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Thursday, June 19, 2025

**Posted by Willits
Frontier Days**

We can't wait to see you on Main Street for an evening of community, celebration, and small-town vibes!

Addison Alvarado
Reporter
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WTA President Brian Bowles also addressed the board regarding this issue, stating, "The hit that will take to our classrooms is immeasurable," then acknowledging how the state is aiding the unions and district with multiple district issues, expressing that the WTA and CSEA "would love to work with

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Above, from left: Willits City Pool Lifeguard Leah Blakely-Swendsen watches over the kids getting ready to get back in the pool after a break. The Willits Pool also received a custom-painted rock from Laurie Bee of Willits Rocks. Erika Quniliven was there early Saturday morning to sign her son Bennett up for swim lessons. Below: Fresh from the water, Lucy King and Macy Lawrence purchase Otter Pops from lifeguards Estrella Mendoza and Javden Sossaman.



For more information or a complete schedule, contact the pool at 707-459-5778 or visit the City of Willits Facebook page for additional information.

– *Maureen Jennison*



Above, from left: Brayden watches his dad, Anthony Sylstra, sign him into the pool for a day of fun swimming. Maggie Jennison was overjoyed to be signed up for swim classes and get to swim in the "big girl pool" later this month. The diving board is always a fun time during open swim. Below: Lifeguards smile together inside the snack shack, including, from left: Lillie Ungast, Estrella Mendoza, Jayden Sossaman, Timothy Southwick, Kathia Eaton-Geiger and Leah Blakely-Swendsen.



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Board President Tina Tyler-O'Shea began by opening the public hearing process and invited audience members' comments on the item. The

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Annie Evarts
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The board also approved the hiring of a seasonal, part-time maintenance

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**By Sarah Reith,
Mendocino County Fire
Safe Council**

Lourance Hall, the co-director of the Round Valley

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Opinions, thoughts and thank you
letters from our readers

Willits Weekly's
Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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IN THE WATER WORD SEARCH

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Type of bread
5. Range of mountains
10. Ended
12. Musical forms with a recurring theme
14. On the nature of being
16. Law enforcement agency
18. Australian flightless bird
19. Subway rodent
20. More dried-up
22. A beaver might build one
23. Suggestive of the supernatural
25. Art __, around 1920
26. American rocker Snider
27. Not or
28. Earliest human: __Magnon Man
30. Firearm
31. Tough outer skin of fruit
33. Alternative form of a gene
35. Low shrub some call 'fat pork'
37. Plants in the chamomile tribe
38. Revolutionary War era spy
40. Portion of a book
41. Hoover's office
42. Title of respect

44. Tax collector
45. Cool!
48. Real estate
50. Boy's name
52. Airborne (abbr.)
53. Strongly recommends
55. Hit lightly
56. Bar bill
57. Atomic #54
58. Devotes again
63. Fish sauce
65. French stock market
66. Things that consist of two elements or parts
67. Tense

CLUES DOWN

1. Retired game show host Sajak
2. Equal (prefix)
3. Israeli city __ Aviv
4. Loved
5. A type of analyst
6. Ad __
7. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
8. Ran without moving
9. Opposite of yes
10. Diffuse clouds of gas
11. Mentioning one by one
13. Instruments used to dilate

HOW TO SUDOKU

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

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

June 2 to June 8

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department reported **47 incidents** in this 7-day period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

June 2

1:30 am: JORDAN, Dustin Lee (46) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Williams Street following a report of trespassing. He was arrested on felony charges of second-degree burglary, assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm, and property damage in excess of \$400, and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (loitering), possession of a controlled substance, and possession of burglary tools.

June 3

12:46 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street and issued a warning

6:38 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of California Street.

9:31 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 600 block of South Main Street.

11:50 pm: MEDINA, Javier Borjon (53) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of violation of probation and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

June 4

1:26 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:22 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of South Street.

6:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:45 pm: Officers conducted a stop

near the intersection of Walnut Street and South Main Street and issued a citation.

June 5

4:50 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of East Valley Street.

