rejects new bond

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The Willits Unified School District trustees have unanimously rejected issuing a new bond to pay off the July 2010 Bond Anticipation Note issued in connection with Measure B.

The school board paid \$4.2 million in October 2013 to pay down the \$4.9 million BAN.

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Willits High School accreditation stands

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Threats to suspend accreditation Willits High School have overturned, and the school will retain its six-vear accreditation, Superintendent Patricia Johnson and Willits High School Principal Jeffrey Ritchley confirmed at a May 7 school board meeting.

Johnson said the threat to remove WHS's accreditation came from Samuel B. Hill, a longtime

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Caltrans completed its long-awaited re-striping project at the Highway 101 bottleneck Monday night. Crews painted lines on the now two-lanes-all-the-way-to-the-light highway, which was re-paved Monday night a week ago.

Caltrans spokesman Phil Frisbie explained that the reason for the week's delay was to allow the asphalt to "flash off" some of the lighter hydrocarbons – "that's the smell of fresh asphalt" – so that the asphalt gets a little bit harder, and the paint sticks better.

Drivers in the last week have been seen struggling to get back

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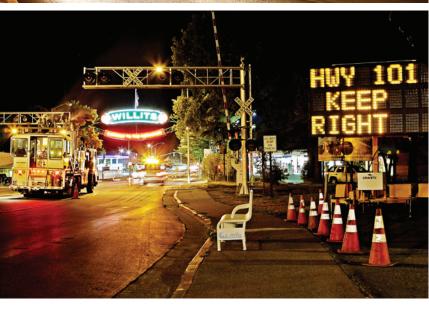
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Above: The "Striper" passes under the arch, laying down the "skips" between the northbound lane and the Highway 20 left-turn lane Monday night.

Right: "Stripes" of all kinds were present on Main Street in the dark midnight hours, including these streaks left by the big dirt-moving trucks as they passed by the camera set to a long exposure.

Bottom: One of the signs alerting drivers to the new lane arrangement. Additional permanant signage can be seen on Main Street stretching between Holly Street and Highway 20.





Bypass Progress: One Year Later

An aerial view of the construction: May 12, 2013 and May 11, 2014

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A look south across Commercial Street in 2013 (above) and 2014 (below). The Horsemen's Arena can be seen in the center of the images, and the Coleman Ranch is just out of view on the left side of both pictures. The elevated freeway's new construction and can be seen in the bottom image.



Brooktrails vs. Willits court date **'vacated**'

Talks continue in hopes of settlement

Brooktrails General Counsel Christopher Neary said Tuesday night that representatives from Brooktrails Township and the City of Willits are now having "intensive settlement discussions," but that no settlement has yet been reached.

Neary said that a court date associated with the trial in the lawsuit between Willits and Brooktrails, which had been scheduled to begin later this week, has been vacated.

Neary declined to comment further.

Willits City Manager
Adrienne Moore
confirmed that
discussions are taking
place.

"We've been engaged in ongoing settlement discussions," Moore said. "The city remains hopeful that a settlement will be reached."

– Mike A'Dair

Candidates look good at **Grange**

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Little Lake Grange hall was packed May 7 to hear the four candidates for Third District supervisor explain why people should vote for them.

Each candidate – Clay Romero, Tom Woodhouse, Holly Madrigal and Hal Wagenet – answered nine questions from event organizers and eight questions from the public in a well-organized, well-orchestrated event.

"This is going to be a close election," said forum moderator, Sheriff Tom Allman. "So thank you very much for coming out tonight

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City considers raising

'pool party' fees

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Temperatures are warming up. Want to go for a swim? Willits Municipal Pool is getting ready for pool season, with a push to hire lifeguards and front desk help for the summer months.

The city is looking to fill jobs for an office assistant, seven total certified lifeguard posts and five certified swim instructors.

The city is considering increasing fees charged for

Read the rest of Pool

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It's time to get fire safe for summer

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It's a drier than normal spring this year, and Little Lake Fire Department Chief Carl Magann is advising area residents to cut tall grass and weeds for fire safety.

"The unusually warm spring weather combined with our lower than average rainfall totals, means we are certain our annual growth of vegetation will see early drying accompanied by an increased risk of fire for the 2014 fire season," Magann wrote last week.

The Little Lake Fire Protection District encourages homeowners and property managers to

Read the rest of Fire Safe

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Suspicious deaths in Laytonville

Sheriff's investigators are calling the deaths of two unidentified men discovered at a Woodman Creek Road residence east of Laytonville "suspicious" and a "possible homicide."

The men's bodies were found Monday morning by an unidentified person, who summoned sheriff's deputies. The bodies were discovered in a greenhouse containing some 180 marijuana plants between 6 inches and 1 foot tall, to Sheriff's according spokesman Capt. Greg Van Patten. Two travel trailers also were found on the property.

Both bodies were in "advanced stages of decomposition," Van Patten said.

Forensic autopsies were performed Tuesday in an attempt to identify the victims and establish the cause of the men's deaths.

Anyone with information that could aid sheriff's detectives in their investigation is urged to call the Sheriff's Office Tip Line at 707-234-2100.

This report based on press releases from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

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WHS accreditation

To the Editor:

Below you will find an April 21 letter from the Accrediting Commission for Schools regarding the recent visit to Willits High School. On April 3, 2014, Visiting Committee Members reviewed the current status of our accreditation are they? Are we losing them?" and reported that the results of their visit caused concerns regarding program implementation and the future status of our accreditation.

Since their visit, the Executive Committee has determined that the current accreditation will remain in place for the term of six years and that a "Follow-up Midterm Revisit" will occur in the spring of 2015

I have personally spoken with Dr. Fred Van Leuven, EdD. ACS WASC executive director, regarding the April visit, and shared my concerns with how the visit was conducted and the reporting out of concerns to the stakeholders.

On behalf of the district, I would like to assure all stakeholders that Willits High School will maintain its accreditation and continue to prepare our young people to be college- and career-ready. If you have any questions or Four people will make brief presentations to help jumpstart concerns regarding this letter, please feel free to contact the conversation: Karina McAbee Cotler, a proponent of the district office or school site.

Patricia Johnson, superintendent of schools,

Dear Dr. Ritchley [WHS principal]:

ACS WASC has completed its review of the On-Site Midterm Review Visiting Committee Report for Willits High School. Pursuant to that review, we are reaffirming your school's accreditation status, contingent upon your school having an additional Follow-up Midterm Revisit during the spring of 2015.

This follow-up revisit will focus upon the areas of concern identified in the enclosed On-Site Midterm Review Visiting Committee Report. Please see the enclosed procedures for additional information.

On behalf of the Accrediting Commission for Schools, we would like to express our appreciation for your school's continued efforts for providing quality education for your

> Fred Van Leuven, EdD., ACS WASC executive director

Yes on Measure K

To the Editor:

I will be voting yes on Measure K – for my family, as well as my fellow Brooktrails residents.

Thirty-four dollars is such a small price to pay for the protection of our homes, families, and even our pets.

Although we pay \$115 yearly for the state-mandated fire protection, not one cent of it goes to our Brooktrails Fire Department, it's used by CalFire for statewide fire

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In these financially challenging times, cutting corners is a

Is the safety of our family worth it?

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Donna Figg-Hoblyn, Brooktrails

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Town Hall Meeting

To the Editor:

Willits' fifth Town Hall Meeting will take place Sunday, May 18, from 4 to 6 pm at the Willits City Council Chambers. The topic for discussion is "Our Community Rights: What

This is a large and complex subject, involving a wide variety of essential issues for maintaining the kind of community we want. For example, we have come to depend on many services - governmental and others - from outside our boundaries. Now that the economy is going into austerity mode, how can we provide physical and mental health, quality education, and adequate food and housing for our

How can we keep our water and air supply clean and healthy? Is there a way to strengthen our local economy, to preserve the unique beauty of our valley? With many communities facing privatization of what were once public resources, can we keep our resources independent? How can we resist corporate pressures?

the Community Bill of Rights Anti-Fracking Ordinance; Charline Ford, local rancher and business woman; Lynn Kennelly, director of Willits Chamber of Commerce; and I've noticed lately more and more people are moving out Move to Amend Coalition. The public discussion will be Now they want more. moderated by Carlin Diamond.

This will be Willits' last Town Hall until September. All residents of the 95490 community are invited to attend and give their input on these important issues. May 18, 4 to 6 pm at the Willits City Council Chambers. For more information, call Carlin at 459-4850.

Mary Zellachild, Willits

Vote for Tom

To the Editor:

No doubt all four candidates in the 3rd District race to become supervisor are good people to be admired. however, have decided to favor Tom Woodhouse. How did I come to this conclusion? For openers, I have known Tom for several decades, and during that time he has exhibited a strong sense of service to the community as well as an abundance of common sense. Tom is a resident of this district just like the rest of us, and I have the trust in him to represent my voice in county government.

Last week as I was strolling downtown Willits, I saw Tom out doing graffiti removal. When I stopped to talk to him about it, he said: "This kind of stuff can bring a community down. When people see graffiti, they call us right away and we take care of it immediately."

Because of the integrity that Tom has always had, I want him down at the county seat cleaning up the bigger problems that we all have to confront in this community. A vote for Tom is a wise investment in our future.

Noel J. O'Neill, Willits

Repainting the lines

This week we have new lines painted on Highway 101 I urge everyone to really consider the facts of this measure, going north in the approach to Highway 20. Though I suspect that these new lines will not completely eliminate our Willits traffic issues, they are an obvious, simple, inexpensive improvement

> I am only saddened by the fact that Caltrans did not find this obvious, simple, and inexpensive improvement until a year after they started building the large, expensive, inefficient boondoggle that now scars the middle of our valley.

> > Liam UiCearbhaill, Willits

Where are the WW boxes?

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3. Ace Copy and Shipping

4. Willits Post Office

5. Ardella's Downtown Diner 6. Scoops 7. J.D. Redhouse

8. The Country Skillet

'A Field of Dreams'

To the Editor:

We would like to thank all the performers, attendees, Ancestor Radio Productions, volunteers, silent auction contributors and, especially, all the families that came to the Grange Farm School benefit on May 2. We raised more than \$1,300 for the Farm School.

Please continue to support this project by coming to our next event on Saturday, June 21 at the Little Lake Grange, at 291 School Street: "Get Your Funk On." With one of Willits' favorites, Afro Funk Experience, and The Broun

Doors will open at 6:30 pm. Music will start promptly at 7 pm. Tickets will be available at J.D. Redhouse and the Farmers Market at the Green Uprising stand. Thank you.

> Pooba, Cosmic Pickle Productions, and Michael Foley, for the Grange Farm School team

Hard times

Willits Unified School District Margaret Koster, co-chairperson of Mendocino County's of Willits. Too many rules, regulations, permits and taxes.

The fee just to keep your dog is terrible. Raising the fee for the rabies shot [as reported in Willits Weekly's April 10 story "You'll pay more for some county services", could endanger the people of Willits. We all live in a high-risk area for rabies. If people can't afford the rabies shot for their pet, and their pet gets rabies, they could get it from their pet and not even know until it's too late for treatment. I'm a taxidermist! I know first-hand how easy it could happen, having a couple of close calls myself.

Willits is becoming a ghost town. Businesses can't make it here. For most things you need you have to go to Ukiah. People have fallen on hard times, and money is tight. Perhaps Willits should take a step back and take a look at the way they do business.

Shirley Streeter, Willits

Thanks to candidates

No one gets rich running for, or serving as, a county supervisor. This really is an act of service to our community, and I want to thank the four candidates who are running in the 3rd District. I've known Holly Madrigal, Hal Wagenet, and Tom Woodhouse for some time, but I didn't know Clay Romero. It was good to hear the four of them answer questions from the community. If you were there, I think it gave a pretty clear picture of where each candidate stands on the issues. If you weren't there, I suggest you watch the video, ask friends, and learn about the candidates you didn't know as well. [Video should be available soon at Willits Community TV's Vimeo channel: http://vimeo.com/

Many people know Holly and Hal since they have served in public office before. I've known Tom Woodhouse for many years and have been impressed with his work for the community, often behind the scenes. Clay Romero was new to me, and I found that he had some interesting ideas.

