhouse is now accepting resumes for a part-time warehouse position. Must be available	Members from this grou herbs – play well with other or infestation from harmful about companion planting and whatever you try is bou nothing. So be brave and dig
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Summer shape-up made simple

Graduations, reunions, shorts and swimsuits. OK, do I have your attention? Yes, that's right! With the

Erin Fitzpatrick weather warming up comes the desperate need to revamp your

body ASAP. I'm a firm believer that fitness needs to be part of your lifestyle, not a crash course. But as summer approaches many of you will be on the treadmill non-stop, only taking breaks to binge eat lettuce. Trust me, I've been there.

weddings,

Well here goes, I will do my best to give a few helpful tips to shape up for summer. Hopefully they will put you on the path to continue your fitness routine throughout the year.

Summer officially starts June 21, but as we all know Willits summer starts closer to the start of Frontier Days. The days around the 4th are usually the warmest, meaning the social summer begins. This is when those reunions and invitations to wear swimsuits in front of strangers start to arrive. So that means we have about 12 weeks

First tip: Plan it. This intense exercise regime is not going to happen without a plan. You will need a three-pronged approach: diet, cardio and strength training. Once you plan it, keep a journal to keep track of your progress.

Second tip: Move your body as often as you can. The more you're doing cardio exercise, the more calories you will burn. It isn't enough just to show up and move - we have a deadline to keep. To achieve our goals we will use the F.I.T Principle: Frequency, Intensity and

Frequency: How often are your workouts?

Get out there and sweat for at least 45 minutes to 1 hour most days of the week. The activity doesn't matter, whether it's a class, bike ride or a hike around the par course: Make sure to throw in a few squats and lunges to get your strength training. Just mix it up and do it on a consistent basis

Intensity: How hard are your workouts?

Now getting out there consistently is only part of it. Going through the motions will not lead to change. If your workouts are performed at the same intensity day after day, you will not see the results you want. Let yourself get uncomfortable; this type of interval training will accelerate your results.

Time: How long are your workouts?

The optimum time frame is between 45 to 60 minutes, but don't let that stop you. If you have more time, add in another 15 minutes. Continue to build up the time as your endurance builds. This is the best way to push past fitness plateaus.

Third tip: Use the buddy system. Turn your workouts in social sessions. Instead of meeting for dinner or drinks, meet up at the gym or go for a brisk walk together after work. By enlisting a friend or family member, you gain extra encouragement and maybe some healthy competition to hit those summer fitness goals.

The countdown to summer has officially begun, but it doesn't have to be something you dread. You will need three things to get you on track: a plan, consistent workouts and the help of a buddy. Now is the time to get focused and avoid the trap of weeks of denial followed by a last-minute quick fix that never works. There is plenty of time to make it happen.

Erin Fitzpatrick is a licensed Zumba instructor. She is a lifelong fitness advocate, marathone and dancer. She began teaching fitness classes two years ago and is a co-owner of Energize Willits. You can learn more at Facebook.com/EnergizeWillits

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The 2015 Willits Relay event has 16 teams signed up already, with 80 people participating, and more than \$9,500 in the bank. All funds Kidd said Relay wants to encourage all cancer survivors from Willits - and from Laytonville, Covelo and the coast - "This is your relay, too!," Kidd says - to sign up for this year's event.

Upcoming on Saturday, June 20 is the annual Relay For Life Rummage Sale, held in front of the Willits Charter School on South Main Street. Corzine invited the Relayers to participate in the Brooktrails Women's Club's own big Flea Market & Craft Sale, set for Saturday, June 6. Keep up with Relay information on Facebook at the Relay For Life Willits page on Facebook, or visit www.relayforlife.org. 12 W. VALLEY STREET WILLITS, CA 95490 ICBO 5038651-10&55 PH (707) 456-112 CELL (707) 391-4351

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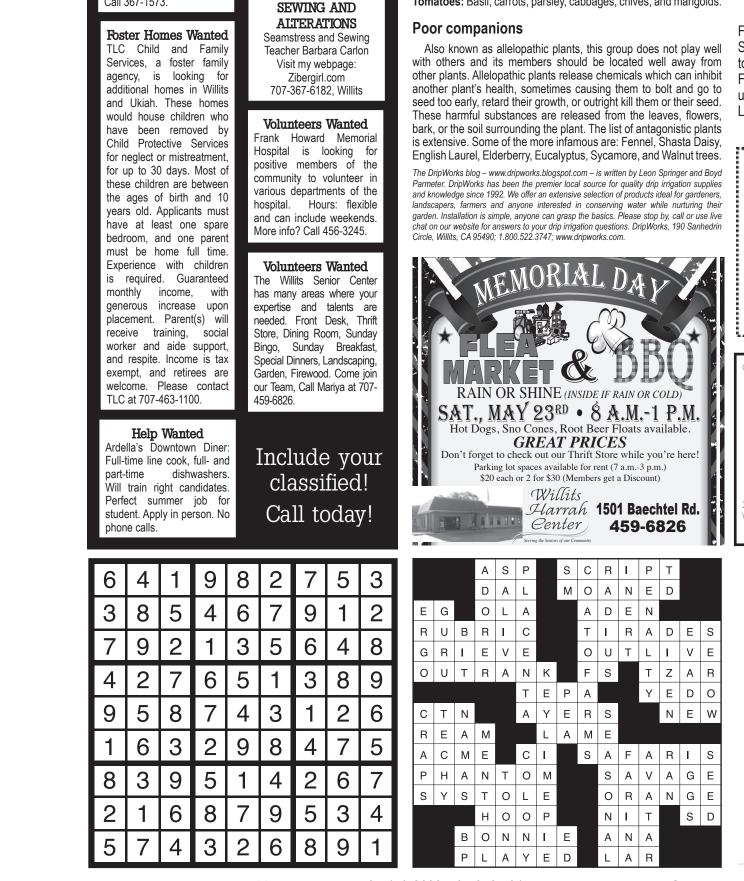
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celebrates an anniversary of its own, the remarkable hidden history of Willits is at the center of the Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series, which features award-winning films, a panel discussion on the history of film at Ridgewood Ranch, the present-day therapeutic riding program, a guided ranch tour, and a 1940s-themed reception.