9:11 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

June 6

7:46 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:17 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.

10:52 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:36 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

June 7

10:23 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:38 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

4:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Alder Court.

9:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of North Main Street.

June 8

7:16 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

1:34 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Madrone Street.

Free herbal tea class
at Grange Garden,
June 28

Submitted by Grange Garden

Drink a cuppa tea with us at the Grange Garden on Saturday, June 28, at 1 pm, at 291 School Street.

Taste some good things in the garden, try some different versions of herbal summer iced tea and hot tea. Learn how to make sun tea.

Having a cup of herbal tea is one of the most relaxing moments of a day!

There are many wonderful tastes awaiting you in the herbal kingdom of teas. Mint, lemon balm, lavender, rosemary, sage – each one of them has a special offering for your health and well-being.

Learn more about tea making at this June 28 workshop, and get handouts about herbs and wellness.

'Picture This!'
at the Museum, June 24

Submitted by Friend of the Museum

The Friends of the Mendocino County Museum invite the community to a special publicity event, "Picture This!," at the Mendocino County Museum Courtyard on Tuesday, June 24, from 5 to 7 pm.

The Friends of the Museum look forward to capturing lots of pictures of the Museum grounds to promote and encourage future use of the space.

All are welcome to use this event and the backdrop of the Museum Courtyard, to capture pictures of your organization, staff, or family.

We invite everyone to enjoy music by Too Much Fun, mingle, get tips from Willits in Business, and enjoy a no-host dinner from Turtle Island Tacos. Photography by Maureen Moore will be documenting the evening. This is a free event, open to all. Mendocino County Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street in Willits.

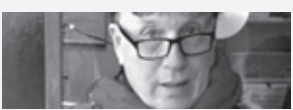
COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

‘How to Train Your Dragon’

The Story: A live action remake of the quite popular 2010 animated flick of the same name. It is a movie made for children. In Hollywood, Vikings were more than just violent drunken thugs. Picturesque movie Vikings all have furry beards and metal helmets with horns, and are crazy-brave and are sometimes comical, and they are the stout noble guardians of Northern Lands.

A brave cohort of guardian Viking families was sent (I don't know by whom) to the craggy island of Berk because the island was being savaged by sheep-stealing sorters of fire-breathing dragons. Big dragons. Small dragons. Roly-poly fat dragons. Two-headed dragons. Also there were some shadowy creatures, barely seen, which were scary to the Vikings and spoken of with awe called, "Night Furies."

Hiccup (Mason Thames) is the nerdy and quite inventive (though no one seems to notice) teen son of the Viking



Dan Essman
Columnist



chief on Berk Island. All the other teenagers think of themselves as bad-ass dragon hunters (at least in their heads) and consider Hiccup to be the contemptible punchline of a joke.

Meanwhile, Hiccup believes that he's built a weapon to capture a Night Fury. He hopes to impress his uber-Viking father. But maybe more importantly, Hiccup is secretly in love and he wants to impress the beautiful, hyper-athletic warrior-girl Astrid (Nico Parker). Dragon battles happen. Hiccup falls from a great height. Astrid notices Hiccup. There are even a few brief but solid kisses.

No more spoilers.

My Thoughts: I enjoyed the spectacle. This is a good movie for children, with a few oddly incoherent scenes when I wondered if it was written by children, who don't always understand cause and effect. No blame on the kids.

Parents: True love is rewarded. Virtue triumphs. The good guys win. Kindness carries the day. It's a happy movie.

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



Above, from left: Leticia Sierra, lead cook at Redwood Market's Aztec Grill, stocks freshly made burritos into the grab-and-go case. Order in-store or online by scanning the QR code. Store manager Sierra Phillips holds one of each of the four salsas available at Aztec Grill. Below, left: Elizabeth Torres, cook; Leticia Sierra, lead cook; Sierra Phillips, store manager; Steve Harries, customer service representative; and Julie Weir, district manager. Below, left: One of the most glorious combinations offered at Aztec Grill is the potato, egg and jack cheese breakfast burrito, with hot red salsa on the side. Pour a little on for each individual bite.