There were many things the candidates agreed upon. Water is basic to the life of a community, and how we manage this resource is crucial for our future. All the candidates are in favor of using law enforcement resources to curtail the stealing of our water by marijuana growers.

Holly was the only one who came out in favor of

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Local world travelers back from London!

An amazing thing just happened! 18 students, mostly from Willits Charter School, but a few from Willits High and Ukiah High, traveled to London to immerse themselves in theatre and culture abroad. These students, ages ranging from 12 to 19, spent seven days in and around London, seeing and studying everything from Stonehenge to the Globe Theatre.

This trip was coordinated by Willits Charter School Theatre Arts teacher Billy Hetherington and chaperoned by Willits Charter School director John Kirchiro and Willits Shakespeare Company's artistic director Bryan Arnold, along with a few adventurous parents.

Highlights included seeing three professional shows: "39 Steps," "Billy Elliot," and "Phantom of the Opera"; taking tours of the National Theatre and the Globe Theatre; and a workshop presented by some talented masters of improv at the CAA, the Club for Acts and Actors on Bedford Street.

In addition to the theatrical studies, these students visited Bath, the British Museum and the Natural History Museum, Hampton Court Palace and Buckingham Palace for the changing of the guards, the Tower of London, the Sherlock and Beatles museums, and many more excursions too

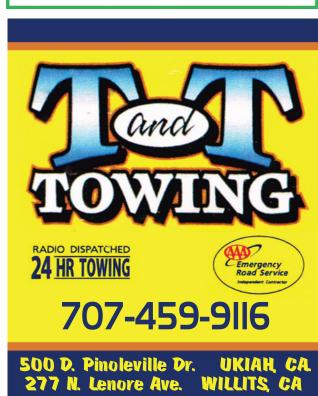
This trip never would have been possible without the overwhelming support of the parents and community! And not to mention the dedication of the students themselves!





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Above: Mendocino visitors

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Holly Madrigal **3rd District Supervisor**

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Don't miss this opportunity to elect a young, energetic, qualified female supervisor. We support Holly Madrigal for 3rd District Supervisor....

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noun: Maureen Moore: a person who creates fabulous photo moments





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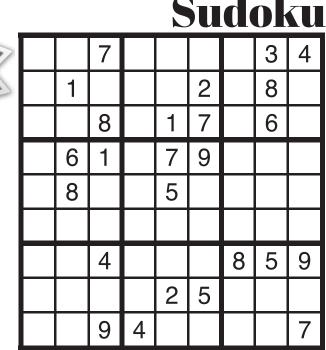


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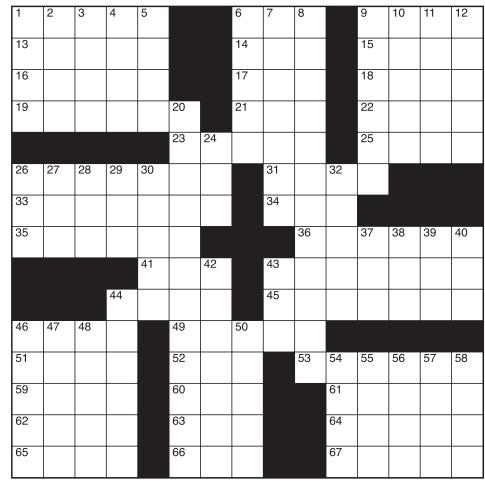
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in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



Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS 1. Italian cheese city

6. Fed 9. Rights activist Parks 13. Bitter aloe compounds 14. Octagonal motif in oriental

15. Maple genus 16. Shabby (slang) 17. Chopping tool

18. Shakespeare's epithet 19. Regain 21. Mega-electron volts 22. Unhappy mood

23. NY pharmacy Duane 25. Metrical foot 26. 1950's Nash automobile 31. Digits

34. Engine additive 35. Any small tubular structure 36. Lifted something heavy 41. Liquefied natural gas

33. Affectional

43. __ of Avila, Saint 2nd Greek letter 45. Assumed the existence of 46. Actress Rooney

49. Claudio , Chilean pianist 51. Turkish leader titles 52. Don't know when yet 53. Rectangular groove joint 59. Mythological birds

60. Type or kind 61. White bear 62. Native American group 64. Author Walker

65. Back talk 66. Doctor of Education 67. Jazz trumpeter Malik CLUES DOWN 1. Henry's last wife Catherine

2. Wings 3. College army 4. Myth (Spanish) 5. Hungarian word for mum 6. Old World lizard genus

7. Dinner iackets 8. Last possible moment 9. Jewish spiritual leaders 10. Central Florida city 11 Any watery animal fluid 12. 198 L Egyptian dry

measure unit

20. Prophylactic 24. Before

26. Drench 27. ___ River 28. Disorderly crowd 29. Heat unit

30. Medieval capital of Flanders 32. Fencing swords 37. Weekday (abbr.)

38. Vietnamese offensive 39. Point midway between E

and SE 40. Father 42. Disjointed

43. Yearly tonnage (abbr.) 44. Lowest male singing

46. Jacobs, Ribot & Gasol 47. Athens' marketplace

48. Contests 50. Gathered fall leaves 54. Three banded armadillo

55. A cord necktie 56. Spot on a radar screen 57. Components considered

individually 58. Elm, maple or oak

Building permit revenue down \$18,500

City revenue from building permits has fallen almost \$18,500 compared to last year at this time.

A new building inspection report from City Hall shows fees collected by this time in 2013 totaled some \$43,000, while permits issued so far this fiscal year have brought in a mere \$24,527.

Building Inspector John Sherman issued 12 permits for work around

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town last month: a kitchen and bath remodel at 350 North Street; repair of an electrical panel at 55 Alameda Avenue; two electrical circuits at 845 South Main; canopies over access ramps at 405 East Commercial Street; a remodel at

360 Laurel Street; demolition of a condemned home at 1030 Locust Street; remediation wells at 110 North Main Street; addition of two antennas to a Lenore Avenue cell tower; an interior remodel at 330 East Commercial Street; roofing at 38 Wood Street; demolition at 175 Holly Street; a sewer replacement at 305 Bittenbender Lane; and a commercial kitchen remodeling at 1611D South Main.

April 2013 permit revenues of \$7,800 topped this April's revenue of just more than \$2,500. Sherman signed off on six finished projects in

Finished projects last month included an employee restroom at Les Schwab Tire, a whole-house remodel at 155 East Mendocino Avenue. replacement of an electrical service panel at 470 Redwood Avenue, and Bittenbender Lane sewer work permitted for the same month.

Business license report

Thirteen more businesses – some local and some just doing work within city limits – took out business licenses with the city in April.

Business that got on the books with City Hall last month include Ash and Brittany Maki's Mendocino Herbals; Carol Dale's Carols Thrift, next door to Kenny's Barbershop; Toshi Almena's Toshi's Beautiful People Salon (formerly Ron's); Michelle Doyle's Doyle Neuromuscular Therapy Center; Sean Smith's Smith Solar alternative energy sales and mobile cosmetologist Nicole Norton.

The rest of the businesses are: Utah-based home security company Vivant Inc. APX Group Inc.; Jessica Grinberg's Align Orthotics and Prosthetics; Leah Smith's Salon 707; Redwood Medical Clinic; JSJ Electrical Display; Sacramento-based KW Construction; and band manager Larry Keller with Mr. Larry's Dream Capsule Industries.

The rest of From Page 1 Fire Safe

take action now, and remove combustible fuel from their properties. "There is little or nothing we can do about the weather," the fire chief says, "but we do have the means to control and eliminate the buildup of fuel and vegetation around our homes and businesses."

The fire department makes some good arguments for why weeds and other vegetation should be beaten back. Besides the visual blight of weeds and uncontrolled vegetation,

those growths can turn to seed and spread throughout the neighborhood, creating problems for other properties. Weeds can also create a fire hazard, endangering the surrounding neighborhood, and weeds can provide cover for

transients or a food source for unwanted insects and rodents, too. The Willits Municipal Code, as well as the California Fire Code, prohibits any excessive intrusion of weeds on private property. Tall weeds are considered a nuisance, and may also be deemed a fire

This month, the fire department started conducting inspections around town.

In the event overgrown weeds are found to constitute a fire hazard, the fire department will provide an official Notice of Violation to inform property owners/managers of the necessity to remove the weeds and combustible fuels from their properties.

Property owners will receive a citation, and a hired contractor will abate the problem and the property owner will be billed for that abatement, if the lot or property is not in compliance by June 16.

Should a citizen receive a notice from the Little Lake Fire Protection District, they are encouraged to act on it promptly.

Earlier this week, Deputy Fire Chief John Thomen said no violations have been issued to property owners thus far. The fire department usually works with people to time their grass cutting so it won't grow back enough to need to be cut a second time.

"It looks like lots that normally get abated without much issue we do not have to call – are getting done," Thomen said.

Magann adds that by working together, "we can help to reduce the risk of fire to our own properties and those of our neighbors."

If the public has a concern about fire-prone grass and brush near their homes, or would like a list of abatement contractors, contact the Little Lake Fire Protection District at 459-6271. Someone from the fire department will then investigate whether the brush or grass removal is necessary.

Wilkinson wants to change his plea in grandfather's death

A 24-year-old Willits man who pleaded guilty to killing his grandfather last month apparently changed his

Zack Cinek

week before sentencing hearing.

Kenneth Lee Wilkinson pleaded guilty to murder last month, admitting to killing his grandfather, Richard "Mel" Wilkinson, in March 2012.

"We were prepared to go to trial the day the plea was entered, and we are still prepared to go to trial," Assistant District Attorney Paul Sequeira said.

Wilkinson faced a sentence of 25 years to life in state prison.

He was scheduled to be sentenced when he told his attorney he wanted to withdraw his guilty plea, according to DA spokesman Mike Geniella.

Geniella noted Wilkinson has not withdrawn his plea yet - he is attempting to withdraw his plea.

A status conference has been set for at 8:30 am May 23 in courtroom "B" at the Ukiah courthouse.

Wilkinson faces charges for dragging his 84-year-old grandfather behind a pickup truck for about six miles before dumping the body into a ravine, the DA's Office stated.

Sequeira said the last-minute plea change was unexpected.

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Some of the kids also knew that the 13 stripes on the

flag stand for the original 13 colonies and that the 50 stars

stand for the 50 states of the United States of America.

"Americanism is what this flag means to us," Ham said,

Future plans for flags at the Kids Club include an outside

American flag, which the Legion will try to purchase with

proceeds from the Octoberfest fundraiser. Kids Club

Director Kris Wagner said the club would try to get a

California flag to put next to the U.S. flag inside. Wagner

was grateful to the American Legion veterans for coming

to talk to her students: "We want the kids to know the

the end of the talk.

community and to know our elders," she said.

The children recited the Pledge of

Allegiance. Some of them saluted the

American Legion veterans, and others came

up to shake their hands or give them a hug at

"and love for our country."



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A flag for the Kids Club

Jennifer Poole

"We heard you needed a flag," members of American the color of the first American uniform, Ham said. Legion Post 174 said to gathered boys and girls at the Willits Kids Club last month. The Legionnaires decided to present an American flag on a stand to the Kids Club, thanks to member Matt Dearing, who also tends the fish tank at the Kids Club. "If you need a flag," Dearing said, "I'm a member of the American Legion, and I'll make sure you get one."

