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Missing the point
To the Editor:

The recent Grand Jury report raised questions as to the interaction of the county administrator and the board of supervisors. While most of the comments were constructive, the report itself misses the point that county government is more efficient and economically sound than it has been in the last two generations that I have closely watched county government.

The administrator has brought together all the departments to work as a team rather than as independent kingdoms, and some eggs had to be broken to accomplish a revamped county government.

However, look at the result. Mendocino County is economically sound, in contrast to it being on the municipal bankruptcy watch 10 or so years ago, and as a general matter more county services are provided with an efficient workforce. For example, something as important as transparency in government has been advanced by a streamlined Public Records Act request process.

While I am not a cheerleader for the administrator on all issues, the Grand Jury report missed the forest for the trees. We need more of the same, not less. The results tell the tale.

Christopher J. Neary, Willits

Thrift Shop Grand Opening
To the Editor:

On Saturday, June 29, the Agape Thrift Store, located at 354 North Main Street, will have their Grand Opening.

Since taking over the store on March 15, Agape Bible Church has renovated, cleaned and upgraded the old blue barn just north of town by Cal's Garage. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be at 10 am, and the Agape Youth Group will be fundraising with hotdogs, water and popcorn until early afternoon.

The Thrift Store provides needed clothing for people in need – and a free tie or scarf for anyone who has an upcoming job interview! They are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 to 5 and accept donations on those days from 10 to 3. The store is filled with housewares, tools, collectables and knick-knacks.

Saturday's festivities include lots of great deals like 40 percent off of all antiques, jewelry, and lighting fixtures.

Come check us out and have the kids BBQ you a few hotdogs!

Steve Thrift, Willits

Go see 'Off The Map'

To the Editor:
Last night I attended opening night of WCT's latest live theater offering, "Off The Map," and I thoroughly enjoyed it for many reasons.

Opening night shared the time slot with Willits' wonderful Hometown Celebration

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Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

which filled the sidewalks and streets with our friends and neighbors enjoying a temperate evening. So I can understand why there weren't more people attending this incredible show. That can be corrected in the next two weeks of the show's run.

Incredible show. Incredible acting. Incredible set. Incredible direction by Jim Williams. Incredible script. I'm a faithful attendee of most every WCT event, be it their live plays or live music, and this show is frankly one of the best.

I loved the script. It was honest, funny, human and humane and ... real. No pretensions or false notes.

I also loved the evenness of the acting performances. Each actor knew their lines, showed ease and natural connection to their characters on stage. No small parts – each had plenty of quality lines and rang true with their characters.

Kelly Keesey, a wonderful actress generally, has the good fortune to play the adult version of Bo, and she is the flashback character. She gets to offer a sensitive oral interpretation of the playwright Joan Ackermann's best reflective prose, as good as anything written, deep, thoughtful, loving.

And then there's the showstopper, Saichi Bills, playing the pre-teen, younger Bo. Her enthusiasm for life, and love for her family and friends is utterly contagious. This young woman is a natural on stage. Her movements, voice and *persona* are a joy to watch.

Steve Marston plays Bo's father, Charley. Charley is depressed, very depressed. Many of us can relate to being depressed. But that's him, and not the play. His family and his close friend, George, do what they can, with constancy and love, to help Charley. Do they succeed?

His wife, Arlene, played with a deep, loving consistency by first-timer Terri Boudreaux, is inspirational as a woman dealing with an insurmountably depressed husband. It's hard to believe this is her first time on the boards of community theater.

William Gibbs is played by another first-time actor, Josiah Florido. Gibbs is a new IRS agent who shows up because the family, who has not much income, has not had much thought of filing tax returns either. Josiah is wonderful in his understated interpretation of a fish out of water. "Honey, I don't think we're in Albuquerque any more...." They're off the map!

Last and not at all least, Rod Grainger plays George. George is a quiet man; he doesn't speak that much, but carries a large presence. He's a loved and faithful family friend and shows up as a surrogate dad for Bo, the younger. Rod plays him sweetly and in a perfect, understated way.

It feels good to witness this play. I'm still resonating with the experience.

This is a busy time in Willits and Mendocino County. Carve out a chunk of time to have a meal at one of our local restaurants and go see "Off The Map." You'll thank me later.

The remaining schedule and showtimes:

June 27, 28 and 29: 7:30

pm; June 30: 2 pm matinee; July 5 and 6: 7:30 pm; and July 7: 2 pm matinee.

