

County freezes pot program applications

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Mendocino County Counsel Katharine Elliott on Tuesday announced the county will stop accepting applications to enroll in its 9.31 medical marijuana program, effective Wednesday, June 22, at 5 pm.

The decision was taken to settle a lawsuit brought by the Mendocino County Blacktail Association. In its lawsuit, the association alleged the county failed to follow the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA, when it drafted and adopted its medical marijuana urgency ordinance.

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REACH, CalStar announce merger

Two of Northern and Central California's preeminent air ambulance providers, REACH Air Medical Services and California Shock Trauma Air Rescue (CalStar) will merge to form the state's largest air medical services provider.

In a June 16 joint announcement, REACH President Sean Russell and CalStar CEO Lynn Malmstrom said CalStar's air medical operation will become a limited liability company as part of the terms of the agreement, and operate as CalStar Air Medical Services, LLC. The new company will be one of the three firms under REACH Medical Holdings, LLC, a holding company

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Dos Rios man held after destroying pot garden

Sheriff's deputies arrested a 54-year-old Dos Rios man Sunday afternoon after he allegedly held a man he accused of trespassing at gunpoint while he cut down 88 marijuana plants growing on his property in the 42000 block of Highway 162.

The victim told deputies James "Barry" Harte came to his residence shortly before 4 pm, pulled a gun, and ordered him to the ground before hacking down the plants.

Harte allegedly complained the victim and another person were

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Above left and right: Cowboys try and stay on top of bucking broncos in the CCPRA rodeos. Center: Willits' Fred Barry, the driver of the Time Bandit, takes his turn against the Terminator sled in the 2015 Truck Pulls. Below: The four contestants for the title of 2016 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart including, from left: Halee Reed, Calayan Knight, Sierra Skinner and Cheyenne Walters. Below, left: John Thomen and Chris Wilkes of the Little Lake Fire Department are ready to sell raffle tickets this Saturday at their fun(d)raising event at the Rec Grove. Below, right: Laura McBride's horse, Twinkie, a Willits Frontier Days regular, "smiles" for the camera.



Photos by Maureen Moore

Willits Frontier Days starts this week



Thursday: Hometown Celebration, 5 to 9 pm | **Friday:** Truck Pulls, 6 pm, Western Street Dance, 9 pm | **Saturday:** Little Lake Fire Department Fun(d)raiser, 10 am | **Sunday:** Lions Pancake Breakfast: 7 am, Horse Show: 8 am, Sweetheart Judging: 10 am, National Anthem Contest: noon

See pages 8 and 9 for more information on all the upcoming events!



Above, from left: Lilja Lamkin rides First Class Encounter in the WFD Horse Show last year. The Cal Poly tractor gets ready to pull the Terminator sled at last year's Truck and Tractor Pulls. The Junior Rodeo offers younger contestants a chance to try their hand at rodeo events: This young roper caught a running steer by both horns. Below, left: Danielle Barry gets ready to tie her goat in last year's Junior Rodeo. Below, right: Laura McBride, on Twinkie, ponies her new mare, Snickers, through the Savings Bank of Mendocino County ATM, as she does every year at the start of Willits Frontier Days. Teller Alex Villegas Meza helped McBride with her deposit this year.



Below, from left: Matthew Miner, a Willits driver entered into the Truck Pulls locals division, tries his truck against the Terminator. The contestants for the National Anthem Contest last year. A CCPRA cowboy catches a calf during the July 3 night rodeo last year.



City Park trees coming down

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The Willits City Park is currently in the process of getting an arboreal makeover, as 32 of the park's 36 remaining original trees have been deemed possible hazards by city staff and others. Public Works Supervisor Bill Wilson made a few limb cuttings available to Willits Weekly to show the extent of rot and decay consuming the park's nearly 100-year-old trees.

There are 52 trees standing in the park today, including six younger sycamores near the playground area and 10 elms planted about 10 years ago along the Humboldt

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Measure V enforcement remains open question

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It appears Mendocino County voters have approved Measure V, the ballot initiative that declares intentionally killed trees left standing in the forest for more than 90 days a public nuisance if within a CalFire State Responsibility Area, or within 1,000 meters of what the initiative terms "critical infrastructure."

As of the day after the election, votes in support of Measure V outnumbered votes opposed to it by a 60-40 margin.

But how Measure V will be enforced remains unclear, since the initiative itself does not mention

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County adopts 2016-17 budget

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The board of supervisors adopted the 2016-17 Mendocino County budget with little discussion on Tuesday. The budget item was included in the consent calendar and approved by unanimous vote, along with other items on the consent agenda. The vote was 4-0; Supervisor Dan Hamburg was absent.

The budget has been discussed in general terms on several occasions over the past six months. Most recently, there were budget workshops on April 18 and May 16, and all-day budget

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Downtown revitalization

To the Editor:

I've been participating in the Willits downtown revitalization discussion, along with many others in the greater area who call Willits their town. City officials and staff are working with citizens and professional planners and designers to bring forth ideas for all of us to consider. Remaking downtown will be its most effective and useful if many of us share our thoughts and ideas. Here are some of my thoughts as I've seen the preliminary plans presented

One vision emerging is people want to see downtown a more friendly place for pedestrians, the disabled and bicyclists. Part of making that happen is to also figure out how automobile traffic will be handled. One feature of our community is that it spreads out over many square miles, reaching way out into the countryside that surrounds the town. We don't have a great, well-utilized public transit system. There needs to be places for people to park their autos in order to walk around town.

One idea that keeps coming up with the professional planners is to eliminate the center "turn lane" that runs most of the length of town. I've seen various ideas that include a number of "pedestrian refuges" and tree islands that block the center lane, making it unusable for vehicles, including the possibility of a light rail street car that could run the entire length of our three-mile-long town from the high school to the Evergreen Shopping Center and also past the Senior Center and Harrah's Manor.

I like the idea of someday having such a street car, even if it's on tires – that could allow students, older people, and those that simply don't want to drive – regular hourly travel on "the loop." That's one of the reasons I'm not in favor of eliminating the center turn lane. Another reason is this lane allows drivers to not block traffic when needing to make a left turn. Trees do make a town more attractive and offer shade. I submit that the shade factor is more useful when they shade sidewalks where people are actually walking. They're just as beautiful there, and we still have the valuable resource of a left-turn lane.

Another idea that has been presented, and I really like this, is to have bike lanes the entire length of town. I've heard many people say they would love to travel through town on their bikes but don't feel safe doing so because our streets are currently designed for cars and trucks with no safe way to travel by bike. Love the bike lane idea. Great way to exercise, save gas, and enjoy the fresh air that so many people said is one of the things they like most about Willits.

I think we should be looking at safe alternate routes through town that can lessen the burden of Main Street traffic, making it easier for people to get around without having to depend only on Main Street, or speeding through small streets and streets in the valley that weren't designed to handle this type of traffic. Let's look more closely at the alternate route possibilities.

The revamping of an attractive and well-lit West Van Lane, as well as other little plazas and places to gather that are beautiful and safe is another idea that is being presented. These areas make downtown much more attractive to shop and dine in, as well as creating real community gathering places. Imagine your club members picking up a delicious to-go meal at one of our downtown eateries and gathering on a sunny afternoon on the benches of the "pocket park" that is proposed between East Van and Main Street Music in front of the city parking lot. Love that idea.

I'm in favor of finding good ways to get cars and trucks around town, and of having a vibrant place for people to walk, use their wheelchairs, bikes, etc. Trees and awnings on businesses with their business names make pedestrian-friendly places to roam protected from the sun and rain. Good street lighting, which is being studied as part of this

plan, is important.

I encourage you to get involved in the planning of your downtown. This is the time to share your thoughts. It's happening now. Complaining after it's all done doesn't help anyone, so participate in our community.

And let me add, July will be the time for candidates for City Council to register. We are a nation designed on the premise of "citizen legislators." If you live in town, consider stepping up and running for Willits City Council. If you're good at working with people, have a basic understanding of business, and have ideas for a vibrant Willits, consider it. Be part of the solution.

Bill Barksdale, Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:

A big thank you to all Carl Gallups' family and friends who attended the Celebration of Life in his memory. To all his Little League friends for speaking in remembrance of the fun things they did. To the Phillips family, Patsy, Tammy, Sharon, Suzie and Laurie for preparing food and organizing the celebration. Nephew-in-law John Cassey for leading in prayer. Odd Fellows for chairs, Cathy and the city for the park and tables. Niece Tammy Sharp-Rumberg for the tables and chairs to rest in. Tea and Diane Ford for their food donation and help. Kemmy's Pies for their delicious pork and pies. David from Al's Redwood Room for the ice. Everyone who brought food. Judy from Anker Lucier for the beautiful obituary, Willits Weekly for putting it in the paper. Sterling Wright for his music. All the friends and family who told wonderful stories.

It was great to see old friends that I remember from when we were younger. After 50 years it took a second to recognize some, because we have changed so much. Without my wonderful family and friends, I could not have managed. It was good to celebrate Carl's life and see all of you. Love to you all,

Elaine Gallups and family, Willits

Sorrow and pride

To The Editor:

We are members of the Willits LGBT community who feel the need to publicly express our sorrow over the horrific mass murder and maiming of our sisters and brothers in Orlando. Our heartache is softened by our pride in the bravery demonstrated by so many of them in the midst of the unimaginable deadly chaos inside that club.