Dearing and fellow Legionnaires Robert Ireland and Roger Ham were pleasantly surprised about the many questions the young students asked, and the answers some gave:

revealing they knew a lot about the American flag already "General Washington wanted one flag for the entire country," Ham said. "Do you know who made the first flag?" "Betsy Ross," several of the kids replied.

One of the kids asked what the red, white and blue colors stood for: the white stands for purity, the red for the blood of the soldiers, and the blue is for the color of the sky and



Top: Jacob Williams shakes Roger Ham's hand.

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Above, left: The American Legion Members who presented the Kid's Club new flag, left to right: Roger Ham, Robert Ireland and Matt

Above, right: The Kid's Club kids had plenty of questions for the veterans.

Memorial Day Weekend is coming up soon: with a whole heap of family-friendly activities in Willits, including the Willits Chamber of Commerce's 33rd annual Community Festival & Car Show at the Rec Grove, featuring the Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast to Other Memorial Day events include the annual 10,000 Step Community Walk, the second annual Mini Maker Faire at the Mendocino County Museum, and the Friends of the Willits Library's Memorial Day Book Sale. See the schedule below, provided by the Willits Chamber of Commerce, for more details about all the upcoming activities. Saturday, May 24 10 am - FREE 10,000 Step (aprx. 5 miles) Community Walk Kicks off this year's festival & car show! Everyone is invited to walk with the providers from Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic. "Walking for Wellness" will wind through neighborhoods & highlight several local food gardens. Join us for the entire 5 mile (10,000 step) walk or just part of the walk. We walk rain or shine! Registration opens at 10 am at J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street. Sponsored by W.H.A.T. (Willits Healthy Action Team). Bring your family and friends...as well as well-behaved pets on leashes. Bicyclists are welcome too! There is no charge to participate in the walk. Info: Jed Diamond at 459-5505.

10 am to 5 pm - Mendocino County Mini Maker Faire The Mendocino County Mini Maker Faire is held at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, just across the street from Recreation Grove Park. This is a family-friendly festival of creativity, inspiration, invention, art, crafts, science and engineering. Try do-it-yourself projects at interactive booths see technology demonstrations; participate in crafts workshops and listen to local music. Food and beverages will be for sale throughout the day to benefit the Mendocino County Museum Exhibit and Education Fund. Museum admission is \$4 for adults; \$1 for youth 6-18 years; children 5 years and younger are free. Participation in the Mini Maker Faire is included in museum admission. Info: www.mendocinomakerfaire.com

10 am to 4 pm - Memorial Day Book Sale - all weekend! The Friends of the Willits Library will host a book sale over the entire Memorial Day Weekend: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 23, 24 and 25, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Willits Branch Library 390 East Commercial Street (across the street from Recreation Grove Park). There will be books for all ages and interests. Be sure to stop by on Sunday, when you can bring your own bag and fill it for only \$3! What a deal!

Sunday, May 25

7 am to 10 am - Lions Club Pancake Breakfast The day begins bright and early, with an "engine starting" pancake breakfast, served up by the Willits Lions Club from 7 am to 10 am in Recreation Grove Park. The yummy Read the rest of

breakfast pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage

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Fri: 6:00 & 8:45pm Sat/Sun: 12:30, 3:15. 6:00 & 8:45pm Mon-Thurs: 5:00 Movie Times for 5/16 thru 5/22

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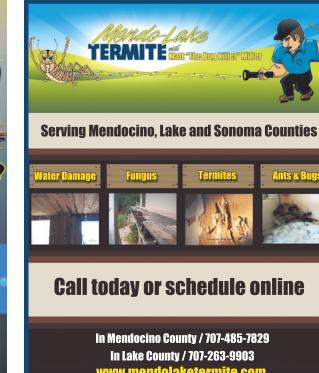
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(Monday 3:45 show is Open Caption)







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legalization. Having worked in the drug abuse prevention and treatment field for more than 40 years, I know that we cannot continue to criminalize the use of substances people want to use. I liked Tom Woodhouse's focus on young people and his commitment to continue working to engage and support them. Hal's focus on tourism and rail travel interested me greatly. Clay's interest in health care and his ideas for creating a better way to fund it are worth hearing more about.

I know that there is only one candidate who will ultimately win, but I hope that all four will commit to working on behalf of our community after the election and that all those who came to the meeting will continue to be active as well. In these difficult, yet exciting times of change, working together is the best way we can have the life we all want.

Jed Diamond, Willits

AED and CPR Awareness Month

To the Editor:

The volunteers of the Little Lake Fire Protection District gained a recent welcome addition to our Inventory of emergency response equipment in the form of Zoll Automated External Defibrillators (AED), thanks to the Little Lake Fire Protection Board and an unidentified anonymous benefactor.

AEDs send an electric shock to the heart if a life-threatening condition called Sudden Cardiac Arrest strikes.

Sudden cardiac arrest is a condition in which the heart unexpectedly stops beating. It can happen anytime, anywhere, to anyone and will result in death if not treated within minutes. In many cases, AED use is a victim's only chance of survival. Each year, more than 300,000 Americans die from sudden cardiac arrest, but studies show a 70 to 80 percent chance of survival if an AED is used within minutes. When every second counts, providing an AED on cardiac events can literally mean the difference between life and death

With the purchase of three additional AEDs that will be carried by our on-call officers, our public can be assured that there will almost always be a AED available on any incident. Currently our department has five AEDs in service, all AEDs being located on our first-out apparatus.

We want to ensure that someone suffering a sudden cardiac arrest is given every possible chance for survival, assisted by our trained department of dedicated volunteer firefighters. Prompt activation of an AED and proper CPR can be the difference between saving a life and losing one.

Every business and organization should think of an AED as part of an office safety kit. AEDs are simple and easy for anyone to use. They are designed to diagnose a life-threatening abnormal heart rhythm. If an abnormal rhythm is not found, the AED will not deliver a shock. If an abnormal rhythm is found, the AED will determine the need
That's a lot of dirt. to deliver a shock to restore the heart's normal rhythm before emergency teams arrive. It's that simple.

The first week in June is National CPR/AED Awareness Month, a time the nation sets aside to highlight the importance of knowing CPR and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

> Carl Magann, fire chief, Little Lake Fire **Protection District**

Editor's Note: Those interested in learning CPR might consider "Heart Saver CPR," a one-day, hands-on CPR course sponsored by Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital

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and offered on Wednesday, May 21, noon to 6 pm, at Adventist Home Health and Hospice of Mendocino County. 100 San Hedrin Circle. \$50 per person, required; optional \$15 for CPR book. RSVP: 456-3156.

A lot of dirt

To the Editor:

It boggles the mind.

According to Phil Frisbee, Caltrans plans to dig up 100,000 cubic yards of soil from the south end of Willits and dump it on the wetlands on the north end of town. They intend to start "as soon as site conditions allow." This translates to: "As soon as that muddy, old wetlands dries up enough to support heavy equipment, we are going to take steps to

However, that 100,000 cubic yards of dirt from the south end of Willits is just the beginning. Caltrans has another 900,000 cubic yards they want to dig up from the old Apache mill site north of town. That's 21 times as much as the 40,000 cubic yards they already took from that site before they got their permit yanked.

Last year, the county Planning Department had issued a permit to take dirt from the old mill site, but they were hit with a lawsuit, saying the dirt was likely polluted with toxic chemicals. Old mill sites generally are. Whoops! They took it back, saying they had issued the permit "in error."

Using dirt from the mill site had been county Supervisor John Pinches' idea, and he didn't want to give it up. He argued that, if county planning wasn't going to grant a permit, the supes could just issue one themselves. Not to worry. The Planning Department had changed their minds again (likely, under pressure). Now they assured the county supervisors that: "no significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed project that cannot be adequately mitigated through the conditions of

Supervisor Dan Hamburg wasn't convinced, but the other supes were. On March 25 they voted, 4 to 1, to approve the use permit without requiring an Environmental Impact Report.... What could possibly go wrong?

If they can't get the dirt from the mill site, or if there is any "significant delay," Frisbee threatens that Caltrans will take the dirt from Oil Well Hill - clearcutting about 10 acres of relatively pristine forest on a steep hillside and exposing all that slippery soil to landslides. Rumor has it that their contractor is threatening to bail out of the deal, both because of landslide danger and because they don't want the liability of having hundreds of semi-trucks pulling out on to a two-lane highway at night on a blind curve.

But one way or another, Caltrans wants their dirt.

So, how much dirt are we talking about here? Let's see ... 900,000 plus 100,000 is a flat 1 million cubic yards of dirt. Each cubic vard contains 27 cubic feet. That's 27 million

To put it into perspective: if you were to dig a ditch 1 foot deep by 1 foot wide, that ditch would be over 5,000 miles long. It would stretch from here to New York City, and back all the way to Salt Lake City. That's how much dirt they plan to dig up and haul and dump on Little Lake Valley to build an elevated highway and to bury a wetlands.

It just boggles the mind.

Tom Fristoe, Willits

Cloverdale forum and more

To the Editor:

I had the opportunity to attend the meeting held at the council chambers regarding the aspect of life after the freeway. First of all I want to commend Ron Morehead, president of the Willits Chamber of Commerce, and Lynn Kennelly, executive director, for spending a lot of time getting this meeting coordinated. I am very proud to sit on the board of directors with them.

In talking to others I think a majority of the people that attended were very enlightened with what they heard from the people that came from Cloverdale to share their experience in getting their town ready for the big change. From what I heard, no businesses closed, other than one that sold lawn ornaments.

They felt that they got their town back. The residents came back downtown to shop, enjoying the lack of heavy traffic. The fact that their children could cross the streets without

All in all I heard nothing but positive from the answers to the questions that were asked of them. They suggested that groups be appointed to start different aspects of issues that need to be accomplished. So, it would seem to be it is in this community's best interest to start the ball rolling.

The next evening I went to a candidates night of the four people running for supervisor. They all had good answers for questions that were asked of them. Each of them had different opinions on what needed to be done and how they would accomplish the task. Whoever is elected, as far as I am concerned, hasn't an easy job ahead of them.

The one thing I heard the most was the topic of lack of funds to accomplish things that needed to be done. The wages of employees being reinstated after taking a pay cut a few years ago. Another item that wasn't discussed was the employment retirement funds. So like I said, I don't envy any of them the headache....

One of the topics that was brought up as a possible power source was a biomass project. To tell you the truth. I almost fell out of my seat. A few years ago a lot of money was wasted by a well-known family suggesting that very thing, and we had an influx of naysayers saying that would be the worst thing to ever happen to this community. It was not a pleasant time in this community. It is amazing how short some people's memories are.

The lack of funds for a lot of projects leads me to the waste that is going on here. I start with the anti-freeway group and the added funds they have wasted with their protests of something that is now a fait accompli. I was not overly excited about the path of the freeway, as I preferred a more westerly route which would have incorporated Highway 20,

My other disgust is with the almost 2,000 acres lost for "mitigation." What a stupid loss of private property plus the loss of much-needed property tax funds. What is that property going to turn into now? I see the area behind the skate park: is that what this property going to turn into? Looks like a fire hazard to me. Now I understand that fences are being built around creeks to keep any wildlife or livestock out of them. What this is going to accomplish is beyond me. Another environmental boondoggle and waste of money that could be used for other much-needed services. Wonder how many animals are going to die of thirst? I have one other question, are they going to put in Porta Potties for the fish???? I wonder what these people think they do in the water????

I have been asked when I was going to write once more, and so here it is. I will probably be disagreed with by many, but I hope I have brought some of how I feel to the fore. I write with total frustration these days. I see more and more and more our rights being taken away from us with the environmental aspect of our population, more regulations, where property rights are being usurped, where animals and fish, etc., have more rights than the human being does. Where all water rights are soon to be taken away from us. Our livelihoods have been taken away from us because an owl was more important.

