City council

roundup

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Vietnam plaque

An effort is underway to place a plaque at the county museum honoring county residents who lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

Willits resident Dennis Miner brought plans to place a memorial naming those who died by city or town at the Mendocino County Museum to city council members earlier in May.

"I think if we did this it would be a fitting tribute to our fallen veterans," Miner

Miner said he has already talked to museum director Alison Glassey. The memorial would be made from polished black granite, he said.

Leaky Senior Center

Gary Martin of Willits

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Mental health board ponders improvements at county jail

William Cutlip Reporter

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The Mendocino County Mental Health Advisory covered several topics at its May 20 meeting in Covelo, but devoted the greater part of its time to the subject of mental health assessment at the county iail, and to recent related legislative developments regarding the training of police officers in the field of mental health.

"The issue in the jail as I understand it," said Second District Supervisor John McCowen, "is that there's been a great lack of clarity between all of the key people about what can happen, what should happen, and is it happening. We have someone who needs to be assessed 5150 [involuntary for psychiatric hold], and there is disagreement over whether that assessment can happen in the jail or not, whether it has happened in the jail or not.

"So the point of having these meetings," McCowen continued, "is to try to get everyone on the same page and identify what is actually happening, what should happen. My belief is, this has been an ongoing issue for what could be a decade."

"I spent two hours at the jail on a Friday night," said mental health board member Kate Gaston. "It certainly crystallized for me that we have gone backwards in our resources and outreach to people since I first was in this work 30 years ago, as to what was actually happening in local community jails.

"The community needs to feel more responsible, not just the department

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The Northern Lights

Willits High School Prom 2015

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The Willits Community Center was transformed last Saturday into a beautiful night sky, with sparkles and swirls to emulate the Northern Lights: the theme for the 2015 Willits High School Junior/ Senior Prom.

Around 135 students showed up for the event, held from 9 pm to 1 am, in their fanciest and finest. Coral, blue, purple and white were trending, as were some seriously sparkly high-heeled shoes.

Six seniors were nominated to become the Prom Court, including Prince winners Brian Huddle and Patrick Orr, Princess winners Dara Collicott and Leslie Leon, and King and Queen winners, Nick Johnson and Lilja Lamkin.

This is the second crown and sash for Lamkin, who also took home the title of Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart in 2013.

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At top: Many friends met before prom at the Brooktrails Golf Course for a colorful photo moment.

Photo courtesy Lilja Lamkin

Above: The 2015 prom court. Back row, from left: Prince Patrick Orr, King Nick Johnson, and Prince Brian Huddle, Front row, from left: Princess Dara Collicott. Queen Lilja Lamkin, and Princess Leslie Leon. Left: 2015 Prom King and Queen, Nick Johnson and Lilja Lamkin.

Photos by Maureen Moore

Below, from left: Candid shots from prom night including, from left: Izabel Hageman and Antonio Amador; Morgan Riley, Lety Mendoza, Gabby Agenbroad, and Grace Horger have some fun at the "selfie booth"; Victor Cardona and Alyssa Alvarez.

Photos courtesy of Willits High School yearbook staff







Outlet Creek group sues county

The Friends of Outlet Creek is suing the County of Mendocino over alleged mistakes committed when the county approved a use permit in March for an asphalt plant at the site of an old gravel quarry along Highway 162.

To approve the use permit, supervisors assumed authority for development review for the project, bypassing the

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com county planning commission. The board also accepted the argument, presented by property owner Brian Hurt of Grist Creek Aggregates, that because an asphalt plant was

permitted to operate there in the past, no environmental review of the project in the present was necessary.

A staff report prepared by the Department of Planning and Building Services provides background for issues surrounding the proposed plant at the Longvale industrial facility. The gravel plant received a use permit from the county for gravel extraction and gravel processing in 1982 and 1985. Gravel extraction at the site stopped in 1990; thereafter, only gravel processing was done there. In 2002, a use permit was granted by the county for an asphalt plant to operate at the site. According to the staff report, "Little processing or batch plant activity took place during the 10-year use permit entitlement, due primarily to marketdriven forces." The operation was soon shut down, and the equipment was moved off the site.

The property changed ownership around 2010. During this time, the county had updated its General Plan, and also changed the zoning of the site from rangeland to Industrial-2.

County planners maintain that environmental concerns regarding the Longvale industrial site were incorporated into changes in the county General Plan

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Best **Show**

The 1934 Ford 2-Door Sedan, owned by Dan Pallo of Petaluma, that won Best in Show. Photo by Jenny Senter



City's draft budget calls for 5 percent cuts

Zack Cinek Reporter zack@willitsweekly.com

What would you do if you had to cut a budget by 5 percent? The city is asking department heads to consider answers to that question while drafting the next city budget.

The first draft of the city's new budget is out, and the public can read it online or get a copy from City Hall. For each department or sub-department, the budget states what amount a 5 percent cut would be.

A 5 percent cut in police field operations, for example, is more than \$70,000. For a city service like code enforcement, the cuts would be more like \$2,800.

Chief Police Gerry Gonzalez his

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Water:

How it works in Willits

Ron Orenstein Contributing Writer

Part 3

In previous articles I wrote about how the Willits water system works, and how we pay for everything. Now, I'd like to get into what's next!

Prior to the current drought, there hasn't been a lot of discussion about water, unless there's a water emergency. Usually, we receive about 50 inches of rain each year, filling the reservoirs to overflowing, and we have enough water to last until the next rainy season begins. But as many long-time California residents already know and as is verified by the California Department of Water Resources, drought is not uncommon in California. 1918, Since California experienced multi-year droughts on average every seven years, each lasting from two to eight years!

In the winter of 1997/98, we had a large El Nino that deposited about 100 inches of rain on Willits. Last year, NOAA (the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) predicted a moderate to large El Nino, but it failed to develop; but this year, conditions seem to indicate a major El Nino happening, and this prediction is endorsed by meteorologists around the world. If we do have a major El Nino this winter, it could possibly end the drought in this region, but we might want to wait just a tad longer before organizing a community water fight!

Given the historical record, even if we do have an El Nino this year, it would be wrong to believe that our water woes were ended. Being a metaphor

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Critical shortage of foster parents

To the Editor:

We desperately need YOUR help! Right now, there are Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

approximately 250 Mendocino County children in out-ofhome placements. When a child or children are removed from their parents or guardians because they cannot be safely maintained in their home, the Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) / Family and Children's Services (FCS) makes every effort to locate relatives, friends or other people connected with the family

These are people who have a relationship with the family or children. HHSA/FCS determines whether they are able and willing to provide care for the children and meet federal and state regulations to provide the care. Currently, over 70 of the 250 children in out-of-home care are placed with relatives or family friends.

Sadly, there is not always family or friends available or able to care for the children. When that happens, Family and Children's Services must find foster care placements for these children until they can hopefully be reunified with their parents. The Agency's Placement Unit specializes in finding homes for these children.

As required by law and monitored by the Juvenile Dependency Court, Family and Children's Services makes every effort to locate a home that is able to keep the children in their same school and with their siblings and that is culturally matched to the children. The Placement Unit works with state licensed foster homes as well as foster homes licensed through Redwood Community Services, Tapestry Family Services, True to Life Children's Services, Environmental Alternatives and Three Angels foster family agencies to locate placements for children within Mendocino County.

Foster parents are one of the most important members of the community team that helps keep children safe!

Unfortunately, there is currently a critical shortage of local foster homes within the county for the number of children requiring out-of-home placements. Because of this, some children have had to be placed out of county. This is extremely hard on children and their families.

When children have to be placed out of the county, they lose their familiar surroundings and sense of belonging, their school, their teachers, friends and classmates and have to start over in unfamiliar surroundings. Out-of-county placements also make it difficult for children, their siblings, their parents and extended family members to have regular and frequent visitation with each other, which is a critical component to successful reunification of the family.

YOU can help by becoming a foster parent!

There are a number of myths about who can be a foster parent and what it takes to become a foster parent. Single people can be foster parents. Same sex couples can be foster parents. People who rent their home or apartment can be foster parents. People who work outside the home can be foster parents.

There are all kinds of foster children, and there is a need for all kinds of foster parents, particularly Native American and Latino families, families who can accept sibling groups and families who can care for children with special needs.

There are some requirements that must be met including completing a background check and having a suitable apartment or house. Foster parents must also complete certain training requirements. Foster parents can choose to be a home just for emergency stays, or be a potential permanent forever home for children unable to return to their birth families. They can request only children of one gender, or specific ages, or special needs, or can help out other foster parents by being certified as a respite provider.

The most important ingredient is to want to make a difference in the life of a child. Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

Become a foster parent and make a difference in our world. one child at a time. If you are interested, or you know someone who might be, please contact Family and Children's Services Placement Unit Supervisor Melissa

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Phillips at 456-3731. She can provide information on the requirements for becoming a foster parent and put you in

What do YOU think?

touch with agencies that can provide various services and options to support you in becoming a foster parent.

She is also available to speak to groups and organizations

interested in hearing more about becoming a foster parent. Melissa Phillips, HHSA social worker

supervisor, for HHSA

Summer at Wowser

This summer, if you join Wowser by June 15 for just \$50 for a year's membership, you will be eligible for a series of one-week classes for free. Our summer program is a mix of local makers sharing their talents with their community. The workshops are targeted to teens; however anyone is welcome to take a class.