On Sunday, May 31, the Mendocino Film Festival will launch the Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series, honoring horses that embody the spirit of hope that Seabiscuit instilled in his fans and in generations since. In partnership with the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, the Mendocino Film Festival will restore an old tradition to the festival's newest venue, the Noyo Theatre.

"My great-grandfather Charles S. Howard and his wife. Marcela, loved the fine old Hollywood classics," according to Colonel Michael Howard, family historian and a panelist at this year's Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series. "They hosted many 'movie nights' at Ridgewood Ranch with their inside links to Hollywood (particularly through Bing and Dixie Crosby)."

The inaugural Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series, hosted by Cynthia Ariosta, will pay homage to that rich heritage.

"This year's Willits program presents films with a focus on extraordinary equines that live up to the legacy of Seabiscuit as a beacon of hope and films that explore the history of Seabiscuit and Ridgewood Ranch," says Mendocino Film Festival Executive Director Michael Fox. "As we celebrate two major milestones for Novo Theatre and Ridgewood bygone era, with the Dorian May Trio crooning Bing Crosby Ranch, we look forward to celebrating many more."

"We are thrilled to partner with the Mendocino Film Festival in hosting the Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series at Ridgewood Ranch, including films that exemplify Seabiscuit's winning spirit." agrees Jacqueline Cooper, president of the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation. "The horse continues to inspire!"

The day's program opens with a tour of Ridgewood Ranch at 10 am, followed by film screenings at the ranch, a panel discussion, a reception at the historic Howard House, and more. The program ends with a 4 pm screening in town at the Novo Theatre of "Harry & Snowman." a true life story about

Movie stars Cary Grant and Bing Crosby with Charles S. Howard of Ridgewood Ranch.

international horse show jumping champion Harry deLeyer, and the special horse, Snowman, he saved from the slaughterhouse for only \$80.

After the historical tour, three films will screen at Ridgewood Ranch, starting at 12 pm: "The Making of a Legend: Seabiscuit's 1940 Victory at Santa Anita Park," compiled by Kip Hannan (courtesy of Santa Anita Park); "Ridgewood Ranch – Home of Seabiscuit," a project by the Mendocino County Museum featuring original cinematography by Dr. "Doc" Raymond Babcock: and "Riding My Way Back," the story of a veteran battling PTSD and the horse who saved him. A panel discussion, with film producers and special guests, follows the films at 1 pm.

As the official Howard Family historian, Colonel Howard, a decorated veteran, will represent the Howard family on the panel. He was a primary source for Laura Hillenbrand's best-seller "Seabiscuit: An American Legend." He will be joined by local luminaries Erin Holzhauer, program director and instructor at the Ridgewood T.R.A.I.L. program, and Alison Glassey, director of the Mendocino County Museum. Then, a 1940s-themed reception at the historic Howard House, from 1 to 3 pm, will transport attendees back to a songs and other tunes typical of the era. A 1938 Buick and a 1941 Buick will be on display in a nod to Charles S. Howard's background as a West Buick automobile magnate. During the Coast reception, author Roni McFadden will sign copies of her book. "Josephine -A Tale of Hope and Happy Endings," the heartwarming true story of one of the bravest "Lil' Biscuits." The menu will feature hors d'oeuvres and fine wines by Seabiscuit Ranch and Barra of Mendocino.

The festival then moves to town for its finale: the 4 pm screening at the Noyo Theatre of the 2015 release

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Snowman." This just-released documentary tells the poignant and inspiring true story of Dutch immigrant Harry deLever and the old plowhorse he rescued from a trip to the slaughterhouse - and their subsequent victories as national show jumping champions. This underdog story speaks to the power of friendship and determination. Karin Reid Offield, founder of "Brek-n-Ridge Farm," executive producer of "Harry & Snowman" and competitive hunter, jumper, and dressage trainer, will be present for a Q&A. Offield's original archival footage of Harry deLeyer and Snowman was an essential part of the film.

Tickets are now on sale for all Mendocino Film Festival events, including the day in Willits. For Film Fest tickets and information, visit www.MendocinoFilmFestival.org. For ranch tour and reception tickets, please visit www. seabiscuitheritage.org. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Ridgewood T.R.A.I.L. therapeutic riding program, now serving veterans; visit www.ridgewoodtrail.com for more info on T.R.A.I.L.

The Mendocino Film Festival, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, has become renowned on the festival circuit, drawing filmmakers and attendees from around the world. Featuring special events, filmmaker Q&As, and panels, the program offers the unique opportunity to meet filmmakers and film aficionados in a relaxed setting while enjoying the striking natural beauty of Mendocino County, which has inspired generations of artists.

Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation is a non-profit public benefit corporation formed in 2004 to preserve and protect the cultural legacy of Ridgewood Ranch, home "Harry of the legendary racehorse Seabiscuit, through historic preservation and environmental conservation. Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation is working with the property owner, Golden Rule Church Association, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and others in developing a preservation management plan and to identify funding sources. Thirtythree acres of old growth redwood and 1,700 acres of oak woodland, including 5 miles of fish bearing streams, have been permanently protected. Recently, Seabiscuit's newly restored stud barn was listed in the National Register of Historic Places

> The general public is invited to visit Seabiscuit's home during seasonal, docent-led walking tours and to hike the trails where Seabiscuit once trod. For more information and tour reservations contact Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, c/o Ridgewood Ranch 16200 North Highway 101. Willits. CA 95490 or visit www.seabiscuitheritage.org

The rest of Civil War exhibits open May 16 at Mendocino County Museum English

From Page 1 Courtesy of the Mendocino County Museum

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary has been making do with - the "Sesquicentennial" - of the end of the Civil a program in which many War, on Saturday, May 16, the Mendocino County teachers teach English Museum will open two new exhibits that chronicle the Civil War years from both a national and a local reading to non-Englishperspective. speaking students.

"Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," a Brookside kindergarten nationally traveling exhibition on display through teacher Dawna Allen is also June 21, examines how President Lincoln used the responsible for one-on-one Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of English language instruction the Civil War - the secession of Southern states, for English learners, and is slavery and wartime civil liberties. frequently called out of her

Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the kindergarten classroom to United States in 1860, at a time when the nation run off and teach this or that was on the brink of war. Lincoln struggled to English learner. resolve the basic questions that divided Americans at the most perilous moment in the nation's history: Allen told trustees when

Was the United States truly one nation, or was it she is called out to teach the a confederacy of sovereign and separate states? one-on-one English, other How could a country founded on the belief that teachers have to come into "all men are created equal" tolerate slavery? In a her classroom and take over national crisis, would civil liberties be secure? instruction in her absence. President Lincoln used the Constitution to confront these three crises of war, ultimately "Regarding Title I funds, reinventing the Constitution and the promise of at the Site Council meeting American life. This exhibition develops a more in particular, and in other

past meetings, when asked The rest of From Page 1 how we felt money best Gold be spent, we were under

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the impression anything
                           curriculum.
we asked for would be
                             In the meantime, the state created
                           the Gold Ribbon School award to
in addition to present
                           "recognize California schools that
programs such as the
                           have made tremendous gains in
teacher responsible for
                           implementing academic content
our reading intervention
                           and performance standards" in
programs," Gonzalez said.
                           teaching Common Core standards
 "It is a shocking
                          for English language arts,
disappointment that funds
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are no longer slated for the
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                           Munguia noted three successful
board to continue funding
                           programs that contributed to
this position; it is crucial for
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Ribbon School. One is the readers and their future school's expository reading and success at the high school writing program, in which students level," Gonzalez said. are asked to refer to different documents reflecting an array of Brookside teacher opinion on contemporary issues Janie Smith emphasized and to draw their own conclusions the school needs help in about this or that issue. Munguia this area. "In the past we have asked for an English coordinator,"

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upheld
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students about language arts and
                                  Willits High School Principal
social studies at the same time.
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 A second program used by
                               the May 6 school board meeting
the school is its document-
                               that
                                   the Western Association
                               of Schools and Colleges has
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                               reaffirmed the accreditation status
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Grove's expository reading and

gravest constitutional crisis. This traveling exhibition was organized by the National Constitution Center and the American

Library Association Public Programs Office, made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. "Uncivil Homefront: Mendocino County during

the Civil War," curated by Rebecca Montes, professor of history at Mendocino College, also opens on May 16. The exhibit focuses on the local effects of the Civil War through politics, the military experience, and the indentured servitude of Native Americans

The Civil War shaped Mendocino County in its second decade. Though Mendocino County seemed isolated, all of its residents were caught up in the politics of the war in one way or another. As settlers moved into the region, they did so in a context of national turmoil. Like their fellow Californians, residents of Mendocino County took sides. Local men served in the military in California as well as in the East - for both the Union and Confederacy. Neighbor was divided against neighbor, as loyalties to political parties changed. Native people also confronted unique challenges

students

cycle ending in June 2017."

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Labrie was successful. In a meeting

at the end of her site visit, Labrie

said she would recommend no

further oversight was necessary for

the school and WHS ought now to

concentrate on its next accreditation

The letter from Van Leuven

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cycle, that of 2018-2024.

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material. Munguia suggested both

of these programs help students to

Munquia said the school has

introduced an Achievement Via

Individual Determination program

this year. The AVID program is

designed to encourage and help

students who could be described

as average or unmotivated in

academic proficiency to try a little

harder and study with a little more

focus, so they can move up to a

Munguia said the AVID approach

has been integrated into both the

expository reading and writing

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Principal Munguia accepted

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complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as during the war. They faced not only the influx of president and of the Civil War as the nation's white settlers, but reservation and military policies that shifted because of the war. Native people, both children and adults, were subject to a brutal legal indentured system that amounted to slavery in a free state

> This exhibit also features Civil War era artifacts from the collections of the Mendocino County Museum, including weapons, photographs, guilts and more

Special Events at the Mendocino County Museum

Saturday, May 23: 10 am to 4:30 pm: Open House featuring Civil War re-enactors, 2 pm: Reception with Guest Curator Rebecca Montes (refreshments will be served).

Saturday, May 30: 3 pm: Discovery Talk, California Indian Histories and Memories of the Civil War. With William Bauer, associate professor of history, University of Nevada at Las Vegas and Round Valley tribal member.

Admission to the museum will be free to the public during the "Lincoln and the Constitution" exhibit, from May 16 to June 21. For more information, contact the Mendocino County Museum at 707-459-2736 or visit www.mendocinomuseum.org.

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In a letter to the district office,
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Leuven wrote, "Willits High School's
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                                   that the county will no longer pay any
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cycle review by WASC officials
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addition to the county share. With the new contract, that arrangement is null From November 2014 to March 2015, Ritchley and the Willits High and void, and DSA members will pay School staff worked to draft a new all their retirement costs.

self-study report showing how the By unanimous vote, supervisors school has met, or is meeting, the approved the agreement at the Mav goals articulated in the school's 5 board meeting.

2011 Self-Study report. In addition, the district hired James Madden "Well, it's finally some good as vice principal for the school, as news, especially concerning law well as two counselors and a career enforcement in the rural areas in this county," said Fifth District Supervisor A site visit on April 28 from Dan Hamburg. "I'd like to thank WASC field representative Laurie

the DSA for their very professional approach to the negotiations."

Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman said he was glad the county finally made the move to restore lost wages and finalize a contract with his deputies. "The guys have told me they're satisfied," Allman said.

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back to VMC for its work.

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Supes move to reform business improvement district

\$113 million, and stumpage value from logging was \$27

There is also the BID Advisory Committee, a five-member

board that attempts to negotiate the different needs and

approaches of the MCLA and the MCPA with the capacities

of the VMC, to tell VMC what MCLA and MCPA want, and

to tell the board of supervisors what is going on in tourism.