I have been writing my letters for over 20 years, and before that my grandmother and mother, so it is kind of a family tradition. I will end with something Ronald Reagan said, "If someone comes to your door and says, I am from the government and I am here to help you, slam that door just as hard as you can...."

Carlin M. Horger, Willits

The rest of Memorial Day From Page 5

biscuits and gravy, orange juice, coffee, tea or milk is served by Lions Club members in the Frontier Days Cookhouse at the east side of Recreation Grove Park in downtown Willits. The breakfast is open to the public. Pre-sale tickets available at the Willits Chamber of Commerce office: 459-7910. Tickets, \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12, are also available at the breakfast.

10 am to 4 pm - Classic Car Show & Community Festival Once your tummy is full, take a stroll down memory lane and enjoy the beautiful pre-1973 classic vehicles on display in Recreation Grove Park from 10 am to 4 pm. Cars buffs come from all over California and as far away as Oregon and Nevada to showcase their lovingly preserved and restored classics at the show. Don't forget to stop by the vendor booths: there'll be a wide variety of vendors!

12 pm - Memorial Day Ceremony The American Legion Post 174's color guard will present the colors at noon at the main stage area. Jeff Whitby, well-known for his skill with the ancient Scottish bagpipes, will lead the procession in

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10 am to 4:30 pm - Mendocino County Museum/Roots of Motive Power The museum, located across the street from the festival, is rated as one of the best small-town museums in the country. The museum is open from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Stop by and enjoy some local history of Willits and Mendocino County. Roots of Motive Power has carefully maintained and preserved historic steam and diesel-powered equipment used in the California North Coast logging industry from the 1850s to the present. 3:30 pm - Car Show Awards

remembrance for those who

have died in our nation's service.

& Prize Drawings Be sure you purchase your drawing tickets. You can even buy your height in tickets for just \$20! So bring all your tall friends with you! There'll be lots of great prizes this year. The drawing for prizes takes place just before the Car Show Participant Awards Ceremony at 3:30 pm.



The third in this year's new LocaLights series of concerts, showcasing local musicians and emphasizing acoustic sound, features Vern Morninglight and Chanterelle.

The show is set for Sunday, June 1 at 7 pm at the Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). Tickets are \$15 (front or B row); \$10 (regular), \$5 (last or E row), and are available at Goods' Shoppe, 56 South Main Street.

Vern Morninglight

Vern began playing music at 12 years old, when he discovered he could express his feelings through music. And then came the inspiration of Elvis, Buddy Holly, the Beatles, Pete Seeger, and Bob Dylan. But deep down inside, his own songs were brewing and getting ready to come out.

The '60s took Vern on a trail up and down and across the country, writing, playing and singing from LA to New York and back to LA. He played the coffee houses and bars wherever people would listen, from New England to the Village and from Woodstock to LA. Looking for a home, he drove his family north to Canada and back to Willits, where he has stayed and worked as a house carpenter since 1973 and where he is still weaving his life into musical stories.

Vern will now be bringing his bag of musical songs to the Willits Community Theater (where he helped build the very stage floor he will be performing on!).

Chanterelle

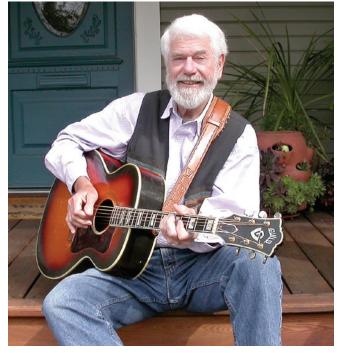
Chanterelle is a musical trio comprised of Madge Strong, Diane Smalley and Helen Falandes. They bring lush vocal harmonies to their repertoire, ranging from originals and contemporary songs to folk music from around the world. Just a few examples include the Beatles, James Taylor, Holly Near, MaMuse, and Copper Wimmin. Sometimes a capella and sometimes accompanied by guitar and percussion, their songs celebrate nature, justice,

Chanterelle has performed at many local events over the past three years, including Willits on Stage, the Local Women's Music Above: Vern Morninglight and his Festival, Light Up a Life, the Trio of Trios, and Christmas Chorale.

- David Partch, producer, LocaLights

LocaLights presents:

Vern Morninglight and Chanterelle



Top: Left to right: Diane Smalley, ndge Strong and Helen Falandes

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Congrats Column



Shyann gets her Green Belt with two white stripes

Shyann Barney, center holds her certificate, after being tested for her Green Belt with two white stripes on May 6 at the Willits Body Works Gym. Shyann is a student/member of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Youth Activities League Karate Program, taught by Sensei Michael

Tobin, co-owner of the gym,

at right. Also pictured are

Sensei Trindad Sanchez

and Sensei Issac Sanchez.

"Nice job, Shyann!" says

Kyoshi Tobin.

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A native of Humboldt, Iowa, Ray was born August 4, 1919. A former resident of Santa Rosa and Redwood Valley, he had been a member of the fillits community since 1972.

Ray was a cowboy, home builder, self-employed real

estate investor, and banker for 70 years. He enjoyed his work and a few beers afterward with his friends. He believed in the American dream of home ownership and touched the lives of many from Sar Francisco to Willits by helping them realize their dream to afford a

Ray was proud of his military service, serving in the Coast Guard during World War II and in the Navy during the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion for 55 years, and a forme

All his adult life he moved north from San Francisco, staving ahead of the population growth. He finally settled in the small town of Willits for the friendly people, clean air, clean water, healthy garden and affordable property. He enjoyed working with his real estate colleagues and his service on the board of directors of the

Ray did things his way right to the end. His grip was firm, and his mind was sharp. His body just wore out. He lived a long and satisfying life, which ended gracefully by gently falling asleep one

Ray is survived by his son Richard (Susan) and his daughte Beverly; his grandchildren David (Beth), Diana (Shane), Allicia Kirk), Laura (Ea), and Ryan; and his great-grandchildren Kaeley "A Celebration of Life Memorial Service" officiated by Richard

am to 2 pm, to be followed by a private gathering at the cemetery with Navy Military Honors and the American Legion. At Ray's request, donations may be made to Holy Child Care Home, 419 Grove Street, Willits CA 95490, or to the Willits Senio

Beach is to be held at the Willits Senior Center on May 18 from 11

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What's Happening Around Town Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits

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**Examily Dining & Lounge at the Company of the Compa Now Proudly Sponsoring Willits Weekly's Color Calendar

an original play by Blosser Lane Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Janice Haschak, will be performed twice again by her students, due to popular demand. Today (Thursday, May 15) at 11:30 am, and Wednesday, May 29 at 9 am, at the Blosser Lane cafeteria. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for "Autism: 3 Word-Phrases to

Support Communication": a free presentation offered by Frank R. Memorial Hospital for anyone interested in learning about autism and advances in communication, especially speech! Join Nancy Moilanen, from 3:30 to 5 pm, as she presents a case study on how she was able to help a patient

with autism communicate within 18 months of speech therapy. 11 Oaks Conference Room at Howard Hospital, 1 Madrone Street. Free and open to the public. RSVP: 459-3141.

Shanachie Pub: solo performance by Fort Bragg guitarist/ songwriter Steven Bates. 6 pm, no cover. Visit www.myspace.com/ stevenbatesmusician. 50 B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant.



'The Milagro Beanfield War": Now & Then Film Series presents, 7 pm at the ittle Lake Grange, 291 School Street Robert Redford's film "humorously develops a populist theme complete with water rights, corporate takeover, people protecting their exploitive temporary jobs, a town at risk and trees being bulldozed over. Come and cheer for the underdogs!" Suggested Donation of \$5 to 10 Organic popcorn and Fair Trade chocolates for sale by the Grange. Info: 459-6362.

EUREKA

Friday, May 16

Annual Carnival and Discovery Park Ground-Breaking: groundbreaking for the Discovery Park and Playground at 5 pm, during the annual carnival at the Kids Club on Blosser Lane, behind Blosser Lane School, 1275 Blosser Lane. The public is invited to attend. Healthy food will be available for purchase, and there will be children's activities, including a bounce house and game booths. The Discovery Park, when finished, will have enhanced natural features for outdoor exploration and play, including hills, tunnels, gathering places, trees and other landscaping, and a rope climbing tower.

Cloud 9 Dance Studio Recital: 28th Annual Dance Recital, "Happy," featuring students of Lillian Evind, Jenny Montes and Kathleen Ferri-Taylor, who will be performing pieces composed by the teachers and

Ongoing Events

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market at City Park, Thursdays from 3 to 6 pm. Greens, onions and other spring produce, garden starts, local meats, dinner, crafts, live music, and more.

Haehl Creek Trail Work Parties: every Friday morning work parties, to help clear the trail for construction. 9 to 11 am, meet at the Commonwealth Garden greenhouse/parking lot across from the new hospital construction site. Please wear gloves and work shoes/boots, and bring chain saws, asphalt rakes, shovels &/or weed whackers. Info: Mike Aplet, 513-3337 or mike.aplet@gmail.com

"Art Under 20": 16th annual show of student art, at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, Show runs through Sunday, May 25. Gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 7 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 3 pm. Info: Carolyn Bakewell at 459-7700, ext. 1533.

Life Changes: Discussion and support group with Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am, \$1. Harrah Senior Center, 1501

Willits Community Drum Circle: 7 to 10 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Fridays. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932

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

Willits Frontier Twirlers: Beginner's classes in basic and mainstream square dance, Monday nights at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, from 6:45 to 8 pm, then dancing until 9 pm, with professional caller Lawrence Johnstone, who will teach and call.

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 7 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 11 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-

Shanachie Pub: Open Mic every Wednesday at 8:40 pm. Sign-ups start at 3 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info:

Just For Fun Choir: directed and accompanied by Nancy New. Meets Mondays at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, from 1 to 2:30 pm. Accepting new members of all ages and abilities. Info: call Nancy New at 459-1276.

Laytonville Farmers Market: Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm in downtown Laytonville. Buy local: vegetables, apples, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, jewelry, aprons, children's clothing, knife sharpening and more.

students. 7 pm at Willits High School Allen Garcia Memorial Auditorium. to be staged on the last weekend of July and first weekend of August. Francisco, 7 to 9 pm. Live music. Tickets at the door: \$8 adults, \$5 for seniors and students under 21.

Shanachie Pub: the debut of Horses Heaven, 7-piece band. 9 pm. \$10. Visit http://horsesheaven.com/. 50 B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

> Friday Night Dance Party: featuring DJ Mikey T at John's Place, 255 East Commercial Street. 21+. No cover. 10 pm to 2 am.

Saturday, May 17

Ecology Action "Short Tour": first tour of the year of the Research Garden on Pine Mountain, 10 am to noon. For more tour dates or to sign up for a tour, visit: www.growbiointensive. org/events main.html#tour

Blosser Lane School Goodwill Fundraiser: 10 am to 4 pm at the school parking lot at 1275 Blosser Lane. Bring your donations of household Items, gently used clothing, E-waste (old computers, printers, etc.), furniture and more! Questions? Call Windi @ 354-0755.

Master Class in Directing: second of a two-part class offered by professional actor, dancer and director Bill Barksdale, at the Willits Community Theatre playhouse, 37 West Van Lane, 10 am to 1 pm. Part 2: "how to work with actors to bring out the character and relationships the play calls for. Understanding pacing, reactions and emotions will be covered as well as the nuts and bolts of working with a budget,

creating a rehearsal schedule. and marketing and publicity concerns. Whether you dream of honing your own directing skills or just want to experience the power of Bill's stage presence, you won't want to miss this extraordinary presentation." adults/\$15 students; scholarships available. To register, visit www.willitstheatre. org or phone 459-9035 for more

3rd Annual Tea & Togs Fashion Show: this Afternoon Tea & Fashion Show showcases fabulous finds from the Willits Seniors' Thrift Store! Bring your own teacup and enjoy a selection of tea sandwiches, scones, cakes, tarts, and teas. Noon to 2 pm. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Admission \$12. Info: 459-6826. See article on Page 12 for details.