Photos by Maureen Jennison

Redwood Market Redo

Aztec Grill and Redwood Market receive facelift,
but still offer delicious breakfast and lunch options

It felt like far more than five months of de- and re-construction as dedicated customers waited impatiently for the reopening of Redwood Oil's Redwood Market and Aztec Grill to once again be able to get what could quite possibly be one of the tastiest breakfast burritos in town.

But the wait was worth it. The stores, located at 781 South Main Street, received a big glow up on the inside, increasing the floor space for retail, making a more user-friendly kitchen for the cooks, a bigger area for the grab-and-go food section, and a more open, airy and bright space.

"It was certainly time for a store remodel," explained Redwood Oil District Manager Julie Weir. "It needed a refresh, upgrades and a facelift. We removed the side door and really opened up the floor space to make additional room for merchandise and customers. We also expanded the bathrooms, too."

One of the improvements also includes the large new display cold case, which offers chilled beverages along with a healthier selection of salads, wedge sandwiches, fajita bowls, parfaits, fresh fruit, fresh salsa, wraps, chicken tenders, and more, all made in-house, fresh daily by the staff.

There's also the hot grab-and-go case – containing the store's biggest seller, a variety of prewrapped burritos, quesadillas, breakfast sandwiches and more, also all made in-house and fresh daily which are ready and available for quick purchase. On average, the store sells about 80 burritos a day.

"Lots of people love the convenience of the grab-and-go," explained Weir. "They can just pop in on their way to work and grab a hot-and-ready meal."

Of course, you can always order off the menu for exactly what you'd like. A personal favorite for breakfast is the potato, egg and jack cheese burrito – with a hot red salsa on the side. Pour a little bit on each bite as you enjoy. For lunch? Can't go wrong with the grilled veggies burrito: Peppers, broccoli, onions, zucchini, substitute wheat wrap for regular flour, with black beans, and no salsa.

Meaty bites more your style? Toss in some chicken, bacon, ham, chorizo, sausage, steak, al pastor, carnitas, birria or shrimp. You can also add in meat-free chorizo, grilled veggies, or a chile relleno, too. Additional toppings available include four types of salsa, jalapenos, sour

cream, cheese, guacamole, rice, beans, extra meat, and more. You also get a choice of beans: black, pinto or refried.

Some Aztec specials include the Cowboy Burrito: BBQ pulled pork, rice, black beans, jack cheese and onion stringers on a flour tortilla; the Border Burrito: steak, French fries, jack cheese, sour cream, guacamole and salsa on a flour tortilla; Aztec Tacos with your choice of meat on corn tortillas with cilantro, onions and mild tomatillo salsa; and Quesabirria: Two birria tacos with melted cheese in a crispy shell served with consomme.

Taco platters, fajitas, burrito and breakfast burrito bowls, nachos, quesadillas, torta sandwiches, taquitos and eggwiches are just a few more of the offerings on the main menu. Redwood Market is also now offering family chicken dinners to go.

Aztec Grill is open 5 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday, and from 6 am to 3 pm on Saturday. The grill is closed on Sunday, but the grab-and-go cases are stocked for pick up. Customers can call in orders 707-459-1779 or order online through scanning their QR code or through their app. You can get your convenience store items, and food and drink items, ready and delivered right to you.

Using the app, or entering your phone number at the register now also gives customers special deals that work like a punch card; there's different deals each day of the week for buy-one, get-one offers; customers can buy 5 coffees or mates, or energy drink, and get one free; customers buy seven burritos and get one free; and more.

Getting fuel at the Chevron pumps also earns customers Redwood Bucks; every time someone fills up with 10 gallons or more, they earn \$1 Redwood Buck they can use to purchase goods in the store. They add up, and don't expire.

"Our store manager Sierra and the rest of the team has been amazing through this upgrade and transformation," said Weir. "It's still the same crew, cooking the same food from before the remodel. Everyone did their part, and we're happy to have such a loyal and long-term team. Everyone knows their job, and they all work and communicate so well with one another."

