

#### Willits water situation looking up

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The city is on track to secure funding for its emergency water system, City Manager Adrienne Moore said.

The project started when reservoirs held only about 90 days of water this winter. The city aims to link two city-owned wells to a new water treatment plant that can boost water supplies when reservoirs are low.

"It appears as though we are on track to get an award that will fund the remainder of the project," Moore said.

In April, City Hall applied to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for \$1.5

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#### Council favors abolishing corporate 'personhood'

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City council members passed а resolution



# Get out the barbecue and Bermuda shorts – it's



With this weekend marking the unofficial start of summer, the Willits Chamber of Commerce invites all the community to come out and celebrate Memorial Day weekend at the 33rd Annual Community Festival & Car Show.

Classic cars will be on display, tinkerers young and old can try their hand at various activities at the Mini Maker Faire, the Lions Club will be serving breakfast on Sunday, and history buffs can check out the Mendocino County Museum and the Roots of Motive Power facility. Read more about all the events associated with the Community Festival in the Calendar on pages 6 & 7.

Top: Miss Mendocino Kassy Aldaco, 1956 Oldsmobile 88 owner Bill Vazzana, and Willits Chamber of Commerce's Ron Moorhead and Lynn Kennelly are ready for a festive weekend!

Above: Aldaco poses in Vazzana's Oldsmobile, which he plans to enter into the car show this year. The car just received new interior and a fresh coat of "Island Coral" paint, something Bill agonized over doing since the car still featured the original paint (also Island Coral). He is excited to showcase his Oldsmobile 88's fancy new look at this year's Classic Car Show. Photos by Maureen Moore



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Supervisors on Tuesday unanimously approved a vested rights claim for Harris Quarry, located on Highway 101 seven miles south of Willits.

The vote means Northern Aggregates, Inc., owners of the quarry, may continue to mine the quarry, and many of the environmental impact report provisions associated with the expansion of the mining operation at the quarry, and approved by supervisors in 2012, will no longer apply.

The mining operations are still subject to state and federal regulations, such as the Porter Cologne Clean

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Election 2014 Assessor/ Clerk-Recorder

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candidates Two are seeking the office of

Cloverdale visitors share

asking that the nation's Constitution be amended abolish corporate to personhood.

The resolution follows 2012's Measure F, in which voters passed county a measure instructing local government to pass resolutions supporting the Move to Amend movement.

"Corporations should answer to people through

#### Read more of Personhood

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#### A solar sewer plant? City hears Gaia pitch

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Executives from Gaia Energy Systems have pitched a plan for solar panels at the sewer plant to council members.

The talks with Gaia have really just begun. But it is not the city's first step into energy self-sufficiency. The Willits water treatment plant has solar panels.

"The cost of solar is lower than when we did the water plant, and that helps a lot," Councilman Ron Orenstein

#### Read more of Solar

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## optimistic view of life after the Willits bypass

"The Chamber of Commerce and the City of Willits are sponsoring this forum because we have noticed a lot of misconceptions about what went on in Cloverdale, postbypass," said Ron Moorhead, president of the Willits Chamber of Commerce, as an introduction to

the "Thriving After a Major Economic/ Cultural Change" forum on May 6.

The Willits City Council chambers were full, as business owners and other community members listened to

panelists from Cloverdale describe their experience with the changes in the Sonoma County town after it was bypassed.

Panelists included Bob Jehn, businessman and mayor of Cloverdale at the time of the bypass; Joe Heckel, former Cloverdale city planner; Claudia Clow, owner of Pick's Drive-In; Alan Furber, owner of Furber Ranch Plaza; and Will Jopson, owner of Ace Hardware in Cloverdale.

"Yes, Cloverdale is very different than Willits, we understand that," Moorhead continued, and the panelists did made that clear.

Changes in Cloverdale were more extreme after their bypass opened than changes in downtown Willits are likely to be. The city took Cloverdale Boulevard down from two lanes in each direction to one, adding diagonal parking on one side of the boulevard. Cloverdale lost much more traffic (from 25,000 cars a day down to 5,000 cars a day, according to a 2011 report in



Above: Cloverdale panelists and friends: from left to right: Will Jopson, Claudia Clow, Alan Furber, Bob Jehn, Nancy Jehn, Joe Heckel and Melanie Heckel.

the Press Democrat) than Willits will. And they had more decisions to make as a community about such issues as zoning, annexation and parking.

But panelists agreed, as expressed by Will Jopson: "I think you really

going through this thought, 'what are

we going to do?', but when it went

through, it actually really helped us

as a town, as you can tell from our

Panelists said the recession and

the actual road work done downtown

which blocked access to some

businesses were more disruptive to

local business revenues than the

"Like any business," Jopson

continued, "you've got to provide

the services and the products that

people want, which all takes money,

but I think if people have been coming

through town and dealing with you,

"You folks have a lot going for you

they will continue to do that."

up here," said Alan Furber.

"People know where you are.

in Cloverdale initially

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comments."

bypass itself.

freeway to get that beer, or to go to the train.... The American people still want to see America, see California. Those with spendable dollars will have nothing to be come to your community if you have afraid of," as far as the that service or that interest that the effects of the bypass people want." on Willits businesses. "I mean some of us

The Cloverdale guests took a look around Willits and were favorably impressed by the downtown, and the beautiful parks in town, which Furber emphasized were a big attraction for travelers.

People driving along are still looking

for things to do, a special beer to

drink, and they're going to pull off the

A dog park was one amenity cited as a great thing to publicize to travelers: "We have one!" somebody in the crowd called out.

One question Moorhead asked was about annexation of the interchange areas: "That was one of the things we talked about," Moorhead said. "You found it was important; any input there?"

"One thing the city did," said planner Joe Heckel, "was update our general plan.... We were looking at what the land uses would be around the interchanges. We wanted to

Read more of Over on Page 11 Cloverdale

Mendocino County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder, incumbent Susan Ranochak and challenger Robin Sunbeam.

The combined office of assessor/clerk-recorder is a magnet that attracts holds many of and administrative and the recording jobs associated with county government. The clerk records births, deaths and marriages and also can perform weddings. The recorder keeps track of ownership of land as well as the historical ownership of land. The assessor fixes the value of property for taxation purposes.

Also included in the job of county clerk-recorder is responsibility for managing the county's elections apparatus. Currently, the assessor/clerk-recorder oversees the work of 25 employees.

#### **Robin Sunbeam**

Robin Sunbeam, 65, is a registered school nurse at River Oak Charter School in Ukiah, and has been a Red Cross disaster nurse for 37 years. She is also a political activist who has helped found the Inland Mendocino County chapter of Move to Amend, as well as the Mendocino County Public Banking Committee Coalition.

Sunbeam cited three key issues she will address as assessor/clerk-recorder:

"I will carefully scrutinize

Read more of Recorder Over on Page 11

# **Yes on Measure K**

Willits Weekly urges readers in Brooktrails to vote to pay for basic services and infrastructure not adequately "yes" on Measure K in the June 3 election. If two-thirds of Brooktrails voters agree, property owners will pay an extra \$34 a year on their property tax bills to support the Brooktrails Fire Department.

As many of our readers' eloquent letters to the editor supporting Measure K have pointed out, that's only an extra 9 cents a day to help provide Brooktrails volunteer firefighters and EMTs with the equipment they need to do their "iob" and to do it safely.

Taxes add up, true, and, yes, many local districts and fires at the two-thirds of Brooktrails homes with no fire jurisdictions are asking for extra help from their residents hydrant nearby

funded by the state or federal governments in these days of "austerity" for everyday Americans.

But when you or a neighbor needs help from emergency personnel, you need it now. Willits and Brooktrails are lucky to have volunteer emergency responders willing to give up their time and risk their safety to help our community. It's not fair to ask them to work without adequate safety and fire fighting equipment, including a new water tender to fight wildlands fires and residential

One important note: Measure K has nothing to do with issuing bonds: it is a straightforward revenue increase that will go directly to the fire department, with no interest to pay back. (For more details on Measure K and what the new revenue will be used for, see the detailed ad on page 5 of this issue.)

We've heard talk for many years about the dangers of a big fire in Brooktrails. California's fire season is already well underway this year. Let's give a vote of confidence to our Brooktrails Fire Department, and vote "yes" on Measure K in the June 3 election.

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#### Firefighters Open House June 7

#### To the Editor:

Dear Willits Community: This letter is to inform you that the volunteers of the Little Lake Department Firefighters' Association will be having an open house/fundraiser on Saturday, June 7, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the firehouse on 74 East Commercial Street

There will be a raffle for all sorts of great prizes: tickets are many residents of Brooktrails. I have been lucky enough to \$10 each. You can get raffle tickets from any member of be able to work with the men and women of Brooktrails Fire the fire department or by coming by our firehouse on East for many years now. I have been blessed to witness first-Commercial Street.

The main objective of the open house is for all the people in the community to be able to see their firehouse and the apparatus and equipment. We will be giving rides on our antique muster fire engine to whoever wishes to ride it. This is also a good time for the association to raise money for future equipment and other items needed by the volunteers. Don't miss the opportunity to attend the open make it happen when 911 gets the call.

We will also be selling hotdogs, sodas and chips. Hope to see you all there. We will also have our new fire department T-shirts designed by our own Eric Alvarez: available in kids' sizes, too.

I express my thanks and await your participation in our open house and fundraiser.

Kevin Reedy, president of

#### Grateful for Brooktrails Fire

It's a typical Saturday morning, and you and your loved ones are getting ready for your day. It's going to be a beautiful day in Brooktrails, and the kids, grand-kids, or just Using the tool of crowd sourcing, your donations can help yourself are excited for what the day has to bring. You suddenly hear a loud thud in the back room and realize your loved one is lying face-first on the ground. You call 911, and dispatch walks you through finding a pulse, starting CPR if needed, etc. You are panicked and beside yourself: dispatch lets you know over and over they have help coming to assist you. Seconds seem like minutes and minutes like hours, your whole life is flashing in front of you, and you are stunned: "How could this be happening?" You finally hear sirens as you hang up the phone with

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

does. Until that day comes where you or a loved one needs a first responder. I cannot express enough how important it is for quick early intervention to aid in saving a life.

I have witnessed Brooktrails Fire doing just this for the hand how important they are to any emergency situation. I dislike giving more money away to taxes just as much as

the next person; however, Measure K is a little different. Measure K gets my support, and I hope yours too, because it's actually a tax that benefits us as residents of Brooktrails. I never know when I may need the help of our fire department, but I do want the peace of mind in knowing that I will get guick rapid response if I ever do. house to see the fire engines and meet our volunteers that As an ER nurse, I cannot express enough how important it is for early rapid intervention in any emergency situation.

It is our duty to support our local fire department just as they support us during our most dire time of need. They do extraordinary things, and I for one am extremely grateful for the Brooktrails Fire Department.

Amy Buckingham, RN, CEN (certified emergency nurse), Brooktrails

Little Lake Fire Association WCT seat campaign

To the Editor:

become downright shabby.

#### To the Editor:

The Willits Community Theater (WCT) is one of those places that make Willits special. For over 20 years we have enjoyed so many great performances. Now the seats have be contributing members of society than by being a bully!

raise the \$7,500 needed to refurbish and recover these seats. Go to www.igg.me/at/wct-seats-for-the-soul. If you are not comfortable donating online, please come by the Goods' Shoppe and put something in our WCT collection can. No amount is too small.