Henry Shebitz, Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:
Willits Community Services and Food Bank wishes to express our most sincere appreciation to Jason Wells, Judson Howe and Cici Winiger of Adventist Health Howard Memorial for the exceptional "red carpet" welcome and hosting of our Food Bank Volunteer Recognition Dinner, held on May 19, 2019.

The hospital's Roots Restaurant provided the gift of a lovely buffet of salmon, couscous, assorted grilled vegetables, rice and more, served in the hospital board room. Tables were elegantly set and ready for our volunteers, board members, staff, and guests who heard introductions and thanks to the hospital for such splendid ambience and culinary delights.

Following the scrumptious meal, each volunteer was honored with a glowing description of duties and length of service, along with gifts of a card, flowers and a Sparetime Supply \$10 gift certificate.

Volunteer Roberta "Bobbie" Powell received an additional gift: a glass wind chime of colorful hummingbirds, recognizing 15 years of compassionate volunteer service. Other honored volunteers were Carole Aleshire, Linda Kostanecki, Greg Kanne, Lily Phoenix, Dean Bauman, John Almeida, Janice Cinek, Diana Hoyt and Blake Holland.

Additional gratitude goes to board members Clancy Rash, John Glyer, John Wagenet, Carol Orton, and Virginia Jorge for help with the event. Dr. John Glyer coordinated the planning with Adventist Health Howard Memorial CEO Jason Wells, chief financial officer Judson Howe, and marketing and communications manager Cici Winiger.

Thank you Howard Memorial for your outstanding generosity in supporting the food bank volunteers. With sincere appreciation,

Ruthanne Volz,
executive director, WCS

Harris Quarry decision
should be reconsidered

To the Editor:
The following open letter was originally directed to Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde with copies to the remaining supervisors:

I am directing this open letter to you [Supervisor Gjerde], because you appeared to be the swing vote when the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors agreed at its meeting of June 18, 2019, to retain original jurisdiction of land use matters pertaining to the Harris Quarry on Ridgewood Grade just off U.S. 101. (I also am sending copies to all the other board members and local news media.)

As discussed in detail below, I believe the board took that action after receiving erroneous and un rebutted information from the applicant owners of Harris Quarry. When I stood up at the June 18 meeting and attempted to tell the board that it was being deceived, the chair of the board refused to recognize me. Accordingly,

I now ask that the board reconsider this matter in light of the truth regarding the very significant and complex issues regarding the application to expand Harris Quarry and to build an asphalt production plant onsite.

As you know, the authority for the board to retain such original jurisdiction on land use matters rather than routing them through the planning commission is provided by Sec. 2.54.010 of the Mendocino County Code, which states in pertinent part: "the Board of Supervisors hereby deems it appropriate and necessary to reserve to itself the functions of the planning agency when time is of the essence with respect to any permit or approval, based on the project's special contribution to the county's general welfare and economic or environmental well-being, including, but not limited to, projects that provide substantial employment opportunities, support necessary government services, and involve county-wide infrastructure improvements...."

Please note that the first condition to be met before the board has legal authority to take such action is that "time is of the essence," i.e., that there is some compelling time-related reason to speed up the land-use planning process. To satisfy this essential and primary condition, both

the attorney for Harris Quarry and the quarry manager testified that the quarry would be required to shut down, probably in July, when it reached the 75,000 cubic yard annual production limit imposed by its original conditional use permit.

This claim that the quarry's closure is imminent is patently false; by order of the Mendocino County Superior Court, that 75,000 cubic yard production limit may not be imposed.

As you know, Judge Richard Henderson signed a peremptory writ of mandate on December 21, 2015, concluding a years-long legal battle between the owners of Harris Quarry and a group called Keep the Code.

The first two paragraphs of the writ are immaterial to the matters now at issue, but Paragraph 3 of the proposed writ presented to Judge Henderson would have required that the county must "Prohibit quarrying activities at Harris Quarry in excess of the rate of 75,000 cubic yards per year allowed under Harris Quarry's previous conditional use permit (#UR 19-83/95)."

However, Judge Henderson struck out this provision before signing the writ, and his actions subsequently were affirmed by the Court of Appeal.

By this action, it appears that the quarry is not now being operated pursuant to the previous conditional use permit, at least in terms of the production limit it imposed, but under the terms of the judge's order, which set no production limit at all.

Accordingly, there is no threat that the quarry will have to be shut down in July or at any other time, and the requirement set out in Sec. 2.54.010 that "time is of the essence" has not been met. Thus the board has no legal justification to bypass normal planning procedures and the considerable expertise of the planning commission.

I ask that you therefore take whatever actions are necessary to place this matter back on the board's agenda for reconsideration in order to avoid the necessity of my seeking injunctive relief from the courts to rectify this error.