Equine Riding Clinic: at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds. Get brushed up on your riding skills for the upcoming Willits Frontier Days events and become more wellrounded about horses and horsemanship. Riding instruction, equine medicine and care, tack information and much more will be offered by local professionals. Lunch and a T-shirt included in \$20 entry fee. Limited availability. For info or to sign up: call Mattie Pinon at 367-5550. WCT Auditions: Willits Community Theatre is

holding auditions for its short play production.

Auditions are set for Saturday, May 17 at 3 pm and Saturday, May 24 at 1 pm at the WCT playhouse, 37 West Van Lane. Producer Damian Sebouhian is looking for men and women of all ages to fill roles for a month. Donations welcome. Info: number of short plays. Directors are also needed. Anyone interested

in acting and/or directing can attend the auditions or contact Sebouhian at 707-601-6641 or dsebouhian@yahoo.com.

Sunday, May 18

Town Hall Meeting: 4 to 6 pm at the Willits City Council chambers. Topic: "Our Community Rights: What are they? Are we losing them?" Presentations by Karina McAbee Cotler, a proponent of the Community Bill of Rights Anti-Fracking Ordinance: Charline Ford, local rancher and business woman; Lynn Kennelly, director of Willits Chamber of Commerce; and Margaret Koster, co-chairperson of Mendocino County's Move to Amend Coalition. Public discussion will be moderated by Carlin

Diamond. This will be Willits' last Town Hall until September. All residents of the 95490 community are invited to attend and give their input. Info: Carlin at 459-4850.

A Day with the Dynamite Dames: at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds. Horsemanship clinic focusing on gymkhana events, safety while riding, and having fun! Learn from famous trick riders Bobbie Stone, Ginger Duke and Josey Lynn. Open to riders of all ages; riding experience encouraged. Limited availability. For info or to sign up: call Marcy Barry

Monday, May 19

goodwill

Welcome Party: Kiwanis Club of Willits is having a Welcome Party to help people learn about the local club, with a slide show presentation of 8 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194. events and accomplishments. This will give you the opportunity to meet the current members and to consider joining the club. The party is being held at Mission Pizza at 6 pm. The pizza is free! If you are interested in

joining a club that helps empower youth through leadership and service, you should consider attending and checking out the Kiwanis Club of Willits.

> Tuesday, May 20 Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All

> > 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "The Amazing Spider-Man 2," "Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return," and "Heaven Is For Real." For showtimes: www.novotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.

> > > **Dances of Universal Peace:** Sacred circle dances drawn from the world's wisdom traditions at The Muse, 30 East San

Simple to learn, fun, and heartopening. 3rd Monday of every

Thursday, May

Shanachie Pub: Jazz Jam, featuring vocalist Sarah Ryan, Michael Cantwell on piano and keyboards, Aaron Bellomo on guitar, and Jesse Bessoni on drums. Jazz standards infused with funk, hip hop, world and free-form jamming. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-

Friday, May 23

Friends of the Library Book Sale: fundraising booksale at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Today and Saturday, May 24, from 10 am to 4 pm; Sunday, May 25 from 10 am to 2 pm. Sunday is Bring Your Own Bag day: fill up your bag with books for only \$3.

The Art of Relationships: An Evening of Entertainment and Enlightenment, with five longtime community artists: Cynda Valle, painter; Clancy Rash, Kate Black, and Helen Falandes, (singing group "Just Enough"), musicians; and Jed Diamond, author. 7 to 9 pm, at Willits Center for the Arts. This free event also celebrates the birth of Diamond's 11th and 12th books: "Composting Abbie: A Whale of a Story" and "Stress Relief for Men: How to Use the Revolutionary Tools of Energy Healing to Live Well." Info: Jed Diamond, 459-5505 or Jed@MenAlive.com.

Shanachie Pub: The Blue Reptiles, original and old school blues songs.

Saturday, May 24

Parking Lot Sale: at the Harrah Senior Center from 8 am to 1 pm. Great prices on clothes and household items. Hot dogs and root beer floats available. Spaces available for rent (8 am-3 pm), \$20 each or 2 for \$30; \$15 each or 2 for \$25 for members. To rent a space: call Mariya at the Harrah Center 459-6826

33rd Annual Community Festival & Car Show: Two-day festival, featuring WHAT Walk, Mini Maker Faire, Friends of the Library Book Sale, Lions Club Breakfast, and the Car Show - see individual listings

16th Willits Walk for Health & Wellness: Registration opens at 9:30 am at J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street. "Men, women, and children of all ages are welcome (and also well-behaved pets on leashes). No charge. We also invite bicyclists to join us. The focus of this walk is on the new Avenues to Wellness program, other health and wellness programs in our community, and our local food gardens

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do-it-yourself projects at interactive booths, technology demonstrations, craft workshops, solar energy demonstrations and more. \$5 for adults. \$2 for children ages 13 to 18 years, and free for children 12 years

Sunday, May 25

33rd Annual Community Festival & Car Show: Two-day festival. featuring WHAT Walk, Mini Maker Faire, Friends of the Library Book Sale, Lions Club Breakfast, and the Car Show – see individual listings

and under. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for details.

along the walk. Come walk with the providers of

Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic, your friends, and neighbors. The walk begins in downtown

Willits and winds through the neighborhoods.

The entire walk is 5 miles, but people can

walk some or all. We walk rain or shine!'

The walk is being co-sponsored by

Willits Healthy Action Team, Avenues

to Wellness, and Baechtel Creek

Medical Clinic. Info: Jed@MenAlive.com

Friends of the Library Book Sale: See

2nd Annual Mendocino County Mini Maker

Faire: 10 am to 5 pm at the Mendocino County

Museum, 400 E Commercial Street. Featuring

Friday, May 23 listing for details.

Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast: 7 to 10 am at the Rec Grove. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, biscuits and gravy, orange juice, coffee, tea or milk are served by Lions Club members in the Frontier Days Cookhouse. \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Pre-sale tickets available at the Willits Chamber of Commerce office: 459-7910.

Classic Car Show: 10 am to 4 pm at the Rec Grove. "Take a stroll down memory lane and enjoy the beautiful pre-1973 classic vehicles on display. Car buffs come from all over California and as far away as

Willits Horsemen's

Association

Rodeo and Beef

Barbecue, June 1

The 65th annual celebration of this

food. Sunday, June 1 at the Willits 2nd Annual Mendocino County Min

Horsemen Gymkhana is set for chance to learn how to cook in solar

Saturday, May 31 at 9 am. Info: 459- ovens, how to juggle, and other

Willits tradition of good fun and great

\$13 adults; \$5 children. Schedule:

Oregon and Nevada to showcase their lovingly preserved and restored classics at the show." A wide variety of vendor booths. Car Show awards and prize drawings at 3:30 pm. Friends of the Library

Book Sale: See Friday, May 23 listing for details.

Faire at the

Museum

On Saturday, May 24, from

10 am to 5 pm, the Mendocino

County Museum will present the

it-yourself projects at interactive

booths, technology demonstrations,

craft workshops, and solar energy

useful skills. Jon and Ann Maglinte

will have their popular local food

booth open for business throughout

the day, with a variety of foods and

Maker Faires are extensions

and celebrations of the Maker

Movement, which seeks to combine

high tech with old-fashioned elbow

grease to meet the challenges of

our times. Many people are Makers

without even knowing it. Maker

Faires create community for these

inventors and encourage new ideas

treats for purchase.

to be brought forth.

Septon and her blue Gran Torino at last year's car

Seabiscuit Celebration

Celebrate the stud barn's listing in the National Register of Historic Places

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Howard,

USMC (ret.) great-

grandson of Charles

Howard, Seabiscuit's

owner and William

(Bill) Nichols, former

Jacqueline Cooper,

Ridgewood Ranch hand

and author, "Seabiscuit-The

Others to be present include:

Supervisor Dan Hamburg; Willits

Mayor Holly Madrigal; Bruce

Burton, Rotary Club of Willits;

Tracy Livingston, chair of the

Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation

president, Seabiscuit Heritage

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horse lovers,

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org or call 459-5992.

historic preservationists,

members, and many more.

Rest of the Story."

Sixty-seven years SEABISCUIT after the legendary American racehorse Seabiscuit's passing, beautifully restored stud barn at Ridgewood Ranch south

of Willits will be the site of a celebration on Friday, May 23, to commemorate the stud barn's listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The event, taking place on the 81st anniversary of Seabiscuit's death, features the

plaque during a formal dedication ceremony, at noon. A guided tour (\$20 by reservation) starts at 9:30 am; reserve tickets at

www.seabiscuitheritage.org.

unveiling of a custom-designed

A reception hosted by the Rotary Club of Willits at Howard House will immediately follow the ceremony. Select Seabiscuit art by Donna Stropes and Seabiscuit Ranch wines will be available at the reception. Authors William H. Nichols and Jack Lowe will be conducting a book signing.

The ceremony will feature statements by Laura Hillenbrand, of "Seabiscuit-An American Legend," Gary Stevens, internationally recognized jockey and honorary Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation board member, and William Burg, California state

Also present will be Col.

Willits Frontier Days Carnival Wristbands now on sale!

Presale wristbands are now on sale for just \$20 for unlimited carnival rides for this year's Carnival. Stop in to J.D. Redhouse or ER Energy to purchase. Wristbands will also available on-site at the Carnival for \$30. Carnival opens July 1 at 4 pm.

'California, My Golden State!

Two encore performances

Due to popular demand, Blosser Dr. June A. Donaldson, media Lane Elementary School's fourth-grade and public relations director, student production of this original play Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, by their teacher, Janice Haschak (Room from the Canadian home province 16), will be performed twice more. The of Red Pollard and George Woolf; play, featuring informative skits about California history, along with singing, Dashing Lil' Biscuit, a Seabiscuit dancing, and comedy, will be performed descendant; the Mendocino County Thursday, May 15 from 11 to 11:30 at Sheriff's Mounted Posse Color the school cafeteria, after Mrs. McNeal's class performance of "Aesop's Fables" (10:30 to 11 am). The second – and final international Seabiscuit encore performance of "California, My Golden State!" is set for Wednesday, May 28 at 9 pm, again at the Blosser Lane school cafeteria.

Haschak says, "I have people coming up to tell me that it was good, and that Seabiscuit's Stud Barn is located they want to see it again, or that they at Ridgewood Ranch, 16200 North missed it, and want to see it, so we've decided to perform the play again. It's Highway 101, 5.5 miles south of a fast-moving play, with lots of little side Willits. Info: seabiscuit@instawave. notes, and to see it again would be a net, visit www.seabiscuitheritage. wonderful thing. We worked so hard, and we only did two performances, so we need to do it again!" Mrs. Haschak cordially invites the public and other school classes to attend the show. "Please remember your video cams and cameras, and please RSVP for large groups or classes," she said. Please call Blosser Lane, 1275 Blosser Lane, at

459-3232 to RSVP

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Avenues to Wellness

Lael Fraser: Tools for optimal wellness

How many times in your busy week do you feel like there's too much to do and no time for you? Perhaps you feel like something is missing or just doesn't feel right, but you don't know what. You may be feeling exhausted, lonely, depressed or anxious.

When you become overwhelmed with life's stressful circumstances, it is natural to forget the RSVP 456-3156. tools and resources that you have for dealing with stress. While we can't control many of the circumstances we encounter in our lives, we can learn to manage them in healthy ways.

In honor of National Mental Health Awareness month, Avenues to Wellness has invited Lael Fraser to offer the community ideas for building healthy emotional resources for optimal wellness. Fraser's presentation is set for Tuesday, May 20, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Harrah Senior Center's Lakeside Room, 1501 Baechtel Road

Fraser, is a licensed marriage and family therapist with psychotherapy offices in Ukiah and Willits. She graduated from JFK University with a master's degree in counseling psychology in 1999. Fraser has worked with families in our community through Mendocino County Mental Health and Youth & Family Services in Ukiah and Willits before opening her private practice in 2009. Fraser's practice includes working with children as young as 5 as well as seniors, individuals, family therapy, and couples.