Some of the classes being offered are: 3D modeling with Roger Wilson, animator and architect; welding, and large format dream catchers with James Wilson; Michael Hackleman, a pioneer in alternative technology, with seven books under his belt, will teach about solar hot water systems, and basic solar systems; Bret Newberry will teach about solar power and basic auto upkeep; Mike Burgess, retired spacecraft engineer, will teach construction safety, Ron Cole, inventor and retired nuclear sub operator, will teach about free energy, I will teach a class on lost wax casting, Sean Okerstrom, custom car restorer, will teach a class in RC racing, customizing your RC car and building a racetrack; Dickey Weinkle, entrepreneurship; Mike Krusinski will teach how to paint your house/room; Lily Mitchell will teach basic sewing; Bill White, community open space designer, creation of inviting entrance to Wowser; Tifany Leigh-Logan will teach how to make shopping bags out of used feed sacks; Woodworking, plasma cutting, and many more classes will be on the schedule this summer.

A final schedule will be posted May 28 on the Wowser website and Facebook page. The summer sessions will begin at 11:30 am with a group session, and individual classes will be held at 12:30 to 2:30 pm and from 4 to 6 pm.

Also, Espresso Yourself at Wowser will be opening soon. This member's only coffeehouse and music venue offers a drug- and alcohol-free place for members 14 and over to kick back. We look forward to seeing you this summer, and remember to join now by going to the website, calling 459-9697, or stopping by 330 West Commercial Street.

Cyndee Logan, Willits

Thank you to Willits Rotary

On behalf of Willits Charter School and our music students, I want to thank Willits Rotary Club for its of \$500 toward a drumset for student With that donation and our annual music budget

of \$200, I was able to buy a much-needed, good quality used drumset with a throne (stool) and lots of accessories. Drumset is the popular and most accessible instrument for young music students to choose. The new set is a big

improvement, and I can see that our students are excited to play it and hear how good they sound. Thank you Willits Rotary for supporting music education!

Dorian May, music teacher, Brooktrails

Goodbye

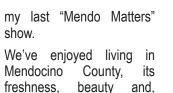
To the Editor:

As some of you may know, family matters call me and my wife back to Southern California; we'll be grandparents soon. I've resigned from the KZYX board and broadcast

In saying good bye, I wanted to cite a few people who made this place special for us: Tom Allman, Bill Barksdale, Dick Graham, Jim Marill, Holly

Correction: Due to an editing error, the story "Garbage: City still grappling with mixed organic waste," in the May 21 edition of Willits Weekly, incorrectly stated: "The council showed an interest in procuring an estimate." It should have read: "The council did not state an interest in procuring an estimate."





overall, sense of freedom and little peer pressure will stay with us. We've loved the commitment we've seen in the people here, particularly Willits, towards keeping the area supported in schools, charities, environmentalism,

There's just one thing that has consistently bothered me about this county, and that is the tendency of some people to separate themselves out from the big C community and call that small all-thinking-alike group that they belong to

It started when we first arrived here, and I volunteered to help build a local low power FM station for Willits. When one of the leaders suggested that we set up a table at Mariposa Market to try and obtain local support, I volunteered to set one up at Safeway. The leader turned me down and explained: "people who shop at Safeway aren't our community'

I was blown away at the arrogance and small mindedness that elevated eating organic food as a sign of community over the fact that those who shopped at Safeway were neighbors in a county so small that it ranks 38th out of 58 in population size for California counties.

(Needless to say, it was never built even though they received a built permit from the FCC.)

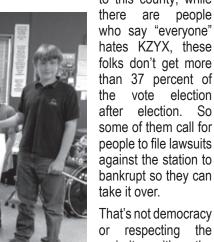
And I have seen it again and again: disagree with those who are trying to stop the Caltrans bypass, and you're a traitor; thinking that banning fracking in a county where there is no oil is a waste of time, you're a traitor; being concerned that teenage use of marijuana may be bad for them make you an enemy of the pot culture.

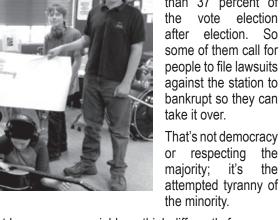
Which is about as bad as Texas thinking they are being invaded by the federal government because U.S. Army troops are training there.

That divisiveness and its attendant paranoia ends up dividing the community into us and them based on ideology and the belief that ours is better than theirs. And, while you might think that, in terms of "we are saving the world and they aren't," it has been proven in national politics and elsewhere that polarized ideologies cannot govern and take the kinds of actions needed to help all of us, the environment and nature.

That's not at all to say that you shouldn't be passionate about your beliefs and work as diligently and strenuously as you can to achieve your goals whether it is saving the environment or getting better streets and schools. I'm just saying that "demonizing" your opponents and separating yourself from them doesn't work in either Washington or

And that goes as well for KZYX, which is a precious gift to this county; while





So just because your neighbors think differently from you, they don't stop being your neighbors, nor are they less valuable even if they don't eat organic foods. They share the same space called Mendocino County, pay taxes for the roads and schools. So try tolerance and working together. Try to see past the differences to the traits that you and they share: the beautiful Mendocino County.

Madrigal and Tom Woodhouse, Elizabeth the "Tea Lady," John Coate, Mary Aigner, David Steffan, Rich Culbertson, Eliane Herring, Stuart Campbell, Lorraine Deckter and Shari Quinn, the members and listeners of KZYX, etc.

Paul Lambert, Willits

34th annual Community Festival & Car Show rocks the Rec Grove Sunday

The 34th annual Willits Community Festival and Car Show, held Sunday at the Rec Grove, was a beautiful

Contributing Writer

plan on it next year.

(and amazing day for me personally). The festivities actually started at 7:30 am with the Willits Lions Club breakfast. For the cost of a medium, cappuccino-latte, half-caf-decaf with whipped cream, you could feast on sausages, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk or tea. The breakfast was a great way to start the day. If you have never attended the pre-car show

The 10 am opening ceremonies began with the master of ceremonies. our own Sheriff Tom Allman, making an announcement as a rumbling of motors was heard in the distance. But this year, that rumble was not hot rod cars, but Harley-Davidson motorcycles and the Mendocino County Chapter of BACA - Bikers Against Child Abuse – who rode into Recreation Grove and parked their bikes for display next to the BACA booth. It was a very impressive sight, and the car show was officially

As always there were a large number of cars from many parts of California. Paint jobs and chrome glistened in the sunlight. There were many activities for event-goers, both adults and kids. For the kids, the local Boy Scouts erected a rope bridge, and kids took their chances at walking across the rocking bridge. Across the way a bounce house provided and sponsored by Yokums Auto Body was in full, bouncing swing. Next to the bounce house was the BACA booth, where chapter members were providing tattoos to all the kids who came up and wanted to be a biker for

the day (with parental permission, of

The arm wrestling contest had three classes of participation: adult male, adult female and kids. Mike and Gina Giles, owners of the Purple Moose Thrift Store, provided an officialsize arm wrestling table, and Mike supervised the event. After all the grunting, groaning and straining was done, three winners were named. The adult male champion was

Johnny Kvasnicka of Scoops; the female champ was this reporter's very own lady love, Kim "Sugar B" Chin, who showed the crowd just what a biker chick and member of BACA can breakfast, make a note to self and do; and the kids champion was Sean Pope, who worked his way through a long five-minute battle with his last opponent. Congratulations to all the arm wrestling champions.

Other car show games this year all with male and female divisions included the "Push Rod Drop," won by Richard Kight and Nancy Runyan; the "Fan Belt Toss," won by Richard Kight and Gina Giles; and the "Spark Plug Change," won by Brad Walton (1:45 seconds) and Gina Giles (2:04 seconds).

The calm afternoon was then interrupted by the crack of gunfire as the Black Bart Gunfighters decided who was and who wasn't cheating at poker! In the end all but one was ready for Boot Hill. They put on a great show and even demonstrated some of their weapons. It's always fun watching the shoot-outs by these great folks who are a staple of Willits Frontier

At 3 pm the raffle began for all the folks who had purchased tickets for some great prizes, donated by local businesses and folks. At the end of the prize raffle a 50/50 raffle was held: a 50/50 raffle takes the total amount of raffle tickets sold and divides it by two. The raffle winner receives half of the total money of the ticket sales. This year's winner was 14-year-old Dillan . Kessen of Ukiah.

Upon receiving his money, Dillan immediately advised Sheriff Allman that he wished to donate the money to the local BACA chapter. This brought a roar from the crowd, and yours truly accepted the donation from Dillan on behalf of our chapter. As one person put it, it was the most touching moment of the car show.

But just as my emotions were beginning to settle, Kim and I were

approached by Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart contestant Caitlyn Forrester. Caitlyn advised us that she had sold two barbeque tickets for the July 4th barbeque at Recreation Grove. The purchaser told her to donate those two tickets to a worthy

Car Show



Above: Sheriff Tom Allman and the chamber's Lynn Kennelly, on stage, as Dillan Kessen, at right, donates his raffle winnings to BACA, represented by Rich Venturi.