At this time of national mourning, let us remember that lashing out towards others in thought or deed out of fear and retribution is a seed of intolerance which can grow into the homicidal mayhem experienced in Orlando.

It is kindness, compassion, and striving to understand which see us through challenging times. May all of us cultivate these qualities.

Nancy Adair, Maddy Avena, Bill Barksdale, Joe Dowling, Mikaya Heart, Paloma Hill, Sally Gearhart, Sienna Stone, Judith Tauber, Willits

"Two Hearts Four Hands"

To the Editor:

We are writing to get the word out to the Willits community that our dear friend Sulin Bell has just published an updated 2nd edition of her unique cookbook "Two Hearts Four Hands: Cooking Together." Many of us purchased her first book for ourselves and have enjoyed making cooking dates with our friends, partners and relatives using the menus set up with separate instructions for each person. Personally it is our favorite gift to give out for weddings and housewarmings. We also have experienced the excellence of her food and presentation via Kitchen Capers, her catering business, at many private and public events over the last 20-plus years.

She will be at the Hometown Celebration on Thursday June, 23, offering food samples and personalized book

Jed Diamond, Willits

Correction | In the June 19, 2016 story, "Off to the Farmers Market," the caption of a photo of members of the Willits Farmers Market band misidentified one of the musicians: The correct name is Tom Forest.

signing, all located in the Rexall parking lot along with the Farmers Market from 4 to 7 pm. Although I can now purchase the book at the Mendocino County Museum bookstore, I welcome the opportunity to taste her savory food and imbibe her enthusiastic message to use the book as a culinary adventure, an opportunity for more quality time in our relationships, making delicious healthy food in less time, and having another venue for creativity. The book is fun to use, and we always end up learning a lot about ourselves and each other, aside from enjoying a tasty meal together.

We encourage the community to stop by her table and check it out. "Two Hearts Four Hands" is a first and only of its kind of cookbook. If you don't get to the Hometown Celebration, the book's website is www.twoheartsfourhands.com, and it will give you a good look at all the uniqueness of this book as well as having a 1 minute video trailer that is truly entertaining. Bon appetit,

Cypress Ross and Steve Kovner, Willits

Broader questions

To the Editor:

Like many in Willits I'm saddened by the whole story about Kevin Moynahan which you reported on June 16, 2016. It's sad when anyone is sent to prison and even sadder to have a member of our community sentenced to 21 years in prison. But it is tragic to know that he "had repeatedly sexually abused a girl over a period of years, starting when the victim was about 5."

Many of us who know Kevin find it difficult to believe that he could have committed such an unspeakable crime. But facts are clear. He pled "no contest to four of the 19 felony counts he was charged with." My heart goes out to the girl who was abused and also to her family and friends who are all affected by this tragedy.

Kevin's story raises broader questions that we need to address as a community. How prevalent is sexual abuse in our community? Were there signs that we should have been more aware of that might have prevented this tragedy from occurring?

As someone who has worked professionally in the area of trauma and abuse, I know that abuse, neglect and abandonment are much more common than most people believe. I also know that sexual abuse is more prevalent than most of us would like to admit.

I don't know the details of Kevin's case, but I do know that those who abuse others have, themselves, been abused when they were growing up. Most children who are abused do not grow up to abuse others. However, in my experience those who abuse others have suffered their own abuse when they were young.

This in no way excuses Kevin or anyone else. But it does help us to pay attention to the abuse we each may have experienced in our lives and to be sure we do everything we can to heal. It also alerts us to do everything we can to be sure that all children are raised with love and care and to know that childhood experiences, both positive and negative, can stay with us all our lives.

This has been demonstrated repeatedly by studies on "adverse childhood experiences." The term "ACEs" comes from the CDC-Kaiser Adverse Childhood Experiences Study; a groundbreaking public health study that discovered that childhood trauma leads to the adult onset of chronic diseases, depression and other mental illness, violence and being a victim of violence. The ACE Study has published more than 70 research papers since 1998. Hundreds of additional research papers based on the ACE Study have also been published.

The studies have shown that the more ACEs (adverse childhood experiences of abuse, neglect and abandonment) we have, the more likely we will suffer from various health problems as adults. People can learn more about the ACE studies and how they are related to adult problems at the website www.AcesTooHigh.com.

May we all hold Kevin, the girl he abused, and all who have suffered in our hearts and do everything we can to prevent these kinds of tragedies from happening in the future?

Jed Diamond, Willits



At left: Patrons mingle and mill about Main Street during the 2015 Hometown Celebration. At right: Willits brothers Matt and Todd Jennison pose with the next generation of Jennisons, including Dane, Xander and Gracie, all out to celebrate at Hometown Celebration.



Hometown Celebration

10th annual festival set to bring crowds downtown

Have fun while supporting local businesses, enjoying free samples, giveaways and special deals, and visiting vendor and information booths during the 10th annual Willits Hometown Celebration, held in downtown Willits Thursday, June 23, from 5 to 9 pm.

Listen to live music, bring your kids to the monkey bridge to test their balance, pick up free spin tickets at restaurants and booths for the popular Chamber of Commerce prize wheel located at Scoops Deli, and mingle with friends as you support the businesses that have become the unique staples of our Willits community.

New to the event this year: the Willits Farmers Market will set up at the former Rexall parking lot, featuring fresh produce, arts and crafts, prepared dinners and treats, from 4 to 7 pm.

Merchants and other participants have contributed an array of prizes – including T-shirts and subscriptions from Willits Weekly – which can be won with a spin of the prize wheel. The number the wheel lands on indicates the kinds of prizes available to you. A spin of "1" is the best, as it gives you a

choice of all available prizes.

Built by the local Boy Scouts, the monkey bridge will be set up at the city parking lot next to Main Street Music and Video, the same location as the food court.

The schedule for live music:

Mystic Sol from 7-8:30 pm in the Hathaway parking lot

Twining Time from 5:30-8:30 pm at Van Lane

Greg Schindel from 5:30-7 pm in front of J.D. Redhouse

Pick-N-Pull from 5:30-8:30 pm

Dorian May from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Food Court

Chris Achachi from 5:30-7 pm in the Hathaway parking lot, and 7-8:30 at J.D. Redhouse

Kyle and Sarah from 5:30-8:30 pm at Farmers Market (Rexall parking lot)

Also, The High Five Band is scheduled to play at 5:30 pm, in front of Moon Lady.



Above, left: A bowl of gumbo was one of the options available in the food court area last year. Above, right: The Design Cafe and Gaia Energy Systems booths were set up in front of Main Street Music and Video in 2014, with offerings and specials for passersby.

At far left: Willits ladies out to shop at last year's Hometown Celebration, including, from left: Erika Rowland, Kiera Dragness and Shannon Germann.

The New Blu Trio: Anita Elliott, Nancy New and Don Fiers performed at the 2015 event.

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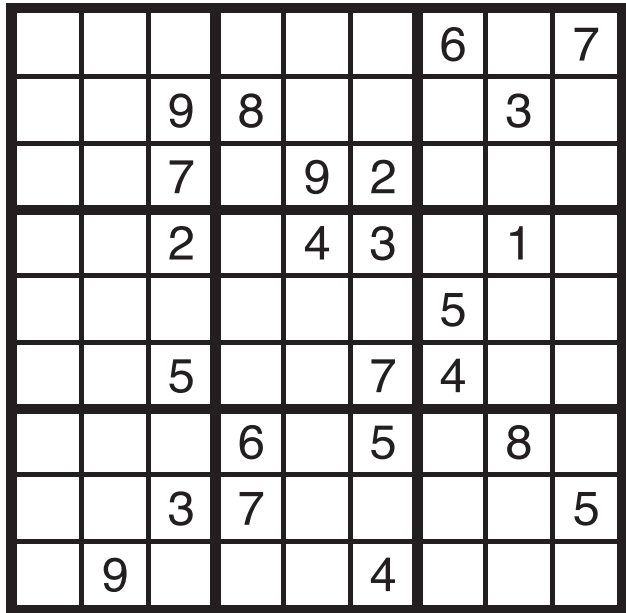
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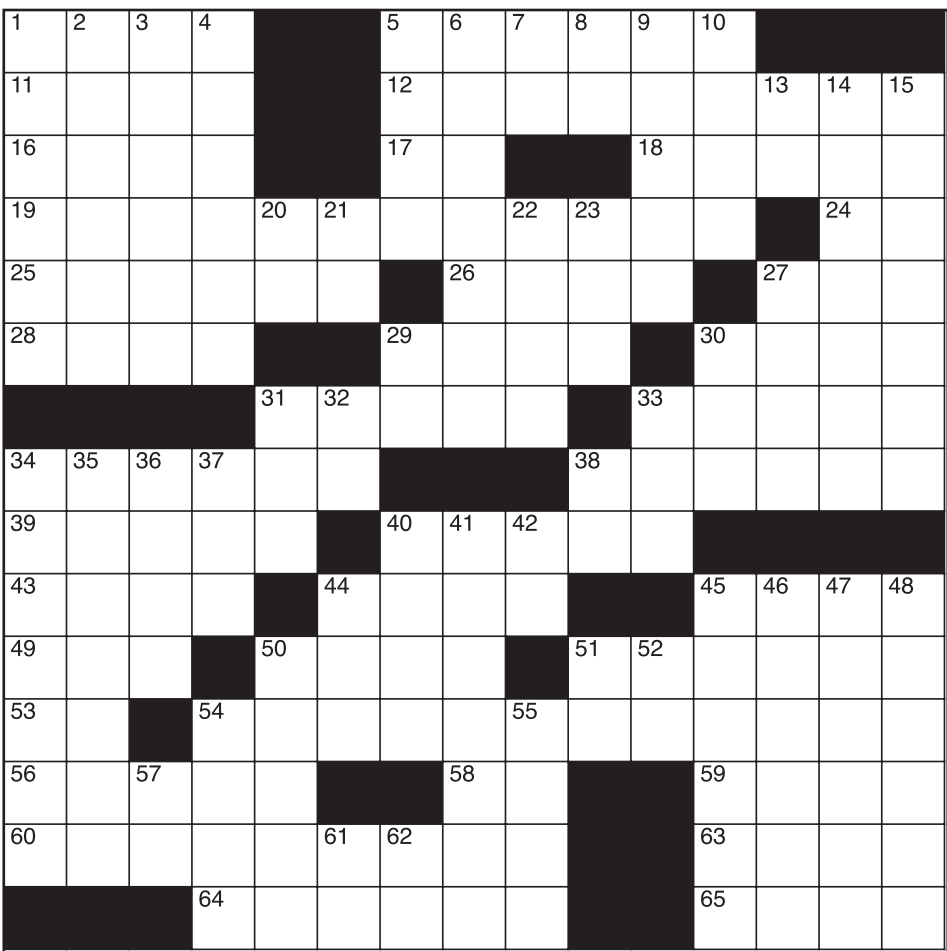
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CLUES ACROSS