"Julie's been so amazing, too," said Sierra Phillips, store manager. "She's been with Redwood Oil for a long time and has made this a really nice place to work. She's a great boss."

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"The creative plane is pure magic, pure adventure, pure freedom."
Laura Jaworski, author & crochet artist

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Top row, from left: If you grow bush beans for fresh eating or canning, be sure to keep making new plantings for a continuous supply. Marona is new this year at Quail Seeds and gives great yields even when stressed by heat or pests. So-called tomato "suckers" are the new branches that sprout from the base of a leaf or twig. Indeterminate tomatoes, and especially the heirloom types, need support. You can enclose them in a cage, or keep tying them to a trellis as they grow. Okra is amazingly fast and easy to grow if you pick one of the smaller varieties like "Cajun Jewel" shown here. You can plant now and cook it in August. Basil is a great companion plant for peppers or tomatoes, both in the garden and on the plate. The flowers are great in salad, and attract beneficial insects to eat pests. Replanting every couple of weeks gives you prime leaves all summer.



Photos by Jamie Chevalier



At top, from left: Fast-growing and easy to fit in with other plants, Tiger Coreopsis is a perfect summer refresh for the garden. People and butterflies both love zinnias! Cosmos are quick and easy flowers either on their own or among other plants. Blacktail Mountain is the earliest watermelon, ready in a few weeks. Above, from left: A new hot-weather vegetable that gives a fast, delicious harvest is Carosello, an Italian heirloom. It is a melon planted early and used as a cucumber - delicious, crisp, and never bitter. Sweet corn is one of the real treats of summer, and surprisingly easy to grow. It helps to grow varieties bred for the West, like Top Hat, Festivity, or Zanadoo, shown here. You can direct-sow melons now, and the Eel River Melon is a local classic with fantastic flavor. Huerfano Bliss is a honeydew melon with fragrant, delicious orange flesh. It's an heirloom from the Colorado desert, so it grows well in hot, dry conditions. Summer lettuce benefits from afternoon shade. It is a good companion for taller vegetables like squash, tomatoes, or corn.

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COLUMN | Garden Tip of the Month

June: Growing tomatoes: bad and good advice

Now that the soil is really warm, plants can sprout and grow quickly, provided they have everything else they need. Water, of course, but also soil nutrients, soil life, and soil oxygen. That last is something we tend to forget, but compacted soil, heavy clay, or waterlogging can all smother plant roots or even kill them.

Let air in by using plenty of compost, both worked in at planting and as a mulch. Even if it's just on the surface, worms and other critters will eventually carry it into the soil for you. Mulch is a critical shelter for soil organisms during summer heat, and allows plant roots to live in the top inch of soil, which would otherwise be too hot and dry.

One question that comes up this time of year is tomato pruning, training, and support. Many books and websites tell you to prune indeterminate tomatoes to one stem, pinching out the "suckers" (actually the new branches that sprout in the crotches where leaves meet the stem). Professional growers use overhead rails, strings, and clips to train their tomato plants as a single vertical stem with clusters of fruit growing from it. Should we be doing that?

The answer is that like most other aspects of gardening, it depends on climate. In places like England, Seattle, or Maine, summers tend to be cool, and severe pruning helps the plant to ripen more fruit. Even in places that get a lot of heat, like the South or Midwest, there is often cloud cover or humidity in the air, which diffuses the sun's rays. Each tiny droplet of water sends the light in a slightly different direction, softening its effect in the same way that a frosted light bulb does. Shadows aren't as dark, and lighted areas aren't as bright. This is obvious during overcast weather, but even a bit of haze has some effect. So does plastic or

shade cloth.

When the air is dry, nothing bends or breaks up the sun's rays. If humidity makes the sun more like a fluorescent light, dry air lets it act more like a laser. Any surface that faces the sun directly heats up so much that tomatoes, peppers, apples, and other fruit can literally cook in spots, which we call sunscald.