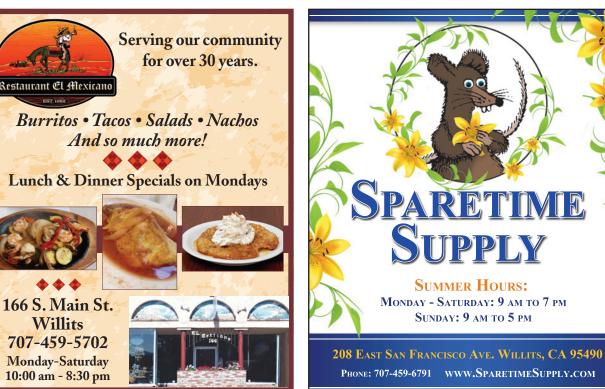
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Below: Members of BACA, Bikers Against Child Abuse

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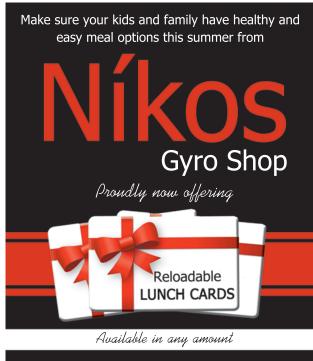
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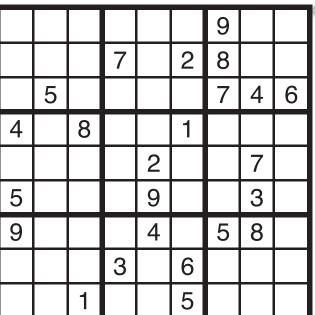
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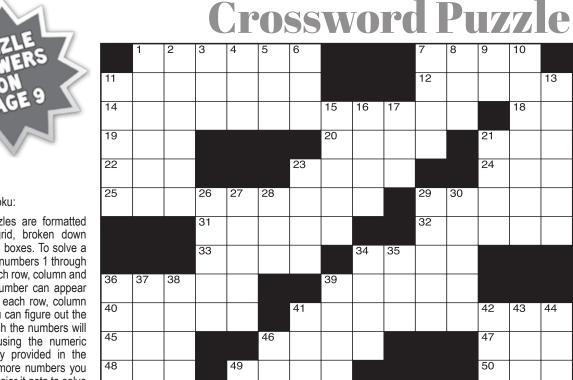
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"I had a great time dancing, and prom was a lot of fun." said Lamkin. "The iunior class did such a great job decorating for the event, and everyone looked so nice all

Prom

A "selfie" booth was set up in one corridor of the hall, where kids could pose in front who, every year, sets up and takes down of a black-and-white chevron-patterned the outside fence area set up to give backdrop with funny cutouts and take danced-out kids an outside area where they photos with their cell phones. Posed, more traditional prom photos were also available in a side room, and were taken by Maureen Moore. Couples posed in front of swirly crepe paper tendrils in a blue and green color scheme.

The decoration efforts were undertaken by the junior class and many parents and volunteers. One such parent, Rebecca Smith, had her garage turned into a bit of a craft studio, where the group crafted the large "PROM 2015" letters that hung above the stage where DJ "Juice" Flawless

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was stationed. It was in that studio the volunteers created the beautiful lighted string globes that hung from swaths of

glittery netting. These, along with many more handcrafted decorations showcased alongside the balloon trees covered in starry gossamer, completed the look.

Smith expressed great appreciation on behalf of the committee to Olenik Fencing can cool off and get some fresh air. Keeping a designated area available for this helps ensure a safe and an age-appropriate night for all. Additional thanks was expressed to Subway of Willits, Safeway of Willits, and to many of the parents who donated food and refreshments for the event.

"There were so many people who helped make prom happen," said Smith. "A huge thank you goes out to all the parents, students and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the event such a success."

OBITUARY Erma Lee

Erma Clarabelle Lee of Willits passed away on Wednesday, May 19, 2015 in Ukiah, at the age of 90. Born on April 12, 1925 in Willits, she was a fourth-generation Californian. Born to Siegfried Issak Avander and Annie Rachael Avander, her mother was a California pioneer and her father was from Sweden.

Erma graduated from Willits High School in 1943 and went to work for the California Department of Forestry as a typist/clerk. After the war, Alban William Lee returned to Willits in 1945, and Erma and Alban "Bud" drove to Reno, where they were married on March 18, 1946. Bud passed away in 1983 at the age of 59.

Erma was a hard worker all of her life, having worked at Little Lake Industries, Willits Cafe, and Northbrook Manor as a prep cook for many years. Erma particularly loved to spend time with her family, though she also loved everyone and always thought of others. She enjoyed working in her garden planting all kinds of flowers, and could grow anything. She found watering her garden very relaxing.

a very loving, special person, the best Mom and friend, and will be missed and in our hearts forever. Erma is survived by her five children: Alban William Lee, Patrick Avander Lee, Christine (Kenneth) Brown, Patti (Todd) Hollifield, and Nancy Ledford; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and

Erma loved riding her bicycle and jazzy motor scooter. She was

Services are under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary, where they will take place in the Mortuary Chapel: a viewing was held on Wednesday, May 27, and the funeral service will take place Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 11 am.

Death Notice | Gene Sallee

six great-great-grandchildren.

Gene Sallee of Laytonville passed away on May 20, 2015 at the age of 72. A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 12 to 4 pm, at the Laytonville Garden Club on Harwood Road. Bring a dish and visit with family and friends. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

Death Notice | Lee Foreman

Lee Foreman, former long-time Willits resident and Willits High School graduate of 1958, passed away in Coppell, Texas on May 15, 2015 at the age of 74, and will take his final rest at home in Willits. Services were held in Coppell, Texas. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.



Above, left: Legionnaires salute the flag. Above, center: The Firing Squad honors the dead. Above, right: American flags on a grave site

Below, left: Chaplain Mike Smith reading Memorial Day prayers. Below, right: Piper Jeff Whitby

stands ready to play "Amazing Grace."





Memorial Day at Willits Cemetery

Members of the American Legion Post 174, Willits, observed Memorial Day ceremonies at Little Lake Cemetery and Willits Cemetery Monday morning.

"This day is sacred with the almost visible presence of those who have gone before us," read Commander Robert Ireland from the American Legion's service for Memorial Day, to start the ceremony. "We honor the memory of those who gave their lives in the service

It was a beautiful day to remember those at rest – with fresh flags on veterans' graves throughout both local cemeteries. Legionnaires put the flags out on Friday and put them away before sundown on Monday. "If we missed anybody, our most sincere regrets," said Vice Commander Roger Ham, about the more than 450 flags put up in both local cemeteries. The veterans crew also "retired" some flags at gravesites that were too tattered and faded to keep flying.

The ceremony at the Highway 20 cemetery started at 10 am with "Amazing Grace"

bagpipes by Jeff Whitby. The flag - surrounded by graves of World War II veterans in "the veterans' plot" - was raised to the National Anthem, and then lowered again to half-mast. Commander Ireland continued to read from the service and Chaplain Mike Smith read prayers for the small crowd of veterans and family members. A wreath was presented: the American Legion Firing Squad gave a three-gun volley salute to honor the dead, and Whitby played taps to conclude the ceremony.

Jennifer Poole

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SEABISCUIT LEGACY FILM SERIES Sunday, May 31

RIDGEWOOD RANCH 16200 N. Hwy 101

10:00 am Ranch Tour

57 E. Commercial St. 4:00 pm Harry and Snowman

12:00 pm The Making of a Legend: Seabiscuit's 1940 Victory at Santa Anita Park Ridgewood Ranch - Home of Seabiscuit and Riding My Way Back 1:00 - 3:00 pm Reception



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Thursday, May 28

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

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

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

Shanachie Pub: singer/songwriter from Los Angeles Josephine Johnson, 6 pm;

Jazz Night, 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, May

Shanachie Pub: Band One-Man Jacob Green, original

covers (adapted blues/folk/grass style), performing on guitar, dobro, banjo, ukulele and mandolin, while simultaneously playing harmonica, stomp box and foot tambourine. Early show: starts at 7 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, May 30

Summer Arts & Music Festival: the 39th annual Summer Arts & Music Festival at the Benbow Lake State Recreational Area, two miles south of Garberville, is

set for the weekend of May 30 and 31. Featuring more than 100 performances on 4+ stages along the grass fairway, with 150 handmade craft, food and nonprofit info booths, the fun-filled Kid Zone, Fine Art Exhibition, Belly Dance Temple, Summertronica E-Music Tent, and the Generation Green Dome that showcases innovative green-living products. Headliners include: JJ Grey & Mofro, whose music is a blend of blues, funk, soul, rock and gospel, and Blackalicious, the hip-hop duo from Sacramento. Also Joanne Rand and The Non-Prophets. in addition to more than 60 of the best local musical acts, dance troupes, and children's entertainers. Admission is \$20 per day, free for those 12 and under: single-day tickets available at the gates only. Advance weekend passes, \$30, are available online at www.mateel. org/summerarts.html, as is the 32-page Summer Arts & Music program guide. Gates open from 9:30 am to 10 pm each day, with a free shuttle service from offsite parking lots starting at 9 am.