1. A braid
5. Print errors
11. Any of 3 avatars of Vishnu
12. Odor masking toiletry
16. Abba __, Israeli politician
17. An enlisted person
18. Any speed competitor
19. Manitoba hockey team
24. The Bay state
25. Trees with conelike catkins
26. Central area of a church
27. 2 year old sheep
28. Interpret written words
29. Greek goddess of youth
30. Bullfighting maneuver
31. Shapes
33. Decreased
34. Fly
38. Unbelief
39. Traditional Hindu rhythms
40. Yemen capital
43. Prayer leader in a mosque
44. A sheep up to the age of one year
45. Soldier in an airborne unit
49. What a cow chews
50. K particle

CLUES DOWN

1. Existing before a war
2. Open to change
3. Gunsmoke actress Blake
4. Converted into leather
5. Boundary
6. Predominated
7. Royal Observatory
8. Promotion
9. Rich multilayered cake
10. River between Iran and Armenia
13. Carrier's invention
14. Banes
15. Catastrophe
20. Atomic #77
21. A note appended to a letter
22. Licks
23. Adam's wife
27. Counterbalance
29. Brokeback star's initials
30. Golf score
31. Manuscripts (abbr.)
32. Old English
33. Pod legume
34. Offshoot interests
35. Japanese warrior
36. Oh, God!
37. A Scottish cap
38. Expresses surprise
40. Carbon particles
41. 4th cognomen
42. "Joy Luck Club" actress Irene
44. Holds
45. Favorable factors
46. Bird enclosure
47. Act of pay for usage
48. St. Francis of __
50. Aussie bear
51. Day-O singer's initials
52. One of the six noble gases
54. Apiary inhabitants
55. Proboscis
57. "Titanic" star's initials
61. Lincoln's state
62. Atomic #28



Above: Soroptimists, Sweetheart contestants and the 2015 winner pose together, including from left: Kristin, Marilyn, Barbara, Divora, Halee, Calayan, Caitlyn, Sierra, Cheyenne, Loraine, Jane, Vicki and Fran.

At right: Contestants model and recite their speeches including Cheyenne Walters in red, Sierra Skinner in orange, Calayan Knight in teal and Halee Reed in brown.

Sweetheart Speeches

First round of judging for winner of 2016 tiara completed last Saturday

Family and friends gathered Saturday at the American Legion Hall to hear speeches and watch a runway show by the contestants for the 2016 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart contest. Soroptimist International of Willits hosts the contest and provides refreshments for the girls and the gathered crowd.

This "Appearance, Personality and Poise" portion of the judging counts for 20 percent of the contestant's overall score. Horsemanship accounts for 40 percent, and sales of tickets to various Frontier Days events make up the other 40 percent. Scores will be tallied after the Sunday horsemanship judging and added to the total tickets sold, just before the announcement of the winner on July 1 at the Sweetheart dinner.

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At right: Judges Margie Handley, Tammy Long and Gary Martin spoke with contestants during the interview portion of the event. Below: the spread of food for contestants, Soroptimists, family and friends.

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Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

June 11

1 pm: Officers responded to a fight in the 20 block of South Main Street.

2:30 pm: SWINNEY, Justin (46) of Willits was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street and arrested pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

3:30 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive. Upon arrival, they contacted JOHNSON, James (46) of Willits. Officers determined Johnson was unable to provide for his own care due to his level of intoxication and placed him under arrest pursuant to 647(f) PC (Public Intoxication).

6:40 pm: Officers responded to a domestic altercation in the 200 block of Holly Street.

June 12

12:20 pm: Officers responded to a fight in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7 pm: BRACKETT, Christopher (30) of Willits was contacted in the 29000 block of Sherwood Road and arrested pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

9:30 pm: BLASS, Jacob (29) of Ukiah was contacted during a traffic stop in the 10 block of South Main Street and arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (DUI).

11:45 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation.

June 13

3:45 pm: Traffic collision reported in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

June 15

11:45 am: Officers responded to a domestic altercation at a residence in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

2 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street and contacted BOLTON, John (39) of Willits. Officers determined Bolton was unable to provide for his own care due to his level of intoxication and, as such, was in violation of the terms of his probation. Bolton was placed under arrest pursuant to 647(f) PC (Public Intoxication) and 1203.2(a) PC (Violation of Probation).

8 pm: MENDOZA, Francisco (25) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Alice Drive and arrested pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

June 16

7:30 pm: Officers responded to the 1400 block of South Main Street for a reported violation of a court order.

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June 11 to June 17

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Street side of the park. Those younger trees are not among those scheduled to be removed.

The three giant sequoias and the cedar tree off East Commercial Street are not going to be removed either.

Wilson and his crew have thus far chopped down two of the 11 silver maples (two located near the restroom facilities) and two of the older elms (near the playground on East Commercial Street), leaving their stumps until replacement trees are ready to go in.

The elms are located on the park's outside perimeter, including the area used by Willits Farmers Market; the maples populate the interior.

Wilson and his crew plan on removing anywhere from six to 12 additional trees by the end of this fall.

"Then we'll take down another 12 the following summer," said Wilson.

What's left of the older elms and maples in City Park will continue to be assessed and scheduled for possible removal. Some may be left alone for the foreseeable future, depending on their condition.

Dave Watts, owner of Sanhedrin Nursery, is working with the city to find adequate tree replacements.

"There's some real hazard trees there," Watts said. "They can just fall and hit people; it's very dangerous." While there have been no reported incidents of people being struck, limbs have been falling down regularly.

"They've had pretty big branches break off," Watts said.

Watts defined a hazard tree as one that poses an imminent threat to people, buildings and vehicles.

"Once they're a known hazard, they have to come down," Watt's said, adding that it's important for the public to know why.

"Public education is important. People see a tree taken down, and they don't know why necessarily. It's about safety, and safety comes first."

The city's priority is to remove those trees deemed to present the greatest threat to public safety first, according to Wilson.

"The trees over where the kids play in the playground is the No. 1 priority," Wilson said. "It's all about public safety, so whatever tree is the worst we're going to take first."

After taking down, probably, three more trees near the playground area, Wilson's crew will remove alternating trees on State Street (on the north side of the park where the Farmers Market is), then target the trees on Marin, then move back to State Street to take the rest of the trees there.

Every effort is given to not injure or kill any wildlife using the trees as habitats, Wilson stressed. He said his crew found a honey bee hive in one of the silver maples, and before cutting down the tree they moved the hive to the city wetlands.

The city conducts annual pruning of trees in both City Park and Recreation Grove Park, across the street from the library. It's during the act of pruning that Wilson and his crew can more easily identify hazard trees.

"As we're going through and cutting back the high stuff, if there's rot and decay inside then we're going to end up taking [the entire tree]," Wilson explained.

Watts said decay is often hidden by new growth, making it difficult to identify the extent of the tree's injuries without cutting into it. Decay at wound sites can create poor weight distribution to branches, causing them to fail.

Watts told Willits Weekly the primary reason for the trees' demise was decades of poor treatment.

"They were headed at different times in their life, which caused problems," Watts said. "They had many different hands working

on them over a long period of time. Sometimes they cut them too severely, which caused open wounds and areas of decay."

About 10 years ago the older trees alongside Humboldt Street were replaced by the row of 10 young elms which stand there today. Unfortunately, however, it's only a matter of time before those trees come into conflict with power lines and may have to be headed.

