Fire season is coming

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

"Fire season isn't here yet, but it's just around the corner," said Deputy Chief Jon Noyer during a Friday interview in Brooktrails.

Noyer said it was time for homeowners to undertake "defensible space" work around their homes clearing out brush, grass and downed wood for a distance of 100 feet from residences.

According to Noyer, PG&E has provided grants for up to five Brooktrails residents so they can pay for defensible space work to be done. The grants are designed to defray defensible space costs for the elderly and low-income people. Interested parties are asked to call the Brooktrails Fire Department at 459-4441.

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City-Brooktrails lawsuit

tab about \$1.3 million

Zack Cinek Reporter zack@willitsweekly.com

The "Brooktrails versus City of Willits" lawsuit cost the city \$861,000 in attorney's fees, according to a report from the city finance director.

The amount is higher costs for arbitrators and expert witnesses are factored in. Total cost of the suit is estimated at about \$1.3 million, the report stated.

Council members last Wednesday approved an extra \$100,000 to cover legal fees. The additional money was on the council's consent calendar for routine business.

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Pot grower found dead;

foul play not suspected

Carbon monoxide poisoning is suspected in the death of a 22-year-old Southern California man last week at a remote north county marijuana-growing operation.

Results of a Friday autopsy and blood and toxicology tests have yet to be revealed, but Mendocino County sheriff's Sgt. Shannon Barney said investigators could find "no obvious signs of foul play."

The body of Gerald Vitelli of Fullerton was discovered in the rear of a vehicle Thursday evening at about 7 p.m. after Mendocino

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Festival &

Car Show

Memorial Day

Weekend in Willits

By Jennifer Poole

It's Memorial Day weekend, and Willits will be celebrating with the 34th annual Community Festival & Car Show

Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm at the Rec Grove.

Veterans will be honored at 12 noon, as the American Legion Post 174 Color Guard presents "The Colors" at 12 pm, with the National Anthem and Jeff Whitby playing bagpipes.

Classic cars will be on display all day, with the awards ceremony at 3 pm. The Lions Club will be serving their "engine starting" breakfast in the park from 7 to 10 am.

Several members of the Willits Shifters car club – who help host the Willits Chamber of Commerce event – showed off their fancy rides at the Baechtel Creek Inn Tuesday afternoon. Shifters President Neil Orr, Jr. brought the well-

loved Willits Police Car, a 1954 Ford Crestline "that has been made into a Ford Mainline," the car aficionados said.

"We pretty much duplicated the original Willits Police Car," Orr said, including making a decal modeled after the real "Willits Police Department" plates riveted onto the doors of the early law enforcement vehicles.

"Twelve of us spent six years of Wednesday nights restoring this car," Shifters member Jim Montalvo laughed. "We took every nut and bolt apart. Everything in this car is new. We put a Thunderbird '57 engine in it." But there's still more work to do: the red

police light on the top doesn't revolve. "We've got to tear

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REACH flights begin

despite legal wrangle

Zack Cinek

Reporter zack@willitsweekly.com

REACH Air Medical Services' red EC135 helicopter and crew is making flights from Ells Field, delivering patients from hospital to hospital and responding to 911 calls.

The helicopter began working from the airport last week. REACH had gained approval from the City of Willits in March to lease space for its operations.

"We moved the Ukiah aircraft up to the Willits airport on May 12," REACH Vice President of Business Relations Anna Blair said.

in January the Santa Rosa-based medical helicopter firm announced

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Water: How it works in Willits

Ron Orenstein Contributing Writer

Part 2

Last time, I presented a brief overview of the City of Willits water system, touching on some of its components, the water holding capacity, and a little bit about some of the issues and problems that the city faces trying to assure a reliable, safe supply of water to city water customers. Now we'll talk about another aspect of the water equation: paying for everything!

lt's one of unfortunate "Facts Life" that everything costs something; nothing is free, and part of providing things is figuring out how to pay for

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Garbage

City still grappling with mixed organic waste

Zack Cinek Reporter zack@willitsweekly.com

Negotiations continue between the city and Solid Waste of Willits, which are in the process of bargaining for terms of a new garbagehauling services contract.

The city and Franklin Avenue-based Solid Waste dickered in recent months over what to do with green waste, rates, contract details and whether or not to include Cold Creek Compost in the deal.



Clockwise from above: Willits Chamber of Commerce's Lynn Kennelly and Baechtel Creek Inn's Jan Rodriguez pose with handcuffs and a baton in front of the Willits Police Department car. Willits Shifters members displaying their classic cars: Marlin Press in his new Shelby Cobra 65 kit car; Neil Orr, Jr., driving the 1954 WPD police car; the burgandy convertible Shelby Cobra; Craig Styles in a 1964 Chevrolet Chevelle El Camino: and Jim Montalvo in his 1970 Plymouth Cuda.





Board of Supervisors Report

By Mike A'Dair, reporter, Willits Weekly

Homeless avoid count

This year's census of the number of homeless people living in Mendocino County has yielded unusual results. According to reports from two count coordinators, homeless people were aggressive and non-cooperative, and in several instances had abandoned long-established camps on the day of the count. Possibly as a result, fewer homeless people in this county were counted than in a similar count taken two years ago.

The "Point in Time" count taken was planted there.

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Supes honor Judi Bari

Judi Bari, the Earth First! activist and a leader in the so-called "Timber Wars" that gripped Mendocino County from the late 1980s to mid-1990s, was honored Tuesday with a proclamation by the board of supervisors.

Bari and her companion Darryl Cherney were injured when a bomb exploded in their car in Oakland on May 24, 1990. Both Bari and Cherney staunchly denied having had prior knowledge the bomb was in their car. They claimed the bomb

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A campaign to block the reauthorization of

BID framework

starts to crumble

Mendocino County's Business Improvement District has torn a hole in efforts on part of the board of supervisors to revamp the governing structure of the county's tourism industry.

The protest campaign surfaced when supervisors Tuesday, acknowledged hotel and inn owners in Fort Bragg and Point Arena had submitted letters protesting adoption of the BID.

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Read the rest of Garbage

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Open letter to all peace officers in Mendocino County

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

To the Editor:

Over the past several months, we have heard, and seen, several high-profile incidents across the nation involving law enforcement officers. Ferguson, New York, Arizona, South Carolina and Baltimore have all had incidents where the public is questioning law enforcement's response to incidents.

While these incidents are certain to continue to be emotional issues for all of us, I want to make sure that you are aware of how much you are appreciated. I appreciate the fact that you have chosen to work in a rural county where we are all part of our community. You are Little League coaches, Girl Scout leaders, football referees, non-profit board members, and heavily involved in our children's schools. We are an integral part of our community as well as peace keepers throughout our 3,509-square-mile county.

Thank you for doing your job so well. Thank you for working well with one another and maintaining the safety and security in each of our communities. As the nation questions specific events, please never forget that our primary mission is to serve the public. We enforce laws fairly, we understand and follow the Peace Officers Code of Ethics, and we stand ready to protect our communities against threats and violence

We are very fortunate in Mendocino County to work so well with each other. I want to thank you for supporting each other and standing tall when danger approaches. Preserving the peace, providing quality public safety, and maintaining your personal ethics and integrity is noticed and very appreciated.

There are no words to adequately describe how proud I am when I see you working as a team throughout our county. Deputy sheriffs, CHP officers, city police officers. probation officers, district attorney investigators and our allied agencies all work together for the common good of our citizens.

Thank you for what you do, and thanks to your families for the sacrifices which they also make.

Tom Allman, sheriff, Mendocino County

Memorial Day memories

To the Editor:

My brother, Robert Michael "Mike" Lathrope was 21 years old when the Marine jet he was on exploded on take-off, departing Hong Kong for Danang, Vietnam.

The fatal tragedy killed 258 of the 271 troops on board on August 24, 1965. Mike was among the dead. The Vietnam War was in full bloom, and this Willits native was in his third year of a four-year stint with the United States Navy.

Mike was a construction worker, U.S. Naval Mobile

Construction Battalion Nine, Third Naval Construction Brigade, Military Assistance Command Vietnam, "Sea Bees" for the Navy, and was stationed in Danang before flying to Hong Kong. They were building their base from the ground up. It consisted of their base camp, hospital, mess hall and Marine barracks. When they arrived there, it was a pile of sand surrounded by mountains. All day these

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"Fightin' SeaBees" labored, only to return at night to watch for anything and everything that might try to destroy the camp they were building.

Mike was born in Modesto, and moved with his family to Willits when he was 11 years old. He was a graduate of Willits High School, "Class of 62." After graduation he promptly joined the Navy in July. He didn't want to go to work in the sawmill and wanted to see some of the world.

Like so many of the same age group, Mike opted for military service. He took his basic at Port Hueneme, San Diego, then did two stints in Okinawa. He left for Vietnam in June of 1965.

He and four other SeaBees hopped a Marine C130 transport, for a much-needed R&R in Hong Kong. Thirteen men survived the crash; one of them being one of the

"These were four of our best men": a quote from their commanding officer. They were all known to be hard workers, men skilled in their individual rates. Some of his troop mates remarked that it seems strange that our first casualties happened while on R&R flight. The Marines lost a lot of men on the same flight - "Marines and Seabees, working and fighting together, side by side and sometimes with each other. When we are overseas, we are always on duty": This quote came from the Bee Line newsletter from

This year marks the 50th anniversary of his death; for my brother and I, it seems just like yesterday. Mike, I didn't get to see you age – you are forever young. You gave the ultimate sacrifice, so we could live free. For that Cliff and I are eternally grateful.

Diane Ford, Willits

Healthy Living Workshops

I am writing this letter to the community of Willits to express my thoughts about the Healthy Living Workshops available through Avenues to Wellness, a Frank R. Howard

Foundation program. appreciated the skills that learned as a participant in a February class so much that I was eager to learn to be a trainer myself.

In my initial class I learned skills that helped me to be a self-manager. The classes are designed by Stanford University for people with chronic health conditions. Stanford has a long history of success with this program, and it has been taught thousands of times and worldwide. I have found that many of communication, healthier choices, exercise and improved sleep, have carried into so many areas

of my work and family life.

Currently, my co-facilitator and I are teaching a very enthusiastic group in the Laytonville area. Beginning June 9 we will be offering classes in Willits. I would like to encourage folks who are dealing with chronic health conditions, or caregivers of folks with chronic conditions to consider this six-week free class, as a way to improve their health and life skills too. Thank you.

Judy Dunbar, Willits

Thanks from BACA

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) Mendocino County Temp Chapter, I would like to thank the community of Mendocino County for the support we received on our 100 Mile Ride event that was held on Saturday, May 16. Riders from Willits, Ukiah, Covelo and Fort Bragg participated in our ride and the barbeque that

A special thank you to Jim and Terry Arbogast, who manned the barbeque and served up some fantastic burgers and dogs, chili and salad: to the Humboldt County Chapter of BACA; to

Big Jim Gunnink of Gunnink's Harley-Davidson for allowing us to invade his parking lot for the start and end of our event; and last but not least - to DJ Mikey T for his donated time to provide us with some rockin' biker tunes and his master of ceremony talents!

Look for our booth at the Willits Community Festival & Car Show this Sunday, May 24, at Recreation Grove and at the Willits Hometown Celebration on Thursday, June 25. We will be happy to meet you and talk about BACA's Mission Statement and the goals for our chapter.