And then there is the board of supervisors itself, which

oversees and governs the BID and the BID Advisory

Committee. The county contributes 50 percent matching

funds to the money generated by the BID, which is based

on a contribution of 1 percent of the "hospitality income"

- otherwise known as the "bed tax" - of MCLA members.

county pays that money back to the MCLA; and then

the MCLA pays most of it back to VMC for promotional

According to an estimated 2015-16budget, the BID is

projected to generate \$675,000. The county therefore will

contribute \$337,500, for a total BID operating budget of

The governing structure of the county's tourism industry

is very convoluted. There are five governing boards,

organizations in the county, the MCLA and the MCPA,

likely don't have all the power they feel they deserve. Yet,

with all of this oversight and mutually offsetting boards, the

MCLA members pay the county through the BID; the

An important step toward saving the county's tourism industry was taken last week when supervisors introduced a revised ordinance governing the county's Business Improvement District. The board scheduled a May 19 public hearing on the new ordinance.

The Mendocino County Business Improvement District, or BID, is an area congruent with the physical boundaries of the county itself. It comprises all

Mike A'Dair	the county's hotels, motels, inns, bed-and-breakfasts and other			
Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com	hospitality establishments. The owners of these establishments			

belong to the Mendocino County Lodging Association, an important part of the governing structure of the tourist industry in this county.

However, as it currently stands, this governing structure also comprises four other organizations. One of them is the Mendocino County Promotional Alliance, or MCPA, representing the non-hospitality portion of the county's tourism industry - the arts organizations, the festival organizations, the museums and art galleries whose survival depends on attracting tourists to their events, shows and shops.

Another component of the BID is Visit Mendocino County, or VMC, which has been the executive branch of the promotional wing of the county's tourism industry for the last six years. VMC has a 10-member governing board, consisting of five members from the MCLA board of directors and five members from the MCPA board of directors. With a budget of \$1 million in 2013-14, VMC has contracts with Mendocino County, MCPA and MCLA to promote county tourism. It has had some notable successes in recent years.

According to a BID Advisory Committee report prepared by committee member Wendy Roberts, in 2014 VMC had a documented 146,235 website visitors, distributed more than 100,000 pieces of printed material, and placed more than 300 stories about Mendocino County into print, broadcast and internet media, resulting in \$17 million worth of comparable advertising value.

According to Roberts' report, it is an efficient promotional organization. In 2013-14 it spent significantly less (11 percent) on personnel costs and significantly more (16.4 percent) on promotions than industry standards. One of the biggest tourism coups of recent years was an article that appeared in The New York Times last year, naming Mendocino County as the third most-recommended tourist destination in the United States.

In 2012, county visitor spending totaled \$328 million. reported it had hammered out 12 points of agreement, but

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termination date to June 30, 2015, the date the existing

contract was set to expire anyway. Supervisors John

McCowen and Dan Gjerde were appointed to an ad hoc

In November, McCowen and Gjerde began working with

a special committee comprised of board members of both

MCLA and the MCPA. In February, the ad hoc committee

committee to attempt to get to the bottom of the imbroglio

That same year, the county's grape harvest was worth that support for the points was only semi-solid.

> By March, the ad hoc committee had reached agreement on 17 points. According to McCowen, support for those 17 points was strong. He said the 17 points had been approved by supermajority votes by the boards of directors of both MCLA and MCPA.

The most important recommendation of the ad hoc committee is two-fold. First, the committee is recommending a BID governing board be created. Secondly, it is recommending VMC become that governing board.

According to McCowen, who spoke with Willits Weekly on May 12, VMC is in the process of transforming itself into a new corporate body, in conformance with the ad hoc committee's 17 points. The name of the new organization is the Mendocino County Tourism Commission.

The committee included several conditions that must be met before VMC should be retained as marketer. These include: VMC must assign the copyright of all material it creates to promote Mendocino County to the county; VMC will agree to provide all assets and materials in its possession at the end of the contract extension to just over \$1 million. Of those funds, 93 percent will be sent the successor organization; all out-of-state travel will be approved by the BID governing body and VMC shall review travel and expense policies; and VMC President and CEO Scott Schneider will change his position title to executive director, will accept a termination clause to his comprising 56 members, that have to work together. There contract of 90 days with written notice, and will accept a are four overlapping contracts. The two main tourist-related contract change limiting post-employment entitlements to six months of pay and benefits now, to be reduced to three months pay with benefits upon the establishment of the BID governing body. BID itself doesn't have a governing board, other than the

board of supervisors, which is often preoccupied with other The plan of action is first to renew the current BID, keeping the current structure and 1 percent contribution rate, then to reform the governance structure, and then Last fall, the MCLA signaled it had had enough. In to increase the contribution rate to 2 percent. The county August, its board rescinded its prior approval of two reports agrees to continue its contribution rate at 50 percent that made recommendations for the future direction of county tourism. In September, the MCLA board voted to meaning it will double what it pays to fund promotion in Mendocino County annually.

According to McCowen, all of the pieces should be in The county stepped into action. Interim County Counsel Doug Losak pressured MCLA to reset its contract place by September 1.

> So far, the tourism and hospitality community seems to approve of the proposed changes. "I believe there is a high level of acceptance," McCowen said. "The sense I am getting is everyone accepts the current governance structure is deeply flawed, and the work we have done on it is going to fix it. So far, there does not seem to be an organized resistance to this. Everyone agrees: We need to have one governing board.'

to learn. certainly. "But what we've been doing hasn't been working,' Smith added. "And if we are planning on doing what we have done in the past, and if what we've done in the past hasn't worked, well that doesn't sound like the right thing to do. "We need leadership," Smith said. District Superintendent Patricia Johnson told the board Brookside teachers victims of were the "miscommunication." She said she is considering hiring an educational company called West Ed, which specializes in crafting strategies for teaching bilingual students, which would provide specialized instruction to Brookside teachers on how better to meet the needs of English learners. Trustee

language

Smith said. "We are in

year eight of program

improvement. We haven't

met our goals. It's pretty

dismal. Now, with Common

Core combining ELA

(English Language Arts)

and ELD (English Language

Development), there's a lot

Christopher Neary asked Johnson to make a brief presentation to the board at a meeting in the near future, clarifying the costs and benefits either of hiring West Ed, or of hiring a specialized teacher. Johnson said she would do

The board of trustees is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the 2015-2016 budget on June 3 and vote on the budget on June 23.