I've seen people who learned to farm in the Northwest spend hours training tomatoes to single stems with elaborate supports - only to lose them all to sunscald. Growing tomatoes outdoors in Willits, we need leaves to shelter the fruit. As a bonus, the leaves make sugars to power growth and sweeten the tomatoes. Cherry tomatoes are less susceptible than slicers, because their small round shape has less direct exposure.

Determinate varieties are fairly self-supporting and can get by with commercial tomato cages or a couple of stakes. The big yummy indeterminates, though, need serious support and can grow to at least 6 feet. Wire cages are ideal to support these big plants. Another possibility is a wire trellis, which works as long as you are willing to tie or weave the plants into it every few days.

One bit of pruning I do recommend is to remove all the leaves at the base of the plant. As a vine, the plant is constantly putting its energy upward and out to the growing tips, so the lower leaves naturally atrophy and die back. Mites, thrips, and other pests climb up from the ground to infest those lower leaves. Removing them keeps the plant healthier, as does mulching any bare earth.

Happy Father's Day

Dad, thanks for being such an amazing role model, for loving us unconditionally, and for putting up with us. We're grateful for your unwavering support. Happy Father's Day! Love Meg & Sarah

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Desayuno de 08:00 a 09:00

Almuerzo de 11:00 a. m. a 12:30 p. m.

Almuerzo caliente en el lugar o comida fría para llevar

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Breakfast 8:00am-9:00am

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Questions? Please call the WUSD Food Director at (707)459-7700 ext.1554

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LEGAL NOTICES

Willits Weekly can run legal notices including fictitious business name statements, foreclosure notices, storage unit auctions, and more. Contact us for more information at willitsweekly@gmail.com

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2025-F0261

The following person or persons are doing business as Peridot Electric, 1761 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490. Mailing address: P.O. Box 116, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Nathan Coleman, 1761 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk: Recorder on May 29, 2025.

/s/ Nathan Coleman

Publication Dates: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provision of the Civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 21st day of June, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., or immediately following the GLENMARK SOUTH auction, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at GLENMARK NORTH 395 North Main Street, Willits, CA 95490, County of Mendocino, State of California the following:

Andrew Augustine 472

Andrew Augustine 540

Robert Beach 467

Jubal Chilson 211

Greg Cox 329

Julia Gade 301

Leigha Jones 413

Matthew Krzysik 253

Benjamin Lewis 603

Greg Lohne 188

Karen Morales 131

The goods are described as: Tools, furniture, auto parts, camping gear, misc totes/boxes.

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and the obliged party.

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The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 21st day of June, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at GLENMARK SOUTH 1788 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490, County of Mendocino, State of California the following:

Jacky Deaton F14

John Doe C94

Mark House D04

Terry Sauve C72C

The goods are described as: Collectibles, Music Equipment, Misc Furniture

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and the obliged party.

Glen Green

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A healthy breakfast and lunch are provided FREE to children 0-18 years old, enrolled in WUSD or not, regardless of income. Available Monday-Friday, June 9, 2025, through August 8, 2025, at Brookside Elementary School.

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3 bed SFH \$ 1675

3 bed SFH \$ 1450

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1 bed SFH \$ 1250

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The rest of Tomatoes

You can safely remove all the leaves up to the first truss of fruit, which will be shaded by the leaves above. One final bit of pruning I like to do: A month before the first frost, I cut off the growth tips to let the plant concentrate on ripening existing fruit.

To beat sunscald in peppers, group them in a block, so that most of the light comes from above, not from the side. It helps to position them where a shadow falls for a couple of afternoon hours. And I usually grow basil, bush beans, flowers, or some other low, bushy companion between them and the sun.

Peppers are native to riverbeds and arroyos in the Southwest, where the canyon walls give shelter and sunlight comes from directly above. A bed of peppers surrounded by basil may not look like a Southwestern arroyo, but once you know what conditions a plant needs, you can figure out how to provide them in the garden.