> Rich Venturi, president, **BACA Mendocino County Temp Charter**

'We The People'

To the Editor:

We in Mendocino County should be especially proud of our Congressman Jared Huffman for co-sponsoring the just re-introduced "We The People" amendment to the U.S.

House of Representatives (HJR48). This amendment would eliminate both Supreme Court doctrines that grant constitutional rights to artificial entities such as corporations and define spending money as free speech.

Congressman Huffman responded to our request/demand in passing Measure F overwhelmingly in 2012. In making the announcement, lead sponsor Rep. Rick Nolan (DFL-Minnesota), said: "It's time to take the shaping and molding of public policy out of corporate boardrooms, away from the corporate lobbyists, and put it back in city halls – back with county boards and state legislatures – and back in the Congress where it belongs."

Please add your support for this nationwide movement by signing the petition at www.MoveToAmend.org, and be sure to thank Congressman Huffman (www.huffman.house.gov) for his leadership in representing his constituents. If you would like to get involved with the local Move To Amend group, sign up via the web site.

Margaret Koster, Willits

Wowser Summer Program

To the Editor:

Wowser has announced its first annual Summer Skills Training Program, which will primarily serve greater Willits area youth ages 14 plus. The vocational skills program starts on June 15, and for eight continuous weeks will offer different classes such as welding, wood-working, 3D modeling, and more. Each class is one week long. Members choose which classes they want to go to, one week, all eight, or somewhere in between.

Wowser has provided vocational skills training to the community for the last two years. An online video about the impact of this skills training has been viewed over 10,000 times and can be viewed here: http://wowser.org/ summer/. The Summer Skills Program will allow Wowser to the skills which I learned, formalize its ability to train community members by offering

> As a complement, Wowser is currently in discussions with Mendocino College to host two different construction classes at the Wowser facility. These courses would be taught by college instructors, and students would be eligible for college credit. A firm summer schedule will be available on the Wowser website by May 28.

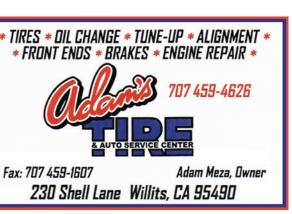
> Wowser has created a sponsorship program that will allow local organizations to invest in the youth of the community by underwriting the cost of the program and making all the classes free to Wowser members. This will eliminate any financial concerns of individual members and make the classes available to anyone regardless of ability to pay.

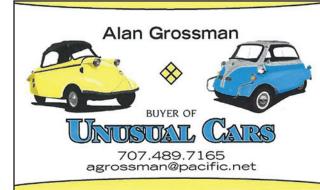
> In conjunction with the Summer Skills Program, Wowser is offering a membership special from now through June 15. for half-off the normal membership fee. Residents can become a member for just \$50 or \$4.44 a month for 12 months here. Sign up here: http://wowser.org/special/.

> "The purpose of Wowser is to provide, for the interested people of the Greater Willits Area, a transformed ability to use experiential learning as a pathway for a personal life that works," says founder Roger Wilson. "Our Summer Skills Program is a vehicle to grow our membership base while providing a needed service to the community."

> > Ian Fitzpatrick, for Wowser, Willits









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Hospital Auxiliary Rummage Sale 'Neighbors helping Neighbors'

Many long-time Willits residents fondly remember the "Pink Ladies" of Frank R. Howard Hospital. Founded in 1965, by Ernestine Watson, this group of volunteers started out by doing small chores at the hospital to help with the non-essential care of patients, making them an integral part of the hospital.

The mission of this group has come a long way in 50 years! The Frank R. Howard Hospital Auxiliary, now a group of men Jenny Senter and women, not only help out in a myriad of ways

the purchase of needed equipment. These events, along with the management of the hospital thrift shop (planned to reopen At top, left: Howard Auxiliary volunteers, from when the new hospital opens), have earned hundreds of thousands of dollars used to supply Howard Hospital with equipment that ordinarily would not be in their operating budget

Auxiliary members' efforts to earn money for a new piece of equipment were helped by steady stream of Willits residents and people passing through Willits who shopped at their

101 between Scoops and

Features Writer

rummage sale on Highway Read the rest of HMH



left to right: Saundra Barrera, Jann Lamprich, Sheila Gray, Ruth Young, Lois Edwards, Becky Hope (director of Volunteer Services), Laura Azevedo, Pat Vance, Laurel Morris, Helen TePas, Bev O'Ferrall (behind), and Nellie Larsen. At top, right: Willits resident Steve Hebel, and a block and tackle. Above: Patti Falge and Leigh Austin of Willits admire a painting. Right: Eureka resident Jordan Over on Page 9 eorge scores a wake board.







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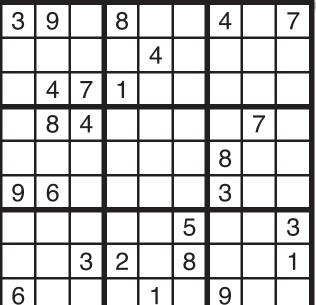
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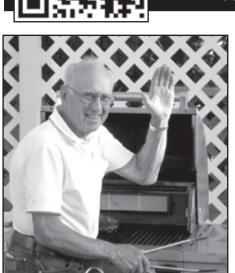
Sudoku





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





OBITUARY

Walter Stebbins

Walter Vernon Stebbins, a resident of Willits and veteran of the United States Army, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2015. He was 83 years old. He was born and educated in Seattle. Washington. He was a graduate of the University of Washington, earning a BA in business administration.

He met his wife of 58 years, Dorothy, in the Seattle area while attending college. They raised their children in San Jose, where Walt was employed with Lockheed Martin for 26 years. After retirement they relocated to Willits, where he enjoyed volunteering at the library and attending classes at Mendocino College.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughter Lori Jim); son Gregg (Laura); granddaughter Christa (Shawn); and great-grandchildren Jayden and

Kyleigh. A "Celebration of Life" will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, it has been requested that contributions be made to The Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490.

Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.



Saying 'No'

no to people. What can I do?

I have a very hard time saying

Dear Doris:

Dear M.:

Doris Wier

Congratulations that you are noticing how difficult it is for you to say no. And thank you for bringing this issue to my attention. Many

no to reasonable requests for our assistance or time. A common

reason is that perhaps we were not allowed to say no as children,

or when we did, it had unpleasant consequences for us. Some of

your difficulties may even be rooted in American culture itself. When

I came to the USA (I lived in Switzerland until I was 45), I noticed

early on that a yes may not automatically mean yes in this country

and that people give you a yes quicker than in my country of origin.

Let me point out two potential dangers when you say yes but

really mean no. First, when you ignore your own limits too often

by saying yes when you mean no, you can end up resenting the

person doing the asking or feel guilty for not telling him or her the

truth. Second, when you don't follow your yes with the appropriate

action or response, you may disappoint all parties involved,

the asker knows right away that you are unavailable and can find

someone else or another solution. A yes on the other hand naturally

fuels expectations and saying no at a later moment can be more

Whatever the underlying cause of your difficulties, I recommend

to say yes in the first place. Also, what is your biggest fear of saying

no? What do you do when you realize that you can't live up to your

agreement? Finally, what happens to your relationships with people

When you do the above exercise you will probably discover that

saying yes when you may not feel like saying yes has immediate

positive but longer-term negative aspects. Being limited to saying no

would also impact you negatively. Both limitations can harm you and

your relationships. I think being truthful with yourself and what you

can and want to do is the best policy here. A good rule of thumb is

when you realize that you can't keep your commitment, let the other

If you have any relationship questions, please send them to doriswier@embraceconflicts.

com or to WW directly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490. I am happy to answer them

Doris Wier is a certified relationship and life coach who works and lives in Willits. She coaches individuals, couples, families, and professionals. In addition she offers Explore-Shops on

conflict resolution and deepening your intimacy and connection in your partnership. For more information on the process, call 707-456-9246. www.embraceconflicts.com and

Here's to more mindful "yes-es" and "no-s" in our world!

when you often say yes but can't or don't complete the task?

disappointing than a no in the first place.

person know as soon as possible.

anonymously on the third Thursday of the month

Sarah Hayes

Sarah Hayes passed away April 12, 2015 at home with family and friends at her side. Sarah was a loving niece, sister, aunt and friend. She was born in New Jersey and raised in southern California. She arrived in Willits in the early 1970s and spent 30 years working at Safeway.

Sarah was an avid gardener, and she enjoyed sharing her garden with her friends in a celebration of life earlier

She leaves behind her brother, Johnny Hayes (Marcia), nephew Patrick (Jennifer), niece Helen (Jim), great-niece Carlee, and great-nephew Owen, as well as her dog Zoey.

It's time for another round of Willits Weekly's 'Phrase Find'

Match the phrases below to their specific advertisement in this edition for a chance at a prize!

Every month, a random week - or multiple weeks will be chosen for Willits Weekly to run our Phrase Find contest. The contest will feature five phrases that can each be found in an ad in the current edition. Each phrase will match only one advertisement. The first person to There may be a variety of reasons why we struggle with saying **EMAIL** the correct answers to willitsweekly@gmail.com will win a prize

For this week's prize, you can win TWO FREE TICKETS TO SEE A MOVIE AT NOYO THEATRE

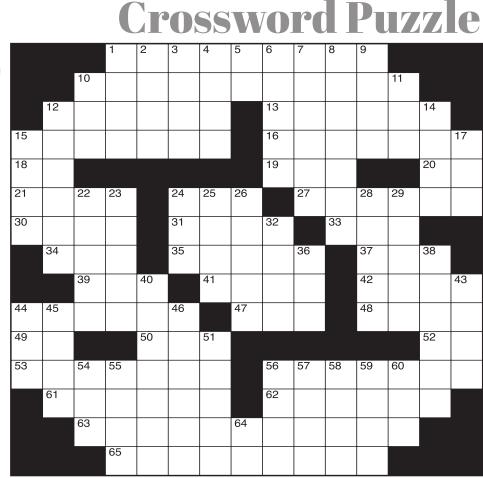
Answers will only count as correct if they include the COMPLETE NAME OF THE BUSINESS, as shown on the ad where the phrase is found. Winners will be replied to via email and will receive instructions on how to get their prize at that time. Winners will also be publicly announced in the next round of Phrase Find. Phrase Find including yourself. A no may be disappointing as well, but at least will be run on random weeks at random intervals, so make sure to check often to see if the current edition contains the contest. Phrases will only be pulled from regular display advertisements: not from classifieds, news stories, letters to the editor, Calendar or other editorial content. you explore the feelings you create in yourself and around your Facebook posts, messages, texts, phone calls, personal relationships with others when you say yes and you are not certain you can deliver on your promise. Notice the feelings that cause you conversations or any other form of communication will not be counted as entries. All entries must be emailed to: willitsweekly@gmail.com only. Email time stamps/ order in inbox will indicate the winner in the event of a tie.

> 1. Where does "MONTANA MILLER" work? 2. Who can help you "Meet Milo"? 3. "Oat, wheat, barly" are options where?