Free; donations appreciated. Refreshments will be served. Call 459-2777 for information. Email: atwforhealth@gmail.com; visit www.avenuestowellness.org.



Learn How to

hands-on CPR course sponsored by Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, open to everyone wanting to learn Horsemen's Arena. Open to the Maker Faire at its Museum grounds the Heart Saver CPR life-saving public. Free admission. BBQ tickets in Willits. The Faire will feature do-

Wednesday, May 21, noon to 6 9 am: Team Roping; 11:30 am: Beef pm, at Adventist Home Health and Barbecue; 1:30 pm: Rodeo. A Junior demonstrations. People will get a

Hospice of Mendocino County, 100 San Hedrin Circle. \$50 per person, required; optional \$15 for CPR book.

Brooktrails Flea Market needs Vendors

The Brooktrails Property Owners Association's annual Flea Market is set for Saturday, June 7 from 8 am to 3 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center, indoors and outdoors. "Your leftovers are someone else's treasures." Spaces still available: call Irene at 459-1974. \$20 for a table. Crafters and other vendors are welcome, along with flea market tables. Firefighters will be cooking hotdogs, and there will be extra handicapped spaces designated in the parking lot.

Attending again this year will be Richard and Phil Jergensen, inventors and co-owners of Gridbeam, a modular reusable building system which won an Editor's Choice Award at last year's Maker Faire in San Mateo. People The next set of Mendocino Film Festival events in and Tina Turner, George Harrison, Joe Cocker, Leon from the Solar Living Institute in Russell and more, as featured in the film, will do a Q&A Hopland will also be onsite this year, helping kids construct and operate solar cars and bake food in solar components to see how they work, a "Swap-a-Tama" hosted by Annie

> Admission to the Faire is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children ages 13

Jagger, Bette Midler and Sting, to name just a few."

Special guest Claudia Lennear, who's sung with Ike

On Saturday May 31, the Mendocino Film Festival ovens. Other attractions include

in Willits starts off at 3 pm with "Symphony of the Soil," an area to dissasemble electronics a documentary which "explores the complexity and mystery of soil" including interviews on four continents Waters to repurpose old clothing, with some of the world's most esteemed soil scientists, a Lego building table, a 3-D printer, farmers and activists. Q&A with director Deborah Koons and even a homemade drone. Garcia after the showing. A Shorts Program, "It's All, About Change," featuring nine short films, is scheduled to 18 years, and free for children for 5:30 pm. "Grazing the Sky," a "magical and intimate 12 years and under. Admission look at the lives of modern circus artists within and out to the Museum is included of Cirque Du Soleil," is set for 8pm. All showings at the at www.MendocinoMakerFaire. Noyo Theatre. Film tickets are \$11 advance/\$12 at com. The Museum can be the door. For more info, and to buy tickets, visit: www. reached at 459-2736 or at Info@ mendocinofilmfestival.com.

More information can be found

Save the Date for these upcoming events:

Mendocino Film Festival, Willits Showings, May 29 and May 31, Noyo Theatre LocaLights Series: Chanterelle and Vern Morninglight, June 1, Willits Community Theatre

"When I'm out and about," Mrs.

Sugar" Lennear

Mendocino Film Festival at the Noyo Theatre - May 29, May 31

Willits is set for the end of May, with an opening reception on Thursday, May 29, from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts. Reception is hosted by Adam's Restaurant and the North Coast Brewing Company, and will feature fine wines, artisan beer, and "an array of delectable appetizers." Reception tickets are \$10, for movie-goers (film ticket stub required for admission). The Thursday night film, 7:30 pm at the Noyo Theatre is "20 Feet From Stardom," which won a 2014 Academy award for "Best Feature-Length Documentary."

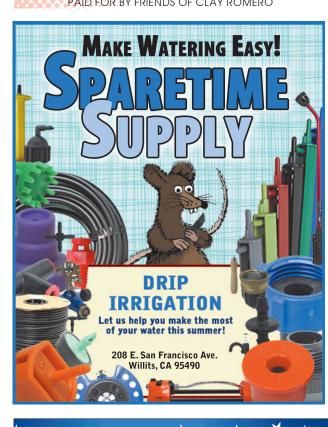
"Director Morgan Neville shines a spotlight on the backup singers behind some of the greatest musical legends of our time. Along with rare archival footage and a peerless soundtrack, the film boasts intimate interviews with Bruce Springsteen, Stevie Wonder, Mick

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Spanish

Cinco de Mayo fiesta

Willits Elementary Charter School raises money for its Spanish program

A good time was had by all at the Willits the school in first Elementary Charter School 2nd annual Cinco and second grades. de Mavo celebration in Recreation Grove on and their youngest Saturday, May 3. The event was also a big fundraising success for the school's Spanish fall. They feel the

Students, their families, teachers and the is a great success public enjoyed musical performances, a crowdjudged salsa competition, games and raffles, and lots of delicious food – so delicious that it was all sold out two hours early.

Kate Maxwell

Expanding on last year's Cinco de Mavo WECS celebration. Director Kara McClellan

and parent and Event Coordinator Jackie Lopez began outreach for the celebration in January.

McClellan and Lopez, with help from WECS fundraising chair Aura De la Fuente, were able to organize significant community donations and lots of volunteer help from teachers, parents, and friends of the school, such as Liz Carillo, Liz Nieto, and Rocio Zuniga.

This year, the event included food donations from Jara's Mexican Market and several parents, with snow cones and other desserts for sale. The wildly popular bounce houses were donated by Yokum's Body Shop and parents Becky Button and Jake O'Rear. Other activities, like a raffle of seven donated ducks which all found happy homes, also helped the fundraising effort.

"The goal is to have all the students be bilingual by fifth grade," explains Lopez. With the additional funds, the school plans to add two more full-time Spanish-speaking aides to first and second grades, in addition to the aide currently instructing Kindergarten. The program focuses both on learning Spanish and expanding literacy for students who are native

speakers, and includes daily classes for all grades.

Lopez and her husband, Jesus, have two children at





so much, of course we have to do this," says Jesus.

The benefits of the program were clear during the student performances of classic Spanish songs "De Colores" by the Kindergarten through second grade classes, and "Cielto Lindo" by third through fifth grade students, which included a fourth-grade ukulele act.

Spanish teacher Rachel Alvizo and music teacher Tyler Balthrop presented a short history of Cinco de Mayo, and the show was rounded out by teacher Jason Brenner's demonstration of WECS' "Animal Kung" program. Carnival games and face painting kept the kids busy, while the crowd judged the homemade salsa entries, and everyone went home full and happy.

"This year was really great," said Lopez as she cleaned up at the end of the afternoon, "but next vear will be even better."

At top: Willits Above: One

paper flowers decorating the

Barbitta. left. and Katherine Wood. Below: Fourthgraders Jadelyn Caldwell, left, and 9601.

Photos by Julia









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Community Theatre seeks

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Garage Sale Epic garage sale, Fri & Sat, May 16 & 17. 10 North Street. 9 am to 1 pm, antiques, furniture, ceiling fan, bldg. materials, tires, books, household items, free stuff. 367-5946.

Spring Fling
Spring Fling Event Chacewater Winery Kelseyville! May 31 at 6 pm! Adults only, wine and appetizer pairing, full-course dinner, dancing, music, live auction and much more! Call 277-6050

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DEATH NOTICE | Frederick A. Steele

Frederick A. Steele Frederick A. Steele of Willits passed away on May, 8, 2014

at the age of 66. No services will be held. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

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Currently the school district owes \$735,000 on the BAN, which is due to be repaid by July 14.

Instead, the district will seek a loan from the Mendocino County Office of Education to pay the debt. MCOE has offered to loan the district either \$250,000 or \$500,000, depending on WUSD's needs. Details of the loan remain to be worked out.

However, at the board's April 2 meeting, Vicki Todd, MCOE's director of Financial Services, said MCOE had a policy to loan money at low interest rates to school districts with pressing financial needs.

At an April 23 public hearing on the question of issuing a second bond, Superintendent of Schools Patricia Johnson said MCOE had confirmed it would be willing to loan WUSD the money.

The school board also has accepted an offer from Mendo Mill to purchase district property at 307 East Commercial Street, just next door to Mendo Mill's wood

The district's asking price for the 1.7 acres was \$290,000; Mendo Mill's offer was \$290,001. Trustees accepted the offer, and Johnson said she would finalize the sale quickly. Money from the sale will be used to pay down the BAN.

The board also will accept a stipulated agreement in the lawsuits between the district and former financial advisor Caldwell Flores Winters. Inc. Part of the stipulation was that neither side would disparage the other, so Trustee Christopher Neary was careful not to say anything negative about CFW, the Emeryville-based firm that advised the district on Measure B

The lawsuit stems from a disagreement on how the contract between the district and CFW was to be interpreted. The five-year contract called for CFW to be paid at a rate of 2.5 percent of the total expenditure of the work associated with the \$43 million bond. However, in its initial sale of bonds, which occurred in 2010, the district issued only \$18.8 million worth of bonds.

CFW was billing at a rate based on \$43 million while, at the time the billing occurred, the most work that could've been was only \$18.8 million. According to the district's lawsuit, it had paid CFW at least \$200,000 by May 2011, when it terminated the contract.

CFW sued the district in May 2012, and the district countersued the same month. As part of the agreement, CFW will pay the district \$150,000.

Johnson said this money also will be used to pay down the BAN. Assuming both transactions can be accomplished quickly, that would leave \$295,000 still owing on the bond anticipation note.

Third grade to go back to Blosser

The district's third-grade classes will return to Blosser Lane Elementary School, beginning this August.

Pool From Page 1 The rest of

pool parties. Other rates, like a \$4 charge for adults and children, will stay the same, as will rates for swim lessons and swimming laps.

A report from Interim Financial Director Gordon Elton notes Willits pool party fees are currently low compared to neighboring pools in the county, and do not cover lifeguard costs or chemicals for the pool. "The pool party rental fees in fiscal year 2011/12 were \$260 for two hours. The fees were artificially dropped to \$60 per hour in fiscal year 2013/14," according to Elton's report.

"This rate doesn't incorporate overhead costs," the report adds.

City Hall wants to hike hourly pool party rates from \$60/hour (with two lifeguards), \$70/hour (with three lifeguards), and \$80/hour (with four lifeguards), to \$100/ hour (two lifeguards), \$110/hour (with three lifeguards), and \$130/hour (with four lifeguards).

The city says it has calculated the cost of pool operation for one hour at about \$99.85. City council members last month approved a wage

increase for some positions at the pools.

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Third grade had been at Blosser for many years, but last

year the board voted to move third-graders to Brookside Elementary School.

Over the past nine months, however, it has become the consensus of Brookside teachers and administration, and Superintendent Johnson, that facility conditions at Brookside school are too poor to safely accommodate the

An entire wing of old modulars (which were supposed to be removed in the facility upgrade project funded by Measure B) is still standing, but the units are in no condition to be used. With those buildings unavailable Brookside is too crowded to accommodate the third graders. So it's back to the spacious purlieus of Blosser Lane, where many classrooms stand unused.

District creates transportation lead person

The school board also approved creating a new position with the clumsy name "transportation lead." The position is tantamount to director of transportation; however, in order to save money, the person in the lead transportation position will be paid less than what a department director

The lead transportation person will run the transportation department, while the director of maintenance and operations will oversee the work of the lead transportation

The move is a partial retreat from a move made some years ago when the board approved combining the positions of director of maintenance and operations with that of director of transportation. Both positions are very demanding, requiring a high level of expertise and intelligence, and both have been performed by district employee Sandy Eddie, who is retiring next week.