How about a group of you getting together and honoring a her. local community hero (living or past) by collecting \$300 to place on a seat a brass plaque with the name of the one you wish to honor? We are already over 65 percent, and still have until May 29. Thanks to all who have donated.

one example being his interest in the internal workings of our city government and how people at City Hall are communicating.

He seems to have that rare ability to bring people together. I consider Tom a genuinely wise resource for our community, particularly regarding local business, avenues for finance, supporting

our schools, and perhaps most importantly, who to talk to and how to get things done. I've always been impressed by the way he thinks, his consideration of others, and the importance he places on

civility when dealing with others having different values. Tom is a communicator. He listens and speaks calmly with intelligence and has no vested interest but the common good.

And I think I can say he is grounded yet open. These traits are sorely needed on our board of supervisors.

William White, Willits

#### Vote for Holly

#### To the Editor:

I recently attended Candidates Night in Willits for the 3rd District supervisors. One thing that impressed me was the candidates agreeing to a friendly race. I thought: this is what makes Willits a great place to live and raise a family: people here are friendly. Apparently Hal Wagenet forgot this as soon as the evening was over. The very next day I was surprised to see he had bought a very spiteful ad directly attacking Mayor Holly Madrigal.

I'm a mother and wife, and I work in the schools. Every day I am reminded of the negative effects bullying has on our youth and our society. It's up to us, the adults, to show them there is a better way to get ahead in life and When I am looking for a supervisor, I want someone who knows how to work with others effectively and creatively to find solutions, not someone who bullies others to get their way. I want someone who is honest and caring. We all know Holly, and many of us have worked with her on projects throughout Willits over the years. She listens to everyone's concerns and handles adversity with patience, respect and strength; I admire this quality in her and I trust

Over the last 10 years Holly Madrigal has represented us in Willits, and I want her to represent us in the 3rd District. I want her to win it, and win it now, on June 3, so she can put this campaign aside and focus on more important work for us. I'm telling you she is the only candidate that is going to hit the ground running. Think about it.

I am proud of who she is, what she has become, and

where she is going. That's why, on June 3, I'm voting for

Holly Madrigal for 3rd District supervisor.... Vote for Holly,

"attack" by an "aggressive" dog, the only identifying

Letter-writer Jeanne King seems to feel that changes in

Willits, as a result of Prop 215, have made certain dogs

more prevalent, especially the brindle color marking. In

addition, all brindle-colored dogs are aggressive and

take a moment of your readers' time to respond to this.

Wendy Copperfield, Willits











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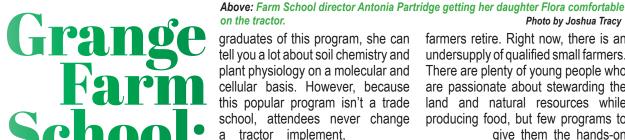
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farmers retire. Right now, there is an graduates of this program, she can tell you a lot about soil chemistry and undersupply of qualified small farmers. There are plenty of young people who give them the hands-on

Photo by Joshua Tracy

training the next irrigation generation of farmers

soor

A visit with Antonia Partridge, Farm School director for the California State Grange School of Agriculture Arts, makes it clear that she knows her stuff. Operating a visionary program on a shoe-string budget means Partridge has extensive farm experience, has worked exhaustively to collaborate on designing a strong program, and can

pitch it eloquently. Partridge completed the Agriculture Systems and Environment program at UC Davis in 1999. Like most



plant physiology on a molecular and cellular basis. However, because are passionate about stewarding the this popular program isn't a trade land and natural resources while school, attendees never change producing food, but few programs to tractor implement. practice small engine | Spring Senerchia skills they need to do so. or assemble repair, Features Writer The Grange Ag School dy@gmail.com systems. program, located mid-Many of these and

other critical farming skills used to be handed down through the generations, along with the family farm. Today, more people like Partridge are coming to farming

from other experiences and need to learn these skills. And learn them

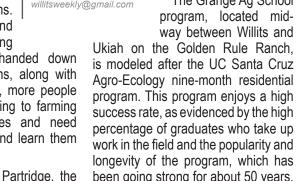
Today, according to Partridge, the been going strong for about 50 years. average farmer is 57 years old, and Partridge hopes to attract some of the 30 percent of farmers are older than

360 applicants who don't get a spot in 65. In the next 10 years, 40 million that 40-person program each year. acres of farmland will Read the rest of change hands as these



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dispatch and run and open the door. Brooktrails Fire is first on scene, rushing to your aid and that of your loved one. They apply an AED and deliver a few shocks to the patient while taking over CPR and delivering much-needed oxygen. You hear fire personnel directing the ambulance to your home (we all know how confusing finding any house in Brooktrails can be).

Finally the ambulance arrives and rushes your loved one to the hospital. You gather yourself and children, if applicable, and rush to be with your loved one at the hospital. The hospital staff assures you that because you activated 911 so quickly and because Brooktrails Fire arrived within minutes and was able to deliver life-saving measures to I do not know how I can express my thanks enough for all your loved one, their outcome is looking good.

You may think that this situation will never happen to you: I know, I get it, I hear that all too often. Until the day that it

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You are the "community" in Willits Community Theatre.

Emmy Good, Willits

#### A Huge Thank You! To the Editor:

let's vote for Holly! (You know the cheer.) Hello community, I'm Baby J's Grandma Robin Stewart. I want to thank EVERYONE that has been involved in the bake sales, donations, the beautiful candlelight vigil, Don't judge a dog by its color and everything else that folks have so selflessly given of themselves for our loved ones. To the Editor:

Recently Willits Weekly published a letter relating an the love and support the community has shown my son, Craig, and Amanda. information being the dog was brindle-colored. I hope to

Thank you, again, with all my heart: forever Baby J's Grandma.

Robin Stewart, Willits

Vote for Tom

#### To the Editor:

I'm voting for Tom Woodhouse because, having known Tom over the years and having sought his advice on matters to do with business and finance, I came to notice his keen interest and involvement in civic affairs. Just

trained to protect the crops and local growers, according to King's reference. Unfortunately, she fails Read the rest of to relate that there are a number of breeds

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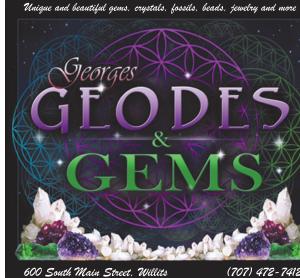




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**2nd Annual Mendocino County Mini Maker Faire** Saturday, May 24, 10 am to 5 pm



The Mendocino County Museum in Willits presents the 2nd Annual Mendocino County Mini Maker Faire this Saturday. The familyfriendly faire will feature do-it-vourself (DIY) projects at interactive booths, technology demonstrations, craft workshops, and solar energy demonstrations. Activities that will keep the faire buzzing include jewelry making, a Lego building table, slot car races, 3-D scanner and printer, and even a homemade drone

The faire will offer a "deconstruction zone," where kids can take apart electronics components to see how they work, and a "Swap O Rama Rama," where people can bring in old clothes and repurpose for a number of uses. Also onsite this year will be the renowned Solar Living Institute from Hopland, to help kids construct and operate solar-powered toy cars and demonstrate baking in solar ovens in two sessions.



ing Institute at their outdoor booth, this will be an opportunity for participants to help cook a simple baked good, observe a solar oven in action, and then taste what they cooked! Learn Google SketchUp: Taught by Addison Moore, this class

will introduce people to the free Google SketchUp software. This software allows users to create 2D and 3D images and is useful for drafting ideas, engineering, interior design and anything else you can think of!

12 pm: Successful Maker Talk: Ever wanted to know about how to turn your interests into a business? Have a great idea for a service but don't know how to proceed? Come out and listen to a successful small business owner explain how he achieved his successes. Ask questions and get yourself ready to start your small business. Read the rest of

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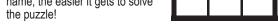
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## **Five basic** relationship needs

When we experience traumatic events in our lives, such as the loss of a loved one, severe health issues, or the loss of our job or home, many of us come face to face with needs that I call basic relationship needs. As a relationship coach I define them as 1. feeling

Doris Wier physically (including sexually) safe; 2. feeling Columnist accepted for who we

are; 3. feeling connected; 4. feeling supported and cared for; and 5. feeling appreciated. I summarize these basic needs in two categories, feeling physically safe and feeling emotionally safe.

Life, however, does not have to be so challenging for these basic relationship needs to arise. We are born with them, and they stay with us throughout our lives. I dare say it is only when all our basic relationship needs are being met that we can be at our best, as can our partnerships and other important relationships in our lives. It contributes to our emotional and physical health.

As an example, a friend of mine wanted to get divorced because she did not feel emotionally safe with her husband. Unfortunately, he was not open to relationship coaching or any form of marriage counseling or therapy that may have helped them as a couple. Too often she had been ridiculed by him for having certain feelings, and too often she had been accused of being incompetent. She did not feel accepted for who she was. Feeling unappreciated and disrespected finally became unbearable. They had daily arguments, and it began to affect her health. At that point, she felt her only option was divorce.

My friend's example illustrates how crucial it is for those of us in a partnership to get our "five basic relationship needs" met. It is not enough to satisfy

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characters

you want, but you can never leave."

Nancy Ellis-Bell

Columnis

four out of four stars.

Hotels as film

The Eagles had it all figured out: "Welcome to

the Hotel California.... You can check out anytime

Movie producers seem to have the same

perspective when it comes to making movies

where hotels or motels become far more than

Going back as far as 1932, the classic black-and-

white film, "Grand Hotel," which featured Greta

Garbo, Joan Crawford and John Barrymore,

added to the cast of characters a posh Berlin hotel

whose walls, floors, furnishings and staff became

the film's antagonists. The film is still available

through TCM (Turner Classic Movies), and well-

respected film critic, Leonard Maltin, gives it a full

Most recently, American filmgoers were treated

to intrigue and scandals at "The Grand Budapest

Hotel" (2014), with a stellar cast of Hollywood A-list

actors whose performances seemed somehow

familiar to those in the original and iconic "Grand

Hotel." The new film was both a ratings and box

office disappointment, almost seeming to offer up

the old adage of too many cooks spoiling the stew.

humans. Contrast "The Grand Budapest Hotel"

with "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" (2011),

where the characters in the latter film moved

seamlessly among the crumbling walls and

porticos of the East Indian relic. In that film, the

equally stellar cast pulled their epiphanies out

of the failing plaster. Clearly, hotels/motels and

Take "The Shining" (1980) set in The Overlook

Hotel, or "Bates Motel" (1960, then reprised for

characters must work together artfully.

Read the rest of

Turns out, it's not so easy to match hotels and

setting, symbols or

metaphors. In the

best of the best,

the hotels become

visceral characters.

18. Feels ongoing dull pain





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**ON MEASURE K** 

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safer during these challenging times

future needs, including all of its financial

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The committee unanimously agreed that

the least expensive, least disruptive and

most beneficial option for the community,

and each resident, was to maintain the

Department and raise revenue by \$34 per

year. This will establish a fund to replace

equipment, such as a Water Tender

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THE FACTS: HOME FIRE INSURANCE RATES AND THE DROUGHT

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

(Insurance Service Office). 1 is the best regulations that effect its operation.