Jamie Chevalier lives and gardens near Willits. She has gardened professionally in both Alaska and California, as well as teaching, homesteading, and working with several national seed organizations. She started Quail Seeds in 2018 as a locally focused seed company. Her website quailseeds.com offers over 400 varieties of seed adapted to the Northern California climate, as well as extensive how-to information.

The rest of Sustainable

Act. That put in place all kinds of rebates for things like what North Coast Energy Services does. They can come out and put in insulation in your home and other energy-saving techniques. What that does is qualify you for a 30 percent credit against your tax liability. The State of California can pay up to \$8,000 for point-of-sale discounts on heat pumps."

Moore told of how she helps people with energy bill problems. "A lot of what I do has to do with people who come in with their energy bills they can't afford," said Moore. "Their power is going to get turned off. My gift is negotiating with the power companies and government agencies. With PG&E, the first thing that comes to mind is don't let your power get turned off. There are ways to get your bill paid, work with PG&E to get the bill paid. Once your power is off, the game changes." She went on to explain some of the

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Brown Bag Lunch Program

Every Saturday at 1 pm sack lunches are served by local churches, community organizations, and families at Bud Snider Park on East Commercial. Come at 1 pm to be assured a lunch!

Do you need food?

Willits Food Bank, 344 Railroad Avenue, Willits, CA 95490. Open Wednesdays & Fridays, new expanded distribution hours: 11 am to 4:30 pm. New Client Choice model where you select your own items. Bring shopping bags. Bring an I.D. Info: (707) 459-3333

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Clean Studio Apartment for rent, upstairs unit, close to downtown area, Washer & Dryer facility on hand, garbage paid. \$800 per month & Sec. Dep. Armc 707-354-0048.

Huge Yard Sale

Huge yard sale at Golden Rule Mobile Village. June 21st and 22nd. 9 am to 3 pm. Over 10 homes participating. Collectables, household goods, tools, furniture, you name it. Ridgewood Ranch, south of Willits, follow signs and balloons to the mobile village. See map at entrance for participating houses. Please drive slowly in the village.

Pearl Street Garage Sale

World Famous Pearl Street Garage Sale Is Back!!! Don't miss it. Pearl Street in Willits. Saturday, June 21 from 8 am to 4 pm.

John Ford Ranch Beef

John Ford Ranch still has the 50 lb. Rancher's Choice Box for \$390.00 and the 25 lb. Hamburger Box for \$170.00. Please contact Debbie Arkellian @ 459-5049.

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Your Dream Worlds Revealed: Techniques to remember and interpret your inner nightly journeys for help in daily life. You are warmly welcome to join us! Tuesday, June 24 from 2 to 3 pm, Willits Library, 390 E. Commercial St. A FREE Community Service sponsored by Eckankar in California.

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For rent master bedroom and bath. Private entrance, no shared space, includes refrigerator, utilities, internet. AC. 1 person 50 or older. \$750 month; rental referral required. 805 259-9155.

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Tattoo Shop in Downtown Willits! Clean, cute, and private shop with 10 years experience. Love to tattoo botanicals, cute critters, and sceneries! Appointments and bookings: kikiblattoos.com

Weekend Yard Sale

Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22, from 9 am to 4 pm. 555 Mill Street, Willits. Sports Cards, Plates and other Sports Memorabilia. Also Men and Women's clothing, shoes, bags, other accessories, women's jewelry, kids toys, some electronics and kitchen items, exercise equipment, trampoline, beach chair and more. No early birds pls...

available programs that can help pay for utilities.

Bowles is a building inspector and code enforcement officer with the City of Willits and spoke on a fairly new program that provides zero-interest loans to lower income homeowners to utilize in improving their properties. The loans do not need to be paid off until the house is sold.

Jason Kester of North Coast Energy Services explained what his company does: "We assist people with their energy bills. In return, we ask people to weatherize their homes to bring down their energy costs. We do a lot of diagnostics, floor-to-door, and other tests and do an energy audit. We can add insulation in the attic as long as the audit allows it. Wall insulation is huge. Air sealing is a really big one, fixing all the little gaps in the ceilings and walls. We look for air leaks and fix them. Our program is totally free as long as you qualify."