Laurie Harris voted against creating the new position.

The smooth sailing in reaching a labor agreement with district employees predicted by Trustee Neary in April has hit turbulent seas.

Several employees addressed the board, urging it to take care of their financial needs.

Willits Teachers Association negotiator Paula Nunez said WTA members are no longer confident a speedy agreement will be reached.

But Superintendent Johnson felt the district and its unions "are getting closer every day to reaching an agreement, and I appreciate very much their efforts in the bargaining process."

The new hourly pay for swimming pool staff is: pool manager \$16.75; assistant pool manager \$13.50; seasonal pool office assistant \$9; Lifeguard I \$9; Lifeguard II \$9.45; Swim Instructor I \$9.45; and Swim Instructor

Beginning July 1, the start of the new fiscal year, the federal minimum wage rate increases from \$8 to \$9 per

Willits pool manager is budgeted for \$5,841 in salary this season. The position costs the city about \$1,200 in

A new position – office assistant at the pool – will pay \$3.240. Benefits for the office assistant add up to \$665.

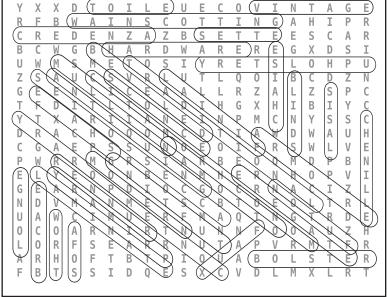
In a report to city council members, City Manager Adrienne Moore said: "The new seasonal office assistant position will be the primary point of contact for payments

and inquiries, while management staff will oversee the end-of-day balancing and deposits. This will increase the safety of patrons while reducing the clerical burden on other pool staff, resulting in greater

separation of duties and improving internal controls." The city allotted \$200 for phone use, \$6,500 for

maintenance shared with the Willits Unified School District, \$2,000 for pool covers, \$5,000 for an Americans with Disabilities Act lift, \$500 in concessions for resale, \$500 for pool supplies, and \$4,150 to cover gas and electric bills from June 15 through August, a total of \$71,892, budget documents state.

Revenue was calculated at just more than \$29,000. Budget figures estimate the net cost to the city for running the pool will be about \$42,642.









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Above, right: at last vear's Tea & Togs benefit. At right: Model Angie

Rodriguez of Willits walks down the

year's show. Far right:

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Francisco who came up to Willits to

volunteer for the tea, holds

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> - submitted by Kathy Neff for the Harrah Senior Center

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An aerial look at the bypass construction

Above: The northern interchange area looking south towards town. The current Highway 101 runs along the right side of the images. Left: the view on May 12, 2013. Right: The view on May 11, 2014.

Right: A view of the current southern interchange area, looking northwest from the east side of the construction. Highway 101 comes from the left side of the image and wraps around back to the left of the construction.

Below: The southern interchange area looking south over the construction. The current Highway 101 comes from the right side of the images and heads south. The divide between north and south lanes of the current highway can be seen at the center top of each image.

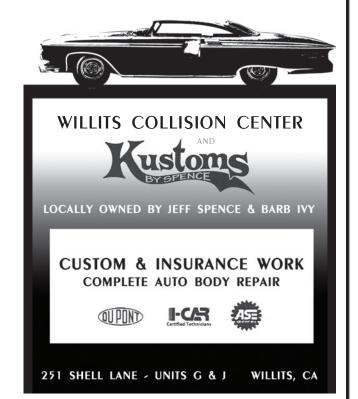








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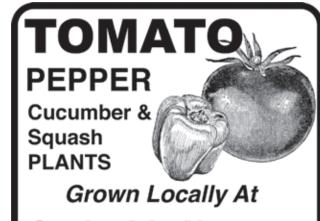


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North Coast Opportunities Head Start

practices what it preaches

North Coast Opportunities' Head Start Child Development Program educates and empowers parents so they can raise their children to value learning and advocate for themselves. With summer approaching, Head Start will once again accept applications for the fall school year. The program primarily serves low-income families. To fully understand the power of the program, here are three

Three Head Start staff members at the Spruce Street center in Willits started as Head Start parents, and can speak to the success of the program for them and their children.

Graciela Botello first encountered Head Start when she had only been in the United States for 10 months. She had been a teacher in Mexico, so she was familiar with that educational system, but she said when she connected with Head Start for her daughter, she knew the program would toward those goals. give her daughter a huge advantage.

"Head Start focused on whatever the kids needed most. The quality of service, attention, and teaching was so







impressive," she said. After her daughter completed the She completed several child development classes and eventually worked her way up to become an associate teacher and then a lead teacher

Fifteen years later, she currently serves as a family support specialist, assisting families by developing individualized Family Partnership Goals and checking in with the families regularly to make sure they are progressing

She helps all families, including those with special needs.

this spring. Botello credits Head Start with providing her daughters with a wonderful start to their educational career. "Head Start teaches you that everyone can achieve,"

The next success story is that of Rose Findley, one of Head Start's lead teachers. According to Findley, she came from a family where her parents were more concerned about their own needs than her upbringing. Findley became a parent herself at age 17, and said that enrolling her daughter in the Early Head Start program allowed Findley to learn how to be a good parent and a responsible adult.

Over on Page 15

Left: Some Willits quilters at a guild meeting: back row. left to right Jaeva Cash Gretchen Moore Penni Greer. Loraine Pattor Lani Nagy, and Leslie Roberts front row, left to right: Betty Lemmer, Rache Cash, and Suzen

Ouilts in

The show, featuring more

The Grapevine Quilters are a non-profit organization dedicated to the purpose of increasing the knowledge of its members and its community about quilting and related skills. They have a strong community effort through which they make and donate quilts to children and families in

quest quilters, mother/ daughter duo Donna Hodges and Lyn Nun, who create "Under the Sea" 3D art quilts: To get the full effect of these guilts.

A large, queen-sized quilt

services we have now?

Woodhouse said the number one problem

A Proclamation of the Willits City Council

Commemorating the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation and Ridgewood Ranch's Inclusion of the Seabiscuit Stud Barn to the National Register Of Historic Places

2014, Seabiscuit was honored through economic hardship by having his Stud Barn at Seabiscuit, a true American Ridgewood Ranch, near Willits. Legend remains an inspiration to California listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and WHEREAS, The Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation protects and preserves the historic

y the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit whose mission is to promote the cultural legacy of Ridgewood Ranch, the home and final esting place of the legendary acehorse, through historic environmental preservation. conservation and education: and WHEREAS, The historic

Trustee Chris Neary asked Nancy Runberg, a member of the committee that worked with Hill in assessing WHS, what was the biggest issue Hill had with the high school. Runberg replied Hill felt the school's counseling program had been compromised.

According to Ritchley, Willits High School has had two counselors for many years.

The rest of

overturned it.

two reviews.

WHS

school superintendent and leader

of the team that reviewed the status

of Willits High School regarding

implementation of its 2011 school-

Hill's report threatened urgent

action against Willits High; however

both Johnson and Ritchley said

the administration of Western

Association of Schools and

Colleges (WASC), Hill's employer,

disagreed with that assessment and

Instead. WASC will send a team

next vear to review the progress

Willits High School has made toward

full implementation of its revised

school plan. So instead of having

one mid-term review, WHS will get

From Page 1

At the beginning of the current school year, the district sent one of those counselors to Baechtel Grove Middle School, leaving one counselor at Willits High. Overwhelmed by work, the remaining counselor left the high school in April - while Hill was writing his final report.

Currently, the high school has one staff person serving as both counselor and school psychologist.

Clay Romero described himself as a

When asked if he thought the Sheriff's

Office was adequately funded, Romero

replied, "No. I'm not satisfied. I think there's

When asked whether the county

administration should go back to a chief

administrative officer model, rather than the

I would very much want to look into that

some things that need to be checked upon."

The rest of From Page 1 Forum

Christian who "couldn't be bought."

Madrigal, Mayor of the City of Willits, honor the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation and Ridgewood Ranch on the occasion of the Seabiscuit Stud Barn being listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. IN WITNESS WHEREOF.

day of May, 2014. Holly Madrigal, Mayor

Main Street

into the through-traffic lane from the left-turn-only lane, but some drivers have also reported that the new configuration has helped clear up the northbound traffic backup

From Page 1

The rest of

Head Start

parents those same skills.

get my GED (diploma)."

From Page 14

Years later, she is teaching young

Findley said: "Head Start gave us

guidance. We learned discipline and

how important it is to have a consistent

routine. Head Start even helped me

Head Start parent classes

include information about safety

and emergency preparedness, food

preparation and nutrition, and how to

help children be successful in school.

plays three sports and maintains a B

average in school. I don't know if that

would have happened without Head

Start," Findley said. Findley was proud

to share that she and her husband just

bought their first home, after saving for

vears. "We've come a long way since

Haily was in the Head Start program,'

The final success story belongs to

Veronica Tyrell, another lead teacher.

Tyrell began as a volunteer when her

son attended the Head Start program

in 2000. Fourteen years later, she is

as enthusiastic about the program

as she was the day she started. She

believes that Head Start's supportive

environment encourages families to

"I really love it here. For me as a

parent and as a staff person. I think

the best thing we offer is the way

we support people wherever they

are in their lives. It makes such a

difference just to have someone who

understands and is willing to listen.

We help people make better choices

for their children and their families,

Sometimes, when dealing with

behavior problems, families can

resolve problems by learning to set

limits and using other parenting

techniques. Other times, behavior

problems may indicate the presence of

a developmental problem that requires

professional intervention. Head Start

has a network of specialists available

"I had a parent who was having

a hard time with her child. The child

was about to go to Kindergarten,

but couldn't interact well with other

children.... Working with a specialist

within a few months we saw a huge

change in the student's behavior.

Without this intervention, he probably

would have had a much rougher

transition into Kindergarten," Tyrell

Head Start is just one example

of how North Coast Opportunities

when the need arises.

get the help they need.

she said.

"My daughter, Haily, is now 15. She

"We're hoping this will help provide some traffic relief," Frisbie said last week after the initial work was done. "But the reality is, during the peak traffic periods, only 10 percent of the traffic is turning left. It could possibly help more during moderate traffic, and reduce the total time traffic is backed up. But it won't help that much during the actual peaks. You'll still have 90 percent of the traffic merging into the right [through traffic] lane."

Bypass contractors also started hauling 100,000 cubic yards of fill Monday night, from the southern end of the bypass project to the northern interchange area. This fill will be put on either side of the railroad overcrossing: which will be the highest of the northern interchange bridges. "We need to get that fill starting to settle, to be sure we can build that overcrossing next season," Frisbie said. "We'll fill that in first, and then we'll start filling in where the other bridges for the northern interchange are going."

Trucks will be working all night, five nights a week, for two or three weeks to haul the fill. Official work time is 7 pm to 7 am, Sunday night through Friday morning, but loading time means trucks won't actually be on the road until well after 7 pm, Frisbie said.

- Jennifer Poole

"But if you are going to support jobs, you're gonna support them in construction, like the [new] Howard Hospital. You're gonna be supporting them in the Harris Quarry deal. You're going to be supporting them in forestry. Because forestry is going to be the rising tide that floats all boats in the long run.

"We think [forestry is] gone," Wagenet said. and it's coming back like a tsunami. If we're going to be reinvesting in infrastructure for the future, that's the place to do it."

production.