#### **VOTE "YES" ON MEASURE K AND KEEP BROOKTRAILS SAFE**

NO!

vote in Brooktrails.

Why do we need a Water Tender?

Two-thirds of Brooktrails homes are not

near a fire hydrant. In an emergency

that knocks out pumps and water will

If I am a renter, can I vote for Measure

Yes, as long as you are registered to

term drought. Currently Brooktrails

has a rating of 5 out of 10 from the ISO

and highest rating. We are now due to

will view our Township unfavorably

Committee decide on a

\$34 annual increase?

#### WHY DO WE NEED **MEASURE K**?

 To purchase a Water Tender and other equipment, be cut off. A Water Tender will carry that is beyond repair or is unsafe. hundreds of gallons so that we can · To fund hazard abatement programs, fight residential and wildlands fires where no water is available. The Water including maintenance of the greenbelt near Tender is also important to maintaining your home our ISO rating. To maintain the Department's ability to respond to medical eme Can the money be used for salaries of To keep our First Responders supplied with Firefiahters? ecessary equipment for their 200 plus calls per NO, by the measure forbids such use. Can the money be used by Brooktrails • To eliminate the Department need to Township Community Services District 'borrow' approximately \$100,000 annually for any other projects? from the District. NO, by State law! To restore the Department's reserves for Will the money go to build a new Fire emergency equipment replacement. Station'

· Life saving equipment cannot be repaired and some of the personal safety gear is outdated and

#### WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

 A safer home for you, your family and pets. • A more fire-safe Township with adequate equipment for medical emergencies, rescues and fires • Keeping your costs of home insurance down.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF MEASURE K DOESN'T PASS?

be reappraised. If Brooktrails' ISO rating The Brooktrails Fire Department may goes higher than 5, then home insurers have to reduce its services. Firefighter personal protective equipment and your home insurance could rise and breathing apparatus will fail. significantly Without proper equipment the number

How did the Revenue Enhancement of volunteer firefighters will be reduced. · Fire abatement programs may be reduced and efforts may no longer be sufficient to prevent wildfires. In 2013, a Revenue Enhancement and EMT supplies, maintain the hazard

Home insurance, if available at all, Committee of residents including those abatement program and ensure that the who opposed the last request for an department is able to work with residents could rise significantly on your home. increase in the fire tax conducted a review to keep the community fire safe.



#### Thursday, May 22 "Mendo Matters" radio show: 9

am on KZYX Radio, 91.5 FM. Join host Paul Lambert of Willits and

documentary showing at the Mendocino Film Festival about what happened 74 percent Arcata voters supported medical marijuana in 1996. and ended up with grow houses moving in next door. Also, 88.1 • 90.7 • 91.5 Brooktrails Fire Chief Daryl Schoeppner about where your \$150

goes and where it doesn't go. Also, Peter Hecht, an award-winning Sacramento Bee reporter, will talk about his brand-new book, "Weed Land: Inside America's Marijuana Epicenter." Plus your calls to 456-9991.

Shanachie Pub: Jazz Jam, featuring vocalist Sarah Ryan, Michael Cantwell on piano and keyboards, Aaron Bellomo on guitar, and Jesse Bessoni on drums. Jazz standards infused with funk, hip hop, world and free-form jamming. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

#### Friday, May 23

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

Come Celebrate With Us!: Join Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation in commemorating Seabiscuit's Stud Barn listing in the National Historic Register, Friday, May 23 at Ridgewood Ranch, 16200 N. Highway 101. Special guests: Supervisor Dan Hamburg, Willits Mayor Holly Madrigal, Bruce Burton, Willits Rotary Club, William Painting by Cynda Valle

Nichols, author, Col. Michael Howard, USMC (Ret.), Howard family historian, Mendocino County Sheriff's Mounted Posse Color Guard and Rotary Club of Willits. Info: www.SeabiscuitHeritage.org or seabiscuit@instawave.net.

The Art of Relationships: An Evening of Entertainment and Enlightenment, with five longtime community artists: Cynda Valle, painter; Clancy Rash, Kate Black, and Helen Falandes, (singing group "Just Enough"), musicians; and Jed Diamond, author. 7 to 9 pm. at Willits Center for the Arts. This free event also celebrates the birth of Diamond's 11th and 12th books: "Composting Abbie: A

Whale of a Story" and "Stress Relief for Men: How to Use the and free for children 12 years and under. See article on page his guest JoAnn Schuch, filmmaker for "Tricky Bidness," a Revolutionary Tools of Energy Healing to Live Well." Info: 5 for schedule details Jed Diamond, 459-5505 or Jed@MenAlive.com. Willits Community Garden Work Day: 10 am until mid-

Fourth Friday Fun Night: at the Willits United Methodist afternoon, at the corner of East Valley and South Lenore, Church, 286 School Street (across from the Grange). 6 to next to Rec Grove Park. Community Garden will have a table 8 pm. A potluck this month: please bring a healthy dish to on Lenore with refreshments for those walking the WHAT walk. Still some plots available at the garden, at a sliding share. Since the free will donation is going to the Relay For scale (\$10 to \$40), and Life this month, the theme is the color pink. "This is a great time for families with wonderful food, socializing, and door loads of starts available in the greenhouse, available prizes.

for free or donation to our Shanachie Pub: The Blue Reptiles, original and old school gardeners. "If you want to blues songs. 8 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's get gardening this year, Restaurant. Info: 459-9194. consider stopping by this

#### annual fire fee from CalFire Saturday, May 24

days: Sunday, June 8, 2 Parking Lot Sale: at the Harrah Senior Center from 8 am to 6 pm, and Wednesday, to 1 pm. Great prices on clothes and household items. Hot June 18, from 4 to 8 pm. dogs and root beer floats available. Spaces available for rent Info: mikeafarmer@gmail. (8 am-3 pm), \$20 each or 2 for \$30; \$15 each or 2 for \$25 com for members. To rent a space: call Mariya at the Harrah Center 459-6826 Shanachie Pub: two

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

16th Willits Walk for Health & Wellness: Registration opens at 9:30 am at J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street. Walk kicks off at 10 am. "Men,

women, and children of all ages are welcome (and also well-behaved pets on leashes). No charge. We also invite bicyclists to join us. The focus of this walk is on the new Avenues to Wellness program, noon. A Guided Tour, Ceremony and Reception at Historic other health and wellness programs in our community, and our local food gardens along the walk. Come walk with the providers of Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic, your

> friends, and neighbors. The walk begins in downtown Willits and winds through the neighborhoods. The entire walk is 5 miles, but people can walk some or all. We walk rain or shine!" The walk is being cosponsored by Willits Healthy Action Team, Avenues to Wellness, and Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic. Info: Jed@MenAlive.com or 459-5505.

Friends of the Library Book Sale: See Friday, May 23 listing for details.

2nd Annual Mendocino County Mini Maker Faire: 10 am to 5 pm at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 E

Commercial Street. Featuring do-it-yourself projects at interactive booths, technology demonstrations, craft workshops, solar energy demonstrations and more. \$5 for

Legion, Willits Post 174, is conducting Memorial Day Services at the Willits Cemetery, from 10 to 10:30 am, and at Little Lake Cemetery from 11 to 11:30 am.

Tuesday, May 27

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: "Godzilla n 2D." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.

> > Wednesday. May 28

California, My Golden State!": A final encore production – due to popular demand - of Blosser Lane Elementary School's ourth-grade student production of this original play by their

teacher, Janice Haschak. The play, featuring informative skits about California history, along with singing, dancing, and comedy, will be performed at 9 am, at the Blosser Lane school cafeteria, 1275 Blosser Lane. The public and other school classes are cordially invited to attend the show. Please RSVP for large groups or classes: 459-3232.

Thursday, May 29 Mendocino Film Festival at the Noyo Theatre: Tonight is 2014 Mendocino Film Festival opening night in Willits, featuring a

reception on Thursday, May 29, from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts. Reception, hosted by Adam's Restaurant and the North Coast and intimate look at the lives of modern circus artists within

Brewing Company, features fine wines, artisan beer, and "an and out of Cirque Du Soleil," is set for 8pm. All showings array of delectable appetizers." Reception tickets are \$10, at the Noyo Theatre. Film tickets are \$11 advance/\$12 for movie-goers (film ticket stub required for admission). The at the door. For more info, and to buy tickets, visit: www. Thursday night film, 7:30 pm at the Noyo Theatre is "20 Feet mendocinofilmfestival.com. See Thursday, May 29 listing for

> From Stardom," which won a info on the MFF's opening night reception and film in Willits. 2014 Academy award for "Best Feature-Length Documentary.' Special guest Claudia Lennear, who's sung with Ike and Tina Turner, George Harrison, Joe Cocker, Leon Russell and more, as featured in the film, will do a Q&A after the film showing. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for details. See Saturday, May 31 listing for the second day of MFF showings.

Shanachie Pub: Chris Cichacki, solo guitar. 6 pm. 50 South Main at the Brooktrails Golf Course. Willits Rotary is sponsoring a



the concert

Sunday, June 1

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Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194

#### Friday, May 30

Shanachie Pub: Self-Fulfilling Prophecies, Americana / folk rock / soul, featuring Morgan Stocker, Bodhi Idarius and Buckminster West. Listen: www.reverbnation.com/ selffulfillingprophecies. 9 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194

#### Saturday, May 31

Free Canned Food: at the Agape Bible Church, 290 South Lenore Avenue, 8 to 10 am. Info: 459-1905.

Jr. Horsemen Gymkhana: starts at 9 am at the Willits Horsemen's Arena, 850 East Valley Street. Info: 459-2562. See article and photo elsewhere on Calendar page about the playhouse the Jr. Horsemen are raffling off this year.

St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble: 7 pm at the Willits United

Methodist Church, 286 School Street (across from the

Grange). No charge. "A magnificent performance of traditional

Russian hymns and folk music." Light refreshments following

Shanachie Pub: House of Love with DJ Podge. 9 pm. 50

South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-

16th Annual Willits Rotary Phoenix Hospice Golf

**Tournament:** Enjoy a day on the greens under the redwoods

Mendocino Film Festival: Saturday films shown by the 2014 Mendocino Film Festival in Willits start off at 3 pm with "Symphony of the Soil," a documentary which "explores the complexity and mystery of soil" including nterviews on four continents with some of the world's most esteemed soil scientists, farmers and activists. Q&A with director Deborah Koons Garcia after the showing. A Shorts Program, "It's

& Lounge at the

All About Change," featuring nine and \$10,000 cash for hole-in-one on #9. Check-in at 8 am; short films, is scheduled for 5:30 shotgun start at 9 am. RSVP: Tammy Long at 480-993-5755 pm. "Grazing the Sky," a "magical or 456-3235 or Tammy.Long@ah.org. 65th Annual Willits Horsemen's Association Rodeo and

Beef Barbecue: at the Willits Horsemen's Arena, 850 East Valley Street. Begins at 9 am with the team roping event followed by the beef barbecue at 11:30 am. Genial Jeff and his Right-Hand Man Lefty will be on hand to play country favorites during the barbecue. The rodeo begins at 1:30 pm. All events are open to the public, and admission is free. "Please join us for this Willits tradition of good fun and great food." Barbecue tickets are \$13 for adults and \$5 for children. For tickets and information call 489-6565

LocaLights: Singer/songwriter Vern Morninglight and Chanterelle (with harmonies by Madge Strong, Diane Smalley and Helen Falandes) are featured in this third concert in the LocaLights series, showcasing local musicians and emphasizing acoustic sound. 7 pm at the Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). Tickets are \$15 (front or B row); \$10 (regular), \$5 (last or E row), and are available at Goods' Shoppe, 56 South Main Street.