According to Watts, the trees were planted in that location because the city had plans to run power lines underground. That has yet to occur, although it is still within the realm of possibility, depending on funding.

Wilson told Willits Weekly there are no plans to remove trees in Rec Grove Park.

"We'll be conducting our annual thinning maintenance there, hopefully before the 4th of July," Wilson said.

Watts added there is a list of possible replacement trees for City Park, but nothing definitive has been decided at this point.

"You have to do it judiciously," Watts said. "We might stay with elms on the outside. There's newer varieties that are resistant to certain diseases. [We're looking at] trees that are proven to do well under those circumstances."

1991 tree plan

Much of the city's information about the elms and maples comes from a 1991 41-page report titled "Tree Management Plan, City Park Willits," authored by licensed arborist John Phillips.

Phillips was asked by the city to produce the management plan and in March of 1992, then-City Manager Bill Van Orden recommended – via a City Council meeting memorandum – that the city "direct staff to attempt to include funds for the highest priority of work in the 1992-93 budget."

Unfortunately, the funds were lacking, and Phillips' study was never fully enacted, although trees identified as high-priority hazards were removed. Now the city is taking further action, though to a much greater degree than recommended by the 25-year-old report, which suggested removing a total of six trees.

Phillips' study also included some interesting history: "City Park was officially created in the early 1900s after the land was donated to the city by the Northwestern Redwood Company."

Phillips identifies the superintendent of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco as the designer for Willits City Park, "which included a central flagpole with paths leading to it from each corner."

The trees planted at that time include the current standing elms, maples and sequoias. According to Phillips, "the three sequoia were reportedly brought in directly from Calaveras Grove in the Sierra Nevada."

In 1925 a park pavilion was constructed in the space where the playground stands today. But, according to the report: "Sometime before 1970, the pavilion was either torn down or burned down." (Phillips found two sources with contradictory information regarding the pavilion's demise.)

In 1973 the playground, called the "Community Tot Lot," was created; the six young sycamore trees in the playground area are not scheduled to be removed.

Phillips recommended three forms of treatments in his study: pruning, removal and mulching. He identified over-pruning as the primary reason for the trees' decline.

"These weaknesses are a result of the heavy pruning (topping) done to all of the maple and elm," Phillips stated in his report.

The 1991 estimated total cost of implementing Phillips' recommended treatments was \$10,261.

\$28 million mental health budget approved

With the adoption of the county budget Tuesday, supervisors simultaneously adopted a \$28 million mental health budget.

The total of \$28,015,771 includes \$6.2 million in Mental Health Services Act funding, which itself includes \$1.3 million in funding for housing for people who suffer from mental illness.

The \$28 million budget is almost \$1 million more than the \$27.1 million mental health budget for 2015-16.

Within the 2016-17 mental health budget, the \$21.7 million in non-MHSA funding includes \$5.1 million to Redwood Quality Management Company for delivery of mental health services to people ages 25 and older, and \$9.4 million for delivery of mental health services to people 24 and younger.

The \$5.1 million figure is some \$3 million less than the figure paid to Ortner Management Group in 2015-16 for delivery of mental health services to people ages 25 and older.

This is because RQMC did not want to take on responsibility for two work areas that had previously been managed by Ortner. Those were medication management for adults and LPS conservatorships. (A Lanterman Petris Short Conservatorship is a legal process in which the court appoints an adult to make certain legal decisions for a mentally ill adult.)

The county mental health division will pick up those responsibilities at a cost of roughly \$3 million.

In addition to approving the contracts with RQMC, supervisors approved one-year contracts for \$286,000 with the Davis Guest House and \$400,000 with the Willow Glen Care Center for out-of-county crisis/residential mental health facilities. Supervisors also approved another \$64,000 for outgoing Ortner

Management Group for billing documentation, data, reports and deliverables which it will provide to the county through October 31.

Camille Schraeder, RQMC's chief operations officer, told supervisors she was feeling "a little bit anxious, but not too bad" regarding the rapidly approaching July 1 date when Ortner Management Group relinquishes delivery of adult mental health services to RQMC.

Schraeder said RQMC is looking for a building on the coast from which to provide crisis mental health services. "As we look at our work on the coast, we actually think that the level of need on the coast is significant," Schraeder said. "So, even though the coast has about a third of our population, I think we are really going to have to ramp up Redwood Community Services [a private provider that works under the umbrella of RQMC] and probably the Youth Project to some degree, and also Hospitality House, in order to respond to coastal issues."

To provide mental health services in the inland part of the county, Schraeder said RQMC would be moving into the old Sizzler building on Perkins Street in Ukiah, and plans to convert it into a crisis/residential mental health center. She noted both Hospitality House and Manzanita Services have increased staffing and accepted between 13 and 20 new referrals since June 1.

"Those are new adult referrals," Schraeder said. "So everything's moving."

Mental Health Director Jenine Miller told supervisors her department has hired two new people, with more waiting to be hired on July 1.

"I think we've made a lot of progress," Miller said. "I know there are some things we won't be able to meet. But I am confident we will meet those goals after July 1. And I know we have a great partner [in RQMC]."

Survey will help plan, prioritize transportation needs

A new Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration survey is asking thousands of Californians how they get around. The survey is being distributed now through next April, and Caltrans is asking north county residents to take part and help plan for future transportation needs.

"The data from this survey helps us build a complete picture of how, when and why we travel in our daily lives," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty, "and helps policymakers and transportation planners decide how to best invest and spend transportation dollars, now and in the future."

The National Household Travel Survey provides characteristics of travelers, trip activities and travel habits. The nationwide survey is mailed to randomly selected households. The year-long data collection effort will help Caltrans and the FHWA better understand and plan for the future of transportation.

The information is also used by air quality agencies to "better understand how vehicles contribute to the types and amount of emissions," Dougherty said. "Improving air quality by reducing vehicle emissions is an important part of transportation planning and decision making. Learning about the public's walking, biking, driving and public transit use will

help planners understand the impact of travel on air quality and plan for policy and infrastructure improvements [to] support more non-motorized trips to reduce carbon emissions."

Selected households that participate in the survey will be assigned a specific "travel day," he said. On the assigned day, every member of the household will keep track of all the trips they take—whether by car, public transit, walking or biking. The household will submit the results of their travel log online or by phone. The process takes about 25 minutes.

The survey is conducted every five to seven years by the U.S. Department of Transportation, and Caltrans has joined FHWA to include additional survey questions related to transportation issues specific to California, Dougherty said.

Caltrans and the FHWA have put in place numerous safeguards to ensure all personal information and survey data is kept secure. All information collected will be used for travel data analysis and research purposes only.

For more info on the survey, visit www.NationalHouseholdTravelSurvey.com.

This report was based on a press release from Caltrans Sacramento headquarters.



that is part of Air Medical Group Holdings, Inc., one of the largest air medical firms in the United States. Cal-Ore Life Flight, which merged with Reach in 2011, is also part of the holding company.

REACH and CalStar officials say they see foresee no base closures, telling employees the goal is to maintain current operations, and noting "no other decisions affecting base locations, staffing and fleet have been made." The merged companies will "focus on integration, support and maintaining the services that have made both organizations successful," the joint announcement said.

CalStar Air Medical Services will continue to operate "its own unique brand and flight nurse staffing model," Malmstrom said. No other decisions have been made related to services.

In March 2015 the Willits City Council approved REACH's plan to operate a helicopter from Ells Field to transport hospital patients and respond to 911 calls, and the REACH helicopter has been operating out of the Ells Field base for just under a year now.

While financial terms of the merger are not being disclosed, proceeds from the merger will be used to fund a new not-for-profit foundation to benefit the public, Russell added. "The mission and activities of this new foundation are still to be determined, and will be shared at a later date as they become available."

Congrats to UCSD graduate Christopher Orr


Congratulations to Christopher Orr, who graduated from UC San Diego on June 11, 2016, with a bachelor's degree in Computer Science, and a 3.1 GPA. Orr, a 2012 Willits High School graduate, also enjoyed playing rugby for the UCSD rugby club.



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WFD Carnival Tickets: Last chance to buy Willits Frontier Days Carnival pre-sale tickets (wristbands), for \$20 each at J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street. The Johnson Amusements Carnival will open, on Commercial Street across from the Rec Grove, on Friday, June 24 at 4 pm. After the Carnival is here, wristbands will cost \$25 during the week and \$30 on the weekend. Johnston Amusements has been bringing these quality family entertainment options to Central and Northern California fairs and festivals for over 50 years spanning three generations.

Summer Reading Program: The Willits Library Summer Reading Program offers a summertime of fun, with reading, special events and prizes, every Thursday, from 11 am to 12 noon, through August 11. June 23: Zumba for Kids. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 707-459-5908. Next week, June 30: Stories by Emmy Good.

10th annual Willits Hometown Celebration: Kicking off Willits Frontier Days, the annual Hometown Celebration – held in downtown Willits on Thursday, June 23, 5 to 9 pm – showcases the essence of the fun-loving community spirit which is alive and well in Willits! Sponsored by the Local First Committee of the Willits Chamber of Commerce. Live music and entertainment, vendor booths, specials and giveaways from downtown businesses and restaurants, and the popular Chamber of Commerce prize wheel, located at Scoops Deli again this year. This year, the entire Willits Farmers Market will set up in the old Rexall parking lot, with fresh produce, craftspeople, prepared dinners and treats. "Bring the whole family to downtown Willits on Thursday, June 23 from 5 to 9 pm ... you'll be glad you did." Don't forget to pick up the new issue of Willits Weekly at our table in front of J.D. Redhouse. More info: visit [www.http://willits.org](http://willits.org), email info@willits.org or call 459-7910.