This is only a small percentage of the information that was available at the forum, after which people could ask questions and offer their own energy-saving suggestions.

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The Casino Controller directs the cashiering, vault, drop and count areas in a manner that safeguards the assets of the Sherwood Valley Casino, while establishing and maintaining acceptable accounting procedures and internal controls and assures all external and internal regulations are met. Has direct supervision of Cage/Vault, Drop, and Count Supervisors. Exercises management responsibility for all activities of the Accounting/Finance Department. Activities include direct hands-on oversight of audit, accounting, general ledger, reporting, payroll, purchasing, cashiering, and count room operations. Responsible for the company's overall operating and capital budgets, internal control policies, insurance and risk management programs, and relationships with financial institutions, casino's compliance with provisions of the State Compact, NIGC, Tribal ordinances, Gaming Commission regulations, cash transactions reporting, and IRS withholding and reporting requirements. Contact the General Manager at nfztgerral@svrcasino.com or 707-459-7350.

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At left: Crew member starts the May 30 prescribed burn at the Round Valley Airport. Above, left: A view of the smoky sunset at the Round Valley Prescribed Burn Association's May 30 burn. Above, right: A careful line of fire burns by the airport's runway. Below: Torchbearr's Director of Operations Scot Steinbring, who's been working in fire for 30 years, smiles during the prescribed burn at the Round Valley Airport.

The rest of Burn

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PBA, said the Covelo Volunteer Fire Department and CAL FIRE identified the airport as an ideal place for a burn due to frequent vehicle fires that break out near the facility's abundant crop of tall grass every year. By purposely burning the fuels before the hot, dry season advances, the agencies hope that any unexpected fires will be easy to douse before they spread widely.

"The other advantage of this," Hall added, "is that by creating a black area, if we get something like the August Complex again, we have a place to evacuate to." With the rodeo grounds, the recreation center, and the school nearby, the airstrip could serve as an ideal gathering point for humans and animals alike.

"It's kind of a logical safe space," she reasoned. Fire, she added, is welcome in the community. The airport is a historical location for deliberate burns in Covelo. Hall recalled that, up until the early 2000s, when it no longer had a burn boss on staff, the local fire department burned the area every year. Inaugurating the new PBA in this location, she declared, is "bringing it back around."

The kickoff burn was a large regional gathering. About 70 people from a wide variety of firefighting and nonprofit agencies converged from around the county, as well as Calistoga, Kettanpom, Klamath, and Hawkins Bar, among others. Everyone wore yellow turnouts, heavy boots, and hard hats as they fanned out around the perimeter of the airstrip.

For its first burn, the Round Valley PBA worked with Torchbearr, a non-profit organization led by retired US Forest Service burn bosses that lends its expertise to smaller entities. Terry Warlick, a former firefighting Battalion Chief in Covelo, also retired from the Forest Service and went to work with his old colleague Scot Steinbring, who co-founded Torchbearr and is the Director of Operations. "After I retired, I was ready to play in this PBA private arena to kind of share my knowledge," Warlick explained. "That's how we do it."

There was a certain amount of waiting before the main event got going. Then there was some more waiting, as weather monitors reported on the temperature, humidity, and wind conditions. Every fire has a different prescription, or set of conditions under which it's safe to start burning. On this particular day, no one could light a drip torch until it was below 80 degrees, with a wind speed under 10 miles an hour. May 30 provided a foretaste of summer, with dry heat lingering at 94 degrees until well after 6 pm.

"It's patience," said Steinbring. "There is no hurry in prescribed fire. There have been many times where our burn bosses have said, you know, it's just not a good day. And that's where we need to empower our folks to see what a good day is, and what a bad day is, so we set them up for success in the future."

Everyone in the state knows by now that a bad day is when a wildfire gets out of control and tears through a community. In 2020-2021, the Slater Fire burned over 200 homes in Happy Camp, a small community in the Klamath National Forest in Siskiyou County. Steinbring worked as a Fire Management Officer for the Karuk tribe, which was hit hard by the Slater Fire, before he decided to offer his expertise in prescribed burns to communities across the region. Most of his staff is in California, but he's traveled to a number of other states, as well.