Life Fundraiser







This annual, family-friendly kickoff to the Performances are set on four stages, and the summer festival season is set for May 31 and festival will also host more than 150 handmade craft and food booths, the Generation Green

Recreation

State

Area, in southern Humboldt.

debuts: solo show by singer/songwriter Brandon Saunders, 6 pm, no cover. Visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltArbU1Szjs. Psychedelic folk and country blues with a modern twist, with New Sun Company, 9 pm, \$5 cover, visit www.soundcloud.com/ new-sun-company. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194

#### Sunday, May 25

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

Saturday and get your

hands dirty." Future work

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

for details. Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast: 7 to 10 am at the Rec Grove. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, biscuits and gravy, orange juice, coffee, tea or milk are served by Lions Club members in the Frontier Days Cookhouse. \$7 for

adults and \$5 for children under 12. Pre-sale tickets available at the Willits Chamber of Commerce office: 459-7910.

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

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

Friends of the Library Book Sale: See Friday, May 23 listing for details.

Monday, May 26 MEMORIAL DAY Memorial Day Services: the Americar adults, \$2 for children ages 13 to 18 years,



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\_2014 golf tournament to benefit Phoenix Hospice. Donations: \$65 per player; \$45 for Brooktrails members; includes: barbecue, greens fees, silent auction, additional hole-in-one prizes.



alternative energy area, an all-media fine art

show, belly dance temple, outrageous kid zone,

Gates open at 9:30 am and close at 10 pm

each evening. Admission, at the gate only, is

\$15 per day, or \$25 for the weekend. Info: 923-

3368 or visit www.mateel.org/summerarts.html

for details and to download the festival quide.

**Redwood Empire Faire** 

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the instructions. Exhibitor

forms are due at the Fair

grounds on Thursday, July

of-summer fun event.

and the new Summertronica E-music tent.

'City Girls' Relay for

#### Claudia Lennear

to attend opening night of the Mendocino Film Festival in Willits

She sang backup with Rita Coolidge, worked with Ike and Tina Turner, George Harrison, Joe Cocker, Leon Russell and more, plus her own solo album. She inspired the songs "Brown Sugar" by the Rolling Stones and "Lady Grinning Soul," by David Bowie and even posed in Playboy. And yet, Claudia Lennear vanished from the public eye, unknown for years after her initial brush with fame. Fan forums dedicated to her bore titles like "What Happened to Claudia Lennear?"

Then, the film "20 Feet From Stardom" was released. Featuring Lennear and other backup singers, some no longer working in the music industry at the time of filming, "20 Feet From Stardom" revitalized their music careers, showcasing the talent of women who had never received credit for recording some of the most famous songs of the 20th century.

Winner of the 2014 Academy Award for Best Feature-Length Documentary, "20 Feet From Stardom" will screen at the Willits premiere of the Ninth Annual Mendocino Film Festival on May 29 at 7:30 pm at the Noyo Theatre – and Lennear will the screening

Opening Night in Willits will also feature a reception from 6 film screening and Lennear's appearance at Noyo Theatre at 7:30 pm. Admission to the reception costs \$10 (film stub in advance or \$12 at the door

Tickets are now on sale for "20 Feet From Stardom" and many other screenings and events at www.MendocinoFilmFestival. org; also check www.facebook.com/MendocinoFilmFestival for more information



nnual The festival, presented by the Mateel Community Center, features more than 100 diverse acts by entertainers local (The Dirt Floor Band, Funkacillin, Seed 707,

Summer Arts & Dysphunctional Species, and Mickey The Music Festival Clown) to international headliners.

#### Willits Branch **Rotary Relay** Library's Cyber for Life Team Cafe is open Fundraiser The Willits Branch Library, Guides are out. The theme this year is "Ocean Adventure." 390 East Commercial Street, Some past exhibitors may receive the book in the mail, but

announces the opening of a for those who are new to our area or new to exhibiting at the The Willits Rotary Club Relay for Life Cyber Cafe in the Conference fair, books may be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce. team will be holding their 2nd annual Room, where you can enjoy Willits Library, Willits Senior Center, or Gateway Realty. You Paella Feed fundraiser on Sunday, a fresh cup of coffee while June 22 from 3 to 5:30 pm at Adam's browsing the internet. Restaurant, 50 South Main Street. Chef Coffee is \$1 a cup. You may Adam will cook up his famous paella (lots be there to answer questions and perform at a Q&A following of seafood and rice), and there will be a bring your own cup from home live auction: in the newly remodeled back or buy a ceramic cup from courtyard at Adam's. Only 50 tickets, \$25 the library for 50 cents, then each, are available. Those interested in keep it in your car for your to 7:30 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, followed by the tickets, call: Jerry Myer at 472-2940. The next visit. The cafe is open 3rd annual Relay for Life Willits will be most Mondays, Tuesdays, held July 26 and 27 from 10 am Saturday Wednesdays and Saturdays required for admittance); admission to the film and Q&A is \$11 to 10 am Sunday in Recreation Grove from 10 to noon, or until the Park. There's still time to form a team for coffee runs dry. Info: 459-

this year's relay. Call 272-2718 for info.

#### New seats for Willits Community Theatre

Donations to the Willits Community Theatre's fundraising campaign to refurbish the theater seats have taken a giant campaign, reports that total donations have passed the 65 WCT jar. percent level of the theater's goal of \$7,500. The seats were installed in the early 1990s, after an old Volkswagen auto repair shop was miraculously transformed into the current playhouse. Many seat bottoms have enjoyed hundreds of performances, and the theater seats are now

comfort and enjoyment

Donors can visit and donate on the website, www.igg.me/ at/wct-seats-for-the-soul; they can mail a donation directly to step forward, thanks to the generosity of the Willits community. the Willits Community Theatre, P.O. Box 80, Willits, 95490; Donna Vaiano, who is organizing the Internet Indiegogo or they can stop by Goods' Shoppe to put a donation in the

All donations are rewarded with perks depending on the donation level, which could include free tickets to a WCT production, a brass seat plaque with donor's name engraved, or even a night of dinner and the theater with a director from the current play season. Visit the Indiegogo site to see all of showing extreme wear. The theater's goal is to refurbish all the available perks. The campaign ends May 29, so there is Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 3:15 \$25, to private parties and organizations 67 seats, offering theater-goers another 25 years or more of still time left for supporters to donate.

- Steve Hellman, for WCT seniors, \$70 for a 20-class pass.

The "City Girls" Relay for Life Team is hosting a fundraising brunch on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15, at Loose Caboose Cafe. Two settings: 10 am and noon. \$20; pre-sale only (please purchase by June 9). With the volunteer waiter team (this year in tux and tie) and a special musical performance by Julia Hardy, the granddaughter of Jill and Chuck Persico. For tickets: 459-7910.

#### Brooktrails Flea Market needs Vendors

The Brooktrails Property Owners Association's annual Flea Market is set for Saturday, June 7 from 8 am to 3 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center, indoors and outdoors. "Your leftovers are someone else's treasures." Spaces still available: call Irene at 459-1974. \$20 for a table. Crafters and other vendors



#### 3; exhibits are due starting Villits Frontier Days Carnival Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19. Mark Wristbands now your calendars for an end-**AAUW Yard Sale** now on sale

Presale wristbands are now on sale for Women is having a yard sale at the just \$20 for unlimited carnival rides for this Main Street parking lot of St. Francis year's Carnival. Stop in to J.D. Redhouse in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, on or ER Energy to purchase. Wristbands will Saturday, June 14. Funds will go towards also be available on-site at the Carnival for helping AAUW provide scholarships so \$30. Carnival opens July 1 at 4 pm. Baechtel Grove Middle School girls Daisy

Pre-Season Water Aerobics

Pre-season water aerobics are being will be selling baked goods and drinks. offered at the Willits High School pool, on 25 spaces will be available for rent, for to 4:15 pm. Cost is \$6 per class, \$5 for so they can host their own sale. For info or to RSVP: Susan Johnson at 459-9909

# **Little Lake Fire Department**

barbecue and rodeo. are welcome, along with flea market Firefighters Association Open House The juniors also will host a dummy steer

cooking hotdogs, and The volunteers of the Little Lake Fire Department Firefighters there will be extra Association invite the community to their annual open house/fundraiser handicapped on Saturday, June 7 from 10 am to 2 pm at 74 East Commercial Street. s p a c e s Raffle tickets, \$10 each, for "all sorts of great prizes," can be bought designated in from any member of the fire department or at the firehouse on East \$10; and ages 12 intrough 14. Entry lees are \$10; and ages 12 intrough 14. Entry lees are \$10. The event will begin at 12:30 pm, and the parking Commercial Street.

contestants will have practice time prior to In addition to tours of the firehouse, firefighters will be giving rides the competition. on their antique muster fire engine. The colorful new fire department For raffle tickets, barbecue tickets and T-Shirts, designed by Eric Alvarez, will be available: kids sizes too.

general information, call 489-6565 or email willitsjrhorsemen@gmail.

playhouse constructed and donated by the

crew at Parlin Fork Conservation Camp.

Proceeds benefit the Junior Horsemen

riding programs and events. Tickets are

on sale now, and the drawing will be held

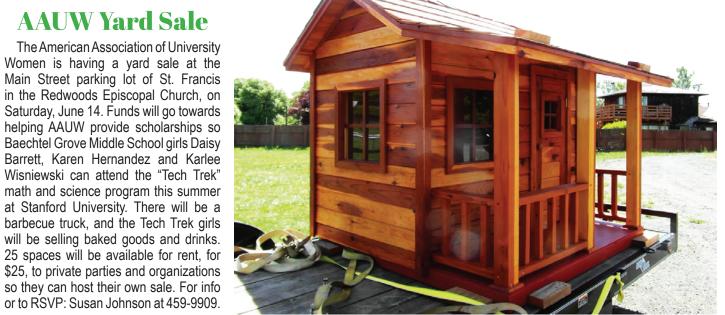
Sunday, June 1 during the WHA beef

roping for kids prior to the start of the rodeo

on Sunday. Kids will compete in three

classes: ages 5 and under; ages 6 through

10; and ages 12 through 14. Entry fees are



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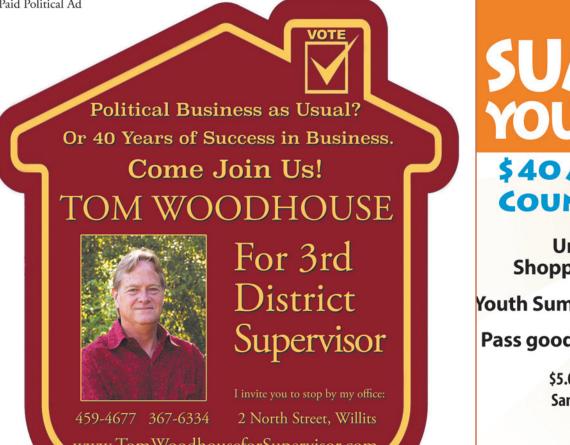




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The groundbreaking Friday for Discovery Park and Playground behind the Willits Kids Club was well-attended, with lots of kids, parents and community supporters enjoying the start of the next phase of the project.