4. Who has "LUNCH CARDS"? 5. Who has a phone number ending in "4854"?

> Willits Weekly's Phrase Find - May 21, 2015 EMAIL answers to willitsweekly@gmail.com Previous Contest Winners:

Donna Schindel & Kim Pinson



CLUES ACROSS 1. Library furnishings

- 10. A major N. Am. river 12. Music for a narrative poem
- 13. A set of steps 15. Shooting stars 16. Keenly perceptive
- 18. , denotes past 19. "3:10 to Yuma" actress
- Gretchen 20. Old English
- 24. Brake horsepower
- 27. Interlocks 30. Twofold
- 31. Green, iced and Earl Grey 33. Maddie and , singers
- 34. Bridge-building degree 35. Flat-topped flower cluster 37. A waterproof raincoat

mind a canine friend in her next home.

- 39. A way to ingest 41. Tayra genus
- 42. Birds 44. 3.26 light years 47. Confederate soldier
- 48. Body fluids

- 49. Atomic #35 50. Seize
- 52. In event that 53. Grassy plain 56. Enzyme in milk
- 61. Rags 62. Actress May 63. In a way, aided 65. Humilities
- CLUES DOWN 1. Digestive fluid
- 2. Capital of Norway 3. Plural of os
- 4. Young goats 5. "Peanuts" creator's initials
- 6. State in NE India 7. Type of TV program 8. Shoulder adornment
- 9. Meat-roasting rod 10. Protective floor pad 11. Anger
- 12. Spread over 14. Blackthorn fruit 15. Commingle
- 17. Affirmative 22. Horse used to set the

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Terrier Triscuit

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- 54. Very high frequency 55. Name for ancient Syria
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- 59. Cords 60. Not or
- 64. Constitutes

16, it finally happened: the first-ever Willits High School alumni game between former Wolverine baseball players and the WHS varsity squad. Due to its success, it probably won't be the last.

> "We exceeded expectations," Branscomb said. about the funds raised by the day's activities. The goal was to raise \$1,000, money that is vital to fund next year's season

Aaron Branscomb, the assistant coach of

Willits High School's JV baseball team, had

a fundraising idea. It's an idea others have

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for equipment, from socks to helmets, to new balls and for the costly travel expenses of

had before, but

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manifested. On

Saturday, May

and Erika Rowland (Kyle's aunt), for organizing the raffle, silent auction and Read the rest of food provisions for the game. Prizes

Baseball





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Thursday, May 21

Mendo Matters Radio Show: 9 am on KZYX, 91.5 Senior Center: Flea Market & BBQ: FM. For his last "Mendo Matters" show, Paul Lambert hosts Tom Woodhouse, newly elected member of Mendocino's Board of Supervisors from the Third District. "We'll discuss what a first-time elected official goes through getting up to speed, what his constituents

"Mental Health Month" **Outreach at the Farmers Market:**

really want, and what the

marijuana committee he is on

is doing." Call-ins welcome at:

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

"A Midsummer Night's Dream": Shakespeare's masterpiece performed by students at the Willits Charter School. Opens Thursday, May 21; continues Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23, then Thursday, May 28, Friday, May 29, and Saturday, May 30. All shows at 7 pm. Tickets at the door, \$10 general, \$5 students with ID.

Now and Then Film Series: "The Russian River: All Rivers – The Value of An American Watershed." a documentary exploring "the diverse forces which have come to shape one of California's iconic rivers forces which impact rivers and watersheds throughout the world. It examines how the Russian River has been used, and what the consequences of that use have been." 7 to 9 pm. Little Lake Grange. 291 School Street. Suggested donation \$5 to \$10. Heirloom "Tiny but Mighty" popcorn with organic butter and Fair Trade chocolate refreshments for sale by the Grange. Info: 459-6362.

Shanachie Pub: Julian & The Upside Sound, playing Americana: original and traditional songs for upbeat dancing and for listening. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, May 22

Memorial Weekend Book Sale: annual sale sponsored by Friends of the Willits Library. "Spring into summer with a book!" At the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Friday, May 22 from 10 am to 5 pm; Saturday, May 23 from 10 am to 5 pm; and Sunday, May 24 from 10 am to 3 pm. Sunday is "\$3 a bag" day: Bring your own bag!

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

Saturday, May 23

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Harrah Senior Center hosts a flea market & BBQ, from 8 am to 1 pm. "Come shop

> the many different vendors and find some hidden treasures." Hot dogs, root beer floats, and snow cones available. Spaces available for rent (7 am to 3 pm) \$20 each or 2 for \$30; \$15 each or 2 for \$25 for members. If you want to rent a space, contact Mariva at the Harrah Senior Center: 459-6826.

Civil War Exhibits Open House: at the Mendocino County Museum, for: "Lincoln, the Constitution and the Civil War" and "Uncivil Homefront: Mendocino County during the Civil War." Free. With Civil War reenactors, including "Abe and Mary Todd Lincoln." 10:30 to 4 pm.

Farm Tour of Ron Woolsey's Garden: part of the Spring and Summer Mendocino Farmers Guild Farm Tours & Work Days: "Tour these inspiring farms. Then get your hands dirty with some serious farm work. Bring a potluck dish to share." Saturday, May 23, Ron Woolsey's Garden, North Street between Redwood Avenue and Pine Street. 10 am to 2 pm. More info: 459-3107 or www. mendocinofarmersquild.com.

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

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

and follow the balloons. Tickets \$20; children under 13 free. Several Willits artists and painters will be at the event to paint plein-air portraits at the event for interested

Classic Metal Mixer: Baechte Creek Inn & Spa hosts the Willits Chamber of Commerce "Classic Metal Mixer." 5:30 to 7 pm. 101 Gregory Lane. "Join us for delicious food, fun networking and a sneak peak at some of the cars that will be on display at the Community Festival & Car Show on Sundar

Trio of Trios Concert: with Chanterelle (Madge Strong, Diane Smalley and Helen Falandes, with songs that "celebrate nature, justice, peace and joy"), Just Enough (Kate Black, Clancy Rash and Helen Falandes, "some folk, some rock and American roots music"), and Twining Time (John

Wagenet, Anita Blu and William Cutlip, with an "eclectic mix of old timey mountain music, folk, old style country, as well as more contemporary favorites"). 7 pm at the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street. A benefit for the Willits Food Bank. \$10 donation. Dessert served after the

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

Sunday, May 24

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

34th Annual Community Festival & Car Show: The 34th annual Community Festival & Car Show is set for the Rec Grove from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday, May 24. With MCs Sheriff Tom Allman and Richard Cooper from the Mendo Lake Credit Union. Revs up with the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast from 7 to 10 am. New this year: Black Bart Gunfighters, Arm Wrestling Contest (on regulationsized table). Yokum's Bounce House, and the Boy Scout's Swinging Bridge Obstacle Course. With beautiful classic cars on exhibition, music, games

> vendor booths, and raffles! "Join us for this fun family event at the Rec Grove!' Also, the American Legion Post 174 Color Guard will present "The Colors" at 12 pm, as a Memorial Day observance honoring those who have died in service to their country, with the National Anthem, and with Jeff Whitby playing bagpipes.

Memorial Weekend Book Sale: 10 am to 3 pm today; see Friday, May 22

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

What's Happening Around Town



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

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day Services: The American Legion Willits Post 174, will be conducting Memorial Day Services as follows from 10 to 10:30 am at the Willits Cemetery (Highway 20) and from 11 to 11:30 am at the Little Lake Cemetery (off East Hill Road). Flags will be placed on veterans graves at both cemeteries on Saturday, May 23 and will be "taken down" Monday afternoon (before sunset), on May

Tuesday, May 26

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

Wednesday, May 27

"Sanford Fare Well": a jazz-poetry program honoring former Willits resident Sanford Dorbin, activist, long-distance runner, and lifelong jazz poet and aficionado, who died on May 27, 2014. Noted musicians Jon Solow on piano and Les Tarr on bass will back WJ Ray reading to a set of eight jazz standards by Coltrane, Mingus, Jobim, Benny Golson and Bill Evans. The music interplays with Dorbin's jazz-influenced tropes, as well as with poems by Kenneth Patchen, Theodore Roethke,

James Joyce, A.E. Housman and Ray. Solow is a composer and instrumentalist best known for "Jazz From the Wharf" on KZYX, and Tarr, also a radio DJ, has played bass for 40 years. Ray has produced and read in poetry readings in Willits since 1985. One night only at The Muse, 30 East San Francisco Avenue. \$5. Starts at 7 pm; music until 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$5. Parking is

Thursday, May 28 Community Hu Song: "In

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our fast-paced world, are you looking to find more inner peace? Join us for a Community HU Song, Thursday, May 28, at 6 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street. HU (pronounced "hue") is a simple, uplifting prayer or mantra that can help you experience divine love and an inner calm. All faiths are welcome. Sponsored by Eckankar: Experience the Light & Sound of God, Information? Please call 972-2475 or visit www.miraclesinyourlife.org

Shanachie Pub: singer/songwriter Josephine Johnson, 6 pm; Jazz Night, 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194

Friday, May 29

Shanachie Pub: One-Man Band Jacob Green. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, May 30

Free CERT Training at Howard Forest: Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services and NCO Volunteer Network present 21 hours of free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training at Cal Fire Howard

Forest Training Center, 17501 North Highway 101, Willits. Held Saturday, May 30, from 9 am to 5 pm; Sunday, May 31, from 9 am to 4:45 pm; and Sunday June 7, from 8 am to 3:45 pm. "Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is fun and empowering. It will provide you with knowledge, skills and tools to support you, your friends, neighbors

disaster." Please bring personal snacks, beverages and a bag lunch. To preregister, call Rebecca Enberg at 462-

1959 or email renberg@ ncoinc.org. For more info on local CERTs, visit www. brooktrailscert.com.

War Exhibits 'Discovery Talk': this event at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, 3 pm, is a talk on "California Indian Histories and Memories of the Civil War," with William Bauer, associate professor of history, University of Nevada at Las Vegas and Round Valley tribal member. Visit www.mendocinomuseum org for more info on the two Civil War exhibits at the

call 459-2736. Free admission

Shanachie Pub: House of Love Night with DJ Podge. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, May 31

CNPS Native Plant Field Trip: "Explore different habitats at the beautiful Lucky Monkey Ranch west of Willits." 9 am to noon. Hosted by the Sanhedrin Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. Free, but small donation welcome. Visit http://sanhedrin cnps.org for more details.

18th Willits Walk for Health & Wellness: Registration for the free 18th annual Willits Walk for Health & Wellness 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). Bicyclists are also invited. The walk begins in downtown Willits and winds through the neighborhoods. The entire walk is 5 miles, but people can walk some or all. Rain or shine! The walk will finish at Rec Grove for the Avenues to Wellness (ATW) Free Family Food

and Fitness Fair from 11:30 am to 2 pm. Info: Information: Willits Healthy Action Team (W.H.A.T.), Jed Diamond 707 459-5505.