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DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST
June 25	Thursday	5 pm	Hometown Celebration	Downtown Willits	Free to attend
	,	5 pm	Community Proj. Judging	Downtown Willits	Free to attend
June 26	Friday	6 pm	Truck Pulls	Jack Tharp Arena	\$14/Adult, \$5/Child
	,	9 pm	Street Dance	Rodeo Grounds	Free to attend
		6 pm	Carnival opens	Old Ball Fields	Tickets & Wristbands
June 27	Saturday	9 am	Gymkhana	Jack Tharp Arena	Free to attend
		10 am	National Anthem	Rodeo Grounds	Free to attend
June 28	Sunday	8 am	Horse Show	Jack Tharp Arena	Free to attend
	-	~	Sweetheart Judging	Jack Tharp Arena	Free to attend
July 3	Friday	7 pm	CCPRA Rodeo	Jack Tharp Arena	\$15/Box, \$12/Adult, \$5 C
		9 pm	Western Dance	Rodeo Grounds	Free to attend
July 4	Saturday	9 am	Horseshoe Competition	Rec Grove	Free to attend
		11 am	Parade	Downtown Willits	Free to attend
		12 pm	Barbecue	Rec Grove	\$15/Adult, \$8 Child
		3 pm	Black Bart Gunfighters	Rec Grove	Free to attend
		4 pm	CCPRA Rodeo	Jack Tharp Arena	\$15/Box, \$12/Adult, \$5 C
July 5	Sunday	7 am	Lions Pancake Breakfast	Rec Grove	\$8/Adult, \$5 Child
		10 am	Junior Rodeo	Jack Tharp Arena	\$5/Adult, Free/Child
		3 pm	Cowboy Poetry	Community Center	\$20/Adult, \$12 Child, 6-12

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festivities, there were also May Day celebrations that included the traditional dance around the May Pole. face painting and flower wreath-making. Though produce is still making its way towards the market, vendors are already offering greens, including various types of lettuce, herbs, kale, beets, radishes, bok choy, rhubarb and artichokes.

Other goodies include bagels, breads, Danish and pastries. There are cookies cream pies, savory readyto-cook dinners, and even hot food to enjoy while strolling through the market. Meat, eggs, goat cheese, and kimchi are on sale, and strawberries and even cherries are already available. Plant starts, knitted hats and gloves, soaps, spice mixes, lotions, jewelry and

chocolates could fit the bill if you're out shopping for a gift. Everyone is encouraged

to come to the Farmers Market every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm: Willits Weekly is always at market with the brand-new edition!

Feel free to "like" the "Friends of Willits Farmer's Market" Facebook page for updates and more: www. facebook.com/willitsfm Maureen Moore

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Clockwise from above: the REACH helicopter hovers right over the ground. Flight Nurse JohnRey Hassan and Flight Paramedic David Hovt post with REACH's EuroCopter 135. Hovt demonstrates the streamlined patient gurney. The EuroCopter 135 takes off at Ells Field.

Photos by Jennifer Poole

REACH at Ells Field

REACH Air Medical Services brought in the helicopter that will be serving REACH 18, their base at the Willits Municipal Airport, last weekend. Crew members gave tours, and staged takeoffs and landings of their shiny red helicopter.

REACH's Jeff Cress says REACH plans to start working out of Willits very soon, despite a recent lawsuit filed by Keep the Code, which says the City of Willits failed to perform an adequate environmental impact report for the base and which asks the court to impose a restraining order against REACH activities in Willits while the case is being heard.

A modular house was delivered earlier this week, for the REACH crew on call at the base, and Cress anticipated it would be put together by Friday. The flight crew staying at the house will consist of one pilot, one nurse, and one paramedic. The REACH 18 crew will also include a dedicated aviation mechanic technician.

Flight Paramedic David Hoyt (from Ukiah) and Flight Nurse JohnRey Hassan (from Emeryville) both have about 10 years of experience in emergency medical services. They are looking forward to working out of Willits: "The view is beautiful!," Hoyt said. "It's great it's elevated above the fog."



Willits Charter **School** accreditation likely reaffirmed

The accreditation review for Willits Charter School was completed recently and, according to WCS Director Jennifer Lockwood, all indications point to a high probability the school's Mike A'Dair accreditation nike@willitsweekly.com will be

continued for another six-year term.

The end-of-term visit was performed by the visiting committee of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. "They were here for four days,"

Lockwood said. "What we learned was that all of our hard work has really paid off. It was affirming for the school, for the students, and for the staff." In a recent interview, Lockwood noted the WASC team commended

the school on a number of its policies and practices, and also made several recommendations about how the school could improve. In the visiting committee's report, there were 16 commendations and only seven recommendations. Among the commendations are the

following:

The rest of From Page 1 Water

water over the last few years. But it was touch and go for a while, when, at one point, we were down to about 100 days' worth of water in our reservoirs, with no rain is sight.

In some ways, Willits water users are fortunate; we have our own water supply, and this region is blessed with a normally significant annual rainfall. Not as much as the northern corner of the state or Oregon and Washington, but more than many other parts of the state, and just about enough to keep our reservoirs from running dry. But, of needs to be done to maintain the 3 million gallon tank, as course, it hasn't been "normal" in a long time.