"It's going to be a park for kids, and I wanted the groundbreaking to have the kids be central to it," said Eric Glassey, president of the board of directors for the Willits Kids Club. "And a lot of supporters of the park and the Kids Club through the years were there, also.<sup>3</sup>

The ground-breaking was part of the annual Kids Club Carnival, with food, games and other festivities. Work at Discovery Park, which will be built by Willits' Mendocino Construction Services, will start when school is over for the year.

> – Jennifer Poole Photos by Mac Smith

Left, below: Discovery Park

Bruder, Willits Kids Club

son Max at his feet; Larry

supporters, left to right: Patty

board member; Johan Henkell

landscaper for the park, with

MacLeitch from T.R. Eriksen

oundation, longtime funders

for the Kids Club; Eric Glassey,

board president; Roy Krausen,

ormer board member: Dave

Watts of Sanhedrin Nurserv.

andscape designer for the

project manager: Jenny Watts

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park; Dave Madrigal, park



Unlimited rides to summer school... Shopping...to the Coast...Meet your Friends! Youth Summer Pass for students 18 years & younger Pass good all summer long on all MTA fixed routes. \$5.00 and a Youth Summer Pass will get you to and from Santa Rosa on MTA's North Coast and South Coast Buses!



## **Classifieds & More** The rest of Farm School

Algebra, Geometry Help Wanted Willits or Ukiah: Direct Client Individual Instruction Care Worker to provide Mac Smith 459-MATH support to persons with developmental disabilities. Experience preferred. Duties: Community HU Song nousecleaning. laundry. n our fast-paced world, are you looking to find shopping, meal planning/ preparation, personal more inner peace? Join care, cleaning, bathing, us for a Community HU grooming and occasional Song, Thursday, May 22, transportation. To apply, visit at 6 pm at Willits City Hall, communitycare707.com. For 111 E Commercial Street. more information call 707-HU (pronounced hue) is a 468-9347. simple, uplifting prayer or mantra that can help you experience divine love and Help Wanted an inner calm. All faiths Managing Director: Willits are welcome. Sponsored Community Theatre seeks by Eckankar: Experience permanent P/T administrator: the Light & Sound of God. computer graphics, finance, Information? Please call personnel, record keeping 972-2475. and community liaison. Self-starter, excellent communication skills, flexible Computer Help hours. Salary negotiated. See Need help with your willitstheatre.org for full job computer? I will come t description. Submit resume your home or business. PC to WCT, PO Box 80, Willits, or and Macintosh. Repairs wct@willitsonline.com. and configuration \$35/ hr. Tutoring \$15/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email Help Wanted macamergin@yahoo.com. Harrah Senior Center needs a volunteer driver to deliver meals to our Meals on Consignments Wanted Wheels clients. Must have a Quality home furnishing good driving record and be consignments wanted trustworthy. If interested, pick at Gavel Down Sales, up application at the Senior located at 1611 South Mair Center, 1501 Baechtel Road Street. Contact Kapila at or call 459-6826. 707.459.1300 HOME DELIVERY! For Rent illits Weekly is now offering Downtown Willits mobile Home Delivery! If you live in home, sweet adult park. 2 Willits, Brooktrails or Little bedroom, 2 bath, washer/ Lake Valley, you're inside our dryer, large shed, deck, N/S. home delivery area. Home Small pet maybe. \$800/ delivery subscriptions are month, plus deposit. 459-\$30/six months and \$50/year. 2305. (Mail subscriptions sent by first-class mail are still \$40/ six months and \$75/year.) For Rent Your Willits Weekly will be bedroom, 1.5 bath condo/ delivered (in a plastic bag) to townhouse. In country vour home or driveway in the setting. Washer/drver hook wee hours of Friday morning. up. Garbage paid. \$725/ To place an order, or for more month. Call Armco: 459information, call 459-2633. 9601 Rummage Sale The Fruit Group Every Saturday from 10 am Lug boxes of pesticideto 2 pm at 1st Baptist Church, free fruit. Starts in June, 145 Wood Street. Rain or order now! Apricots: \$24 shine. We accept rummage Peaches/Nectarines: \$25 donations, and have an ever-Willits: Brenda 459-9335 changing selection of goods! Ukiah: JoAnn: 485-7591 Potter & RV: Deanna: 391-Ft. Bragg: Karen: 937-4664 Spring Fling Laytonville: Heather: 984-Fling Event Spring Winery 7430 Chacewater l akeport: Linda: 279-8840 Kelsevville! May 31

This year Partridge is focused on swing. This leaves Partridge with a lot completing essential infrastructure development, fundraising, and welcoming short-term students. Partridge and her crews of volunteers have diligently worked to restore an next year. old home to serve as the Common House for the project. The house will include an office and library, a guest room for out-of-town instructors, living quarters for farm site coordinator Ruthie King, a common area, a bathroom, and a kitchen large enough to process the bounty of the farm and provide food for the 10 to 12 residents. Students will be housed behind the Common House in large tents. Two platforms for tents have already been built in preparation for the first two students arriving in June. Partridge has also developed a halfacre test plot where she has veggies growing alongside a chicken run. By next year the California Grange Agriculture School will be in full swing and anticipates offering a three-term program, spring, summer and fall, to 10 students. Partridge is proud of the program she has designed which features "hands-on, fieldbased learning," Partridge said. "Topics will include organic crop and

livestock production, industrial arts

like farm equipment maintenance and

welding, and business and marketing

skills essential to the economic

This project is well underway.

It is being made possible by the

vision and determination of director

Partridge, Michael Foley of Green

Uprising Farms. and many other

Grange and community members.

Like any ambitious undertaking, this

one has faced significant hurdles,

one of the greatest being stable and

Originally, the project received

a sizable grant from the California

sustainability of all farms."

adequate funding.

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A more sizable donation of \$1,000 will of fundraising to do. To be precise, underwrite the purchase of a wall tent \$35,000 is needed this year to keep for student housing. the project moving forward, with at If you don't have cash to offer, there least that much being required again are other ways to contribute. You can attend one of the ongoing concerts After losing anticipated funding, the in support of the farm. There will be most significant reduction has been another dance show this summer paid staff time. Originally, there were on Saturday, June 21, at the Little three full-time staff people. Currently, Lake Grange, featuring the music of the program is being managed by two Afro Funk Experience and the Broun staffers. Ruthie King was recently Fellinis. This event will feature a hired and is charge of day-to-day silent auction: donations from local management of the students and craftspeople, merchants and services farm, including watering the crops are welcome and needed. and feeding the animals, while Another opportunity to pitch in lies Partridge handles farm oversight and

development, program development in volunteering time, energy and skills and fundraising. Between the two to the farm. There will be volunteer women, 80-100 hours are logged a work days every Wednesday from week, while only 40 are funded. 10 am to 5 pm onsite at Ridgewood Ranch (there are good signs but

Partridge has applied for several it's advised to call before you go for federal grants that would fund a third directions, and to be included in the employee to focus on office work, lunch count). Onsite work days during outreach and volunteer recruitment weekend hours are scheduled for and management. This is a critical role, as it is the one that brings more Saturday, May 31 and Saturday, June money, interest and energy into the 28. Tasks to be done include: wall farm. Partridge notes that right now and sign painting, bed preparation, the main limitations to the capacity of irrigation plumbing, and mowing this program are financial.

Being the resourceful, energetic jewel of our pastoral county and woman that she is, Partridge has a a lovely place to visit and work. lot of ideas about how to bridge the For anyone, and especially for financial gap, but often not enough those who live in town and/or don't hours in the day to implement them. Finishing touches are being made to a video to be used for a crowdfunding campaign through FundRazr. com. In addition to accessing federal grants and private funding outside of Mendocino County, support is being sought from within our community.

Those interested in supporting small-scale agriculture can offer a general donation to help with this project, or they can donate to the scholarship fund. Partridge hopes to enable students to study for free, or a very small cost, by obtaining local

have their own gardens, this is a wonderful opportunity to get outside with your hands in the dirt. Partridge emphasized that any volunteer help is welcome, not just physical labor. She needs help stuffing envelopes for mailings, help in the office and kitchen, and help with coordinating volunteers and working on outreach. Look for another article soon. introducing Ruthie King and offering details about this season's workshops offered to the public. For more information, to make a donation, or to volunteer some time, please visit the website: www.grangefarmschool.org,

Ridgewood Ranch is a crown

State Grange. Since then, that grant has been reduced by 50 percent, donations – \$300 per month covers and even that funding is now in the cost to host a student – and by or contact Antonia Partridge by phone question for the 2015 season, when the sponsorship of other Granges the program is scheduled to be in full who are sending students for training. at 459-9716. The rest of From Page 4 Hotels television in 1987 and as a series in 2013), with "The Grand Budapest Hotel," "The Bag is based on Yukio Okada's manga Man" (2014), starring John Cusack and set in an eponymous, somewhat seedy It's not all about horror when it comes motel whose isolated location creates a Robert DeNiro, all too quickly becomes lost to hotel-driven films. We have romantic blueprint for mayhem, danger and death. In within the motel which is meant to function comedies like "Pretty Woman" (1990), the first of these two films, the hotel is in as a debilitating antagonist. Despite its where the Beverly Wilshire in Beverly Hills

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a malevolent, living character bent on helps to redefine Julia Roberts' unpolished two iconic stars, the film only managed to enge and retribution. In the second film, notel is a structural foil for the dead her who controls her psychopathic son within the property's walls. Even the decidedly dark multi-award little-known but critically acclaimed winning film, "No Country For Old Men" ror film where the hotel is an evil (2007), uses a series of motels to reveal agonist is "Motel Hell" (1980), which the inner characters. Genuinely dark in onsidered by horror buffs as a pure terms of political angst is "Hotel Rwanda" sic. Critics opine, "Don't rent it; buy

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haracter, or the classically funny "Home garner 5.3 out of 10 stars on Alone 2," where The Plaza Hotel becomes com the main character's playmate and ally.