Civil War Exhibits 'Discovery Talk': this event at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, 3 pm, is a free talk on "California Indian Histories and Memories of the Civil War," with William Bauer, assistant professor of history,

University Nevada at Las /egas Round Valley tribal member. In conjunction with the museum's two new exhibits which chronicle the Civil War years both a national

and perspective. "Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War" is a nationally touring exhibit that tells the story of Abraham Lincoln's struggle to meet the constitutional challenges of the Civil War. "Uncivil Homefront: Mendocino County during the Civil War," curated by Rebecca Montes, assistant professor of history at Mendocino College, focuses on the local effects of the Civil War through politics, the military experience, and the indentured servitude of Native Americans. Admission to the museum during the "Lincoln: the

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What's Happening Around Town Constitution and the Civil War" exhibit,

through June 21, is free. Info: visit www. MendocinoMuseum.org or call 459-2736. Shanachie Pub: House of Love Night

with DJ Podge. "House Music from 1996 to the present." 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, May 31

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

18th Willits Walk for Health & Wellness: Registration for the fun and free 18th annual Willits Walk for

Health & Wellness opens at 9:30 am at J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street. Men, women, and children of all ages are welcome (and also well-behaved pets on leashes). Bicyclists are also invited. The walk begins in downtown Willits and winds through the neighborhoods. The entire walk is 5 miles, but people can walk some or all. Rain or shine! The walk will finish at Rec Grove for the Avenues to Wellness Free Family Food and Fitness Fair from 11:30 am to 2 pm. Free prize drawings after the walk, with gifts from Mazahar, Goods Stamps, Brickhouse Coffee, Buster's, Nikos, Curves and more, plus special prize drawings for kids. Info: Willits Healthy Action Team (W.H.A.T.), and North Coast

Jed Diamond: 459-5505. Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series: "Harry & Snowman" Mendocino Film Festival celebrates the 4 pm screening at 75th anniversary of Seabiscuit's legendary win at Santa Anita Park with the launch of the "Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series," highlighting stories that embody the spirit of hope that Seabiscuit instilled in his fans and in generations since. Screenings will take place at Ridgewood Ranch and at

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June 5-7

At the Redwood Empire

Fairgrounds, 1055 North

State Street, Ukiah. Live

entertainment with Fat

more at the Ukiah Speedway,

the Noyo Theatre in Willits, including "The documentary that tells the remarkable starts at 9 am) and Rodeo, with Rodeo Making of a Legend: Seabiscuit's 1940 life story of international show jumping legend Harry deLever, whose career Victory at Santa Anita Park," plus two was launched by his famous show short films, "Ridgewood Ranch – Home of Seabiscuit," and "Riding My Way Back," at jumping horse Snowman. \$11. Info: www. Ridgewood Ranch. Program starts at 10 noyotheatre.com/ or 459-6696. am with a tour of the historic ranch; film

screening at noon, 1 pm Q&A panel; and a

reception from 1 to 3 pm. At 4 pm, the Noyo

Theatre will host "Harry & Snowman," a

feature-length documentary that tells the

remarkable life story of international show

iumping legend Harry deLever, whose

career was launched by his

famous show jumping horse

Snowman. \$11. Tickets for

the Ridgewood Ranch

events are available at

the Mendocino County

Museum, 459-2736, and

www.seabiscuitheritage.

Proceeds

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Visit www.mendocinofilmfestival.org

Healthy Family Fair: 11 am to 2 pm at

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Tuesday, June 2

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. For this week's Tightwad Tuesday movies, and

for showtimes, visit: www. noyotheatre.com or see ad below. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Thursday, June 4 Free Creative Writing

Class: "Discover the writer within and have free fun!" Free creative writing class, 1:30 to 2:30 pm, the first and third Thursdays of every

month, June 4 and June 18 coming up, at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. All supplies are provided. Writing mentor: Susan Bertsch; info: 972-6422

Friday, June 5

screenings, Zumba and yoga for adults Shanachie Pub: The Great Spirit Band. 9 pm. \$5 cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

> Saturday, June 6

66th annual Willits Horseman's Beef Barbecue & Rodeo: Willits Horseman's Association presents this annual free-towatch event, June 6 and 7, featuring Gymkhana Saturday, starting at 9 am. On Sunday:

Jackpot Team Roping

Barbecue & Rodeo: June 6 and 7; (sign-up at 8:30 am,

Rock Your Ride Bicycle Show

Thursday. June 18

Sunday, June 7

Beef Barbecue, starting at 11:30 am: tickets \$13 for adults and \$5 for children. At the "new" rodeo arena off East Commercial Street. Info on Gymkhana: Kathryn, 707-489-6565; general info, Rodeo or Roping: Robbie, 707-489-0476 & Jim 707-354-1624.

Grand Entry at 1:30 pm. Also on Sunday:

WCA Artists Reception: The June show at the Willits Center for the Arts, "You Show Me Yours and I'll Show You Mine: From Negative to Print," featuring 35 mm film

photography by Ree Slocum and David Weitzman, opens with an artists' reception from 4 to 8 pm. 71 East Commercial Street. Runs through June 28. Gallery hours: Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to

7 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 pm. Info: Ree Slocum at 972-2163 or reeslocum@gmail.com.

Shanachie Pub: Max's Midnight Kitchen

9 pm. \$5 cover. 50 South Main Street

behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-

66th annual Willits Horseman's Beef

Sunday's events include: Jackpot Team Roping (sign-up at 8:30 am, starts at 9 am) and Rodeo, with Rodeo Grand Entry at 1:30 pm. Also on Sunday: Beef Barbecue, starting at 11:30 am: tickets \$13 for adults

Ongoing Events

at City Park on East Commercial Street, with produce, local meats

and fish, local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates,

The Emandal Chorale: this community chorus based in Willits is in

its 20th season, and you are welcome to join! Every Wednesday

from 5 to 6:30 pm. No auditions necessary. The Chorale meets

upstairs at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial

Free Classes for Girls: The Mentoring Network, under the

umbrella of the Youth Grange, is offering free after-school

classes on Friday afternoons, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, for girls

in Willits area schools, grades 6 through 10. Classes

will be on herbs one week, yoga another week, cooking

and life skills. Room 4 of the Little Lake Grange, 291

School Street, Questions: call Michelle at 972-1601, No.

Free English class/Clase de ingles gratis: Every Thursday

artists from Willits High School and Willits Charter School

is at the Willits Center for the Arts through May 31.

Gallery hours are Thursday and Friday from 4 to

7 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to

Free Creative Writing Class: "Discover the writer

within and have free fun!" Free creative writing class,

1:30 to 2:30 pm, the first and third Thursdays of every

month, June 4 and June 18 coming up, at Harrah Senior

Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. All supplies are provided. Writing

Willits Frontier Twirlers: Monday night session at the Willits Center

for the Arts. New beginner class runs from 7 to 8 pm, with dancing

to follow from 8 to 9 pm. Singles and couples and all ages are

welcome. Caller/teacher Lawrence Johnson. Singles and couples

and all ages are welcome. \$20/month (to help pay the caller), with

young dancer scholarships available. Questions? Contact Emmy

Good at Emmy@pacific.net or Jenny Watts at Wattsup@gmail

Junior Grange After-School Program: an after-school program for

kids ages 5 to 14, Mondays from 3 to 6 pm at Little Lake Grange,

291 School Street, Room 10. Membership fee: \$1, plus \$1 annual

dues. Info? Contact Zeynep at 707-972-8558 or zeyny34@yahoo.

Mondays at Wowser: Free events at the Wowser maker space,

330 East Commercial Street. 6:30 pm. Lectures, slide shows,

flash videos, guest speakers, demonstrations. Info: 459-9697 or

Al-Anon Meeting: Every Thursday Night from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at

the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid at

the Evergreen Shopping Center. "Al-Anon Family groups are a

fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their

experience strength and hope to solve their common problems.

We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed

Drop-in Knitting Circle: Due to popular demand, the Willits Library

will be holding the drop-in knitting circle every Saturday of the

month, from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East

Commercial Street. "Bring your projects to share and show off! We will have expert knitters on board who can solve any problems and teach everyone to knit! Bring your own projects - we'll supply

the coffee! Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to

Cards and Games at Willits Library: free games in the Willits

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

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

Saturday free bridge classes, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm, for new and review students. Info: Donna at 459-9035. "Friday Night

Magic": Youth game night, for kids ages 10 to 14, starts April 2

(no games April 10 due to spring break) and runs through June.

Bring cards and games to share. Parental contact info required

to sign in. From 5 to 7:30 pm, but library doors close at 6 pm,

and no admission after 6 pm. Info: the Willits Library at 459-5908

Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 pm: Chess: bring your chess

set and have some fun with friends. All ability levels welcome. Info:

Life Changes: Discussion and support group with Linda Posner,

Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501

Willits Community Drum Circle: 7 to 10 pm at the Saint Francis

in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street.

Every 2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class

sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every

Wednesday at the HMH Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6

to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym,

1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30

to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm;

Karate: Kids aged 5 to 10 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and

Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.

facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or

Shanachie Pub: Open Mic every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start

at 7 pm. Movie Night every Tuesday. 50 South Main Street, behind

Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room: Every Wednesday night,

starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street 459-2444. With Mr. Larry's

New Orleans Outside BBQ Café Catering serving from 9 pm until

Open Mic Jam at Al's Redwood Room: Every Friday night, hosted

by Dream Capsule Entertainment, featuring talented, established

local musicians from all over Northern California. Jazz, Blues,

Rock. New talent welcome. Al's Redwood Room, 207 South Main

Street; starting at 9 pm. Mr. Larry's New Orleans Outside BBQ

Café Catering serving from 9 pm until 1:30 am. Questions? Call

Laytonville Winter Farmers Market: Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30

pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Buy local:

vegetables, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, crafts, hot soup, baked

1:30 am. Questions? Call Mr. Larry: (707) 367-7865.

attitudes can aid recovery."

Raymond at 841-0473.

Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Mr. Larry: (707) 367-7865.

goods, and more

Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

at 7 pm / Cada jueves a las 7 pm. At the LDS church. 265

"Art Under 20, 2015": The annual art exhibition for student

pre-registration is necessary.

Margie Drive. Info: 707-758-8709.

mentor: Susan Bertsch: info: 972-6422.

crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

and \$5 for children. At the "new" rodeo arena off East Commercial Street. Info on Gymkhana: Kathryn, 707-489-6565: general info, Rodeo or Roping: Robbie, 707-489-0476 & Jim 707-354-1624.