Jewelina Acosta, who met Steinbring when they were both working for the Karuk tribe, got involved with

prescribed fire for the ecological benefits. "When it comes to our native plants and resources, fire really helps with keeping away insects and disease," she said.

She didn't grow up with large-scale prescribed burns, but recalled that when she was younger, her grandmother used fire to help cultivate willow plants, which are used in traditional basket weaving. She's expecting prescribed fire to play a big role in her future, too. "I didn't really think about doing fire or anything until I worked with the Karuk tribe, but now it is something that I'm looking forward to doing, pretty much permanently," Acosta reflected.

Riley Dizon has been working for Torchbearr for about a month, and says some of his family members in San Diego were initially a little worried about his career path. "When I started this whole fire thing, they got all mad at me, like, you better not be starting no fires," he reported. "They still have a wary mindset, but I think as I tell them more about it, they're getting more and more comfortable with it."

"I think it's more about having the knowledge of what prescribed burning does, how it reduces wildfire risk. Wildfires are way more dangerous. There's no resources on hand for whenever a wildfire happens, it just pops up out of nowhere. [With] controlled burns, we have resources in place, we pick the day, we do everything we can to make sure it's the perfect situation to burn and get rid of the fuels, so if a fire does start there, it will go nowhere."

The fire at the airport finally started at about 7:45. One crew lit a test burn along the fence line as the shadows of the mountains stretched across the grass. Ribbons of flame leapt through the fuel, merged, then subsided into crackling smoke.

Emily Lord, a GrizzlyCorps fellow who is working with the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, described how the flames were being deployed, less than 15 minutes after the first spark. The fire was already about the length of a football field, and crew leads were calling in reports from their positions on walkie-talkies.

Crews toting drip torches full of gasoline and diesel were lighting the grass on the north and south ends of the airport. The north edge of the fire was pointing straight into the wind, like a boat tacking sideways. The crews created strips of fire, and controlled its behavior by moderating the distance between the strips.

"Depending on the spacing between the strips, we'll see more extreme fire behavior if the strips are further apart."

So if they want to keep it really controlled," Lord explained, "they'll put the strips close together. And because the wind is pushing the fire into the strip before it, the part of the fire that's going to be the biggest and the fastest, going with the wind, is called head fire." The crews made sure they kept the head fire off the road, and let the wind chase it across the grass within the area that had been designated as the burn site.

The sun went down fast, casting a pastel pinkish light over the smoke. As the last of the flames lit up the night, 8-year-old Asuxiim, also known as Sugar, cruised the perimeter in an ATV with Torchbearr 's Warlick. She had traveled to Covelo from Trinity County with Steinbring and her mother, and spent much of the day riding her scooter around the rec center

Sugar has been to a few burns, and has even lent a hand with a torch. She was prepared to indulge questions about fire, but didn't seem to find it at all extraordinary. She thought the fire in the airport was "really fun, but when it gets too smoky, I have to hold my breath for a bit." She added that she likes to light fires, "but not wildfires, because those are dangerous. These are safe fires, so I don't freak out."

She recalls the first time she helped to light a fire: "It was up a little mountain, and there was a lot of grass. Scot, who I call Big Mac, gave me a drip torch and just told me to drip it, and then it would start a fire." She stood waiting for the next question. Then she noticed that the moon shining through the smoke looked like the letter C, and that a friendly horse in the pasture across the road had two colors in its tail.

The fire subsided. It was time for a late dinner. The people of Round Valley had made a refuge from fire, on a patch of blackened ground.

Celebrating
Judi Montalvo

A celebration of life for Judi Montalvo will be held at The Munchery Restaurant on Sunday, June 29 from noon until 4 pm. Please RSVP. Contact Jim Montalvo by phone during the day at 707-459-3039 and in the evening at 707-459-0551.

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