The hotel or motel will not be sacrificed to anything less than masterful direction and writing. Even the best of actors cannot shine if the stucco is compromised

Nancy Ellis-Bell is a former professor and current literary agent/author who has lived in Willits for the past 21 years. (2004), where the hotel becomes the literal Aside from her passion for the sharing of ideas, she is also ideology of Don Cheadle's character and addicted to parrots, koi and a garden that just won't stop

the savior for the people who come there. growing. Ellis-Bell can be contacted at 459-4152 or nellis@ Not all hotel films can measure up: as mcn.org. relationships was published in Willits my training and what I am experiencing as Weekly. In that column, I made the a relationship coach available to all. I enjoy comparison of relationships being like a input, and so I am opening up this column garden in which we get to choose what to answer your relationship questions to plant and what not. In my last three anonymously. Please send your questions to doriswier@incatec.net. Make them as columns, I explained why trust, vulnerability, and getting our five basic relationship needs met are important "fertilizers" to grow healthy and thriving relationships

specific as possible. I will never publish names and will keep your information confidential. Your questions may be about any type of relationship, including those with partners, parents, children, friends or co-workers. I thank my readers in advance, and thank Willits Weekly for this opportunity to reach out. Happy one-year anniversary WW! Until next month ..

relationships will continue to bloom and we Doris Wier is a certified relationship and life coach who works and lives in Willits. She coaches individuals couples, and teachers. 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 or check www embraceconflicts.com and www.facebook.com/dorismw

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It's almost run time again! Friday, June 13 kicks off Redwood Run 2014. So aet ready, Willits. There will be a proliferation of motorcycles hitting town, starting on Thursday, June 12 with the early-bird riders and increasing through the day on Friday, June 13. You'll probably hear 'em before you see 'em, especially the Harleys! And this year the tickets are being offered for \$110,

presale. Ticket price will be \$130 at the gate. This year there is a bonus to presale tickets: pre-sale ticket buyers will be automatically entered into a VIP upgrade drawing. The next drawing for the upgrade will be June 1. So get your tickets early for a chance at this great prize. VIP ticket holders get a backstage pass to meet the band members performing at the Run. And the entertainment this year is awesome,

The Kiwanis Redwood Run began in 1977. Back in those days the Run was held at French's Camp, in Humboldt County, just across the northern border of Mendocino County. The Run has evolved through the years and is now being held at the Riverview Ranch in Piercy, California. The location is semi-secluded and features three days of camping, live music, biker games, swimming in the South Fork of the Eel River, and shows ... including my favorite, the Wet T-Shirt Contest.

featuring Puddle of Mudd and none other than The Marshall Tucker Band!

This is a camping rally, so the best place to stay is at the rally! Motorcycles are the only vehicles allowed in the gate, so camping is tent-only and pretty much whatever you can carry on your bike. There is limited parking for 4-wheel vehicles outside the gates and very limited parking for RVs, because this is a motorcycle rally! The only restrictions are no carry-in alcohol, pets, fires, firearms, fireworks or attitudes. Oh yeah, and no one under 21 years of age.



Thursday, June 12

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From top: Campsites fill up fast; Willits riders Joel, Janice, Kim and Rich enjoyed the 2013 event; bikes line Willits' Main	8a	Main Gate Opens - Mad Rush for Camp				
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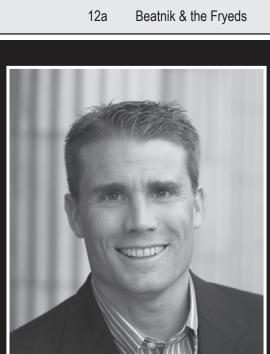
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# **Mike McGuire:** Standing Strong for Mendocino



This is definitely adult entertainment with plenty of alcohol booths up and running.

Directions to the Run are simple: from Willits, head north on Highway 101 and take the Piercy off-ramp. Hang a left at the stop sign, ride under the freeway, and you will

be greeted with coned-off lanes leading you to the Run entrance. The ticket booth is located near the entrance and will be open on Thursday, June 12 from 9 am to 9 pm. Ticket sales at the booth are cash only. The Run gates will open officially at 6 am, Friday, June 13. The price for tickets on Thursday is \$130.

> The Redwood Run knows many folks want to get in line early to be one of the first through the gate to get their choice of the first-come, first-serve camp sites, so they do allow guests to line up starting Thursday, June 12 and camp outside the gate on Thursday night. Camping is restricted to the entry road between the front gate and the ticket booth only. Once that area is full, there will be campsites available in the empty field near the ticket booth. If you choose to line up prior to the gate opening, male sure you check in at the ticket booth and get your wrist band prior to the gate opening.

There is something for everyone at the Redwood Run. That is unless you don't like motorcycles, great music, beautiful women, beer & cocktails good food, tons of vendors with great merchandise, or just being in one of the most beautiful areas of California having a fun time with great people. Proceeds from the Run go to local child assistance organizations in Garberville and other areas of Humboldt County.

And as always, please be especially careful that weekend while driving on Highways 1, 20, and 101. These are the main routes taken by the bikers. And there are going to be thousands on their way to Piercy from every direction of - Richard Venturi, Redwood Run correspondent the compass

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cream cake decorating, and participants will then get to try out their new skills by decorating their own cupcake to take home!

2 pm: Solar Cooking Demonstration: See description above

How to Draw a Face: Artist Janet Ravner is a veteran art teacher and has helped people of all ages discover their artistic ability. This 90 minute class will help budding artists (and those who believe they have no artistic ability at all!) learn to successfully draw a face.

3:30 pm: Edible Plants of Mendocino County: Clinic Herbalist Tellur Fenner of Blue Wind Botanical Medical Clinic will introduce participants to edible and medicinal plants of Mendocino County, including a PowerPoint presentation.

#### Museum-Sponsored Booth Activities: Open all day

Soldering: At this booth, people of all ages learn to use a battery-powered soldering gun to attach the pieces of a robot pin badge. When complete, the badge has blinking LED eyes and the "makers" get to wear their badge showing the new skill they have acquired. Hula Hoops: Kids of all ages get to make and decorate their own hula hoops out of PVC pipe and duct tape.

Deconstruction Zone: Kids learn about how machines work by taking them apart.

Swap O Rama Rama: Attendees learn about recycling and upcycling clothes, as well as sewing skills. People bring clothes or goods to swap, or find a project at the booth. Some materials and mentors will be provided. The Little Lake Grange has generously offered the use of their sewing machines.

Food will be provided by the Delish Willits Food booth, owned by Ann and Jon Maglinte. Many of the items they offer are locally raised and grown. Their grilled hot dogs are made from beef locally raised in Willits by John and Charline Ford. They are perfectly seasoned, hormone, nitrite, and nitrate free, and processed in Eureka. The hibiscus tea is made from organic hibiscus flowers and fruit juices, and the smoothies are made from locally grown fruits and vegetables and organic mint. There will also be sausages from Sonoma County, fresh roasted almonds, and a vegetarian entree. New this time are fresh, hot, chocolate chip cookies, right out of the oven in the booth! Admission to the Mendocino County Mini Maker Faire is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children ages 13 to 18 years, and free for children 12 years and under. Included is admission to the Mendocino County Museum, a treasure trove of the county's historical and cultural artifacts. More information on the Mendocino County Mini Maker Faire can be found at www.MendocinoMakerFaire.com. The Mendocino County Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street, across from the Rec Grove, and can be reached at 459-2736 or Info@MendocinoMuseum.org.

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encouragement.

Kiedrowski replied.

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being used to mine, process and sell rock Water Act and State of California air quality from the quarry during [its] two decades of standards. The operation is also subject ownership," said Whitney. to the county's nuisance abatement

procedure. However when asked by Only a handful of opponents to the vested Supervisor Dan Hamburg how the county rights claim appeared at board chambers. would use that procedure to limit or affect One, rhythm-and-blues musician Ed work at the quarry, County Deputy County Reinhart, urged the board to consider the Counsel Matthew Kiedrowski offered no safety of the public in making its decision.

"I think you have to weigh this question "Could you stop the Harris Quarry on the against the question of the safety of your basis of a nuisance complaint?" Hamburg citizenry and the comfort of your citizenry," Reinhart said. "If you are not aware of the "These are important things to be asking. kind of situation being generated on top but they are not really relevant to the of Ridgewood Summit, and that is likely vested rights claim you are considering," to be generated, and if you approve this

vested rights claim, you are not looking The county's staff report says the same at the entire picture and you are doing a thing. According to the report: "Issues disservice to the public.

> "There've already been a couple of very dangerous incidents up there." Reinhart pointed out. "Pretty soon someone's going to get killed. And when they do, at the very least that's going to be a kind of negligent homicide on your part. So think about that,

when you make your decision." supervisors accepted evidence gathered by Dan Hamburg (5th District), whose Northern Aggregates attorneys that mining district includes the Ridgewood Ranch and at the quarry "diligently commenced" before Harris Quarry, touted his environmental January 1, 1976, when the Surface Mining credentials when making the motion to and Reclamation Act became effective. approve the vested rights claim and a personal reclamation plan associated with the recollection and newspaper clippings were quarry educed to demonstrate that mining at the

quarry went back as far as 1929. Aerial "I was against the Willits bypass," photographs presented to the board on Hamburg said. "I was one of two members April 22 clearly showed the quarry has of the board who voted against sending a expanded since the earliest photograph. letter of support to Caltrans, for the Willits bypass. But the fact of the matter is, go up Opponents to granting the vested rights claim have attempted to prove that for a there and take a look: the Willits bypass period of time before January 1, 1976, the is being constructed. And the rock has to mine was inactive. A sworn statement from come from somewhere. And I would just as Tracy Livingston, representing the Church soon it didn't come from Sonoma County or of the Golden Rule, which owned the mine Lake County. Not just because I don't want from 1962 to 1983, said the church did not to see the sales tax revenue go to Sonoma County or Lake County, but also just in terms of the environment: Greenhouse gases

> "We don't want to be trucking rock," he said. "That means extremely heavy loads, using a whole lot of fuel and wearing down a whole lot of tires: you know, the whole nine yards. Until we stop driving cars on roads, this is the world we live in, and I just don't think we can wish it awav."

After the vote, Willits Weekly asked Frank Dutra, co-owner of Northern Aggregates, if his company was still going to perform some of the improvements to Highway 101 the company promised under the EIR. Dutra declared NAI would do the work.

According to former supervisor and former NAI consultant Hal Wagenet, that work consists of widening Highway 101 in the area of northern egress of the quarry.



Above: Panelists consult one another about a question, from left to right: Bob Jehn, Joe Heckel Claudia Clow, Alan Furber and Will Jopson

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		were going to be, with land uses we were

more comfortable with." Heckel said the Sonoma County development commission supported Cloverdale in those efforts

Planning, with community input, is very important, the panelists agreed. "In my view, a city planner is essential in trying to address the issues of bringing together all the stakeholders, all the members of the community, and getting input on what we want our town to be, to look like," Jehn said. "Not everything goes smoothly, it never does; especially if you have to deal with Caltrans.'

And community input into the planning process is most important, panelists stressed. How important was it for your community to be working together for a plan after the bypass?" was one of the guestions Moorhead asked.

"Crucial," panelist Claudia Clow answered. "Get involved," she urged, "in the part that's interesting to you: signage, beautification .... "Cloverdale recruited four separate committees of volunteers to help with "life after the bypass": a "product improvement committee" (to make the community look better), a business retention committee, a communications committee, and a business attraction committee.

Bob Jehn said more than once he felt Willits had more going for it right now, than Cloverdale did.

"The bottom line is: if you view it as an opportunity, good things happen," Jehn said. "In my view good things did happen in Cloverdale, and in my opinion, you can have some really good things happen here as well.'

all foreclosure documents for accuracy, and if found to be in question, I will demand foreclosing bank before recording it."

ample time before taxes are due. "Although most of my professional experience has been in nursing," Sunbeam said, "my master's degree in education practice has trained me to face unexpected

> resolution." Sunbeam has been endorsed by the Anderson Valley Advertiser, Steve Antler and Steve Scalmanini.

"I am committed to serving the people of Sue Ranochak Mendocino County and would appreciate Sue Ranochak, 52, is the incumbent your vote on June 3," Ranochak said.

conduct commercial mining operations there while the church owned it, "because the church never operated [and had no interest in operating] a commercial mining or processing operation on the Harris Quarry." However, in a sworn statement, Willits

resident Bud Garman said he operated the quarry in the 1970s. In another statement, Willits resident Wayne Waters said he remembered buying rock from the quarry for state road projects in the 1976-1978 time period.