17th annual Willits

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Hospice Golf

Tournament

Sunday, June 7

"Enjoy a day on the greens under the

redwoods. Willits Rotary is sponsoring

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am shotgun start. Donations: \$65 per

player; \$45 for Brooktrails Golf Course

members. Includes Barbecue, Green

Fees, Silent Auction, \$10,000 cash for

hole-in-one on Hole #9, and additional

hole-in-one prizes. To RSVP: Tammy

Long: 480-993-5755 or 456-3244, or

Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series: Mendocino Film Festival celebrates the 75th anniversary of Seabiscuit's legendary win at Santa Anita Park with the launch of the "Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series, highlighting stories that embody the spirit of hope that Seabiscuit instilled in his fans and in generations since. Screenings will take place at Ridgewood Ranch and at

and family in times of emergency or the Noyo Theatre in Willits, including "The Making of a Legend: Seabiscuit's 1940 Victory at Santa Anita Park." plus two short films. "Ridgewood Ranch -Home of Seabiscuit," and "Riding My Way Back," at Ridgewood Ranch. Program starts at 10 am with a tour of the historic ranch; film screening at noon, 1 pm Q&A panel; and a reception from 1 to 3 pm. At 4 pm, the Noyo Theatre will host "Harry & Snowman," a feature-length documentary that tells the remarkable life story of international show jumping legend Harry deLeyer, whose career was launched by his famous show jumping horse Snowman. \$11. Tickets for the Ridgewood Ranch events are available at the Mendocino County Museum, 459-2736, and www.seabiscuitheritage.org. Proceeds of ranch events to benefit Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation and Ridgewood T.R.A.I.L. Riders Association. Visit www.mendocinofilmfestival.org for full festival schedule

> Healthy Family Fair: 11 am to 2 pm at the Rec Grove. Free. Food samples from Howard Hospital Chef Kyle Evans; fun fitness activities; games, diabetes screenings, Zumba and yoga for adults museum through June 21, or and kids, prizes and more! Se habla Espanol. Bring a picnic lunch. Bicycles welcome. Drop in after the WHAT Walk. Sponsored by Avenues to Wellness, Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, and North Coast Opportunities.

> > "Harry & Snowman": 4 pm screening at the Noyo Theatre, 57 East Commercial Street, as part of the Mendocino Film Festival's "Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series." A feature-length documentary that tells the remarkable life story of international show jumping legend Harry deLeyer, whose career was launched by his famous show jumping horse Snowman. \$11. Info: www.noyotheatre.com/ or 459-6696.

COLUMN | At the Movies



'Mad Max: **Fury Road**



Daniel Essman

The Story: One long, brain-pounding, eye-blasting chase. Max (Tom Hardy) and Furiosa (Charlize Theron) in a massive, supercharged truck with rescued damsels drive across a vast wasteland nursued

by zealots for Valhalla ... all painted whiteface, all whipped on through fire and fury by a deformed, bloated

My Thoughts: All the girls, excuse me, all the women at Main Street Music and Video where I work are in love with Tom Hardy. He's not really the dramatic center of this

movie though, fear not, he's at the center of all the action . and his blood is part of the plot. The stunts and explosions are brilliantly conceived and carried out. The director did not, as is so often the case, forget that gravity exists. All the way through, the

Strong women. Strong men. Fiery explosions. The whole, long, dirty road is truly furious. Fanboys and

weight of things and the possibility of falling to a grinding

Parents: A melee of fists, stabbings, shootings, explosions ... some serious brutality. About four seconds of nudity. The bad guys die. The good guys win. But ... too much incomprehensible violence and deformed morality for children; too much you don't want to have to explain.

Note: 99 percent on Rotten Tomatoes!

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

Save the Date

Horseman's Beef Barbecue & Rodeo, June 6 & 7

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Future dates: Saturday, June 27: Tour & Work Harrah Senior Center serves Day at Ecology Action Garden, 5798 Ridgewood lunch five days per week from 11:45 Road. 10 am to 2 pm. Call for directions: 443-610am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 3226. Saturday, July 19: at Tequio Community per meal; under 55 \$7 per meal. Farm, Ridgewood Ranch, 16200 Highway 101. Includes soup, entrée, vegetable, 10 am to 2 pm. Call for info: 707-841-7068. visit or www.mendocinofarmersguild.com.

Summer Arts & Music Festival May 30 and 31 at Benbow Lake

The 39th annual Summer Arts & Music Festival at the Benbow Lake State Recreational Area, two miles south of Garberville, is set for the weekend of May 30 and 31. Featuring more than 100 performances on 4+ stages along the grass fairway, with 150 handmade craft, food and non-profit info booths, the fun-filled Kid Zone, Fine Art Exhibition, Belly Dance Temple, Summertronica E-Music Tent, and the Generation Green Dome that showcases innovative green-living products. Headliners include: JJ Grey & Mofro, whose music is between Redwood Avenue and Pine Street. For a blend of blues, funk, soul, rock and gospel, and Blackalicious, the hip-hop duo from Sacramento. Also: Motherlode with Fred Wesley; Angelo Moore & Brand New Step; The Brothers Comatose; Joe Driscoll & Seykou Kouyate; Todo Mundo; Mojo Green; Raashan Ahmad & Object Heavy; Brother; Candelaria; Jah Sun with I-Kronik; Salt Petal; and more than 60 of the best local musical acts, dance troupes, and children's entertainers. Admission is \$20 per day, free for those 12 and under: single-day tickets available at the gates only. Advance weekend passes, \$30, are available online at www.mateel.org/summerarts. html, as is the 32-page Summer Arts & Music program guide. Gates open from bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 More info about the Mendocino Farmers Guild: 9:30 am to 10 pm each day, with a free shuttle service from off-site parking lots starting at 9 am.



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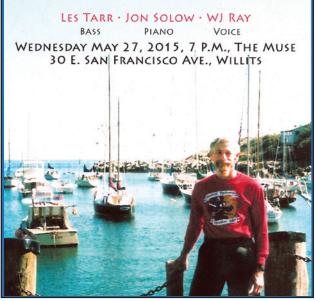
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1. Local Businesses; 2. Local Organizations; 3. Schools; and 4. Individual Participants. The top-voted boot in each category will win ice cream and/or fudge certificates, while the boot awarded the total highest number of votes will receive a \$25 gift certificate to J.D. Redhouse & Company. During the 4th of July celebration, the finished decorated boots will be on display at the Rodeo Grounds and available for purchase as a fundraiser for Willits Frontier Days. For more information on the contest, 459-

Junior Giants Signups

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

Rock Your Ride Bicycle Show

Thursday, June All events are located at the

Come show Sunday Bingo, Sunday, June 7. off that Schwinn Doors open at 10:30 am; snack bar 5 to 6 pm at City Park (near Farmers Market)/ All bikes welcome the

bragging rights for: Best in Grateful Dead 50th Anniversary Show, Best Family Bike, Best Beater Best Utility Bike, the kids and check out the helmet decorating table." Info: Holly at 707-

What's Happening at the Senior Center

Tammy.Long@ah.org.

Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Questions: 459-

and bring out opens at 11 am; bingo buy in \$10. the BMX at the Ice Cream Social, Monday, June 8. "Rock Your Ride This month's entertainment is Kat Avery, specializing in renditions of Patsy Cline and Elvis Presley. Pie, ice cream & coffee. Members \$1;

> Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, June 14, 8 to 11 am. Pancakes, eggs, and your choice of sausage, ham, or bacon. Adults \$7, Members \$6, Kids

non-members \$1.50.

Party, Saturday, June 20. A benefit for the Senior Center's "A Roof Over Bike, Best Cruiser, At Willits Community Center, 6 to 11 Our Heads" fundraising campaign. pm, with live music by "Totally Dead. Best Banana Seat \$20 advance; \$30 at the door; \$10 Bike, and more. "Bring for youth 11-15; kids under 10 free. Tickets available at The Headroom, Harrah Senior Center, Main Street Music, & Shanachie Pub. Beer & Wine. Live & Silent Auction. Chicken

Mendocino Zamers Guild Tours & Work-Days Sunday, July 19th: Taguio Community Form, Edgewind Ranch, John to 2:00 PM Call for Inter: 1707 81-1. Tour these inspiring farms. Then get your hands dirty with some Bring a potluck dish to share. More infent: Upon

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Summer Arts & Music Festival May 30 and 31 at Benbow Lake

On the weekend of May 30 and 31, the 39th annual Summer Arts & Music Festival will be held at beautiful Benbow Lake State Recreation Area in southern Humboldt County, heralding the start of summer here in Northern

Started as a small (a few hundred people), very local arts festival in 1976, by a group of young back-to-thelanders, artists and crafts people, "Summer Arts" has now blossomed into the most comprehensive and affordable arts and music festival of the North Coast, attracting people programs. from all over the Western states and beyond.

To locals, including some of its founders from 39 years ago, it's also a community reunion, where friends and neighbors come down from the hills to catch up while sharing in this vibrant, eclectic and colorful festival every year. Produced by the Mateel Community Center, Summer Arts and Music Festival was named one of "15 Transformational Festivals to Attend in 2015" by Fest 300 magazine, an industry publication that reviews festivals worldwide.

The best resource for talent, vendor, and all other festival information is the official Summer Arts & Music Festival program guide, which is out now on local newsstands or online at www.mateel.org/summerarts.html.

This full-color, 32-page program will include all the info you'll want to know about festival shuttles, parking, children's activities, fine art, vendors, sponsors, entertainment schedules, and all the other featured activities/ areas. plus a site map and info on upcoming Mateel events and

The event features more than 100 diverse performances on 4+ stages along the grass fairway, with 150 handmade craft, food and non-profit info booths, the fun-filled Kid Zone. Fine Art Exhibition. Belly Dance Temple, Summertronica E-Music Tent, and the Generation Green Dome that showcases innovative green-living products for a cleaner

Headlining talent includes: JJ Grey & Mofro, whose music is a blend of blues, funk, soul, rock and gospel, and Blackalicious, the American hip-hop duo from

Sacramento made up of rapper Gift of Gab and DJ/ producer Chief Xcel. Also playing are Joanne Rand, The Non-Prophets, Motherlode with Fred Wesley; Angelo Moore & Brand New Step; The Brothers Comatose; Joe Driscoll & Seykou Kouyate; Todo Mundo; Mojo Green: Raashan Ahmad & Object Heavy; Brother; Candelaria; Jah Sun with I-Kronik; Salt Petal; and more than 60 of the best local musical acts, dance troupes, and children's

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Bill Ray and Sanford Dorbin

"Sanford Fare Well" honors marathoner and jazz poet

By Bill Ray, contributing writer

Sanford Dorbin, who died May 27, 2014, will be honored in the jazz-poetry program "Sanford Fare Well" next Wednesday, May 27, at 7 pm at the Muse, the colorful business complex just east of Main Street on San Francisco Avenue.

"Sanford Fare Well" commemorates Dorbin's life as Mendocino County resident, activist, longdistance runner, and especially as lifelong jazz poet and aficionado – as well as recalling a vanished era

Noted musicians Jon Solow on piano and Les Tarr on bass will back WJ Ray reading to a set of

eight jazz standards by Coltrane, Mingus, Jobim, Benny Golson and Bill Evans. The music interplays with Dorbin's jazz-influenced tropes, as well as with poems by Kenneth Patchen, Theodore Roethke, James Joyce, A.E.

Producer and poet Ray said: "This performance does not so much commemorate a death as it affirms a noble life - and precious life itself. We celebrate in the language of two art forms dear to Sanford Dorbin: jazz and poetry. In addition to that,

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drifting out the doors and down the streets of Willits.'