17th annual Willits Phoenix Rotary Tournament: "Enjoy a day on greens under the redwoods. Willits Rotary is sponsoring golf tournament to

benefit Phoenix Hospice. Course, 24860 Birch Street. 8 check-in: 9 am shotgun start. Donations: per player; \$45 for Brooktrails Golf Course

members. Includes Barbecue, Green Fees, Silent Auction, \$10,000 cash for hole-in-one on Hole #9, and additional hole-in-one prizes. To RSVP: Tammy

Long: 480-993-5755 or 456-3244, or Tammy.Long@ ah.org

Sunday Bingo: Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Doors open at 10:30 am; snack bar opens at 11 am; bingo buy in \$10 459-

All-Church BBQ and Singspiration: 1 to 4 pm at Rec Grove, East Commercial Street. All are welcome! BBQ is 1 to 2:30 pm: "Bring meat

(or veggie) to BBQ, beverage and table service for your group and, if possible, a potluck dish (salad, dessert, etc.) to share." Singspiration follows, from 2:30 to 4 pm.

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'Tomorrowland'

The Story: A stunning, enigmatic young girl named

Athena (Raffey Cassidy) invites Casey (Britt Robertson)

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a majestic, utopian city named "Tomorrowland," but there

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Armageddon flicks, and crime or torture-porn/slasher

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invincible, while the good guys die at the end.

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Eel River Recovery Project

Water Conservation and Pollution Prevention

Workshop June 3 at Emandal The Eel River Recovery Project is kicking off an Eel River basin-wide water conservation and water pollution prevention project with a workshop from 10 am to 3 pm on Wednesday. June 3 at Emandal, east of Willits. The project is aimed at improving agricultural practices, including marijuana cultivation that has been linked to stream flow reduction and is likely adding to nutrient pollution. In addition to public field trainings and workshops, ERRP

implementing best management practices. On June 3, resident organic gardening experts from Emandal will explain biodynamic methods of building and maintaining soil productivity that produces high yields of high quality crops. Local water expert Larry Desmond, of Mendocino Water Works, will talk about how to conserve water while maintaining a thriving garden and meeting rural residential water needs.

experts will be available for scheduling free, confidential two-hour visits with Eel River

residents at their properties, in order to provide them with free technical consulting for

Anna Birkas of Village Ecosysytems will present on how to use land contours for water storage and to reduce the need for irrigation. Benefits of bioswales and permaculture include reduced energy and water use, groundwater replenishment, and less contamination of streams. Anna will also explain water storage options and grey water systems that use bath and laundry water, which are now legal in California.

Staff of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and the State Water Resources Control Board Water Rights Division will be at Emandal to answer questions about proposed permitting for marijuana farming, and water rights and permitting.

Lunch will be provided. Emandal is an organic farm and retreat center located near Hearst, approximately 50 minutes east of Willits. Take Commercial Street east from Willits, but use Canyon Road instead of the Hearst-Willits Road that has a ford over Tomki Creek. Go right before the White Bridge in Hearst. The road ends at Emandal.

Grant funding for the project comes from the State Water Resources Control Board's Clean Up and Abatement Fund for the purpose of improving flow and water quality in the Eel River. In addition to educational outreach, ERRP is funded to assist citizens anywhere in the Eel River watershed with water temperature monitoring. Anyone who wants to receive a free technical consultation or assistance with stream monitoring can get more information at www.EelRiverRecovery.org or by calling (707) 223-7200.

- submitted by Pat Higgins, for the Eel River Recovery Project

Senior Center Lunch Redwood Empire

Week of June 1 through June 5 Monday: Pork Chops with Stuffing Tuesday: Burger on Bun

Wednesday: Tuna Noodle Casserole Thursday: Swiss Steak with Noodles

Friday: Ham with Cherry Sauce

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1

pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; meal. soup, Road.

under 55 \$7 per Includes vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. Baechtel Info: 459-6826.

Shopping at Summer Arts Fest

May 30 and 31 at Benbow Lake

or 707-462-3884.

The 39th Annual Summer Arts & Music Festival this weekend features a great opportunity for shopping from North Coast crafters, along with all the music, food, educational booths, kids activities, and more.

Aisling Svennungsen of Moss Follows says the jewelry she creates is inspired by a blend of images and memories from glittering landscapes, seascapes, and forests. She crochets delicate metal chains with silver, brass, copper, crystals, semiprecious gems and glass. Paul Steege of Sweetland Pottery makes high-fired porcelain tableware with a glaze palette comprising a balance of matt, shiny, stiff, and fluid-like surfaces, which he blends to create stormy, watery, or arid

Jewelry artist Nicole Apostoli of Presh uses embellished books under his belt, will teach about textiles, recycled metals and vintage materials combined with solar hot water systems, and basic solar leather, chains and gemstones to create one-of-a-kind limited edition treasures. Frogworks masks are new this year at solar Summer Arts: Artist Charlie Hardwick has been making masks and since 1999, which have been used in theaters all over the auto upkeep; world. Some of his inspiration comes from the birds on his bird Mike Burgess, farm: he also sells cruelty-free feather jewelry.

Summer Arts Festival admission is \$20 per day or \$30 for the weekend, and free for those 12 and under (at the gates only). For more info about camping, free shuttles, and a complete schedule of activities, visit www.mateel.org/summerarts.html.



Come show off that Schwinn and bring out the BMX at the "Rock Your Ride Bicycle Show," 5 to 6 pm at City Park (near Farmers Market)/ All bikes welcome no matter the condition. Win bragging rights for: Best in Show, Best Family Bike, Best Beater Bike, Best Cruiser, Best Utility Bike, Best

Snowman

Relay For Life invites all cancer survivors

"We would like to invite you to participate in the 2015 Relay For Life Willits as Chance Truckin' Band, Double our honored guests. This year's Relay For Life Willits will be held at Recreation Standyrd, Banda Pacific, and Grove Park on July 25-26 from 10 am Saturday to 10 am Sunday. Our event in association with the Mendocino County kicks off Saturday morning by celebrating our survivors at the opening Sheriff's Youth Activities League, starts its more; Monster Trucks and ceremonies followed by a Survivors Lap around the park. We want to celebrate you! We would like to encourage all survivors from Willits, Fort Bragg, Covelo Carnival, and more. Enjoy free and Laytonville and beyond to sign up now for Relay For Life Willits." Early jrgiants.org or in person May 5 through June admission to the fairgrounds registration is recommended and will guarantee a "Survivor" T-shirt in your size. 26, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4:30 pm (not grandstand events). Info: To register now, visit www.relayforlife.org and search for "95490" or call 1-877- with Keith Terrell at the Willits Body Works www.redwoodempirefair.com 7848 and an operator will assist you with registration. Registration is free! All Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Info: 707-459-

Junior Giants Signups

Banana Seat Bike, and more. "Bring the kids and

check out the helmet decorating table." Info: Holly

The Willits Jim Hale Junior Giants Program, 2015 season on June 15. Sign up at www. 0594 or cynthiapurdue@yahoo.com.

Wowser Summer Program

Wowser's first annual Summer Skills safety, Ron Cole, inventor and retired video about the impact of this Training Program will primarily serve nuclear sub operator, will teach about greater Willits area youth ages 14 plus, free energy, I will teach a class on lost but any member is welcome to take a wax casting. Sean Okerstrom, custom

The vocational skills program starts on June 15, and will offer different oneweek classes for eight continuous weeks. Members choose which classes they want to go to, one week, all eight, or

Some of the classes being offered are: 3D modeling with Roger Wilson, animator and architect; welding, and large format dream catchers with James Nilson; Michael Hackleman, a pioneer in alternative technology, with seven systems; Bret Newberry will teach about

retired spacecraft construction

Save the **Date**

Redwood Run Motorcycle Run, June 12 through June

Frankie J, June 14, Willits

Community Theatre **Rock Your Ride Bicycle** Show, June 18, City Park

Harrah Center's Grateful **Dead 50th Anniversary** Party, Willits Community Center, June 20

skills training has been viewed over 10,000 times and can be viewed here: http://wowser.org/ summer/. The Summer Skills Program will allow Wowser to formalize its ability to train community members by offering

car restorer, will teach a class in RC racing, customizing your RC car and building a racetrack; Dickey Weinkle, entrepreneurship; Mike Krusinski will teach how to paint your house/room; Lily Mitchell will teach basic sewing; Bill White, community open space designer, creation of inviting entrance to Wowser; Tifany Leigh-Logan will teach how to make shopping bags out of used feed sacks; Woodworking, plasma cutting, and many more classes will be on the

A final schedule will be posted May 28 in sponsorship can call 459on the Wowser website, http://wowserllc. com/, and Facebook page. The summer sessions will begin at 11:30 am with a group session, and

> and from 4 to 6 pm. Wowser has provided vocational skills training last two years. An online wowser.org/special/.