The statements from Garman and Waters, plus the aerial photographs, convinced the board the mine was in commercial use during the period that it was owned by the church.

However, when asked by John McCowen (2nd District) if the law provided that a vested rights claim could be approved only If a mine or quarry had been in continual Wagenet said NAI will add two lanes to the use prior to January 1, 1976, Kiedrowski highway at that point, a center turn lane said it did not. and a northbound acceleration lane. While doing this, the existing two northbound and The matter may ultimately be decided two southbound lanes will be retained. In by the courts. In a statement released Tuesday night, Keep the Code spokesman all, the highway will be 18 feet wider than Bob Whitney announced the organization at present. would sue the county to have the vested Wagenet said the work is being rights decision overturned. undertaken on NAI's own initiative. "They "The county accepted vague hearsay are under no obligation to do this. This is evidence and aerial photos to claim above and beyond what Caltrans required," the church was selling mined rock from Wagenet said. the quarry, in spite of the fact that two Dutra said the work was required. "It's statements from members of the church part of our Caltrans permit," he said. But denied any commercial mining took place he was contradicted by co-owner Randy over two decades in which the church Lucchetti. owned the quarry," Whitney said. "[Northern Aggregates] seems to assert, "Whether we have to do it nor not, we're doing it. And we'll be done in about a and the county apparently agrees, that the church did not know [its] property was month," Lucchetti said.

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assessor/clerk-recorder. She has worked in the assessor/clerk-recorder's office for proof of a clear chain of title from the 29 years, including serving for the past six years as assessor/clerk-recorder.

In addition, Sunbeam said she will Ranochak has been endorsed by the advocate for more polling places and make Mendocino County Women's Political sure property tax notices are mailed out in Coalition, Sheriff Tom Allman, District Attorney David Eyster, county Treasurer Shari Schapmire, Auditor-Controller

Meredith Ford, retired county Assessor Duane Wells, and retired county Assessor/ Clerk-Recorder Marsha Wharff. trained me in administration. The nursing

In addition to her official duties, she is contingencies and come to a satisfactory the secretary of the California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials and also serves as the board of supervisors' appointment to the Mendocino Council of Governments.

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– Submitted by Paloma Patterson for the Mendocino County Museum

# **Furry Friend**

#### Young Mr. Stubbins

Meet the very mellow cat named Stubbins, a 2-year-old domestic shorthair Tabby Manx mix. He is a very affectionate and chilledout guy for his young age and seems to prefer lounging around. He came to live with us in April after his owner went to live in a retirement home, and sadly she was unable to take her beloved boy with her. He is not too interested in playing with toys, but will definitely make a great lap cat. And since he likes to be held, he will probably make a great family pet as well. Stubbins is up to date on his vaccinations, and since he's already neutered, he can go home with you the same day you come to meet him. If you are looking for an awesome companion, we hope you will come meet this very sweet guy to see if he would make a great addition to your home!

To view photos and bios of more of our wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website: www.mendoshelterpets or visit our shelter during shelter hours. Info: Adoption Coordinator, Katherine Houghtby at 707-467-6453 or houghtbyk@co.mendocino. ca.us. The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located 👞 at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm.



## DROP IN & ACT OUT

JOIN LINDA POSNER AND FRIENDS AT LITTLE LAKE GRANGE FOR FUN A HEALTH A SKILL BUILDING A CONFIDENCE A THE HECK OF IT!

Have you ever dreamed or had the urge to play on the stage? Maybe you want to feel more at ease while giving a business presentation or talking with colleagues. Or you simply feel the need to do something different, stretch your brain and get out of your comfort zone. If so, then you'll want to know about the new series of drop in playacting classes being offered by Linda Posner. Linda is an actress, dancer and singer who has appeared on stage, in motion pictures and on television. This is a rare opportunity to learn from a seasoned professional who is a gifted and experienced teacher.

Drop In & Act Out is not a "drama class." It is an ongoing opportunity to play. Each class will offer routines, such as:

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- A Storytelling
- ☆ "Show and Tell"

You can pay as you go, or purchase 10 classes and get the 11th one free - like Zumba! Drop in rates are \$12; a book of 10 classes is \$100. Classes are on Saturdays from 10:00am to noon beginning May 31st. They will be held in Room #10 of Little Lake Grange. Take one, take two, take as many as you like whenever you like. For more information, call (707) 459-1941.

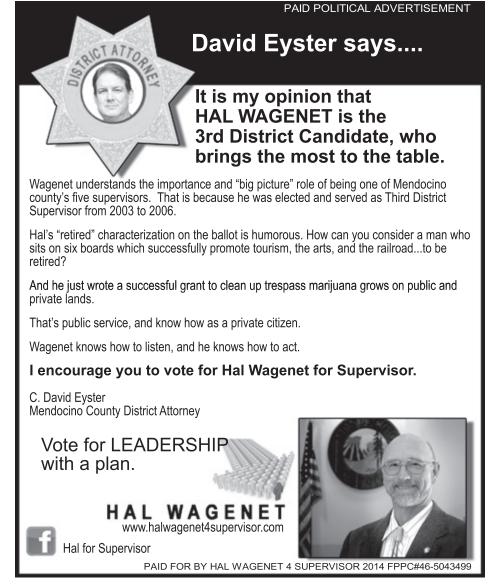
#### Supes appoint new library director

The board of supervisors recently appointed Wallace Clark as interim library director for the county library system. Former Library Director Mindy Kittay resigned at the end of March, about 15 months after taking the job.

Clark has worked in libraries for most of the past 24 years. He's worked in various locations in libraries in California, Washington and Idaho.

Most recently Clark served as the branch librarian for the Fort Bragg Branch

– Mike A'Dair









Prom photos:

Far left: top: Price Runberg, Ashley Roach, Shyanne DeMarco, Shiva Patel. Amanda Lauren Mason, Hailey Riley, Kelsey Butler and Taylor Sasso.

Photo by Carolyn Bakewell

At left: 2014 Prom Queen Annie Smith and Prom King Marcos

Bottom from left. Prince and Princesses: Sam Smith and Bre Shuster; Ruby Nieto and Carlos Munos Velarde.

Photos by Nancy Villegas

## A day and a night to remember

Fridav after school, Willits High School students enjoyed the nice sunny weather at a small carnival planned by the Associated Student Body students. There were lots of fun games, like balloon toss, balloon pop, and a fish bowl. While some of the students didn't Nancy Villegas get a fish, others won! WHS Correspondent willitsweekly@gmail.com The teachers enjoyed the

carnival alongside the students. WHS Principal Jeff Ritchley joined in the fun by getting a "tattoo" from Carolyn Bakewell – the art and yearbook teacher at Willits High school. Thanks to the ASB students who planned such a wonderful day for their fellow students and their teachers: Everyone had a blast!

Then, on Saturday, high school students had a night that they will definitely remember. Students danced under the star-speckled ceiling, gowns shimmered in the light, and memories were made. A couple of freshmen girls and boys enjoyed experiencing their very first prom

Everyone looked like royalty in their beautiful gowns and handsome suits. Thanks to the Willits High School cooking club students, everyone had delicious snacks and refreshing drinks when they needed a break from all the dancing.

Congratulations to our Prom King Marcos Diaz and Prom Queen Annie Smith, and to our princes and princesses Breanna Shuster, Sam Smith, Ruby Nieto and Carlos Munos Velarde.



Carnival photos: top: Kalie Shuster gets ready to play a game at

the event. Above: Carolyn Bakewell "inks" Principal Ritchley with a marker. Photos by Nancy Villegas

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said. Solar panels at the water plant have earned the city checks for a little over \$18,000, he said.

The solar sewer treatment plant is an approximately \$2 million project, with an estimated \$168,000 savings on electrical bills in the first year.

To do more investigating, council members formed an ad-hoc committee of Orenstein and Councilwoman Madge Strong.

Gaia is offering the city a chance to buy its system on pre-negotiated terms from HGACBuy, a government purchasing operation run by the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

Water Manager J.C. England said it looks like the proposed site for the panels is in wetlands the city maintains for mitigation.

The Willits sewer plant sits in the valley north of Commercial Street.

"I think that it makes so much sense," Strong said. Erecting solar panels at the sewer plant is one thing she wants to get done in her time on the council, she noted.

The water treatment plant is southeast of town and treats water from Morris and Centennial lakes.

A new emergency water treatment plant will be located near the sewer plant. Gordon Elton, retired City of Ukiah financial director, works as the fill-in financial director for the city. He spoke to council members about Ukiah's experience with Honeywell International.

"None of it matters if the savings are not actually realized," Elton noted. He said council members and the city need to "understand assumptions before moving ahead."

Gaia claims that getting the city off PG&E electricity at the plant can spare more than 47.3 million pounds of CO2 emissions, equal to planting 405 acres of trees.

To advance with any plans for solar panels at the sewer plant, the city needs to join HGACBuy, finance the project, pen a letter of intent and begin planning with Gaia.

"I think we need to go slowly and do our due diligence on this." Councilman said "a constitutional amendment Bruce Burton said. would certainly create a level or more

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brindle coloring, and to categorize all brindle-colored dogs as aggressive is an indication of a bias or prejudice, in my opinion.

pei. He is very friendly, sometimes too friendly, almost always wagging his tail, sometimes jumping up on new friends in greeting. He is a very loving dog, this being his inherent nature. However, this has never been done in an aggressive manner. His only times of aggression that I've seen is when he is outnumbered by many other dogs in the pack mentality or when he is the victim of unprovoked

markings they were born with, regardless of their specific breed, background or treatment. I would ask your readers to consider the dog itself, and keep an open mind when they encounter any dog, regardless of the markings they were born with. Thank you for your consideration and time.

When I first started thinking about why I'm voting for Tom Woodhouse for 3rd District supervisor, several ideas popped into my head. After considering them I feel the of fracking here and the ill effects of fracking already being most important one is the fact that he's a really good

#### The rest of Personhood | From Page 1

government - not the other way around," level playing field." Margaret Koster said. Koster is a local Move to Tom Mann compared it to clearing blackberries. Amend leader. "It is kind of like blackberries. You have to knock The city's resolution notes the U.S. Supreme them back a little." Court has been friendly to corporations in past The "floodgates" were opened by the Supreme rulings, adding campaign finance limits were Court's decision, said Bill White. "This country further whittled down in the McCutcheon vs. Federal Elections Committee case. is becoming more and more like a Third World country – and the gap between the haves and "Now if money is speech then why am I so

poor?" Willits reporter Mike A'Dair said. "As for corporations being people - I will believe it when Texas executes one.

Willits trailed Ukiah, Fort Bragg, Point Arena and the county in passing a resolution, "but what we are saying is, the people of the United States have the right to regulate campaign spending." Election results from 2012 state that 24,492

voters cast a "yes" vote for Measure F. The measure passed by almost 75 percent. "I think [the recent Supreme Court decision]

"That was a dramatic shift, and a shift that was an activist judiciary mistake," Councilwoman Madge Strong said. "We need to turn this dramatically affected the structure of the juggernaut around, and it is something we can country," he said. do; it was passed overwhelmingly by the citizens Burton said labor unions have brought state of Mendocino County."