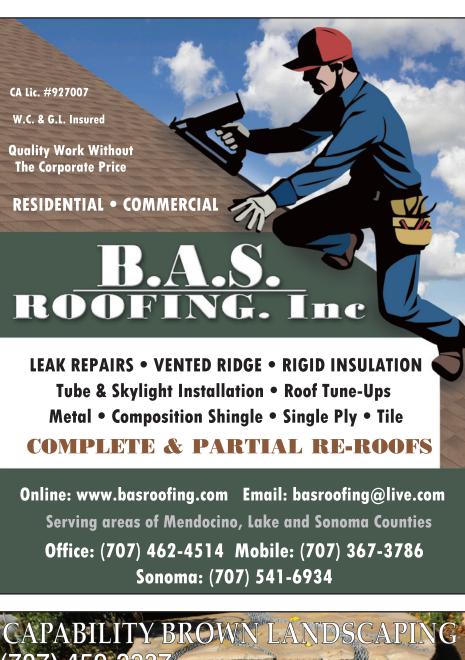
While living beyond Sherwood in the "Back to the Land" era, Dorbin took active parts in building, cord-wood gathering, teaching, and the humanist counterculture that characterized local life in back-to-the-land Northern California. He was a noted long-distance runner who ran 50 kilometers to celebrate his 50th birthday, the equivalent of 30 miles. His route was from downtown Willits to Hearst and back. He finished numerous marathons and often won in the seniors age group.

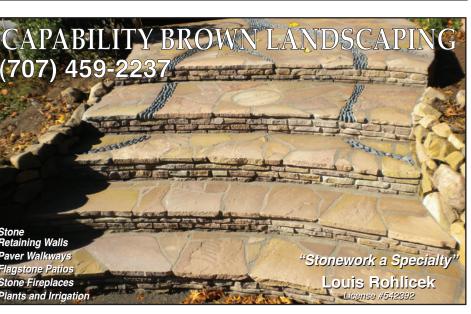
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Massage Office for Rent

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included SF Giants tickets, tree trimming/removal from Little Mike's

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As for the game, while it was an obvious win for the varsity squad,

the exact final score was in question, as there was no clear score-

keeping. "It's not about the score," Germann explained. "It's about

having fun and raising money for the kids." The alumni team was

very excited to be there. "They wanted the game to keep going on,

Pitching for the alumni team was former Wolverines' coach Dave

Most Valuable Player awards were given to a player from each

The Wolverines stand at 8-6 for league record, 11-8 overall. They

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side. For varsity, the award went to pitcher Nick Johnson. For

Kline, who led the WHS varsity team to the championships during

just so more of them could play," Germann said.

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"Sanford Fare Well" is set for one night only on Wednesday, May 27, at The Muse, 30 East San Francisco Avenue. Tickets are \$5; the musical program lasts an hour and half. Parking is limited by the hall but ample in the vicinity.

The rest of

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the old Vassar's Pizza this past weekend. The nearly \$2,000 earned on Saturday, May 16 will go toward the purchase of an Automated Gram Stainer for the hospital laboratory.

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Becky Hope, volunteer coordinator at the hospital, explains that the Gram Stainer is "a new state-of-the-art piece of technology that will be used to provide doctors with consistent and standardized results to help in the diagnosis of infections. Additionally, it will help the laboratory with their goal to develop a more green environmental footprint by reducing the amount of water and other chemicals used in the analytical process.'

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and Santa Barbara, noted for his bibliography of Charles Bukowski's literary works, he moved with his wife and young son to Willits in the early 1980s. This was also the period of time during which a nuclear build-up threatened the entire basis of civilization in Europe and the U.S. Dorbin was twice arrested, at Diablo Canyon and Livermore. Later history revealed that the populist uprising against a nuclear war footing was a significant factor in withdrawing the Cruise missiles and discouraging nuclear plants in the United States. On a per capita basis, Willits was the highest represented locale among the

After moving to Vallejo to take care of his wife's mother, who died at 99, the couple moved again to Chico to be close to their children. There as here he was prolific in poetry and road-running. He was known for producing commercial-level jazz tapes that might be suitable for a documentary archive. He gave them away. His own poetry has a distinctive epigramic brilliance, much influenced by the brevity and surprise

While in college in Southern California. Dorbin witnessed the flourishing of West Coast jazz in dark L.A. nightclubs after driving a cab until midnight. He knew all the players by name and work, and shared their underground sense, that jazz as a subculture rejected the prejudice, inequity and hypocrisy so imbued into '30s to '50s American society. He found spiritual sustenance which he never abandoned, and he passed on to a younger generation its artistic and philosophical powers.

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them. In the case of paying to build and maintain the water system, there are only two ways available: grants and billing the water users.

A couple of financial factoids to set the stage:

City finances are handled through several funds. The largest permanent funds are the Water Enterprise Fund, the Sewer Enterprise Fund and the General Fund. There are other funds that are created for either temporary, project-related activities like a major construction project, or for ongoing activities that need to be recorded separately, such as the half-cent sales tax that was created to pay for street repairs.

In order to understand and control where the money comes from and where it goes, the water, sewer and general funds record revenue and expenses independent of each other, just like any private sector business does. There is no co-mingling of money between the funds, except in the case where one fund might need to borrow money from another fund to cover extraordinary expenses. But if that happens, the transfer is handled as a straight loan, and recorded and followed

The city's 2014/2015 budget shows total water enterprise revenue of \$3,255,959. The majority of the revenue (\$2,748,459) is from charges for service, and 96 percent of that comes from water use charges – the money that we all pay every month to cover our water bills. All of the revenue is in turn used to pay salaries, maintenance costs, operating expenses, debt service for the loans needed to make capital improvements, and any other costs that occur in the day-today operation of the water system.

As I mentioned in the previous article, there are ongoing expenses to repair and maintain the water system infrastructure: pipes and valves that need to be repaired and replaced, water tanks, roadways and fences, the emergency water project, and many other items that wear out under normal wear and tear and need to be replaced. Each year the budget lists upcoming, planned capital improvement projects that list major projects five fiscal years into the future. The total for the capital improvement projects for fiscal Years 2014/2015 through 2018/2019 is more than \$8 million.

Some of the funds to pay for these projects will come from grants and loans, and the balance will come from the annual ratepayer revenue. Of course, grants don't need to be repaid, but loans are paid off using annual revenue funds, meaning that you, the ratepayer pays for most of the expenses of the Water Enterprise Fund!

Right about now, some of you might be thinking that this isn't fair at all. "Why should I have to pay to repair the water infrastructure and to pay someone's wages?" Well, the simple fact is that you are paying for the service/product received, which is water. That alone can be justified and explained as a simple payment for service, but the drought has added another twist to the equation:

As we know, the drought has required some sacrifices to be made by the public. From time to time, we have been asked by the city to conserve water – to use less then we have been - and recently, the governor has mandated that all water use be reduced by 20 percent, and there will be consequences if that isn't achieved. And, as I mentioned last time, the citizens of Willits have stepped up and done just that! However, in the time-honored practice of "No Good Deed Shall Go Unpunished," the very act of conservation often triggers an increase in water rates

What's up with that!?

Well, it all comes back to why we even have a water system. We literally need water to survive, and there are several ways

You can drill a well: This can cost about \$10,000 to \$15,000. including the cost of installing a pump, piping and a storage tank, and because the well driller can't guarantee that he will find good water, or any water, you pay that bill even if no water is found. Amortizing the cost over the life of the equipment could result in your well water costing about two cents per gallon, but this doesn't account for the added expense and trouble when something breaks or needs to be replaced.

You can buy water either in 16 ounce or five gallon bottles, or in bulk from a water hauler, and that will cost you anywhere from \$1 to \$8 per gallon.

Or, you can connect to a municipal water system. The average water customer (household) on the Willits water system uses about three units (2,244 gallons) of water per month, at a monthly cost of \$37.80, or about two cents per gallon). Of all of these options, it's certain that the municipal water system will provide the most reliable, safest source of water at the lowest unit price, without the added expense of maintaining a well, because the city is responsible for maintaining the system, and your two cents per gallon is paying for that!

If we want water, we have to pay for it!

In order to maintain the water system, and to continue to deliver water to the customers, the city prepares an annual budget that lists all of the projected operating and capital improvement costs that are paid for by the anticipated revenue from water users, but if water use drops, so does the revenue.

And when we're asked to conserve water - use less revenue drops, but unfortunately, the costs don't! There might be a slight reduction in some operating costs due to the decreased demand for water, but not a lot, because water can't be treated and distributed on demand. It needs to be available all the time, based on average use, even if it's not used. And the biggest expenses are the fixed costs, that don't change when water consumption drops.

So bottom line, if we cut our water use, we still need a certain amount of money to maintain the water system, and that means increasing water sales revenue in some way.

Next time, I'll discuss the future: where do I think we're going with the whole water issue, and what steps need to be taken to make sure we don't waste our water resources or run

Ron Orenstein is a member of the Willits City Council; this piece is his own work, and does not represent any official position of the City of Willits or the Willits City Council. "Water: How it works in Willits, Part 1" was published in the May 7, 2015 edition of Willits Weekly, and can be read at www.willitsweekly. com/documents/WillitsWeekly_05142015_Pages.pdf.

on January 24, 2013, verified 1,344 people were living here without homes. The "Point in Time" count taken on January 22, 2015, found 1,032 people were living without homes: 312 fewer homeless people.

According to count coordinators Paul Davis and Sandy Canaday, there were a number of problems and holes in this year's count mechanics.

Davis, who led efforts to count homeless people on the coast, said the count campaign failed to attract enough volunteers. Ten volunteers failed to show up on the day of the count, Davis noted, and the volunteers who did go out encountered several homeless camps that showed signs of recent activity but which had been abandoned on the day of the count.

In addition, young people, aged 18 to 24, were for the first time regarded as a separate category. "Many young people refused to be surveyed," Davis said.

Sandy Canaday, program administrator with the Homeless Services Continuum of Care, noted her census-takers encountered similar problems in the inland areas of the county.

"There were known encampments that were abandoned," she said. "In addition, in one instance. in an encampment at the west end of Perkins Street in Ukiah, our volunteers showed up and the people that were there told them to get out. They said they didn't want them there and they didn't want to be counted. The consensus is that our volunteers encountered more aggressiveness than they have in the past."

BID

business "Within Fort Bragg and in the Point Arena area, there appears districts automatically considered to be to be sufficient protest to block the approved unless 51 percent of the adoption of the BID," said McCowen. owners of hospitality establishments "Supervisor Gjerde and I have had submit a formal protest to the ongoing five meetings all around the county, operation of the BID. Beyond that including Fort Bragg and Point Arena, point, the rules of governance and in those meetings no one came become somewhat murky. forward with any protest."

As noted in an article published in

the May 14 edition of Willits Weekly.

currently the BID is a mishmash of

five overlapping boards consisting of

56 members with four overlapping

contracts. Despite this structure, no

one board makes the final decision

on what gets done to promote county

From November 2014 until March

of 2015, McCowen and Gjerde, acting

as an ad hoc committee of the board

of supervisors, met with key players

in the hospitality and promotional

industries in an attempt to revamp the

Collectively, the committee drafted

and approved 17 points of agreement,

asserting, among other things, that the

BID needed a governing body, that the

governing body would be appointed

by the board of supervisors, that the

governing body would observe the

which for the past five years has been

the executive wing of the BID, would

reconfigure itself to become the

Scott Schneider, CEO and

president of Visit Mendocino County,

described the recent developments

"There has been an undercurrent for

the past couple of years, or five years,

or ever since the BID was started,"

he said. "There are a lot of business

owners out there who think the BID

exists to market their own particular

business. The BID doesn't do that.