> > Coming Next Week:

Pitch Perfect 2 & Spy

individual classes will be

held at 12:30 to 2:30 pm

a structured program. Wowser has created a sponsorship program that will allow local organizations to invest in youth of the community underwriting the cost of the program and making all the classes free to Wowser members: those interested

9697 or stop by Wowser, at 330 West

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



kinds of movies are cruddy lullabies that sicken the spirit. To hell with those movies. On the other hand, Tomorrowland"

I truly believe that

movies are 90 minute

dreams, and that those

are powerful forces who will

movie theaters are filled with

My Thoughts:

celebrates hope and inventiveness the will to resist and create in the face of, and in despite of the many sordid doomsday prophecies in which, and from which our public media wallows and

Critics at Rotten Tomatoes thought the "Tomorrowland" was heavy-handed, maybe even preachy. To hell with them,

too. Sure, as a movieguy, I know that "Tomorrowland" isn't perfect, but I loved it! Parents: Positive messages about courage. Some serious android violence that's realistic but not bloody.

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Willits Horsemen's Association

Beef Barbecue and Rodeo, June 6 & 7

Come join the ropers and riders for the 66th annual Willits weekend at the East Commercial Street arena

The weekend will kick off with the gymkhana event starting at 9 am on Saturday. The younger riders will get a chance to show their skills in six events: cloverleaf barrels, Washington poles, single stake race, open-ended figure 8, two barrel cow horse, and gated key hole. This gymkhana is the first of four events held throughout the summer that will qualify riders for the end-of-year high point and awards for the 2015 buckle series. The other gymkhanas will be held on July 18, August 22 and September 26.



Sunday packs a full day of events, starting with the 9 Horsemen's Association's Beef Barbecue and Rodeo, next am jackpot team roping, then the barbecue at 11:30 am, and then finally the rodeo at 1:30 pm. All events are free to attend for the public, with the exception of the barbecue, which costs \$13 for adults and \$5 for children.

> The rodeo allows riders of all ages to compete in 11 events. Girls and boys will each have a breakaway roping event, and the steer daubing, goat tying and barrel racing events will be held only for cowgirls. Everyone can compete in the steer stopping event, as well as the team roping, ribbon roping and chute dogging. The littlest competitors are welcome to come in for free from the stands and participate in the two non-livestock events: the mystery scramble and the Boot Scootin' Boogie race.

> The highest point-earning cowboy and cowgirl will each win an "All Around" title and a silver buckle. The "High Money Header" and "High Money Heeler" will each win a set of silver spurs.

> Major sponsors of this year's event include Adam's Tire, Redwood Empire Quarter Horse Association, Sparetime Supply, Garman Construction, Little Lake Auto Parts, Yokums Body Shop, 101 Trailer and RV, and Sheri Cronin,

> For an entry or more information about the gymkhana. contact Kathryn at 489-6565. For an entry or more information about the rodeo and jackpot roping, contact Jim at 354-1624 or Robbie at 489-0476.

> > - Maureen Moore

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0010 ENG10 Basic Reading & Writing TWTh 12:30-3:50pm Schuman, Edwin NCC 8030 0800 ENG80 Academic Reading & Writing MTW 5:30-9:05pm Cechin, Jaime NCC 8020 (06/15/15 to 07/23/15)

0200 ENG200 Reading and Composition MW 5:30-9:20pm Hellman, Steven NCC 8030 (06/15/15 to 07/23/15)

0222 HST 222 Native American History TTh 8:00-11:50am Silva, LoganNCC 8010 (06/15/15 to 07/23/15)

Mathematics

8292 MTH11 Basic Mathematics TTh 8:00-11:50am Dominguez, Diana NCC 8030 (06/15/15 to 07/23/15)

700 MTH77 Geometry TTh 8:00-11:50am Ries, Richard NCC (06/15/15 to 07/23/15)

Real Estate

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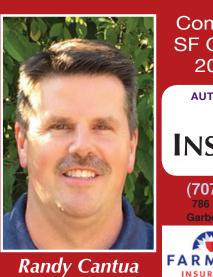
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Espresso vourself

Wowser Makes

Roger Wilson

In this article I'd like to show the many great things you can learn when you are working on a fun, creative project.

We have been hard at work fabricating the Espresso Yourself cafe structure. Imagine deciding to build the most complicated room in your home, the kitchen So many details to consider.

We started with a Gypsy wagon look. Kind of Tiny Home-ish, and then reality jumped in. When you have several workers making coffee inside, they ALL need to be able to turn around!

So our 16' long by 8' wide, became 10 feet wide. No problem for this prototype unit. t won't be traveling. We went with a 1.5" x 1.5"

steel tube frame. Easy to weld, easy (sort of) to shape, and easy to adapt. (You always have to adapt on a prototype, issues come up.) Like the roof. Our plan and the look requires a curved fabric roof, light and airy feeling, whimsical, and yet enclosed. OK so far. Steel ribs (bent nicely on our tubing roller) give the shape. Yes, it looks great. Now the fabric. Must be 701 fire retardant-rated, no problem. Oops. When it's inside our fire-sprinkler building, it must have sprinklers if there is

roof. Too bad, and it will still look good. (The fabric roof will just have to wait for the real traveling wagon.) Plywood counters in place? Check. Wait, Health & Safety says, "No bare wood." OK, time to price out Formica surfaces. (Good thing we know how to apply and router the edges of Formica.) Now we just have to pick a smooth, washable surface and color. Water lines (both hot and cold), stainless steel main sink. commercial frig, coffee brewer, grinders, blenders, water filter. water conditioner, cash register, coffee mugs, ice maker, all set!

OK, no enclosed fabric

Wait, we also need a good espresso maker!! OK, we got that, too. Hmm, all those machines

need electricity. Time to buy wire and outlets and GCFI outlets. and start bending EMT onduits New 100Amn sub panel installed? Check! Paint. (Yes, all surfaces from

ground up to 4 feet must be smooth and washable.) Glossy paint in hand. When the "working" parts

are done, then we'll still have to do the "artistic" parts. If our members wanted coffee from a simple kitchen, they could have that at home. This needs to look wonderful. (It shall!) Plus we will be serving Thanksgiving Coffee and Mendocino Tea Lady. our customer/ Hmm.

members will probably want to put down their coffee cups while eating their snacks. Better buy some table rounds (to place on the oak barrel tables).

We hope to be serving you members in about three more

Roger Wilson is a founder and CEO of Wowser, Mendocino County's largest makerspace. His focus is to teach people ways to make stuff with better results, or more easily, or faster, and even some things

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COLUMN | Intuitive Patterns June

It made my heart so happy to see the Hummingbird in the cards this month! I look out every morning and see about 30 hummingbirds at my four feeders. Hummingbird is about joy and love: Let the month

of June be a dance of joy, love, and gratitude for all the support that you have in your life. Now having said that, let's get down

Suzanne Wagner to the nitty-gritty. June is a wild ride of

retrogrades. Mercury is retrograde until June 11, but it is in the home sign of Gemini so, while I would expect computers to become problematic and things to not go in expected ways, Mercury in Gemini is very joyous. If you play the cards right, you might just feel as if the cosmic redo of this retrograde gets you going back to what you really love

But Saturn is also backing up into Scorpio; it officially gets there, June 16/17 and will stay in Scorpio until September 18. It will be bringing back some of that emotionally intense introspection that you felt last fall into the early winter. Becoming aware of what is really going in within and being willing to let the past go will be in the forefront of your consciousness for one final time. Once Saturn leaves Scorpio on September 18 you will not feel this place again

and what you want to do rather than what you thought you needed

Neptune also is going retrograde on June 12 in Pisces, and it will be retrograde until November 18, so expect logic to go by the wayside for a bit, though your creative and intuitive sides might be expanding in wonderful ways. Just remember that the illusion is close to the surface and learn to stay grounded as you explore the esoteric realms. You could get a lot of creative things done quickly if you stay on track and don't get lost in the dreamy quality of Neptune

Mars is in Gemini most of this month, so expect people to question everything. It promotes arguments and the potential to get sidetracked on any new things. You may want to learn everything, but you will feel the need to talk it out. This can create a nervousness ension, and difficulty in focusing on the task at hand. The game will be to stay calm, organize those thoughts, and find the appropriate direction after clear consideration of all options.

OK, now that the astrological update is over, let's apply this to the cards and blend this into a plan or strategy for the month of June.

Balance is going to be the key, and it is going to take some doing to manage to pull that off. It is summer, after all, so a great way to handle all this is to escape: Go camping or take you and your family out into nature. Find where you are feeling supported and where you can relish the energy of gratitude and love.

Lynx reminds us that what we are seeking is inward, hidden, or in a place where you will need to uncover your own patterns of selfdeception. But the Hummingbird reminds us that even that journey can be filled with love and joy. There are lost treasures within you, and it is up to you to dive inward and discover them. This is not the month to be a "know-it-all" – quite the contrary. It is a month to listen intensely and to be willing to discover that you are worthy of trusting your deepest self along this journey of life. Think before you talk. The Prince of Cups wants you to look at where you are distorting

the truth to maintain a false sense of self. Ask the question, "Where is your ambition overruling your life and body?" When you discover that answer a whole new reality will open up.

The Osho Zen cards are a clear indication that this is a time to wait. The time is not yet, so you will have to sit in a guiet place and discover your own inner wisdom and knowing. It is summer: Play, be outside, and re-discover the simple pleasures. June is about finding a new balance. One that is not based on

vill give you what you need over the long haul, rather than the short satisfaction that illusion gives. Temporary is no longer good enough. You want to find a solution that allows for a whole new you

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Classic Metal Mixer

Chamber members party at Baechtel Creek Inn

a sneak peak at some of the classic cars that were to be at the Community Festival & Car Show the next day kept a large group of business owners, community members, and even hotel guests happy at the Classic Metal

Mixer Saturday Jenny Senter evening. Baechte Creek Inn owners

Bob and Jan Rodriguez, in conjunction with the Willits Chamber of Commerce, were hosts of the mixer.