'Beside Yourself': written by Nick Hall, and directed by Kevin H.C. Moore. This "family-friendly farce takes place at an annual genetic research convention held at a beach resort hotel. Four pairs of identical twins are in attendance. When one twin decides she feels like having a little fling to 'improve her marriage' — and her scheming husband gets involved — it sets off a hilarious chain reaction of farcical mix-ups." Featuring actors Jess Craighead, BarbaraLee Likier, David Patch and Jennifer Dellett. Runs through June 26: Thursday at 7 pm, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm, and a Sunday, June 26 closing show at 7 pm. Advance tickets for all regular shows are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door until sold out.

Friday, June 24

WFD Johnson Amusements Carnival: The annual visit of Johnson Amusements Carnival during Willits Frontier Days starts Friday, June 24, opening at 4 pm. The Carnival offers rides, food and fun for kids and adults, including classics like

the Gravitron and the Zipper, and carnival games including darts, ping pong balls for goldfish, and more. Wristbands: \$25 during the week and \$30 on the weekend.

WFD Truck & Tractor Pulls: MLM Motorsports presents the Willits Frontier Days Truck & Tractor Pulls, Friday, June 24 at 6 pm at the Jack Tharp Arena. "Come and watch the local boys try their hand at The Terminator and watch the big boys try for the coveted Full Pull." Tickets: \$13 adults; \$5 children. For entry forms, contact Marcy Barry: 272-5395.

Slam Poetry Night: Live at the Brickhouse, 3 South Main Street. Friday, June 24, 7 pm. Donation. All Ages. Hosted by MC Radioactive. Sponsored by Mendocino County Youth Project.

'Beside Yourself': 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. See Thursday, June 23 listing for details.

WFD Street Dance: featuring live music by Double Standryd, Friday, June 24 following the Truck Pulls, 9 pm until midnight at the Rodeo Grounds. 21+ over. Free to attend. No backpacks allowed. Mendocino County's Double Standryd plays blues, Southern rock, country and good old-fashioned rock-n-roll, and features Camille Villavicencio/Lead Vocals, John Perez/Vocals, Brad Hunt/Rhythm Guitar, Jim Switzer/Lead Guitar, Frank VanVranken Jr./Bass, and Scott Wise/Drums.

Shanachie Pub: Dewey Paul Band, from Colorado: "pure improv-influenced Americana, or "Americana Blues," led by guitarist and singer-songwriter Dewey Paul Moffitt. 9 pm. \$5 cover. Visit www.deweypaulband.com. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, June 25

Willits Fire Department Fun(d)raiser: Little Lake Fire Department holds a Public Fire Safety Open House and its annual fundraising drawing on Saturday, June 25, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Rec Grove. Fire volunteers will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, chili beans, nachos, and other tasty treats, and providing demonstrations in auto extrication, fire extinguisher training, demonstrating apparatus, providing discussion about the new firehouse, volunteering as a firefighter, and many other items. Other organizations will also be providing public safety information. Throughout the day we will be drawing names for prizes for the Little Lake Firefighters Association raffle. Local favorite Tova Scotia will be MC and DJ for the Saturday event. Anyone interested in donating items for a silent auction or door prizes, or for more info, should contact the Little Lake Fire Department business office at: 459-6271.

MCARCS at Amateur Radio "Field Day": a national Ham Radio Event, Saturday, June 25 starting at 11 am through Sunday, June 26 at 2 pm, sponsored by the Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communications Service (MCARCS). Demonstrating "Science, Skill, and Service." The

event is free, open to the public of all ages, and will be held behind the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street. More info at www.mcarcs.org, or contact John Lemmer, W6FQX@comcast.com. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details.

WAR at Amateur Radio Field Day: Willits Amateur Radio Society will celebrate Field Day in the northeast corner of the Willits Recreation Grove, on Saturday, June 25 from 11 am until about 3:30 pm. "We will have a table and radios set up primarily to acquaint the public with HAM radio and the many facets that make up the hobby. We also will have information on how to become licensed and get on the air. All are invited to stop and see what HAM radio is all about." See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details.

'Beside Yourself': 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. See Thursday, June 23 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Solo show by Michael Trew, singer / flutist / guitarist / frontman of Autumn Electric from Seattle, WA. 8 pm. No cover. Visit www.facebook.com/theautumnelectric. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, June 26

WFD Lions Club Cowboy Breakfast: the annual Willits Frontier Days Lions Club Cowboy Breakfast, Sunday, June 25, 7 to 11 am, at the Rec Grove, featuring hotcakes, ham, eggs and hot coffee. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5/children. Tickets are available at the event or in advance from the WFD Sweetheart contestants.

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: every fourth Sunday, this month Sunday, June 26, from 8 to 11 am at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. "Join your friends at the Grange Breakfast! With live music. \$8 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around." Choose Sourdough Wholegrain or Gluten Free Pancakes or Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes, with Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs made to order with real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors; \$5 children under 10. Sides of organic fruit in season for \$2-53 extra and Amish maple syrup \$1 extra.

WFD Horse Show: starts at 8 am, Sunday, June 26 at the Jack Tharp Arena. Free to attend. "Equestrians have been showing their skills as accomplished riders at the Willits Frontier Days Horse Show since the beginning of the event in the late 1920s. English and Western disciplines are both showcased, and a high point and reserve high point winner are selected from each group and are awarded prizes for their day's efforts." Five local perpetual trophies are available for local Mendocino County riders aged 17 and under: Barbara Hamilton, John Fish, Randy Clark and

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Don and Petie Coleman, the R Horse Ranch, and the Goss family. These trophies are for local riders aged 17 and under who live in Mendocino County. The WFD Sweetheart contestants are also judged on horsemanship during Sunday's show. Entry forms: www.willitsfrontierdays.com/documents/entry_HORSESHOW.pdf. Info: Mattie Pinon - 707-367-5550.

"Willits Fly-In Brunch on the Greens": Willits Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1027 sponsors this great fly-in opportunity to have brunch – and play a round of golf or disc golf – at one of Northern California's most beautiful golf courses, Brooktrails, on Sunday, June 26, with courtesy ground transportation from the Ells Field Municipal Airport provided. RSVP at eaglenestnorth@juno.com for reserved seating. Breakfast or lunch will be prepared by "The Grill" at the golf course,

serving great food with a variety of delicious selections, prepared to order, with reserved seating under the towering redwoods. More info at www.eaa1027.org

WFD National Anthem Contest: the winner of the Willits Frontier Days' National Anthem Contest, Sunday, June 26 at noon at the Rodeo Grounds, will sing the National Anthem at this year's WFD Parade, Junior Rodeo and CCPRA rodeo. Free to attend.

Jazz Gitan: all-acoustic quintet in the tradition of hot Gypsy Jazz from the 1930s. Sunday, June 26 at 2 pm at the Willits Community Theatre. "This rare show will feature a selection of standards originated by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli from the early Paris jazz scene. Presented by Gypsy Jazz veteran Don Price, the show is guaranteed to be a foot-tapping, exhilarating display of classic Latin, Blues and Swing standards performed in the unique up-tempo Django Style." Advance tickets for the show are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

'Beside Yourself': 7 pm closing show at Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. See Thursday, June 23 listing for details.

Tuesday, June 28

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. Call the theater for this week's Tightwad movies. For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation: every Tuesday, 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 30-A San Francisco Avenue.

More info: 456-9425.

Thursday, June 30

Summer Reading Program: The Willits Library Summer Reading Program offers a summertime of fun, with reading, special events and prizes, every Thursday, from 11 am to 12 noon, through August 11. June 30: Stories by Emmy Good. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 707-459-5908. Next week, July 7: Origami for Kids.

Brainstorming Social Security: Baby boomers and current clients of Social Security are invited, Thursday, June 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, to the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. The manager and supervisor of Ukiah Social Security will present information regarding: Disability, SSI, "new to Social Security," applying for Medicare, representative payee, and anything else that you would like to have addressed. Q&A after the presentation. "This is a great opportunity to stay in Willits and not have to travel to Ukiah, stand in line, or try to understand the Social Security website. This presentation will inform you about what will affect you the rest of your life. Don't miss this fantastic, free opportunity to understand a huge part of you and your family's future. Refreshments. Info: Priscilla at the senior center: 459-6826.