The BID exists to market and promote

Mendocino County as a whole. When

as "unfortunate but not surprising."

governing body of the BID.

BID governing structure

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In the case of Mendocino County, the BID is binding on all hospitality establishments in the unincorporated part of the county, as well as in the cities of Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg and Point Arena. But the guestion is: if hotel and motel owners in Fort Bragg and Point Arena drop out, does that kill the BID? Or does the BID continue without their involvement?

Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg asked that question Tuesday, and County Counsel Doug Losak conceded he didn't know the answer. "I need more time to look into that," Losak said.

Former Third District Supervisor and Mendocino County Promotional Alliance board member Hal Wagenet attempted to reassure supervisors that, despite the protest letters, all remained well.

"The counties control the BID," Wagenet said. "The comments Brown Act in its public meetings, and from the cities are interesting, but that Visit Mendocino County, Inc., irrelevant. As long as there is not a 51 percent protest vote countywide, then we can go forward."

protest campaign was mounted by Fort Bragg hotel owner Norm Fluhrer. According to Deputy Clerk of the Board Nicole French, 23 Fort Bragg hospitality establishment owners and two Point Arena owners submitted letters of protest recently.

The submissions appeared to blindside Second District Supervisor John McCowen, who told Willits Weekly last week he had not yet heard of any rumblings of opposition to the board's efforts to reshape the governing structure of the BID.

Garbage

A report from the city at the time of the last council meeting described the mixed organics or compost agreement as a new service.

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"I am not sure all ratepayers in the community want that enhanced service," Mayor Bruce Burton said.

From the get-go Cold Creek Compost founder Martin Mileck urged council members to make Cold Creek the receiver of the city's mixed

The agreement – or talks about it – has been before the council several times to discuss key details.

Some council members have said they would prefer not to designate who gets the city's mixed organic

But in drafts of the contract, the city appears set to retain its right to send mixed organic waste to a specific facility, if it ever chose to do so. It retains a similar power to direct garbage to a specific solid waste

A description of mixed organic waste in the proposed contract says such waste includes trash can staples like food scraps, yard waste, pizza

boxes and coffee grounds.

Unless the language changes, approval of the contract will put in place a mixed organic waste program

For curbside residential service. green waste program means customers will get their pick of a 65or 95-gallon green garbage bin, say contract documents.

Drafts of the contract say green bins, along with recycling and garbage bins, are to be picked up each week more often if a customer asks for it.

Burton asked council members Ron Orenstein, Holly Madrigal, Madge Strong and Larry Stranske if they wanted to see a rate for the same service without Cold Creek. The council showed an interest in

procuring an estimate. Willits is not the only city in the area thinking about a mixed organics

The City of Ukiah and its fivemember council were set to discuss a mixed organics program for Ukiah on

City Hall expected the contract to Ukiah studied food waste with a 2013 pilot program aimed to generate be back on the next council agenda.

132 were classified as holding a dual diagnosis, in other words, as being both severely mentally ill and chronic In the January 2015 count, young people aged 18 to 24 were counted in their own subgroup for the first time. Of the 187 young people who allowed themselves to

be counted this year, 162 were unsheltered, 12 were in

transitional housing, and 13 were in emergency housing.

Despite these setbacks, the count was able to confirm

The number of counted homeless people over the last

four years is falling. In 2011, the total number of homeless

was 1,456; in 2013, 1,344; in 2015, 1,032. Over the same

period of time, the number of unsheltered homeless is

falling, also fell. (Unsheltered homeless is defined as

living in tents, camping out, sitting out on the street, living

For unsheltered homeless, the total in 2011 was 1,314;

in 2013, 1,169; and in 2015, 880. Of the 1,032 counted

as being homeless in 2015, 39 were military veterans.

168 were victims of domestic violence. 238 were chronic

substance abusers, 212 were severely mentally ill, and

certain facts about the county's homeless situation.

According to Canaday, 44 percent of the homeless counted were living on the coast, while 56 percent were living inland. The inland counts could be broken exactly in half between the north inland and the south inland parts of the county, with 28 percent of the total population of homeless being counted in each sector.

> you market Mendocino County as a whole, everybody benefits.

"We are at a crossroads." Schneider said. "We can either continue to promote this county, to work together, hopefully to even raise the assessment so we have more money to market, and make sure Mendocino County continues to be relevant, or we cannot promote anymore as a county.

"We can look to our cities, we can look to our individual businesses, and over time, we can be forgotten," he warned. "'Cuz it will happen. Counties around us are spending millions and millions of dollars, making sure they are being talked about. We are still at a million dollars, which is fine. But the conversation is getting louder out there. With social media, and all these things, the conversation is getting louder and it's getting more crowded, and we need to make sure that we have our voice '

After a public hearing on the BID Advisory Committee 2014-2015 Report, during which the board also heard comments on the protest letter campaign, McCowen moved the public hearing on the current BID be continued until June 9. His motion was approved 4-0, with Gjerde absent.

The board also approved the revised ordinance governing the BID. The ordinance restructures the governance of the BID along the lines outlined in the 17 points of agreement, detailing the composition of the new governing board, where they will be drawn from, and the period of time they will serve on the board.

Supervisors did this knowing that they did not yet fully understand the impact the protest votes from Fort Bragg and Point Arena will have on the BID as a whole.

Editor's note: Willits Weekly will report on the views of Willits area innkeepers on this issue in a future

data for decision-making, but

participation in the study was meager,

Ukiah is looking at the numbers.

Like Willits, Ukiah has the option

to send its waste to Cold Creek

Compost; the rate increase for

residential Ukiahians would range,

depending on Cold Creek's charge,

from a high of about \$1.67 if hauled

directly or \$.81 if garbage trucks

deliver to Pacific Recycling Solutions

For Willits, the mixed organics

Solid Waste could haul the waste to

C&S Waste Solutions in Lakeport to

be composted, or it could go to Cold

Creek's facility on a mountaintop near

Potter Valley, according to reports that

came from the city committee tasked

the contract expiring altogether this

fall. The latest draft of the contract

was 36 hours old at the time of the

Negotiations started in advance of

side of the deal could happen in two

according to a City of Ukiah report.

CEO Angelo reveals work plan for county water agency

An action plan for the Mendocino County Water Agency was unveiled to supervisors Tuesday by County CEO and water agency General Manager Carmel Angelo.

The plan is needed so Mendocino County can comply with various state and federal water regulations and looming deadlines.

Angelo's plan adopts a collaborative approach. using personnel and resources from several county departments. including the board of supervisors Mike A'Dair (doubling as the board of directors

of the county water agency), the clerk of the board, the Division of Environmental Health, the Executive Office's Facilities Division, Planning and Building Services, the Department of Transportation, the Office of Emergency Services and

The action plan is 58 pages long, the list of individual projects to be completed either in the near term or on an

ongoing basis takes up 19 pages. A guick outline of planned actions will convey what Angelo plans to do with her agency.

 The National Pollution Discharge Elimination System The goal is to bring Mendocino County into compliance with the second phase of the federal Clean Water Act. The county water agency will have to perform numerous small tasks, such as illicit discharge training, training in pollution prevention, training staff to recognize illicit discharges and how to make "corrective action recommendations." The 13 actions or projects are mostly due to be completed by

June 30, 2015.

 Hellman Dam removal follow-up and Feliz Creek monitoring. Mill Creek Dam in the Talmage area had a valve issue in December 2004 that sent a lot of sediment into the Russian River. The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board offered Mendocino County a deal: if the county would remove Hellman Dam on Feliz Creek and perform long-promised work to improve Feliz Creek. the water board would accept that work as a settlement for the Mill Creek Dam miscue. Hellman Dam was removed in September 2012. The water agency must now perform numerous tasks connected to completing a riparian survey for Feliz Creek. The 10 tasks must be completed by

Program. Passed by the California Legislature in 2009, the state mandate requires local governments to know what is going on with their groundwater. The Ukiah Valley is the only water basin in the county that currently needs to be monitored, and the county water agency is responsible for doing the job. The county has retained the Mendocino County Resources Conservation District to do the actual work, but must also perform four actions to coordinate results between the RCD and the water board.

 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Signed by California Gov. Jerry Brown in September 2014, this measure overhauls groundwater management. For Mendocino County, the act names Ukiah Valley as the most important source of groundwater to be regulated, and has determined a "Groundwater Sustainability Agency" shall be established in the Ukiah Valley by June 30, 2017 and the Ukiah Valley groundwater basin must be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Plan by January 31, 2022. The immediate objective for the water agency is to assess the political landscape and make recommendations to the board of supervisors about whether it would be more advisable for them to create a centralized GSA, a distributed GSA or a combination thereof. The four actions must be completed by September 1

 Political work, including drought preparedness, applying for and receiving drought disaster grants from state and federal governments, informing the public about the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, working with the Inland Water and Power Commission relative to its grant application to raise Coyote Dam at Lake Mendocino. working with the University of California Cooperative Extension Service at Hopland, and other tasks. There are 17 tasks, either ongoing or due to be completed within the

 Water Agency library. To update and maintain the library of the County Water Agency, and to move the library from its current location in the Planning and Building Department, to a new location to be managed by the clerk of the board and the Executive Office. Cross-referencing capacities also must be improved. The three tasks must be completed by May 2016.

 Local Agency Management Plan. Former California Gov. Gray Davis signed this measure in September 2000, and the county has yet to move on it. It mandates California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring that counties shall either adopt (a) very conservative

management standards for wastewater disposal and septic systems, or (b) their own standards, which will comply with state standards but will take into account existing local conditions, such as topography, unique geological conditions or management approaches. The water agency's decision is to go for (b): adopting a LAMP based upon existing policies and practices that meet state standards for rural wastewater disposal while recognizing the geological and hydrological challenges of Mendocino County. The eight actions must be taken by June 2016.

 Russian River Pathogen Indicator Total Maximum Daily Load, or TMDL. Certain areas of the Russian River, mostly to the south of Mendocino County, have been found to be polluted with fecal pathogens, and the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board is developing limits for pathogen indicators to minimize river contamination. When the TMDL is finalized, it will become binding on areas in Mendocino County adjacent to or near the Russian River, and its regulations on septic systems will become incorporated in the county's Local Agency Management Plan. The goal for the water agency is to monitor the TMDL process, to work with the water board as it comes up with recommendations, and to incorporate those recommendations into the county's Local Agency Management Plan. The four actions must be taken over

· Other water supplies. The water agency will gather information about alternative water supplies and storage strategies in Mendocino County and will forward them to the Army Corps of Engineers. Those two actions must be taken by the end of this month

In total, Willits Weekly counts 65 actions; a few must be taken within the next five years but most within the next two years. Angelo told supervisors the cost for this work over the next year would be an estimated \$600,000.