"What I enjoy most is seeing business people and community members networking about anything and everything," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lynn Kennelly, "from current events, legislation that affects their businesses, plans for future promotions, economic trends, and their vision for the community of Willits. Mixers are held in a relaxed environment that allows

Delicious food, fun networking, and people to mix with others they wouldn't ordinarily see in their businesses."

> Kennelly also wanted to thank local business owners for the door prizes that were greatly appreciated by the winners. Donations included a gift certificate from Starchild Chocolate, a First Alert evacuation ladder from Lisa Epstein's State Farm Insurance, and a spa products and gift certificate from Baechtel Creek Inn.

The Rodriguezes, who've owned their business since 1991, moved here from Sonoma County. They enjoy living in Willits, and both are enthusiastic about their vision of Willits as a destination. They promote the Willits area to guests by posting - both on their webpage and in the hotel lobby – information about local events such as the music festivals.

tasting events, Willits Frontier Days, Ridgewood Ranch and Seabiscuit events, and the shows at the Willits Community Theatre. They both are active in the community, and Jan is also a board member for the Willits

Lisa Epstein, president of the Willits chamber's board, said: "I loved seeing all the happy faces, and what a crowd! We had a great time! Jan and Bob Rodriguez were generous want to move here!

hosts. The food was delicious, the Above: A wine generously donated by Barra of group photo Mendocino was refreshing, and the attendees at classic cars were beautiful. It truly was the Classic a delightful evening. "

Epstein said two of her guests at the inn from the Sacramento area, Vito and Mimi Forchione, joined in the fun. "They told me they were so impressed with our community that it made them

mixer guests including from left: Tom Allman and Martha Barra: Mimi and Vito Forchione from Carmichael: and Holly and Jill Walton.

Below: Classic

cars lined up at

At bottom:

Bottom, at right: Marianna Smoot wins the raffle basket.

> Photos by Jenny Senter













Senior Center Flea Market a success

The flea market and BBQ held by the Harrah Senior Center on Saturday was well-attended. All of the 16 vendor spaces were sold. The proceeds will be added to the Senior Center's ongoing fundraising efforts for a new roof. Money raised at the Kiddy Land area will be divided between Relay for Life and for buying gas cards for local cancer patients.

- Carrie Shattuck, contributing writer

Far left: Kylie Southwick says the hot dogs are good! At left: Paul Krauss, 94, the "Goodwill Ambassador" for the Senior Center, plays a game at Kiddy Land. Below: All kinds of items were for sale at the Senior Center Flea Market last weekend.

Photos by Carrie Shattuck









Creek | From Page 1

plant within the flood plain of

Outlet Creek, already classified

as sediment-impaired and one of

the last remaining coho salmon-

supporting watersheds in the main

stem of the 'Wild and Scenic-

"The Outlet Creek watershed

one commercial/industrial

and ecosystem does not belong

enterprise to use as it will,"

Colwell continued. "The watershed

belongs to everyone, and has

value as a scenic resource and a

relatively intact ecosystem, which

still supports endangered salmon

"Fast tracking approval of an

asphalt plant on Outlet Creek

seems like government abdicating

its responsibility to represent

all constituents, and not just

business interests. By taking this

environmental review process, the

board of supervisors effectively

ensured that the project's impacts

on water and air quality, threatened

salmonid species and traffic safety

will not be considered, and other

interests including the environment,

which will be affected by this

action, have no voice."

press time on Wednesday

salmon and use of the commons,

Third District Supervisor Tom

Woodhouse, who voted in support

of the asphalt plant on March 17.

was not available for comment by

However on April 21, during board

discussion of the use and impacts

of hack-and-squirt techniques on

Mendocino Redwood Company

timber lands, Woodhouse did say:

"I want more jobs for young people,

and training for them, to use natural

resources. So I vote for things like

logging and gravel extraction and

asphalt, because we need to have

an economy. Some people won't

action and bypassing the current

designated' Eel River.

adopted in 2009.

According to the staff report: "While industrial uses are allowed within an I-2 District by right, an application for Development Review is required in cases involving uses that may include potential environmental effects (County Code Chapter 20.188). This was discussed in the 2010 staff report for the above noted rezone, specifying, in part, that 'So long as the existing facility continues to be operated under the conditions of the prior entitlements, staff does not foresee any additional impacts as noted in the EIR, further re-enforcing the need to have the conditions outlined in UR 5-72/2002 function as an equivalent to Development Review

with the existing operation.' "As a result," the planning document goes on to state, "potential impacts from the use of the site for asphalt processing were deemed to have been adequately evaluated in 2002 with the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and subject to conditions of approval.

and continued to be maintained

Put into ordinary English, that means that all the necessary environmental review was either covered in the 2002 use permit, or in the 2007-2009 update of the Mendocino County General Plan.

That argument doesn't fly with the Friends of Outlet Creek.

"We believe the board of supervisors overstepped their authority by their actions on March 17," said Friends of Outlet Creek spokesman Glen Colwell. "This petition seeks to require Mendocino County to comply with its own ordinances and state environmental law, including the California Environmental Quality Act, in the evaluation of a project like the decisions I make, but we to allow a new asphalt production have to have jobs.

The rest of Car Show

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cause ... and. yep, you guessed it: Caitlyn donated the tickets to our BACA chapter in hopes we could use them for a raffle prize.

I have to admit that day was very emotional for us. The outpouring of support we received for our BACA chapter was overwhelming. Especially since – thanks to Lynn Kennelly of the Willits Chamber of Commerce – this was our first actual public appearance.

As the day came to a close, the four main trophies were awarded. "The Willits Police Department Award" went to Tom and Donna Cropp. Ukiah, for their 1960 Ford T-Bird; "The Willits Fire Department Award" went to Steve Quinliven, Willits, for his 1968 Chevy Camaro; "The Mayor's Pick" went to Doug Forrester, Willits, showing his 1929 Ford 2-Door Sedan; and "Best of Show" went to Dan Pallo, Petaluma, for his 1934 Ford 2-Door Sedan.

As always, the Shifters Car Club and the Willits Chamber of Commerce did an excellent job at putting on a fun family-oriented day. They hope to see you all there next year for year 35!

Budget

work in progress.

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department looks to achieve a 5 percent cut by not filling unfilled

"We had an unfilled position - it made it easy," said Gonzalez. "You are not looking at an individual." From numbers in the draft budget, other parts of the police department, like administration and dispatch,

would see cuts of between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Council members met Tuesday for a budget workshop to discuss the budget, which is still a

"This is not a painless process," City Manager \$544,168 Adrienne Moore said. "Five percent is big when \$414,582 you are at bare bones.'

The city's general fund spent more revenue \$310,000 than it took in last year. The difference was made \$223,730 up from a cushion of about \$2.4 million the city \$150,000 holds in that fund.

A general fund deficit of about \$80,000 was penciled into the draft budget.

Money in the city's general fund can be tracked General Fund spending: across city departments. The fund pays for salaries \$3,167,143 or portions of a position in all departments, except \$1,170,296 for the sewer plant.

In the draft budget, general fund dollars pay 49 percent of the city manager's position, 10 percent of the city engineer's position, and 41 percent of a third-level water plant operator – to give a few

Currently part-time planning services in Willits are carried out by a planner borrowed from the county planning the Willits Senior Center, \$1,000 to the Willits Library, \$1,000 for department The city planning department got a part-time planner on contract

from the county this year after losing former City Planner Alan Falleri to retirement and then a brief tenure by his successor. The planning budget as submitted in the draft budget would fund planning at an expense of about \$61,000.

Last year, council members approved a budget that showed deficits in other funds in addition to the general fund.

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or contractors, but what do we, as a community, feel we accept. And not just because we're upset with the iail administration, but because we need to find other resources and how we're going to support better outcomes

On the plus side. Tom Pinizzotto, assistant director of the county's Health and Human Services Agency, cited recent improvements to the intake process at the jail, including the dissemination of mental health-related information to California Forensic Medical Group, and the practice of alerting public defenders to their clients' incarceration. But perhaps the most hopeful change discussed at the meeting was the promise of improvement in the training of police

Currently, academy recruits receive a total of six hours of training on the entire range of disabilities, including mental developmental and physical disabilities. Two proposed new laws, Senate Bill 11 and Senate Bill 29, would guarantee that trainers at police academies receive a minimum of 40 hours of training on mental health issues, and officer candidates would receive 20 hours of training, as well as four hours of refresher training per year.

All of this will have to be paid for, of course, and it remains to be seen how the legislature will respond. But most board members expressed optimism about the future.

"It's a problematic process," said attorney Kit Elliot, "but I see that everyone is buying into it and trying to communicate, which has been some of the lack, I think. We're getting somewhere."

year since Bob Davis, a

deputy with the Mendocino

County Sheriff's Office, died

In honor of Davis, the

mayor went on to play

a recording of the song

"Brothers in Arms," by the

"I think the public needs

to be reminded of the

consequences and the

struggles that go on with

that profession," said

voted 5-0 to approve

an arrangement to help

finance an office building

for the Frank R. Howard

A portion of the building

The city was being

asked to "issue tax-exempt

Certificates of Participation

in a principal amount not

to exceed \$5.5 million" for

The foundation will use

the proceeds from the sale

of the certificates to fund the

development, construction

and equipping of a single-

story, 16,000-square-foot

medical office building

The new hospital is

located at 3 Marcela Drive.

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Howard Foundation.