"Some of you are old enough to remember to be "problem solvers," adding that wasn't the biomass proposals that came up and came into this very town," he said, "and everybody stood up and said, 'Gee. We don't want it here.' We had this big NIMBY attitude toward it. But in truth, the small biomass plant ... depends upon a flow of raw materials, where you can collect that which you use for biomass. Therefore you need a vigorous logging program.

one priority facing the county is, Wagenet replied, "The lack of a water policy."

strengthens the communities it serves. In addition to the Head Start

Child Development Program, NCO's programs include all the Community Action Agency projects, Leadership Mendocino, Rural Communities Child Care, Redwood Caregivers Resource Center, Foster Grandparents, and the Volunteer Network. To learn more about NCO and its many programs. visit www.ncoinc.org. To contact Willits

- Submitted by Jendi Coursey for

3rd District WATER ISSUES

Conservation is useful, but is only a drop in the large bucket of demand. The real answer is improved dams and inter-tie

The Boy Scout lake at Camp Wente is attractive, however, that watershed is less productive than the others and legal entanglements are likely to be

Proper public works must meet earthquake standards in the form of

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program, Botello was asked to join the staff as an assistant.

Her daughters, meanwhile, are both currently attending UC Davis, and the older one is scheduled to graduate Read the rest of Head Start

Bloom

Many of the "wonderful quilters who live in Willits" will be exhibiting at the "Quilts in Bloom" Quilt Show in Ukiah this weekend, said Willits guilter Rachel Cash.

than 200 quilts made by quilters in Mendocino and Lake counties, is presented by the Grapevine Quilters of Mendocino County at the Alex Rorabaugh Center, 1640 South State Street in Ukiah, on Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18.

"Quilts in Bloom" features viewers don special 3D glasses.

A merchant mall will be open to the public during the show, highlighting vendors of sewing machines, fabric, and quilting patterns and supplies. A country store will include many beautiful handmade items. Tickets will be available to purchase a chance to win one of the bountiful theme baskets on display.

designed and made by a group of Grapevine Quilters guild members will also be raffled off on Sunday at 3

Show hours are 9 am

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> 'borrow' approximately \$100,000 annually from the District To restore the Department's reserves for

• To eliminate the Department need to

emergency equipment replacement. Life saving equipment cannot be repaired

and some of the personal safety gear is outdated and

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Why do we need a Water Tender?

near a fire hydrant. In an emergency that knocks out pumps and water will be cut off. A Water Tender will carry hundreds of gallons so that we can fight residential and wildlands fires where no water is available. The Water Tender is also important to maintaining

our ISO rating. Can the money be used for salaries of

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for any other projects?

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How did the Revenue Enhancement Committee decide on a \$34 annual increase?

Committee of residents including those increase in the fire tax conducted a review to keep the community fire safe.

The Revenue Enhancement Committee's recommendations



California is now officially in a long- of the Fire Department's current and

term drought. Currently Brooktrails future needs, including all of its financial has a rating of 5 out of 10 from the ISO information and the federal and state

The committee unanimously agreed that the least expensive, least disruptive and most beneficial option for the community, and each resident, was to maintain the Department and raise revenue by \$34 per year. This will establish a fund to replace equipment, such as a Water Tender In 2013, a Revenue Enhancement and EMT supplies, maintain the hazard abatement program and ensure that the who opposed the last request for an department is able to work with residents

to 5 pm on Saturday, May 17, and 9 am to 4 pm on Sunday, May 18. Advance tickets, \$6, are available in Willits at Cat's Meow. Tickets at the door are \$8. Advance tickets are also available from Rachel Cash cordially invites the public to attend the show to see what the local quilters are

while the nation struggled WHEREAS, On January 22,

buildings and extraordinary

natural resources of the

Ridgewood Ranch. The National

Trust for Historic Preservation

has identified the habitat as one

of America's most endangered

historic places. The stud barn has

been carefully restored by the

local Rotary Club of Willits. The

Ranch also hosts a therapeutic

horseback riding T.R.A.I.L

program for the developmentally

disabled. Christ's Church of the

Golden Rule has owned the

ranch since 1962 and along

with the Willits Chamber of

Commerce generously provides

nistorical tours of the ranch and

fundraising benefits for such

causes as rescue and aid for

injured and retired thoroughbred

race horses. The Foundation

fosters greater knowledge and

understanding of this important

IT RESOLVED, that I, Holly

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chapter in our local history

remaining 5,000 acres

WHEREAS, The historic site omination was spearheaded

designation formalized by the Secretary of Interior on January 22, 2014 will have a public celebration program and placement of a commemorative laque at Ridgewood Ranch on riday, May 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, During the Great Depression the racehorse Seabiscuit became a national favorite and symbol of hope. Once described as a ``smallish horse with an ungainly stride" Seabiscuit grew to be a champion. He has been the subject of books, movies and countless articles. His crowning achievement happened in 1938 when Seabiscuit beat the Triple Crown winner War Admiral. Seabiscuit won thirty-three races and set thirteen track records at eight tracks, being named Horse of the Year in 1938, earning a world record of more than 400 thousand dollars in his career

WHEREAS, Many lessons can be learned today from this underdog that rose to greatness

and becoming a national hero;

and listening to what each candidate has to core, if you want to have jobs, you need a you've cut too far.

have hereunto set my hand and

cause the Seal of the CITY OF

WILLITS to be affixed this 14th

for [in Willits], and if 10 of us got together, we could make this a vocational training center for the whole county."

boards, and looked like she was having a good time answering the questions. current chief executive officer model, Romero responded: "This is an issue upon which there is some information that is lacking, and

because this is a very serious matter." Romero frequently expressed a Libertarian attitude toward government. When asked what he would do to increase employment in the 3rd District, he replied: "I would want the board of supervisors, as well as every other Looking down the road, she noted the agency, to get the heck out of the way and let the people do what they do best, and that is,

create jobs." Romero said several times the answer to Mendocino County's economic problems would be to adopt a health plan he has

He added he thought the number one issue facing the county was a lack of jobs and the need to develop more jobs.

Tom Woodhouse reminded the audience county workers are not happy, and promised to work to make them happier

"Right now, there are a third less employees - and they're not happy," Woodhouse said. "They're not being efficient or productive, and no one's paying attention to them. The way I want to do things is walk beside those employees, one by one, and hear their story on how to improve their situation.

"And it's not just money. It's with the attention and paying attention to their good ideas, and really growing them as happier employees that will be more efficient for us. a top priority to relieve local traffic. That will be a savings for us all."

But Woodhouse also said there's not enough money to do all the things the county needs to do. "We have a decision to make if we don't

want to pay more money," he said. "It's easy to sit up here and say, 'We're for everything.' But really we can't afford much more than we have right now. So the challenge is, are you all willing to pay a hundred or two hundred or five hundred or what your limit is to keep the

"We have to have an honest discussion about that because with inflation and the burden on government, we either have to pay more, or have less services. We should have a conversation about that and somehow get the answer in the budget.

the county faces is not developing jobs, but developing a workforce. "Really, the Willits Weekly | May 15, 2014 Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047 Email: willitsweekly@gmail.com Mail: P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490

trained, drug-free, motivated work force.... Vocational training is something we're set up

Holly Madrigal talked about her experience working on issues during her 10 years on the Willits City Council and on countywide

Madrigal noted she had attracted manufacturing jobs to Willits through her Mayor's Initiative. Her target, she said, had been to increase manufacturing jobs in Willits by 3 percent, and she met that target.

Madrigal said she felt the county Department of Planning and Building needed what the department was doing at present.

hydroelectric plant in Potter Valley will be up for relicensing in 2017 and wondered whether the county should take ownership of that energy source if PG&E was willing to let the plant go.

"I'm very interested to see what role the board of supervisors will play in that," she said, "and if we could explore a communityaggregated energy production versus that privately owned source."

Madrigal took Woodhouse to task over his refusal to support building a road linking Baechtel Road to Railroad Avenue in Willits because there wasn't money available.

"I'm not gonna just throw up my hands and say that there's no money," she said. "We need to have a vision in our community, and we can find the money. We can develop industry, manufacturing there's a lot of things we can do. I'm not gonna limit myself by the current economic situation." Madrigal noted that the Willits City Council unanimously agrees a Baechtel Road Railroad Avenue corridor is

When asked what she thought was the most serious issue facing the county today, Madrigal replied it was the lack of a countywide water policy.

Former supervisor Hal Wagenet cited his experience inside government and out. Wagenet served on the board of supervisors from 2003 to 2006. He also has served on the North Coast Railroad Authority board of directors, and as chairman of Visit Mendocino, one of the county's premier tourist organizations.

Mendocino County, he said, has lost a lot of jobs in county government. "So you are now in a situation where the cuts have been made. But you've gone too far. If you have somebody in the tax collector's office that goes out and discovers that in some areas of the county 30 percent of the properties have had improvements that have not even been recorded, then clearly considerably

"But it's not gone. It's simply re-emerging,

He revisited that theme when he spoke about how the county could promote energy

"Forestry is going to be the thing that helps pull all this together," Wagenet said.

When asked what he thought the number

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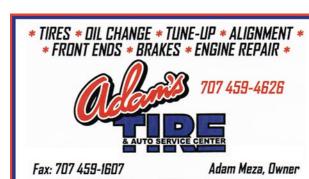






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Last Wednesday, Linda Buletti stood shaded beneath towering redwoods and watched as City of Willits employee

Curtis Collicott hung a string of globe lights across Babcock Park's metal arch. The lights are the final touches on a multi-year community

a multi-year community effort to restore the South Main Street park that commemorates Willits' beloved Dr. Raymond Babcock.

The park, originally created after his death in 1961, is located outside the hospital Babcock helped start and next to where his office once stood. A previous re-beautification effort led by Dusty Whitney in 1990 included the installation of the arch, along with planting bulbs and other landscaping, also via community fundraising efforts.

Over the last two years the restoration project has been aided through the coordination efforts of volunteers such as Buletti, Tom Woodhouse and Larry

Stranske, contributions from Dave Watts of Sanhedrin Nursery, who provided the plants around the fountain and

drip irrigation, and community members who donated to the cause.

"In a town our size, it doesn't take much – just a few people helping a bit makes a huge difference," says Buletti. A private donor provided the lights, which are LED and low-wattage, with resin bulbs to withstand outdoor conditions. They will be on a timer to go on at dusk and will vary with seasonal changes.

The hardy plants and timers for irrigation, lights, and fountain, along with recycled water, mean the park is very low-maintenance. The only cost to the city has been the installation of an electrical box for the lights and affixing the lighting, done by Collicott along with city workers Jerry Campbell and Tom Bond.



City workers install new globe lights on the Babcock Park metal arch.

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Photos by Kate Maxwell



Furry Friend

Hoping for a home Favorite George Meet the very lively and handsome George! He is a 2 1/2-year-old American Bulldog/Boxer mix and a very smart and playful guy. He came to live with us last December, as he was found wandering alone near the railroad tracks – and sadly nobody came looking for him. He is one of our volunteer and staff favorites, and when you go to greet him he does a very endearing bow for you! George

endearing bow for you! George absolutely loves going for walks, and he walks right by your side.

Since he can get excitable at times, we would recommend a home with older children. George is already neutered, so he is ready to go home the same day you meet and adopt him. He has been here way too long, and we would love for him to be adopted soon! We hope you will come meet this very happy and affectionate guy to see if he would make a great addition to your home!

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of more of our wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website: www.mendoshelterpets or visit our shelter during shelter hours. Info: Adoption Coordinator, Katherine

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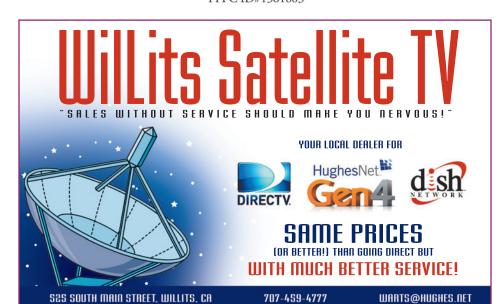
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Emily Leishman, 354-0260. Read about her in Willits Weekly's April 17 edition.

Calayan Knight, 841-6343, calayansweetheartcontestant.14@ gmail.com. Read about her in Willits Weekly's April 24 edition.





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