Shanachie Pub: Pacific Trio. 8 pm. No cover. "From San Diego, with the drummer and guitar player having family in Willits. The band play a blend of rock & reggae with originals and covers." Visit www.facebook.com/people/Pacific-Trio/100009481294934 or www.reverbnation.com/pacifictrio. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, July 1

Shanachie Pub: Black Iris Band. 9 pm. No cover. "4-piece classic rock and blues cover band featuring veteran players Todd Brayton: Lead vocal-drums, John Coughlin: lead guitar-vocals, John Chambers: Bass guitar-backing vocals, Shawntee Wirth: lead vocals." 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, July 2

45th annual WFD Junior Rodeo: Willits Frontier Days Junior Rodeo is set for 4 to 9 pm this year, at the Jack Tharp Arena at the Willits Rodeo Grounds. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and children are admitted for free. Tickets are available presale from any of the Sweetheart contestants. Events at the junior rodeo include many of the CCPRA events, just on a smaller scale, along with calf and steer riding, which offers the little ones a chance to get ready for the bulls, and the Mystery Scramble. Entry forms for competitors are available at www.willitsfrontierdays.com/documents/entry_JRRODEO.pdf. Entries close at midnight, June 26 or when events are filled. Must wear Western hats, boots and long-sleeve shirts. Info: Bobbie Tilley at 485-8749.

Willits Healthy Action Club: "Making Willits the Healthiest Little Town in America ... One Step at a Time." Each meeting's program will feature three steps to promoting health: A short action-oriented talk on an important aspect of health to put into practice between meetings; a regular walk for health and connection; and an option to eat good food together following the walk at a local restaurant or shared picnic. 10 am at the Willits Library, 390

East Commercial Street. All interested are invited to call club founder Jed Diamond at 459-5505 or Jed@MenAlive.com.

Shanachie Pub: Dallas Burrow. 8 pm. No cover. "A singer songwriter from the Texas Hill Country, Dallas' compositions, lyrics, and the rootsy, raw, organic delivery of his unique sound, offer an authentic and unedited experience." Visit www.dallasburrowmusic.com. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, July 3

CCPRA Rodeo: 7 pm at the Jack Tharp Arena at the Willits Rodeo Grounds. Admittance is \$15 for box seats, \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are available presale from any of the Sweetheart contestants. "The California Cowboys Pro Rodeo Association is a group of top-ranked cowgirls and cowboys who participate on a circuit of professional grade rodeos throughout the state. The contestants participate in eight events – bareback, saddle bronc, team roping, calf roping, steer wrestling, breakaway roping, barrel racing and bull riding – hoping to win the coveted All-Around title."

WFD Western Dance: 9 pm at the Willits Rodeo Grounds. Music by The Johnny Young Band: "Country roots, with a Rockin' soul ... a high-octane mix of Country, Rock, and Pop favorites." 21+ over. Free to attend. No backpacks allowed. The Johnny Young Band features Johnny Young on Vocals & Guitars, Nick Ford on Bass Guitar, Rik Pietriewicz on Guitars & Backing Vocals, Sid Walker on Fiddle, and Michael Masters on Drums.

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18th Annual Willits Rotary

Phoenix Hospice Golf Tournament

Enjoy a day on the greens under the redwoods

Willits Rotary is sponsoring a golf tournament to benefit Phoenix Hospice. Help support this cause. This work is crucial to our community!

When: Sunday, July 17 th 2016 8:00 a.m. Check-In 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start	Donations \$75 per player \$55 per Brooktrails Member
Where: Brooktrails Golf Course	Includes Barbecue Green Fees Raffle
RSVP: Tammy Long 450-993-5755 707-456-3244 tammy.l@ah.org	<small>Additional Hole-In-One Prizes \$10,000 Cash for Hole-In One on #9</small>

Soroptimists International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

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

Volleyball Open Gym: at Baechtel Gym gym; Sundays and Tuesdays at 7 pm. Some experience needed, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the HHM Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Kids on the Run! club for kids kindergarten through 12th grade, sponsored by the Sheriff's Activity League. Saturdays at 10 am at the ball fields between the Dog Park and the Mendocino County Museum. Cost for 2016: \$10, includes a T-shirt and free race entries. Questions? Contact: Michelle Kluskievich at 267-608-6262 or Gina Henebury at 707-485-1794.

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, Teens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. No cover. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday, 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7:30 pm; pre-signup list starts at 3 pm when the Pub opens. "An eclectic array of local musicians and even performers from around the world!" 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room: Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street. Info: 459-2444.

Laytonville Summer Farmers Market: Mondays, June through October, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, garden bouquets, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.

Ongoing Events

Willits Summer Farmers Market: the Willits Farmers Market is now in Bud Snyder City Park, from 3 to 6:30 pm every Thursday afternoon (except June 23, when the whole market will move to the old Rexall parking lot for Hometown Celebration!) from 3 to 6:30 pm through July 14. "The POP Club empowers children ages 5 to 12 to make healthy food choices by offering educational activities, cooking demonstrations, and food sampling, plus \$4 in special market 'Green Bucks' that they can do their own shopping for veggies and fruit at the market and a "passport" book to keep track of the new foods they have tried. Info: Tarney Sheldon at North Coast Opportunities: 707-462-1950 or sheldont@ncoinc.org.

Power of Produce Club back at Willits Farmers Market: this free kids farmers market program runs Thursdays at City Park (except June 23, when the whole Farmers Market will move to the old Rexall parking lot for Hometown Celebration!) from 3 to 6:30 pm through July 14. "The POP Club empowers children ages 5 to 12 to make healthy food choices by offering educational activities, cooking demonstrations, and food sampling, plus \$4 in special market 'Green Bucks' that they can do their own shopping for veggies and fruit at the market and a "passport" book to keep track of the new foods they have tried. Info: Tarney Sheldon at North Coast Opportunities: 707-462-1950 or sheldont@ncoinc.org.

"Drawn from Life: A Show of the Willits Life Drawing Group": Runs through June 26 at Willits Center for the Arts. Works by Roger Bromfield, Devi Doree Chase, Laura Corben, Kat Emerson, Diza Hope, Judy Hope, Doug Kel, Michael Lopatecki, Peter Onstad, Margaret Pirrouette, Lee Pratt, Jeannie Smith, Harley Steely and Francine Vlietstra. New gallery hours: Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 am to 3 pm; Thursday from 2 to 7 pm; Friday from 11 am to 3 pm; Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 3 pm.

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation: every Tuesday, 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 30-A San Francisco Avenue. More info: 456-9425.

Tuesday Night Potluck Bingo: Potluck dinner and bingo every Tuesday at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road." Be sure to bring a dish to share! 5 to 7 pm; \$5 buy-in; 50 cents per card. Info: 459-6826.

'Come and Play': Grace Community Church at 25 Hazel Street is sponsoring a free play date every Thursday this summer starting June 9, from 11 am until noon, for kids through sixth grade. Children must be accompanied by a parent. An enclosed play yard for the little ones and various activities for older children. Call 459-3106 for additional information.

Al-Anon Meeting: Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid at the Evergreen Shopping Center. Saturdays at 10 am at St. Francis Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street. "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 attitudes can aid recovery."

Drop-in Knitting Circle: Due to popular demand, the Willits Library is 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 drop in."

Willits Library Public Events: "Stories for Crawlers and Walkers," Thursdays at 11 am. Technology group for help with hand-held devices, Fridays at 1 pm. Youth Game Night, ages 10-14, Fridays from 5 to 7:30 pm. 390 East Commercial Street. More info: 459-5908.

COLUMN | At the Movies



‘Central Intelligence’

The Story: Kevin Hart is a high school football hero all grown up and working as an accountant. Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson was the bullied and humiliated fat boy in high school, and it seems he's gotten a wee bit buff since then. The two meet

up. There are spy type thugs – with guns – a nasty CIA woman who's ruthless, and a mysterious uber bad guy named The Black Badger. It's all pretty funny. There are fist fights and bang bangs and boom booms. A number of cars were killed in the making of this film. And no apologies.

My Thoughts: All action comedies are silly. That's the territory. Kevin Hart sometimes plays the straight man to Dwayne Johnson, and then the roles reverse and Johnson plays it straight so Hart can be the wacky one. This is a funny movie. Fans of these guys (count me among them) will have a good time.

Parents: The movie has a strong message against bullying in school. Children 10 and up will enjoy it. The good guys win and justice triumphs.

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



Celebrating 90 years

Willits Frontier Days honors anniversary with commemorative T-shirts, sweatshirts and mugs



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The original image of the Persico family riding in the parade in 1945 was sourced from the archival book, "Willits Frontier Days 1926 - 1976." It shows Florence Persico at left, then "Little Lee" in the center on the

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2016 marks the 90th year for Willits Frontier Days, the Fourth of July celebration held here in town, which holds the record for the longest-running continuous rodeo in the state of California.

Organizers decided to make the theme of this year's events the "Roaring '20s" to help honor the decade in which the festivities began.

To help visualize this span of time, Willits Frontier Days will be offering commemorative T-shirts and sweatshirts featuring one of the long-standing Frontier Days founding families: the Persicos.