City water comes from two City of Willits-owned reservoirs: Centennial - peeking out from the trees on the east side of 101 at the foot of the hill that goes by the Cal Fire station, and Morris – located further inland from Centennial. Centennial Reservoir captures runoff from the upper reaches of the Davis Creek watershed, and has a maximum storage capacity of 635 acre feet. According to the 2006 Water Supply Planning Study conducted by West Yost, since it was constructed in 1989, the Centennial Reservoir has filled to capacity in all but two years. Water is released from Centennial Reservoir into the Morris Reservoir, which has a maximum storage capacity of 726 acre feet, for a total of 1.361 acre feet. Because Centennial Reservoir captures and retains the water further upstream, Morris Reservoir has filled to capacity only eight of the 15 years prior to 2006. In case you're wondering, 1 acre foot of water will cover 1 acre of land 1 foot deep, equaling 325,851 gallons. So the total holding capacity of 1,361 acre feet translates to 443,483,792 gallons, and with city water customers using an average of about 1 million gallons per day under normal conditions, that theoretically comes to about one and a half years' worth of holding capacity in the reservoirs. In the 2006 study, it was reported there are approximately 2,200 water hookups, both inside and outside city limits. On average, the total annual water usage is about 900 acre feet, meaning that according to the study, there is about 400 acre feet of excess water available for use each year. But, like everything else in life, it's not as simple as it seems. The reservoirs are fed by surface water - streams, etc. - that are under the control of water rights permits, and the permits limit the amount of water the city can retain in the reservoirs, and dictates how much water must be released downstream, even during a drought. This means if we wanted to increase the holding capacity of the reservoirs - make them bigger or deeper - we would need to get permission from the water board and the Army Corps of Engineers, among others, to do so, and as with all things related to water, it's no sure thing that we would get that permission. The holding capacity of the reservoir is based on the size of the basins that hold the water: X cubic feet can hold Y gallons of water; but over the years, that capacity has diminished because of siltation - soil and debris that falls into the reservoir, that in effect, makes the lake a little shallower. Another factor that affects the available water supply is age. Much of the city water system is more than 80 years old, and it's inevitable that parts wear out, specifically pipes and valves that develop leaks over time. While the City of Willits has engaged in an aggressive program of repairing these leaks, there's still much to be done, and a significant amount of water that's still lost. Having the ability to store water is important, but being able to process it and get it to the customers is vital. The city's water distribution system is largely gravity-fed, meaning most of the water runs downhill from the water treatment plant at the reservoir to the customers in town. Some customers are located on the opposite side of the valley and uphill from the valley floor, so several pump stations are located around town to pump the water the



period, as it currently does.

• The charter school ought to

improve math proficiency by offering

support classes similar to the existing

Some staff members of Willits Charter School, from left: Kristen Turner, Director Jennifer Lockwood, Gwyn Ware and Michel Chenelle

• There is extensive parental involvement in all aspects of the operation of the school. • The staff and students respect diversity and individuality.

English support class. • Bullying is minimal and is not The Willits Charter School was tolerated by students. founded in 2000 and is in its 15th year of operation. Currently it has 125 • Peer counseling is a powerful students. This is Lockwood's first year student-initiated process that supports

as charter school director. the success of all students. While she was pleased with the • Small class size promotes the report given to her by the WASC visiting building of positive relationships

committee, Lockwood stressed the between students and teachers. positive report did not automatically • The culinary program, augmented translate into a reaffirmation of the by the school garden, provides quality

school's accreditation. However, she food for students that promote a added she expects accreditation will healthy lifestyle. be reauthorized for another six-year • The school provides an array of

diverse electives while still maintaining "They didn't mention anything a rigorous academic curriculum. negative in the report. They felt

Among its recommendations, the positive about our school. We got WASC team noted the following: more commendations than we had ever gotten in a WASC report," • There is a need to provide

Lockwood said. sufficient resources to improve the technology infrastructure and IT "The report affirms we have a (Information Technology) support to strong academic program that meets meet the needs of students and staff. the needs of those students who excel • The school action plan needs to

in school, and of those students who be more detailed and cover a threestruggle, and all of those in between," year period rather than a one-year she added.

> short distance up a hill to those customers' faucets. To enable the gravity feed to work, there is a 3 million gallon storage tank that temporarily stores the water, providing an additional gravitational push to send the water on its way. In order to maintain and expand treatment capacity, the City of Willits recently completed a multi-milliondollar expansion and modernization program to the water treatment plant near the Morris Reservoir. But work still well as complete the water line repairs that I mentioned earlier

So for the time being, it appears that we are able to get by, providing we receive at least enough water to fill the reservoirs by the end of each rainy season and that, when necessary, we impose conservation measures to stretch the water supply until the next rainy season begins.

"Getting by" is OK if you feel comfortable living from day to day, worrying about when and if it will rain again.

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Willits High School and Sanhedrin High School for the past two years.

Ritchley's tenure at Willits High School has been checkered. In his first year as principal, he undertook to administer the school without a vice principal. The district office shifted Tanya Ramming, a popular high school counselor, to Baechtel Grove Middle School at the beginning of the 2013 academic year, leaving veteran counselor David Hulse-Stephens to share the counseling load with Daniel Drickmann, a first-year part-time counselor.

When the overwhelmed and stressed Hulse-Stephens resigned in February 2014, Superintendent of Schools Patricia Johnson left Drickmann in charge of all high school counseling, a move permitted by the state education code.

The move did not play well with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, however; WASC officials threatened to suspend the accreditation of Willits High School. To top it off, the WHS leadership team resigned en masse in May 2014, alleging Ritchley did not respect the culture of the school.

Ritchley's second year was smoother. The district hired James Madden as vice principal, as well as two counselors and a career technical advisor. However, Ritchley revoked the school's long-standing open lunch policy at the beginning of the year, splitting the lunches between upper and lower classmen and permitting only upper classmen to leave the campus for lunch. Two student polls conducted during the winter indicated the closed-campus, split-lunch policy was unpopular with a majority of students.

Ritchley also was very protective of the high school's new gym floor, which helped to create a climate of resentment at the school. On the plus side, Ritchley labored tirelessly and successfully to restore the school's jeopardized accreditation.

At the May 6 board meeting, the board appointed Ritchley dean at Baechtel Grove Middle School, effective July 1. According to BGMS Principal Maria de los Angeles Munguia, the Baechtel Grove dean is responsible for attending to "school climate." The dean deals with discipline problems, truancy and attendance issues, and educates the students on bullying issues. The middle school dean also develops rewards and incentives to maximize positive behavior.