The board seemed pleased with Angelo's efforts. Carre Brown, a rancher and former executive director of the Mendocino County Farm Bureau, and likely the most knowledgeable supervisor concerning water and water politics, expressed her approval of Angelo's work.

"We are getting this down the road," she said. "This is

The board approved the action plan unanimously.

NJ man held in Covelo hammer attack

A New Jersey man was arrested Saturday afternoon by sheriff's deputies after he allegedly attacked a 40-year-old Vallejo man with a hammer in the 100 block of Yuki Boulevard in Covelo.

Adam Kendall, 26, of Harrison, New Jersey, was arrested in a travel trailer on Refuse Road on suspicion of attempted murder and taken to county jail.

The victim, who was not identified, was airlifted to an out-of-county hospital where he is being treated for his injuries, including a four-inch-long head laceration, a broken right wrist, a fractured left orbital socket, and several smaller cuts. He is expected to recover, hospital officials say.

According to Sheriff's Captain Greg Van Patten, "preliminary investigations indicate Kendall and the victim knew each other and the incident may have stemmed from an unpaid debt Kendall felt the victim owed

Van Patten indicated the victim could have suffered even more serious injuries while deputies were responding, but a Round Valley Tribal Police officer interrupted the 4:30 pm attack.

Kendall reportedly fled from the officer, first on foot and then in a white Chevrolet pickup, Van Patten said.

As the first deputy arrived in the area, a citizen called tribal police telling them Kendall was hiding in a travel trailer parked in a Refuse Road field, Van Patten said. "Kendall subsequently surrendered himself without incident to a Sheriff's Office K9 unit assisted by a Round Valley Tribal Police officer," he said

"Information collected by deputies suggested Kendall had traveled to Covelo from New Jersey on Saturday for the purpose of assaulting" the Vallejo man.

Kendall is being held in-lieu of \$250,000

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047 Willits Weekly | May 21, 2015

Former day care worker pleads 'no contest'

in sex abuse case former Brooktrails

day care provider will be sentenced to up to 16 years in state prison and be required to register as a sex offender, after pleading "no contest" earlier this month to having aided and abetted in the continuous sexual abuse of a child under age 14.

VanBezooyen, 49, of Willits, was arrested March 13, 2014. on two counts of continuous sexual abuse of a minor and a single count of child endangerment. Her then-boyfriend, 69-year-old Charles Vernon Griswould, was arrested by police in Spring City, Utah, that same day on a Mendocino County warrant charging him with two counts of continuous sexual abuse of a child.

The arrests followed a joint investigation by the Willits Police Department, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, Mendocino County District Attorney's Office, and the Yuba City Police Department.

According to a Sheriff's Office press release, detectives had determined that from 2005 to 2006. VanBezooyen had "allowed and even facilitated" the sexual abuse of a family member under the age of 11 by Griswould. The victim, 8 years old at the time, was a member of VanBezooyen's

According to the Sheriff's Office, VanBezooyen had provided daycare services in Mendocino County for many

former Brooktrails resident, Griswould remains in custody in county jail. preliminary hearing in his case has been set for June 17. Sentencing for VanBezooyen is scheduled for July 28.

Deputy DA Shannon Cox prosecuted the case against √anBezooyen

Caltrans seeks public input on new transportation plan Caltrans will connect not just the largest populated

As it finalizes a plan to improve transportation between regions throughout California, Caltrans is asking for the public to review the Draft 2015 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan and offer comments on how California can improve interregional travel in a safe, integrated and sustainable way.

"California is expected to grow to nearly 50 million people over the next decade and a half, and we need to not only preserve California's current transportation infrastructure but invest in new ways to move those growing numbers of people and goods," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "As we finalize this plan, we welcome the public's ideas about how we can improve interregional travel safely, efficiently and sustainably." The ITSP's purpose is to be a guiding

document for all investment in the interregional transportation system, identifying the best ways to invest in interregional corridors to strengthen California's economy and livability while reducing greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change. Regions around the state have been adopting new "sustainable communities" strategies" that shift investments to provide greater mobility choice. Meanwhile, the state must seek to improve interregional travel in a sustainable way that integrates well with these regional strategies.

The ITSP is an integral component on how

economic regions of the state, but also the regions that are experiencing both the fastest economic and population growth. The plan evaluates the basic connectivity and accessibility of the interregional transportation system to ensure all major regions in the state can be reliably accessed. It also goes beyond previous versions, expanding beyond the state highway system and intercity rail to analyzing the entire interregional transportation system regardless of funding source.

For highways, the state will apply sustainability goals while addressing multimodal interregional transportation. For rail, the state will explore improved integration of rail systems, including the high-speed rail system, to better serve interregional travelers.

The Draft 2015 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan is posted on the Caltrans System Planning website at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/ offices/oasp/itsp.html and www.caltrans-itsp2015. org, where the public can also submit written comments and ask questions through Monday, June 8. Written comments or questions can also be submitted via email at HQ.System.Planning@

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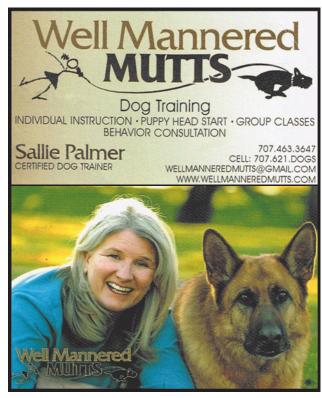
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Right: The side yard of the Willits

Kids Club demonstrates the use

of shrubs, grasses, and flowers,

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including yarrows and Spanish

lavender, all of which are low-





Grateful Gleaner Annual Plant Sale: 'Learning to Garden in Drier Times'

The Grateful Gleaners are a group not easily daunted by drought conditions and variable spring temperatures that make starting seedlings and early plantings of warm season crops a challenge.

Karen Gridley

"Learning to Garden in Drier Times" is the theme of the annual plant sale offered by the Grateful Gleaners on Sunday,

May 24, from 10 am to 4 pm at the corner of Spruce Street and West Mendocino Avenue.

As Californians experience consecutive years of drought, homeowners and gardeners need to find new ways to create pleasing landscapes and more efficient and

productive gardens with less water.

The Grateful Gleaners, as a group, have been gleaning fruit, vegetables and nuts that would normally go to waste for 10 years, so conservation and reduction of waste are not new to them. What is new this year is the focus at their plant sale on water reduction while maintaining beautiful landscapes and growing herbs and vegetables for personal health and well-being.

The plant sale will feature low-water and no-water annuals, perennials and ground covers that can add beauty and color to the areas around your home that may currently be taken up by more water-thirsty lawns or plantings. The appearance of drought-tolerant landscapes can vary

> considerably, depending on each gardener's desire for color, flowers, and type and height of plants.

Planting water-conserving plants in May and June will mean that you will have to water them through the summer months for this first season, until they are well-established. Your water savings will be in the years to come. A better time to install a large planting is in the cool, wet season.

The sale will offer a Read the rest of Gleaners



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County Sheriff's deputies, and ambulance personnel from the Laytonville Fire Department had been summoned to the intersection of Iron Peak Road and Spy Rock Road.

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The vehicle's driver, who was not identified, deputies he and Vitelli were engaged in growing marijuana on property in the 7000 Block of Simmerly Ranch Road.

There detectives found a small greenhouse, a travel trailer, and sleeping quarters for Vitelli and the driver. A real property management. small diesel generator was discovered near the entrance to the sleeping quarters which, Barney said, "were not well The rest of ventilated."

The unidentified witness was released following questioning, Barney said. "The pot-growing operation was not eradicated, and no charges related to the garden are anticipated at this time.

carbon monoxide poisoning turns out to be the cause, it will be the third such death at a Laytonville grow site. Two decomposed bodies found in a greenhouse in the rural Woodman Peak area of Laytonville on May 12, 2014 were first suspected to be victims of homicide, but were later found to have died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Mendocino County Sheriff's blame her for the bomb that nearly killed her, and, ... Office.

The rest of Festival

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org/summerarts.html. Tent camping is offered at

various local campgrounds. We encourage attendees to park in the nearby towns of Redway and Garberville, or at any of the off-site parking lots, and use the convenient free shuttle service that runs every half-hour to and from the festival. Gates are open at 9:30 am each day until 10 pm, and shuttles start at 9 am. 30 and 31.

The rest of Gleaners From Page 12

range of drought- and deertolerant herbs that are beautiful additions to your landscape and that also serve to attract beneficial insects and bees, and provide culinary enhancement to foods.

Lastly, the sale will offer vegetable starts. Nothing is quite as good as homegrown fruits and veggies, so a vegetable garden is desirable for many = provided that there is enough water. The Grateful Gleaners support eating organic fruits and vegetables, a vote for healthy food.

do Since vegetables require daily or every-otherday watering throughout the free hand-out and other plant lists to help you learn to set priorities in the vegetable garden and to learn water reduction strategies.

call Karen at 459-2101

County Executive Office absorbs General Services Agency

The county's General Services which Angelo referred during an oral report to the board Mike A'Dair Agency, a long-standing separate of supervisors on Tuesday: "All of the functions previously department within the

county government structure, has been absorbed by the Executive Office of Mendocino

The GSA delivers a wide variety of support services to county departments and

facility including maintenance, construction, remodeling, procurement, fleet services, printing, information services, risk management, maintenance of county parks, and

According to the CEO report, written by County CEO Carmel Angelo and to

The proclamation as approved by the board tells the "Whereas, Judi Bari became an Earth First! organizer n 1988, participating in a campaign that prevented logging and led to the expansion of the Bureau of Land

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Management's Cahto Wilderness Area in Mendocino County, and, "Whereas, Judi Bari became a principal organize against liquidation logging in the redwood forests of Northern California, most notably Redwood Summer in

1990 and the decade-long campaign to protect Headwater Forest in Humboldt County, and ... "Whereas, on May 24, 1990, during a campaign to raise awareness and support for Redwood Summer, Judi Bari was the victim of a motion-trigger bomb placed under her car seat that nearly killed her, resulting in severe injuries

"Whereas, Judi Bari pursued a civil lawsuit against the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Oakland Police This report was based on Department, both of which, while failing to conduct an a press release from the impartial investigation of the bombing, instead sought to

and chronic pain that contributed to her early death, and,

"Whereas, after 12 long years of delay, a jury unanimously vindicated Judi Bari and found that the FBI and Oakland defendants had knowingly violated Judi Bari's First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly and Fourth Amendment rights to be protected from illegal search and seizure, and,

"Whereas, Judi Bari, through her personal activism and ability to inspire others, advanced the causes of environmental and social justice and shares credit for protecting thousands of acres of forest, most notably the Humboldt Forest Preserve in Humboldt County,

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nto that next," Montalvo said.

Shifters member Marlin Press drove his new Shelby Cobra 65 "kit car" over for the photo opportunity. "I just So make your plans today to finished building it," he said. "It got licensed in April. come and celebrate SoHum's There's only 1,000 miles on it." Press spent a couple annual rite of summer, the 39th years building the beautiful burgundy convertible. "I'd annual Summer Arts & Music never built a car before," Press said, "but a friend who Festival at Benbow Lake, two built the same kit car said I could do it. I've always loved miles south of Garberville, May wrenching on things." The license plate for the Cobra reads "FUN EH."