Willits Frontier Days 2016 Grand Marshal: Boy Scouts of Willits

Boy Scouts, Troop 42:

Scoutmaster: Kara Watson

Assistant: Mike Miltimore

Service & fun: Putting out flags for holidays; cleaning up rodeo grounds; rigging up the monkey bridge at local hometown events

Meet: Scout Hut on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

To join: Kara Watson: 245-2755

Cub Scouts, Troop 42:

Cubmaster: Michael Lockhart

Assistant: Bridgette Lockhart

Service & fun: Picked up litter at the Rec Grove Park on Fourth of July; running Pinewood Derby

Meet: Kindergarten to second grade: Scout Hut on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm. Third grade to fifth grade: Scout Hut on Fridays at 4 pm

To join: Bridgette Lockhart: 841-3019

Boy Scouts, Troop 88:

Scoutmaster: Leon Anderson

Assistant: Randy Hayes

Service & fun: Erosion control at Thimble Berry trail; cleaning cemeteries; weed abatement of invasive species

Meet: LDS Church on Wednesdays at 7 pm

Join: Leon Anderson: 459-4031

Boy Scouts, Troop 212:

Scoutmaster: Ken Pedersen

Assistant: Jennifer Dellett and Roger Wear

Service & fun: Tiger Cub Safari, volunteering in kitchen at Camp Wente; helped with a book fair at the Willits Library; walking dogs at the Humane Society

Meet: First Baptist Church on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

Join: Delores Pedersen: 972-3911

"We appreciate all the help at the grounds and all you do for the community!"
— Marcy Barry, president, Willits Frontier Days

OBITUARY | Gary Herman



Gary Herman

Gary Herman passed peacefully on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at Howard Memorial Hospital at the age of 74. He was born February 22, 1942. He was a devoted and generous father to his children, Shawna (Nat) and Scott (Yardley), as well as being a fun and loving grandfather to Bailey, Gage, Lyly and Kane. He also enjoyed spending time with his brother Tom, nephew Matt and niece Amy.

With a keen wit and a genuine interest in everyone that he met, Gary developed fast friends and will be missed by many. He lived life to the fullest and helped his friends and family laugh and enjoy life with him.

His family sincerely appreciates the wonderful care that Gary received at Howard Memorial Hospital and from Phoenix Hospice. In lieu of a memorial service, the family hopes that everyone will take special time to enjoy and appreciate family and friends.

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

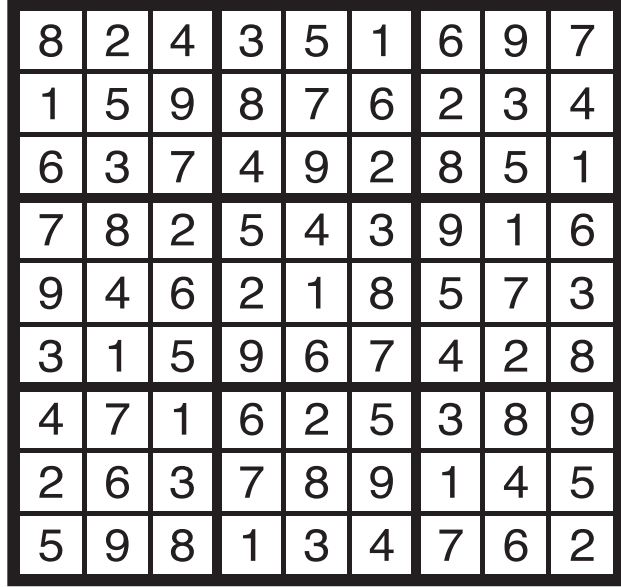
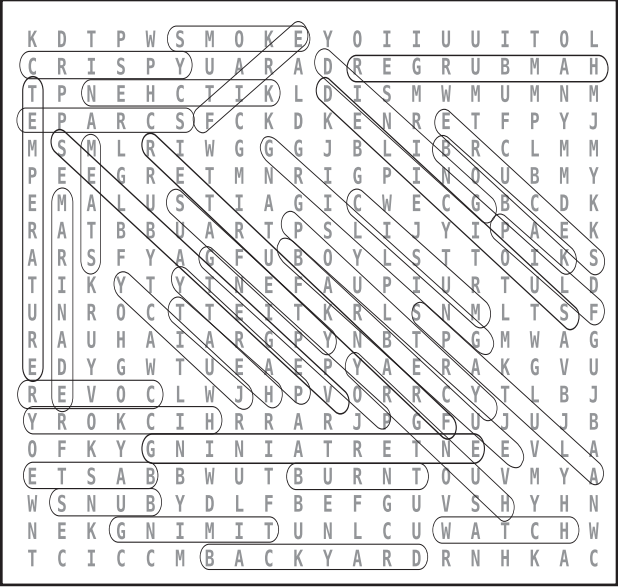
He went through Willits schools all grades; excelling in track and field. He married Jean Tullos; together they raised three children: Dale, Mike and Joanne. R.I.P.

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Frank Howard Memorial Hospital is looking for positive members of the community to volunteer in various departments of the hospital. Hours: flexible and can include weekends. More info? Call 456-3245.

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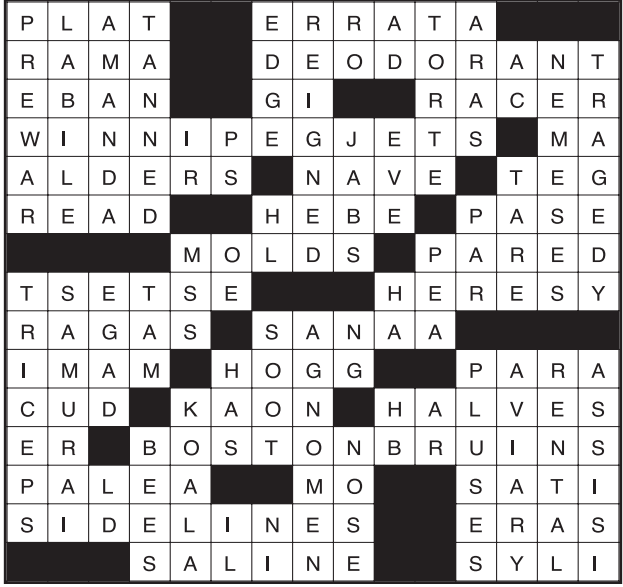
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Above: Willits author, artist and filmmaker Daniel Blair Stewart with his new illustrated novel, "Infinite Voyage."

At right: The cover of "New Asia," by Daniel Blair Stewart.

Local author Daniel Blair Stewart

offers illustrated novels

My name is Daniel Blair Stewart, and I am a local author, artist and filmmaker. My most recent projects, four new just-published illustrated novels, are: "Infinite Voyage," "New Asia," "Parables to the Blind" and "Guru Seti." My next project will be another movie, a modern supernatural comedy-thriller with the working title of "Sorcery," which I hope to film here in beautiful, scenic Mendocino County.

"Infinite Voyage" is a science fiction adventure that begins when three scientists plunge through the event horizon of a black hole and emerge in a maze of time-space paradoxes, alternate realities, hostile extraterrestrials and cosmic cataclysms. They learn the metaphysical secrets of the Universe in a grand climax that leads to further adventures.

"New Asia" is a romantic epic that takes place in a parallel world in which the Renaissance happened in Asia and not Europe. By the 20th century, technology has developed from Chinese alchemy, Japan has formed an alliance with the tribal people of New Asia ("North America" in this universe), and Europe is still struggling with the poverty and ignorance of the Middle Ages.

An ambassador is chosen – a heretic, actually, facing banishment

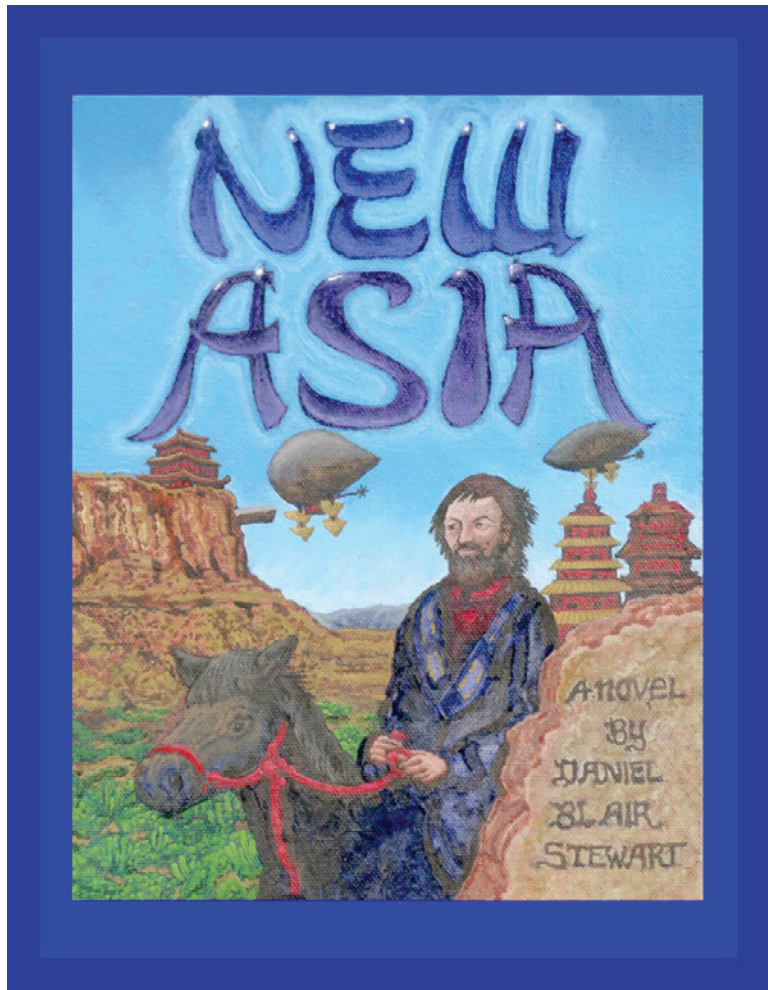
– to voyage to New Asia to steal the secret of science and technology. This representative, a renegade Jesuit priest, is fascinated with Zen and cares nothing for technology. Follow the travels of the Reverend Alan Watts, ambassador to New Asia and Japan. This is a fun book.