The measure contends "only human beings and not corporations are endowed with

Willits doctor Monte Lieberfarb

be regulated."

Mendocino County be instructed to enact resolutions

calling for an amendment to the United States Constitution

to establish that 1) only human beings and not corporations

are endowed with constitutional rights, and 2) that money

does not constitute speech and political contributions can

Thanks are due to Councilmembers Madge Strong and

Ron Orenstein for sponsoring the measure and to a group

of committed Willits citizens who worked on getting the

measure introduced and passed.

be regulated?" It passed by a whopping 74.71 percent!

"Money only influences because money influences." Burton said. constitutional rights, that money does not constitute speech and The rest of therefore political contributions can

have-nots."

"A corporation cannot go into a voting booth,"

Councilman Bruce Burton did not support the

resolution, which passed 4 to 1. Burton said it

was his understanding that up to the 1960s

about 80 percent of corporate wealth was held in

durable goods like welding and tooling. Now it is

and local governments to the financial edge.

Bill Barksdale opined. "But people who own

corporations can influence votes."

in intellectual property.

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million. That grant is being reviewed right now, Moore said.

The California Department of Public Health awarded \$250,000 for the project in February.

Moore said last week another CDPH program could

Some council members had been concerned the city might have to pay with its own money for the \$2.1 million project.

Councilman Bruce Burton thanked city employees and management for their work.

California Department of Water Resources data shows nearly 32 inches of rain have fallen on the Willits area. Current rainfall has risen from a dire 3.28 inches on the books in January.

"Morris [Lake] is not overflowing as it had been."

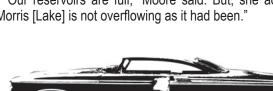


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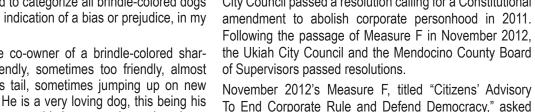
award \$500,000 to the city. City Council passed a resolution calling for a Constitutional Following the passage of Measure F in November 2012,

the question: "Should the elected representatives of

"Our reservoirs are full," Moore said. But, she added:







aggression (due to bias?).

I happen to be the co-owner of a brindle-colored shar-

I am concerned this recent letter will contribute to increased prejudice and bias regarding certain dogs because of the

To see the full text of the Willits City Council resolution, Ken Roberts, Willits go to https://movetoamend.org/willits-city-council-passesresolution-favor-amendment and click on the "Document"

Vote Woodhouse

To the Editor:

link With another election cycle coming up, the distorting influence of huge amounts of money on elections will

become ever more apparent. And with the looming threat





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

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listener. Being a good listener is paramount in the "Art vs. The People's rights is coming into sharper focus as of Communication" and should be a required aspect of well anyone running for public office. How can an official know

what his/her constituents want/need if they are unable to listen to them?

I saw this quality of Tom's while attending school board meetings with him. He would touch bases with a variety of people before the meeting, listening intently to what they had to say. Then when he got up to speak, it was from a well-thought-out perspective. Which brings me to another reason I'm voting for Tom - his ability to speak in a public meeting.

When Tom takes his turn during the public comment portion of a meeting, not only are his ideas well-thoughtout. but he has the ability to communicate them in a calm, unemotional style: even if it's something he feels strongly about, he doesn't allow his emotions or passions to take center stage. Another important quality in the "Art of Communication.

For years Tom has stayed behind the scenes, volunteering for so many things. He has been on the Site Council for Willits High School even though his children graduated years ago. He has put in many, many volunteer hours for both the Willits Unified School District and the City of Willits. He has worked with the Sheriff's Department Work Release Program, in which he requests and supervises inmates and has them clean up around the city. weedeating, picking up garbage, etc. He volunteers to help clean up at the Sober Grad Party at 4 am! It is obvious he cares for our district as well as its inhabitants. I was thrilled when I heard that Tom was running for supervisor for the 3rd District. Please join me in voting for Tom Woodhouse for supervisor!

Joyce Waters, Willits

Move to Amend resolution

#### To the Editor:

Last week, the Willits City Council passed a resolution calling for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to firmly establish that only human beings have Constitutional rights and political spending is not free speech and can be regulated. The vote was 4 to 1.

Willits is the final city council in Mendocino County to pass a resolution calling for a Constitutional amendment. The four incorporated cities in the county, as well as the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, have now all passed resolutions calling for an amendment. In fact, the Point Arena City Council was one of the first in

the nation to pass such a resolution in 2000. The Ft. Bragg

Margaret Koster, Willits, Move to Amend Coalition of Mendocino County

Thanks from Sober Grad To the Editor:

The school year for the Class of 2014 is drawing to a close, and the Sober Grad Party Planning Committee has been very active with their final fundraisers. Once again we have drawn on this awesome community for its support. Our recent, again successful, annual take-home Tri-Tip Dinner for 4 is a true example. Once again we sold all 200 tickets! Once again the people and businesses in this community were generous with their donations of time and goods! And so thank yous are in order.

First, a huge thanks to our intrepid Tri-Tip Crew, made up of: Dan and Annette Pinon; Doug and Kathy Goss; Art and Annette Cooley; Tom, Laura and Haley Sleeper; Roy and Kathy Branson; Rick Crowder; and Bruce Smith. Whether it was ordering the tri-tips, making the marinade, counting the tri-tips, piercing the meat, loading the tubs, gathering the wood for the BBQ, and then barbecuing them to perfection, this crew can be counted on from start to finish. Another big thank you goes to Rachel Cash, Peter Smith and Linda Matz. Rachel and Peter coordinated gathering donations, ordering and purchasing the rest of the food items and containers, and coordinating the prep nights. Linda and the staff of Cat's Meow once again handled all of the ticket sales and event promotion.

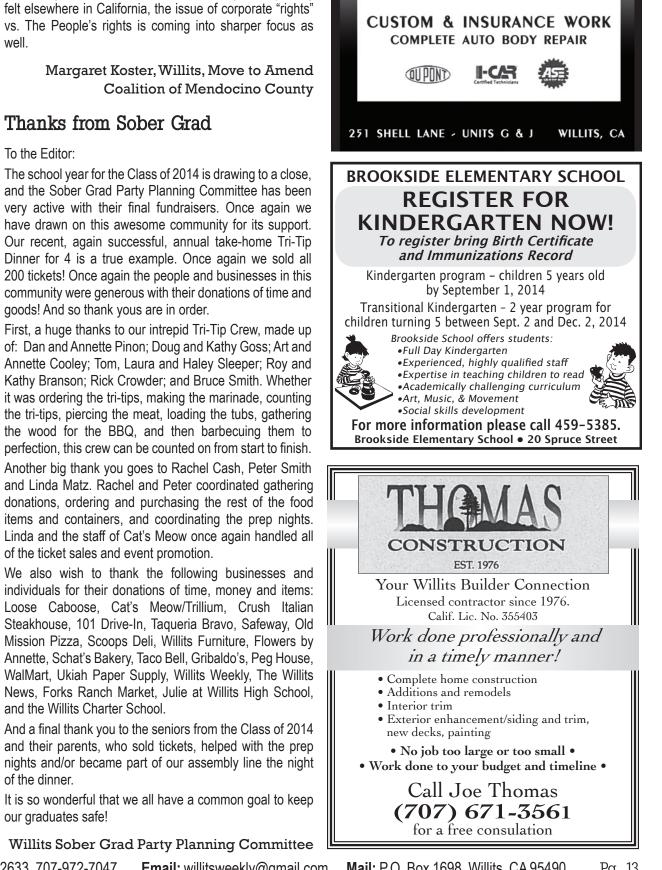
We also wish to thank the following businesses and individuals for their donations of time, money and items: Loose Caboose, Cat's Meow/Trillium, Crush Italian Steakhouse, 101 Drive-In, Tagueria Bravo, Safeway, Old Mission Pizza, Scoops Deli, Willits Furniture, Flowers by Annette, Schat's Bakery, Taco Bell, Gribaldo's, Peg House, WalMart, Ukiah Paper Supply, Willits Weekly, The Willits News, Forks Ranch Market, Julie at Willits High School, and the Willits Charter School. And a final thank you to the seniors from the Class of 2014

and their parents, who sold tickets, helped with the prep nights and/or became part of our assembly line the night of the dinner.

It is so wonderful that we all have a common goal to keep our graduates safe!

Willits Sober Grad Party Planning Committee

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Advance tickets for the Mendocino Film Festival on sale at the box office now.

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Movie Times for 5/23 thru 5/29



FAMILY | Kara Rodriguez Kara Rodriguez is proud to announce that she's been adopted by parents Martin and Saprina Rodriguez. Kara grew up in Willits and attends Willits High School. This past two years has changed her life. She plays soccer, enjoys running, and is a member of WHS cooking club. Kara plans to attend college a year after graduation. She has aspirations of working in the nursing field. She is welcomed by her new siblings Esteban, Lorenzo, Alex, Eric and Mariah Rodriguez, as well as Joseph Said. Grandmother Linda Byrns and many aunts, uncles and cousins are excited for her too. The Rodriguez family is thankful to have the support of Kara's biological siblings: Josh McBride, Ashley Green and Matt Maxwell.

Above: Left to right: Martin Rodriguez, Julia Amador, Ashley Green, Kara Rodriguez, Saprina Rodriguez and Alex Rodriguez. Right: Kara Rodriguez signing her adoption agreement.



#### NEWBIE | Caleb William McFadden

Caleb William McFadden was born May 16, 2014 to Corey and Brooke McFadden. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 15.7 ounces. Caleb was welcomed home by his brothers Marcus and Ty, as well as grandparents Beth Lidster and John and Roni McFadden.



NEWBIE | Liam Thomas Kellev

Liam Thomas Kelley was born May 13, 2014 at 7 pounds, 11 ounces, to proud parents Marcus and Brittany Kelley. Liam joins his sisters Taylor and Jordan, and completes the happy little family.





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shooting an 85.

Baseball & Golf | Jon Montez, 18, Senior

This is Jon Montez' second time being named

Jon helped the baseball team extend their winning streak to four games, getting 5 hits in his last 9 at bats. He currently leads the team in overall batting average with .423. Jon also was the number two golfer for the Wolverines at the Section tourney,

Athletes of the

**Jeek** 

Willits Weekly's Athlete of the Week.

Look for the Athletes of the Year and 2014 Scholar Athletes in an upcoming edition!

Photos by Maureen Moore



#### Softball Jordan Willcutt, 18, Senior

Breakfast of Champions: Wheat Thins

Jordan, a senior pitcher, has been a four-year varsity player. In her final week of play, Jordan pitched two complete games. In her two outings, she struck out 14 batters and slammed a homer. She finished her



#### Track | Matt Foster, 15, Sophomore

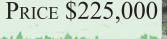
Breakfast of Champions: Oatmeal with brown sugar, honey and butter

Matt took first place in the pole vault at the CMC league championships, with a winning vault of 10 feet. His win helped the Wolverines place fourth out



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season with an 8-2 win over Kelseyville. Thanks for your hard work at Willits High, Jordan, you will be missed! (nominated by coach Curtis Collicott)

of 13 schools in the team competition. Matt qualifies to move on to the Class A Section Championships next Saturday.





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