- submitted by the Craig Sales brought the black 1964 Chevrolet Chevelle Summer Arts Festival El Camino he restored for his wife, Cyndy, "She had one in college," he said. "I found this one – it had a blown-up motor - and I picked it up for her birthday." The couple has been part of the Shifters club for 10 years. "Last year we got the Fireman's Choice Award," he said. The El Camino – basically a station wagon with an open, if shallow truck bed – still has its original license plate from 1963, Sales said, pointing out the date on the back of

> Montalvo drove his fire-engine red 1970 Plymouth Cuda over to the inn. "This was my dad's car," he said. 'We restored it for him." The car was originally white: Montalvo tried to talk his father into painting the car "Plum Crazy," but red prevailed. "This car probably goes up to 160 mph." Montalvo said. "It was a muscle car."

> features music, games, vendor booths, raffles, and more family fun than ever this year, with the addition of Yokum's Bounce House and the Boy Scouts' Swinging Bridge Obstacle Course for the kids.

Sheriff Tom Allman and Mendo Lake Credit Union's Richard Cooper are set to be announcers for the day. and since organic produce is Another new activity will be an Arm Wrestling Contest on usually more expensive and a regulation-sized table: "Mike Giles of the Purple Moose less toxic, growing your own is is running this event, and he built the table," said Lynn Kennelly of the Chamber of Commerce. There will be contests for women, as well as men, Kennelly said, and advance sign-ups are not required.

Kennelly was also pleased that the new Mendocino summer months, it is important County chapter of BACA – Bikers Against Child Abuse to set priorities in order to will be participating in the festival, with an information and limit water use. The Grateful membership booth, and also a "grand entrance" planned Gleaners have developed a on their bikes after being introduced to the crowd.

The Mendocino County Museum is offering a free Open House and Reception on Sunday for the two new Civil War exhibits, "Lincoln, the Constitution and the Civil War" and "Uncivil Homefront: Mendocino County during the Civil War," now open at the museum. The Open House Plants may be purchased features Civil War reenactors, demonstrating army camp using cash or checks. If you tents, nursing, textiles and telegraph communications. want more information about You never know: "Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary the plant sale or signing up to Todd" might just walk across the street to check out the become a Grateful Gleaner, "future" of American transportation on proud display at the Rec Grove on Sunday.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the board of supervisors of the County of Mendocino, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Redwood Summer, hereby recognizes and honors Judi Bari's lasting contributions to the causes of environmental and social justice and proclaims May 24, 2015 as Judi Bari Day in Mendocino County and encourages everyone to remember, honor and memorialize Judi Bari and her work."

responsible for facilities and fleet."

handled by the General Services Agency are now the

responsibilities of the Executive Office. The

reorganization is ongoing, and there is no

immediate change in how the public

or the departments treat projects.

There will be additional changes

in the future, but currently there

are no changes in the process.

different operations are

as follows: Assistant CEO

Alan Flora is responsible for

Information Services and is the

acting-Risk Manager; Deputy

[responsibilities] for

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In comments made after the proclamation was read and approved, Cherney thanked the board for the proclamation, adding he is continuing to work to expose the person or persons he believes planted the bomb that injured him and almost killed Bari.

Cherney said he is presently having discussions with members of law enforcement in Mendocino County. including Mendocino County Sheriff's Office's Field Services Commander and Public Information Officer Captain Greg Van Patten and Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster.

Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg, who, together with Second District Supervisor John McCowen, sponsored the proclamation honoring Bari, said this to Darryl Cherney in relation to Bari and to her attempted

"It wasn't the Lord's Avenger (who planted the bomb)," Hamburg said. "Judi Bari was regarded as a very dangerous person and a very charismatic leader, by persons who were very high up in the United States government of that time. God bless Judi Bari for being that dangerous person and that charismatic leader. And best of luck to you in your efforts to prove who bombed

From Page 1 REACH

they'd start temporary operations in Ukiah while working to
The rest of establish a base in Willits.

REACH's interest in moving to Willits' airport generated concerns from some area residents and also support for

Earlier this month, a lawsuit filed by a Willits-based group claims environmental review by the city for the medical helicopter operator to use Ells Field may not be up to standard.

Keep the Code, the group that filed the lawsuit, describes itself as a not-for-profit corporation that aims to protect residents from development.

The suit was filed in Mendocino County Superior Court April 30. The filing came 33 days after the Willits City Council directed city staff to work out a lease agreement

In the court petition, Santa Rosa attorney Rose M. Zoia asked the city to pause its approval of the project while it follows the California Environmental Quality Act.

"The city abused its discretion and failed to act in the manner required by law in approving the project based on a Mitigated Negative Declaration," the suit claims.

No court dates have been scheduled yet.

James Lance is the city's attorney. Lance said this week In addition to the classic cars, the Community Festival a settlement meeting with attorneys is planned soon. "Hopefully this can be resolved," he said.

REACH's Blair could not comment in detail on the lawsuit. She did say REACH is focused on delivery critical services and stated REACH's intent to work collaboratively with the community.

Keep the Code and the city have conversed back and forth with letters and phone calls. The suit summarizes some of those exchanges.

For example, Keep the Code claims that in October the city said it would follow CEQA regulations.

There are five ways Keep the Code finds the city's declaration is disagreeable. In the petition, the group contends that in the city's

documents a description of the project and the environment is off-mark, along with northern spotted owl analysis, noise and water use concerns.

Councilwoman Madge Strong was absent when the council approved the project, which passed 4-0 with support from Larry Stranske, Holly Madrigal, Ron Orenstein and The social networking website Facebook harbors a page

that shows community members' support for the project. A Facebook group named "Willits Supports REACH"

(first post on May 14, 2015) shows that 851 people have voted support for REACH by indicating that they "like" the

Lawsuit

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The city's sewer fund had set aside \$250,000. but expenditures for the fiscal year exceeded that amount by \$94,625, and are expected to increase by \$5,000 this month, the report stated.

The city tabulated its lawsuit costs beginning in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. the report stated.

unanimously on a vote to approve other items. CEO Janelle Rau is responsible for Central Services operations; including a \$27,500 and Deputy CEO Chris Shaver is contribution to the county animal shelter in Ukiah, a bid of \$675,131 by Eurekabased RAO Construction for Humboldt Street work. and \$94,960 to Weeks **Drilling and Pump Company** for well drilling work in connection with the citv's emergency water project.

> Other bids the city received for Humbolds Street work were Argonaut Construction with a bid of \$714,218, Mendocino Construction Services with a bid of \$739,595, and Team Ghilotti with a bid of \$879,845.

Brooktrails and Willits settled the sewer-related lawsuit in March, shortly after attorneys for both sides were set to embark on a jury trial in Santa Rosa Superior Court.

The deal reached between the city and Brooktrails required both communities be responsible for their own legal fees, court records stated.

The lawsuit was first filed in Mendocino County Superior Court in 2010. Both communities operate separate water supply systems, but a city sewer plant treats wastewater for

> Fire From Page 1

added officials

will come out for a site inspection and will select which applicants are to be awarded the grant.

Fuel reduction work in **Brooktrails**

CalFire is now in the process of finishing up fuel reduction work on 52 acres in Brooktrails, removing excess trees, defined as leaving an area so any tree greater than 10 inches in diameter is at least 10 feet away from the next tree.

In addition, remaining trees are limbed to eliminate fire ladders, and ground fuel is reduced or removed.

Defensible space work also will be undertaken around three water tanks in Brooktrails and around the water treatment plant.

In addition, fuel reduction work will proceed along Rockefeller Trail (Buckeye to Goose), Nutmeg Trail and Robie Trail (Perch to the Last Chance Trail)

Noyer said the work will cost \$17,000 and will be paid for by CalFire.

Since 2001, 826 acres in the Brooktrails greenbelt has undergone fuel reduction work at a cost of \$665,618. The average cost of the work is \$807 per

All the work has been paid for by state or federal agencies.

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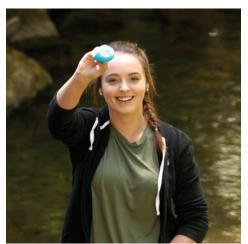
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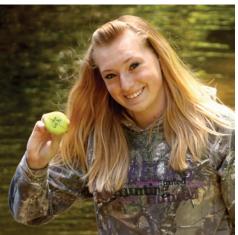
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Above, from left: Jorden Elliott holds the first-place duck; **Tori Troum holds** the second-place duck; Jorden holds the third-place duck; Robin Leler holds the last-place duck.

Left: Senior helpers Tori, Annie, Andrew, duck master Robin, Kira, Izabel, Jorden and Antonio.

Below: Seniors help guide the ducks downstream.

Since 1993, the Willits Sober Grad Committee has held an annual "Ducky Derby" fundraiser. In the derby, sponsored and numbered ducks float downstream towards a finish line to raise money for the alcohol-free graduation night party held every year at the Community Center.

Prizes are awarded to the first three finishers, and to the final duck to cross the finish line. This year, duck #145, sponsored by Tom Peterson, won first place and \$200; duck #347 took second place and won sponsor Sandi Young \$100, and duck #12, sponsored by Jennifer Barrett, won third place and earned \$50. The last place duck, #147, was sponsored by Dean Bauman, who won two nights at Ruth and Mike Dell'Ara's beautiful guest house in Caspar on the Mendocino Coast, along with a dinner.

> Several seniors from the Class of 2015 came to the Brooktrails Golf Course to carry on the tradition this year, and help wrangle the 400 ducks down the creek. Seniors included Antonio Amador, Izabel Hageman, Jorden Elliott, Andrew Hopper, Hailey Riley, Annie Romberg, Brandon Slater, Tori Troum and Kira Wear.

> Heading the volunteers and donning the "duck master" hat was Robin Leler, who is the keeper and counter of the ducks and also does the annual pre-float to ensure all the "contestants" are in top floating shape before the race.

> Monies earned from the sale of the ducks totaled a net about of \$1,206 towards the committee's annual goal of \$25,000. "Things are looking good thus far," said Sober Grad's Joyce Waters. "We're hoping donations continue to come in from the Community Letter, as well as other donations that make it all possible."

> The money goes to help put on the graduation-night party offering new grads a safe place to spend and celebrate their big night and, of course, to help pay for all the prizes and swag given to the attendees.

> The party will be held on June 11, and runs from 9:30 pm to 4 am. Attendees are required to stay the entire time to be eligible for prizes. Games, movies, henna, photos, food, casino tables and more all are available to help pass the time and to ensure fun is had by all who come.

> Several \$1,000 cash prizes are given at the end of the night, along with big-ticket prizes that have included (in the past) recliners, mini-fridges and iPods.

> Any adult who wants to come attend as a chaperone or to help decorate (starting at 9 am on June 11) or to clean up (starting at 4 am on June 12) is welcome to contact Willits Sober Grad to sign up or for more info. Call 459-0439 or email willitssobergrad@gmail.com. - Maureen Moore

At left: above: At the finish line, the scramble to catch all the fourth-place through 399th-place ducks ensues.

At left: Ducks make their way down the "rapids" at the Brooktrails



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I lost my cats while taking them to the East Hill Vet. Clinic in Willits. Spook ran in the field to the right of the clinic, Blue Kitty ran across the street on East Hill Road under the brown fence. Please call if you see them!!