Financial wizardry

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Roundup

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told council members the Harrah Center needs to raise money to fix its leaky

The senior center has set up a webpage, gofundme com, where supporters can give money to help pay for the project.

The center's plea for donations has raised \$775 from 13 people towards the \$100,000 it is seeking, the gofundme.com website

Words to live by

The Willits Department and group crafted a new mission statement for the department.

Willits police motto "For the People" was adopted in the 1990s, Sgt. Jon will house the foundation's Anderson said, but this is offices, and the remainder the first statement of the will house a rural health department's mission. clinic operated by Adventist Health, a report from the

The police mission statement reads: "The Willits Police Department's mission is to deliver quality services and resources while providing safety, assistance, and protection built on trusting and reliable relationships.

"That is for me to try and show – and the guys I work with to try and show when we come out," said Anderson, an 18-year veteran of the department.

Mayor Bruce Burton read a proclamation acknowledging hardships facing law enforcement.

The city water department fund was budgeted last year with a deficit of \$6,600, and the sewer department at about \$276,712, a city report stated.

In addition to the numbers, department goals are a part of the budget. For city administration, that includes working with federal,

county and state government to oversee

October

business like the old Remco Hydraulics

industrial property. Sales taxes are a top source of revenue for the city, and a report from a consulting firm earlier this year listed the biggest sales

tax contributors. Some 25 businesses in Willits yield 74 percent of the city's sales tax revenue.

The top 25 list features gas stations, grocery stores, fast food restaurants, hardware stores and a few other Willitsbased businesses like Sparetime Supply and Caterpillar heavy equipment dealer Peterson Tractor. The current budget approved last

summer eliminated money given to the Committee and the Willits Local First with cash? business campaign to save \$6,000.

In the draft of the budget, the city penciled in the usual amounts of money for the usual list of community institutions and Willits branches of county services. The draft budget proposed \$7,500 to

the County Museum, \$6,000 for Willits Community Services, and \$3,000 for Our Daily Bread.

Another review of the budget is expected to happen June 10; council members could adopt the budget on June 24.

Editor's Note: The 2015/16 draft budget can be found at the City of Willits website: Go to www.cityofwillits.com, click "City Council Agendas & Minutes," then go down to the May 26 Budget Workshop item, and click "Report."

kinda guy: Imagine you're going through a rough financial period, barely getting by from paycheck to paycheck, while falling deeper in debt. Then one day you get a letter from a lawyer informing you that your rich uncle Max died and left you \$100,000. So you take the money and buy a Ferrari. Being the prudent, careful type, you don't buy the \$250,000 expensive model; instead, you buy the cheaper, more affordable \$95,000 one! Gotta make that money last! But the following week, as you drive around town in your new wheels, thinking about where you're gonna get the cash to fill the gas tank, you realize that your financial picture hasn't really changed - even with the cash windfall.

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So even if we do get enough rain this year to end the drought, we still need to take the long view and maybe even think about doing things a little differently, because sure as God made little green apples, it's gonna get dry again!

This is the place where you might expect me to go to "Preachy Mode," and lay out for you what I think you should do about water into the future. Well, I'm not gonna do that. Preserving our natural resources and learning to share what little we have while planning for the future is not something that can be mandated or forced on you by arm twisting. We each need to make our own responsible decisions, and if your decisions are wrong for the majority of the people, your neighbors will let you know.

However, I'll offer as a guide the premise that addressing the long-term water issue requires action from your government as well as from all of us civilians. From the government side, the City of Willits is currently completing its Emergency Water System, and when it's completed, it will go through a CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) process to determine whether it's appropriate to make the emergency water system into a permanent part of the existing city water

The CEQA study would identify key components of the aquifer and the affect the city's water use would have on the total water supply The study would include determining how much water is contained in the aquifer; what the quality of the water is; where the good and bad water is located; how much water can be pumped before affecting other wells; and what the recharge rate is, as well as other pertinent data. There are other steps that the city can take to expand and improve our water supply, and these will also be looked at in the future.

As for what each of us can do, there are many things that can help conserve our water supply Many of us have been doing these things since the beginning of the drought, and we could continue to do so into the future. But some of us might not be willing to make any sacrifices unless it's an actual emergency situation. That's our freedom of choice!

One strategy is to take "Navy showers" - turn on the water and get wet; turn off the water and soap up; turn on the water and rinse. After installing low-flow toilets and shower heads. flushing the toilet only as often as appropriate - vellow is mellow, brown, flush it down, From personal experience, just doing this has resulted in our water use being cut almost in half.

Replacing your grass lawn with native, drought-tolerant plants can save lots of water, with the added bonus of not having to spend your weekends moving the lawn. This type of landscaping provides color all year-round, avoiding having your grass turn brown during the hot summer days, no matter how much water you pour on it. Many local jurisdictions have adopted the state mandate to eliminate grass lawns, and some cities offer a monetary incentive to remove grass, while others have simply required it. Over the last few years, many homeowners around town have decided to remove their grass and replace it with a variety of bright, colorful droughttolerant plants. Walk around town and look.

There are many other water-saving strategies that can be applied, but it all comes down to what each of us is willing to do to save water. And as discussed in previous articles, when we use less water it means that less revenue is going to the city's Water Enterprise Fund, making less money available to pay for operating, maintaining and upgrading the water system. And to offset this loss of revenue, the city is compelled to ask the ratepayers to approve a rate increase.

So what it all comes down to is a simple choice: What do we value more, water or money? Are we willing to pay more money to use more water, while perhaps endangering the water supply? Are we willing to spend more money to use less water, thus preserving or stretching our water supply? If we are willing to spend more money to use more water, if and when the water runs Economic Development and Finance out, will we be able to satisfy our collective thirst

> These are some of the choices we face as a community, and unfortunately, they're not hypothetical questions!

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Other Charges

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Services and Supplies

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Other Revenue Sources

Motor Vehicle License Fees

where it comes from:

\$1,643,458

\$392,812

\$583,625

\$4,262,375

\$11.376

\$46,066

\$4,561,466

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Above: Tutor Dunkin Bacci, learner Saranporn Dvornik, and learner Rosa Nieto with her tutor Anna Wilson

Literacy Volunteers celebrates 30 years of 'opening doors'

Jenny Senter Features Writer

The 30-year anniversary of the Literacy Volunteers of Willits' commitment to literacy was a great reason to come together for a

celebration last week at the Willits Library.

A short business meeting and election of board officers

was also held before the May 20 celebration. Elected to the Literacy Volunteers board of directors for 2015-16 were: Carolyn Pavlovic, president; Sandy Peters, secretary; Pam Shillings, treasurer, and board members Tania Borras, Dunkin Bacci and Ken Stedman.

Literacy Volunteers of Willits founder Alex Carlon, guest



Above: Teresita and Pedro Steffens share a laugh with

Below: Alex Carlon and Mayor Bruce Burton.

Photos by Jenny Senter



speaker for the evening, told those present that in 1985, he wanted to "fill a gap that the family and schools were not able to fill" by helping adults learn to read. Carlon believes that each person learns to read "in their own time" and that society should never give up on non-readers. His vision of what has become the Literacy Volunteers of Willits was to help non-readers from not only Willits, but all over northern Mendocino County become proficient in reading.

"Reading Opens Doors" was a popular literacy catchphrase at the time, and Carlon stressed that literacy truly does open doors for those who have spent a lifetime struggling with the stigma of being illiterate. Carlon, a retired Willits Unified school teacher, became a teacher at Baechtel Grove Middle School two years after starting the adult literacy program.

Willits Mayor Bruce Burton was on hand to commend the volunteers for "providing literacy, the greatest gift of all, to the Willits community." An avid reader, Mayor Burton remembers fondly his trips as a child to the Willits Carnegie Library with his mother, Hattie Burton. His son, Willits High School and University of Oregon graduate Robert Burton, is currently a volunteer with Literacy Volunteers of Willits.

There are approximately 35 volunteers with the program. Pam Shillings, board secretary and organizer of the anniversary event, has been with the Literacy Volunteers of Willits for 19 years. Sandy Peters, tutor and board secretary, has been with the group for 16 years. Other longtime members are Dunkin Bacci, with 10 years, Charlotte Oeding, seven years; and Carolyn Pavlovic, who recently retired after working for years at the Willits Library.

Currently there are 24 learners matched with tutors. Several tutors and learners were on hand to be recognized, to receive commemorative Literacy Volunteers of Willits book bags, and to enjoy the festivities. Many of the learners shared that they had gained confidence since joining the program. The tutors agreed that helping their learners learn to read has been a very rewarding experience.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact lvw@willitsonline.com or leave a message at the Literacy Volunteers office at 459-5098.

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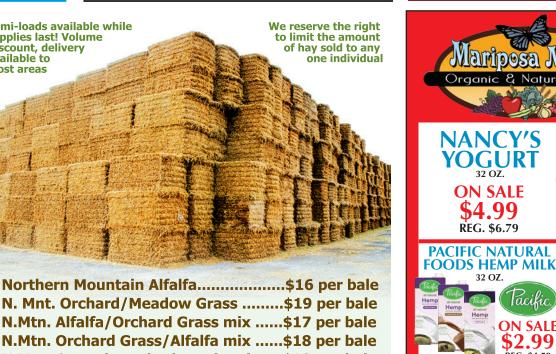
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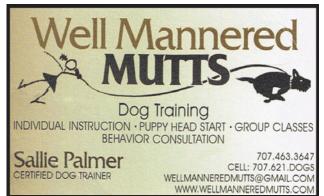


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