"Parables to the Blind" is a supernatural thriller devoid of supernatural cliches. It is based on shamanism and the occult. It is derived from the works and metaphysical worldview of William Blake.

"Guru Seti" is not science fiction, nor is it fantasy. It is the story of a confidence artist and an elaborate sting. Seth Wilson is a cynical, disillusioned spiritual seeker; Lars Ganac is a skeptical scientist who debunks gurus and yogis, as well as UFO believers. The cast of characters includes Hollywood celebrities, a rock star, and several Silicon Valley "geniuses." They are targeted by a mysterious "holy man" whose knowledge of occult secrets will answer their questions and pave the way for extraterrestrial contact. After witnessing "miracles" and "unexplained phenomena," they surrender credulity to their otherworldly mentor. This is more than a wild parody of the late sixties. It brings up serious questions about belief, evidence, faith and superstition. Also, it's frighteningly funny.

For more information, or to purchase downloads or bound copies of my books, visit: <http://danielblairstewart.com>.

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The rest of Otters | From Page 12

Her son was a swimmer for the Otters and later the Ukiah Dolphins, and is now in the Special Operations Division of the Air Force with a specialty in water rescue. He used his love of swimming and the skills he learned as a child to create a career.

The Willits meet couldn't take place without the huge financial support of

local businesses and the backbone of volunteering parents and friends of the Willits Otters.

Louis Meier, affectionately called "Coach Lou" for about 30 years of his coaching career, is known for encouraging the athletes to do their best. He emphasizes that doing one's best doesn't necessarily mean winning the competition, it also means meeting the swimmers' personal

goals like beating their best time. In this year's competition, most swimmers exceeded their personal best, some by nearly 10 seconds.

Aedon Lockwood-Chenelle, age 6, had a great two days! He not only beat his personal best in several events, he also placed first and second in two events, and met the time standards for Boys 8 and under, advancing him to the B Course.

The big raffle prize – a week-long stay at the Los Cabos Marina Condo in Cabo San Luca, Mexico – was won by Quincy Cromer. The raffle was to help raise funds to replace the aging boiler for the Willits pool.

The Otters will be swimming at the Ukiah Dolphin-sponsored meet on July 16 and 17. For a full schedule and final placements for the Willits 40th Annual Meet please visit www.willits-otters.org.

At top from left: Teo Labus, Kaylen Thom, and Sierra Cortes, in the T-Shirt Relay. One of a few penned messages that decorated the athletes.

Jamie Bouthillier, mother of swimmers, Gracie, Hannah and Madison, prepares snacks for volunteers as well as swimmers.

Far left: Grace Croskey smiles as she talks about beating her "personal best" in the Girls 50 Yard Breaststroke on Saturday.

At left: Willits Coaches James Johnson, left, and Lou Meier closely watch the event.

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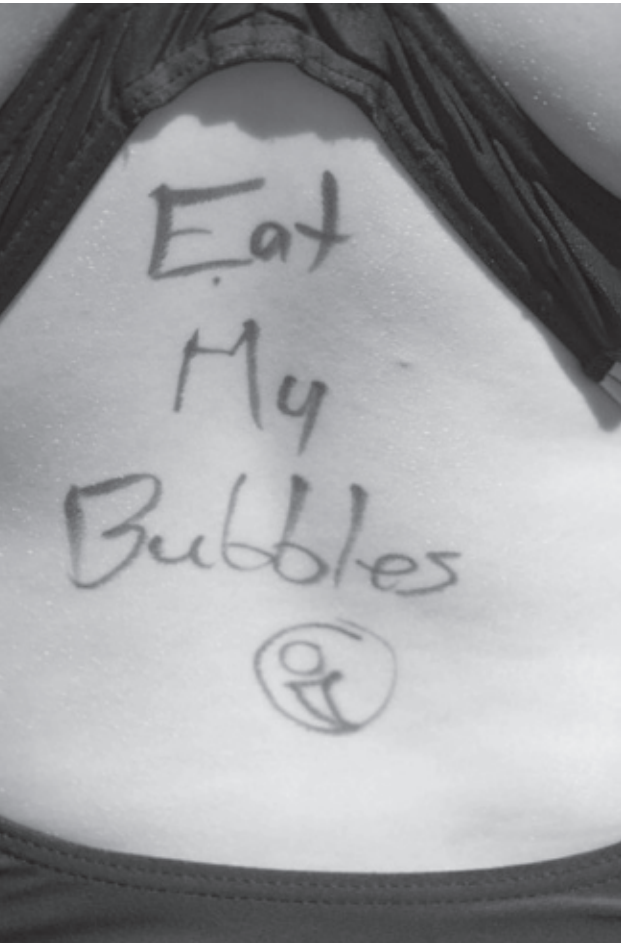
Willits Frontier Days 2016 Heritage Award winner: Don Jerome

The 2016 Heritage Award winner is Don Jerome, who exemplifies the qualifications required to earn the title.

The award is set for a person or group who has stepped up for many years to help with Willits Frontier Days events and helps make the annual celebration possible.

Jerome has been involved with the events for 20-plus years. He has worked behind the scenes helping install the new arena and pipes, worked as a gate man for the rough stock, worked the junior rodeos with Lee Persico, helped count money and tickets, and even commuted back and forth from Lake County to help get the grounds ready year after year. Many remember "Don's Armpit Motel," which was the name given to the trailer Jerome brought over each year where he stayed during the Fourth of July events.

Jerome was the first recipient of the Top Hand award in 1999, which was given to him on his wedding day. He married his bride, Nora, 27 years ago, and the Black Bart gang was in attendance at his wedding. "Don has become a dear friend of Willits Frontier Days, and we cannot thank him enough," said Lee Persico. "Don receiving the Heritage Award is a great honor, and is well-deserved!" Congratulations, Don!



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Saturday, June 18:
Sweetheart Judging, appearance and poise, 12 to 3 p.m., Veterans Hall, free

Thursday, June 23:
Hometown Celebration, 5 pm to 9 pm, Downtown Willits, free

Friday, June 24:
Truck Pulls, 6 pm, Jack Sharp Arena, \$13/Adult, \$5/Child
Street Dance, 9 pm, Rodeo Grounds, free to attend
Carnival opens, 4 pm, Old Ball Fields, tickets & wristbands

Saturday, June 25:
Little Lake Fire Department Fundraiser, 10 am to 2 pm, drawing at 3 pm, Rec Grove Park, free

Sunday, June 26:
Lions Pancake Breakfast, 7 am, Rec Grove, \$8/Adult, \$5/Child
Horse Show, 8 am, Jack Sharp Arena, free
Sweetheart Judging, horsemanship, during show, Jack Sharp Arena, free
National Anthem Contest, noon, Rodeo Grounds, free

Friday, July 1:
Sweetheart crowned

Saturday, July 2:
Junior Rodeo, 4 to 9 p.m., Jack Sharp Arena, Adult: \$5

Sunday, July 3:
CCPRA Rodeo, 7 pm, Jack Sharp Arena, \$15/Box, \$12/Adult, \$5/Child
Western Dance, 9 pm, Rodeo Grounds, free

Monday, July 4:
Horseshoe Competition, 10 am, Rec Grove, free
Parade, 11 am, Downtown Willits, free
Country Music Rodeola, Noon, Rec Grove Park, free
Barbecue, 12 pm, Rec Grove, \$15/Adult, \$8 Child
CCPRA Rodeo, 4 pm, Jack Sharp Arena, \$15/Box, \$12/Adult, \$5/Child

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Clockwise from above: Howard Memorial Hospital's 5-year-award employees. Howard Foundation's Jann Lamprich, with her award for 25 years as a volunteer. HMH's 10-year-award employees. HMH's longest-serving employees, from left: Julie Harris (40 years), Jodi Dalton (35 years), Britt Grable (30 years), Laura Haendle (25 years), Regina Payne-Valente (20 years), and Julie Garcia (20 years). Not pictured: Bobbie Lunceford (30 years). Howard Hospital auxiliary volunteers. The crowd eats lunch on a chilly June day.

Picnic and Awards

Howard Hospital annual event honors employees

Last week, Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital held its annual Service Awards and Family Picnic at the Rec Grove. This annual event celebrates HMH employees, volunteers and physicians for their many years of service to the hospital and the community. Julie Harris, one of HMH's longest-serving employees, has been with the hospital for 40 years! What an amazing feat! Dr. Ace Barash was chosen as Physician of the Year, a well-deserved award.

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– Cecilia Winiger, for HMH



At left, from left to right: Serving up lunch. Julie Harris, HMH's longest-serving employee, gets her 40-year service award. Longtime auxiliary volunteer Sandra Barrera with fresh strawberry dessert.

Below, from left: HMH kids enjoy hula hoops and bouncy balls. Monica Anderson, with a beautiful bouquet. Dr. Ace Barash, HMH 2016 Physician of the Year.



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