Although the district attempted to hire a full-time dean for BGMS during the summer of 2014, it was unable to do so. During the 2014-15 school year, Rocky Johnson, husband of the superintendent of schools, agreed to work at the school in a part-time capacity as acting dean. Robert Chavez has been principal at Blosser Lane Elementary School for the past year. Prior to that, he was an administrator for more than 20 years in the southern part of the California Central Valley, first in the Cutler-Orosi School District near Visalia and then in the Madera School District

Hussan said working out of a remote, rural base meant "a lot of good diversity" in the calls they'd be responding to. "It's great to help people in a more rural area: time matters. We can get people to that higher level of care much faster."

– Jennifer Poole

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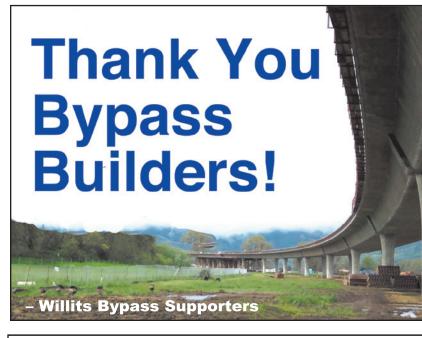
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but it's not good policy if the city government is trying to rebuild, support or grow the local economy and provide for the needs of the citizens. So to that end, the city has taken a proactive approach to expanding and securing the water supply, centered around the development of the City Emergency Water System.

This emergency water system was designed as a temporary measure, focused on using water from the aquifer in the Little Lake Valley as backup in case of emergency. But after the system is completed and brought on line, the city will then develop an EIR as the next step to making it a permanent, integral part of the city water system.

The emergency water system begins at an established artesian well that produces a high volume of quality water that is pumped to a new water treatment facility in the valley. From the treatment facility, the water is piped to the existing water main, and eventually, more wells will be added to increase capacity.

This new water supply taps into the large aquifer that's located under Little Lake Valley, and is currently used by property owners in the valley. Studies have discovered that the water in the aquifer is a mixed bag of water quality: some sections of the aquifer contain good water while other sections have water with arsenic, boron and other elements that are unsafe or undesirable to use, and the ultimate goal is to discover in what areas and at which depths the good water is located.

This has already been done at the artesian well, where a new well is to be drilled to replace the old, agricultural well, which was never properly developed for human consumption. To determine where the best water was located at this spot, a test well was drilled and a perforated pipe inserted in the hole. Before being inserted, the perforated pipe was covered, except for one section of perforations, and the hole was sealed above and below the perforated section. The idea was to pump water from only one depth, to be captured and tested for water quality and amount of flow. The test was repeated at several depths, and the water from each depth was sent to a lab for analysis, determining the optimum depth that would produce the best water quality and gallon per minute flow rate.

The above is a quick run-through of what exists, touching a bit on what will come. But there's much more to the water equation - more than can be absorbed in one long article, so the story will continue in future editions of the Willits Weekly, covering such things as how to cover the cost of improving and maintaining the water system, and how to assure that the water supply stays safe and available for local use. Ron Orenstein is a member of the Willits City Council; this piece is his own work, and does not represent any official position of the City of Willits or the Willits City Council.

Asked for his thoughts as he contemplates taking over the helm at the three district high schools, Chavez said: "I enjoy the pace of high school, and seeing our adolescent children blossom into young men and young ladies and go out into the world as adults. There are so many different programs to develop. There is so much promise and potential in all the different programs. You're never bored

"If the culture is developed right, it is also like a family," he added. "If you treat the students with dignity and respect, and if you treat the staff with dignity and respect, then they will give that back to you, and it will become a wonderful place for everyone, for the students, for the staff and for the administration "

Covelo woman arrested for stabbing sister

A 48-year-old Covelo woman is recovering in an out-ofcounty hospital from multiple stab wounds suffered last Saturday during an evening altercation with her sister at a Refuse Road home. In the meantime, her sister, 43-yearold Audrina Phillips, is in Mendocino County jail facing possible attempted murder charges.

According to Mendocino County sheriff's investigators, Eugenia Phillips was stabbed multiple times in the torso after a dispute over a piece of Refuse Road property turned violent shortly before 9:30 pm.

After coming to blows, deputies say, Audrina allegedly grabbed a knife and stabbed her sister several times. Two men at the house on 23000 Refuse Road restrained Audrina while her sister escaped and drove herself to the Covelo Fire Department station for treatment of "lifethreatening" wounds. Eugenia was later air-lifted to an outof-county trauma center where, investigators say, she is expected to recover.

An ambulance took Audrina to Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, where she was treated for minor injuries sustained in the fight before being arrested on suspicion of attempted murder and taken to county jail, where she is being held in lieu of \$125.000 bail.

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

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Construction starts on Lamprich Medical Offices Building at new Howard Hospital site

Construction started this week on the Lamprich Medical Offices Building, an integral part of the medical campus designed to surround the new Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital off East

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Hill Road. A aroundbreaking ceremony last Thursday for

the "MOB" was attended by honoree Jann Lamprich, currently executive director for the Frank R. Howard Foundation, along with Rick Bockmann, president and CEO of Howard Hospital, and Margie Handley. president of the Howard Foundation.

Others holding a shovel at the ceremony included Howard Foundation board members Tom Herman, Tony Madrigal, Richard Willoughby and Dr. Tedd Dawson; Dr. John Glyer of Redwood Medical Clinic; Arnie Mello of Tri-Counties Bank, and Councilman Ron Orenstein, representing the City of Willits.

When finished, the MOB will be the new home of the Redwood Medical Clinic, a physical therapy facility, and a new, retail pharmacy, as well as the new offices of the Howard Foundation.

The proximity of the doctors' offices, physical therapy and the pharmacy to the new hospital is going to be "very convenient," CEO Bockmann said. "That

is the goal: a one-stop health center to take care of all your health care needs. I am so thankful to the Howard Foundation for having the foresight and the determination to build this building as part of an integrated campus: to have all the elements of health in one place."

"Now that the hospital is a reality, I am really excited that we can start the most needed part of the medical campus, the medical office building," Handley said. Next will come campus housing, an auditorium, and a wellness center, planned

to include a pool, as well as continuing work on the five-acre Commonwealth Garden. The MOB will have a "wellness" component, too, for doctors and staff, including a small gym, showers and lots of natural light. "Daylight was important," said architect Alexander Jermyn, who attended the groundbreaking and who will be working with contractor Helmer & Sons throughout the construction period as "a design/build team."

Doug Helmer of Napa County's Helmer

Lamprich of the Howard

Helmer said. "We're excited to be here in Willits; we like doing community projects like this," he said. Past Helmer & Sons projects have included work on hospitals, medical clinics, and educational facilities in Napa. Sonoma and Lake counties.

Helmer, Tom Herman, Alexander Jermyn, Dr. John Glyer, Arnie Mello and Ron Orenstein.

& Sons said the 16,000-square-foot, single-

story building is set to be finished by the

end of October. "It's a very quick schedule,

so we'll be bringing in a very large crew,"

Dignitaries and team members at last week's groundbreaking for the Lamprich Medical Offices Building, from left to

right: Jann Lamprich, Margie Handley, Rick Bockmann, Richard Willoughby, Tony Madrigal, Dr. Tedd Dawson, Doug

Foundation started working for Howard

Lamprich smiled. "And it's an honor for me, a highlight, and a very thoughtful gesture."

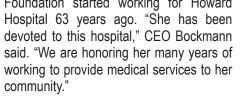


Photo by Jennifer Poole

"I was blessed to be able to do that,"

OBITUARY

Francis Barnes

Francis Oliver Barnes died unexpectedly at his home on April 11, 2015 in Willits. He was 68.

Francis was born on November 29, 1946 in Willits to Oliver and Agnes (Vieria) Barnes of Covelo. His interest in business began early in life and, by the time he was in high school, he was working part time for the local bank. After graduating from Round Vallev High School in 1965, he spent his summers working for Cal Fire while attending Burbank Business College.

Following graduation from college in 1968, Francis returned to Willits and began working. During his lifetime he worked many different jobs. He was the production manager for more than 15 vears at Little Lake Industries, until it closed. Later, he was the night manager at Tower Market, and most recently he owned Adams & Barnes Accounting until his retirement in 2011.

In the 1980s and 1990s Francis helped organize the Second Sunday Socials in Mendocino County.

Francis is survived by his partner of 24 years, Darrell Carpenter; his daughter Lisa (Gustavo) Leon; grandchildren Fabian and Briana Leon; the mother of his daughter, Linda Barnes; his sister Patricia Tucker; his niece Toni Ann Moss and her children Kennidy and Tyler; Darrell's parents Duane and Nona Carpenter and his siblings, DeeLynn (Cutler) Carpenter, Joan (Hardy) Maahs, Sally (Rocky)

Provencher, and Mark (Deanna) Carpenter and their extended families.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents Oliver and Agnes Barnes, and his brother Jeffery Barnes.

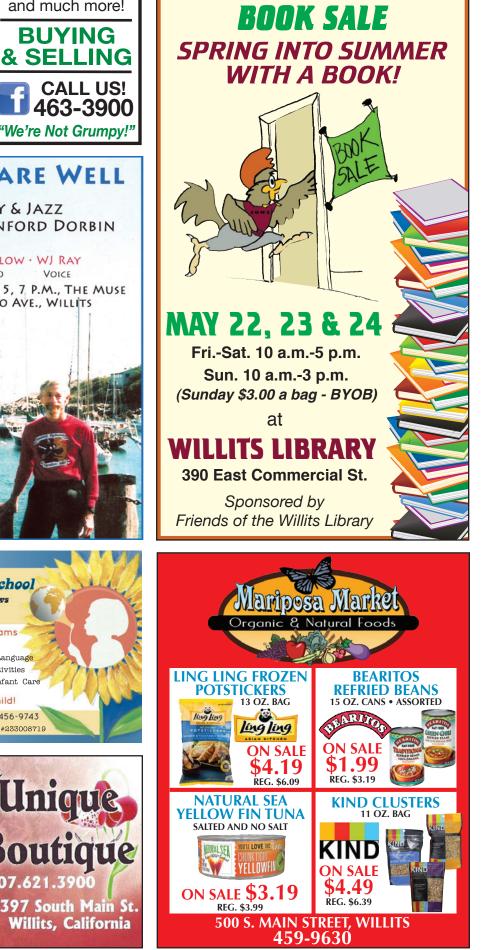
Francis' love for travel began at an early age with cross-country car trips with his parents and sister to visit his mother's

relatives in Massachusetts. He and Darrell enjoyed traveling, which he captured on film. Their journeys took them around the world to Thailand, Italy, and Mexico. and in the United States to

Washington, Oregon, Utah, Virginia, and Hawaii.

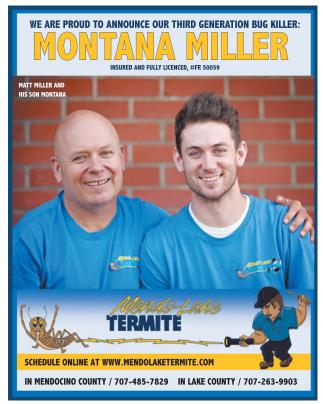
"ACelebration of Francis' Life" will take place on Sunday, May 17 at 3:30 pm at the Rec Grove (corner of East Commercial and Lenore Streets) in Willits. All are welcome to attend and share their favorite stories and memories. Attendees may bring an appetizer or side dish to share at the barbecue.





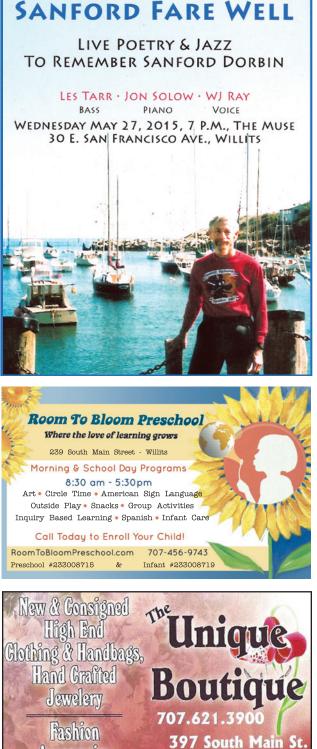






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