Joe Knight, Willits



Car Giveaway
Senior center volunteer Nancy Butler
chosen as recipient of Ford Fusion
at Hometown Celebration

Thanks to Carstar Yokum's Body Shop, Warranty Motors, Ace Copy & Shipping, Mehtlan Insurance Agency, Family Tree Service, and all the people who participated in over 100 nominations, Willits Senior Center volunteer Nancy Butler is driving home in her new used car.

Her Ford Fusion will enable her to drive to the senior center rather than – as she has been doing – take the bus three times a week up to Willits to volunteer. She can now go on her journey to Pismo Beach without having to rent a vehicle, and she can generally just be more mobile.

Chosen by the Willits Rotary giveaway selection committee for her tireless work at the senior center and in the community, Butler was grateful for the car and the donated \$500 gas card as well as \$500 toward insurance.

Butler said she suspected she might be the winner, as her co-workers at the senior center "have all been whispering around me and asking weird questions. I've been working at the senior center for about four years and the questions they asked me recently, they've never asked before. People have been asking me questions about cars."

This was the third year of the Car Giveaway at the Hometown Celebration, which was on Friday, June 21.



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PG&E urges customers to update emergency contact info for power shut-off alerts

Submitted by PG&E

Pacific Gas and Electric Company is sending postcards to more than 240,000 customers encouraging them to update their mobile number, email and other key information so the company can contact them in advance should it become necessary to temporarily turn off power for safety this fire season.

These customers, who live throughout PG&E's service area, have incomplete or no contact information on file.

It is important that all customer information is up to date so PG&E can share important wildfire safety alerts. In addition to notifying customers directly, PG&E also will provide outage updates and information through channels such as social media, local news, radio and the www.pge.com website.

"With the 2019 wildfire season now upon us, we all need to be better prepared to stay emergency-ready and to keep our families and friends safe," said Laurie Giammona, PG&E's senior vice president and chief customer officer. "We are asking our customers to be sure we have their latest contact information so we can do our best to reach them in advance of a potential public safety power shutoff event."

The Public Safety Power Shutoff program is one of many additional precautionary safety measures in response to the 2017 and 2018 wildfires that the company is putting in place as part of its Community Wildfire Safety Program intended to reduce wildfire threats and strengthen communities for the future.

Extreme weather threats can change quickly. PG&E's goal, dependent on weather and other factors, is to send customer alerts through automated calls, texts and emails at 48 hours, again at 24 hours, and again just prior to shutting off power.

Besides updating their contact information to prepare for Public Safety Power Shutoffs, PG&E encourages customers to do the following:

- Have an emergency plan for wildfires and discuss it with your friends, family and neighbors;
- Update or create a go bag or 72-hour kit that can be used if you need to evacuate; and
- Clear defensible space around your home or business.

PG&E thanks the over 390,000 customers who have taken action to ensure they will receive its wildfire safety alerts since June 1, 2018. For customers who have not yet confirmed or updated their contact information, PG&E strongly encourages everyone to do so by visiting www.pge.com/mywildfirealerts or by calling the PG&E contact center at 1-866-743-6589.

Editor's Note: PG&E will hold a regional open house about the Community Wildfire Safety Program in Willits on July 18, from 6 to 8 pm, at the Willits Community Center. According to PG&E: "These drop-in gatherings will allow community members to learn more about wildfire safety and emergency preparedness, meet with PG&E representatives, ask questions and share feedback. Webinars will be available for those who are unable to attend an event in person."



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of abandoned railroad line owned by the North Coast Railroad Authority for the past 30 years, since the creation of NCRA in 1989. The line was most recently operated by the Northwestern Pacific Company, hired by the NCRA.

The Northwestern Pacific Railroad runs from Schellville, near the city of Sonoma in Sonoma County, to Samoa, some 10 miles (by rail) north and west of Eureka.

According to a December 2010 statement in "Frequently Asked Questions" found on the NCRA website, by that date NCRA had spent \$68 million to restore the rail line from Schellville to Windsor.

However, regular rail service was never re-established as far north as Willits. The company was beset by a host of obstacles, including being shut down by the federal government in 1998 and being subjected to numerous lawsuits.

The price tag for repairing the line from Willits north, through the Eel River Canyon, seemed to render the goal of rehabilitating the entire rail line from south to north impossible to attain, especially when the decline of the timber industry raised the question of what exactly the freight line would be hauling.

In 2018, the California Legislature adopted Senate Bill 1029, authored by McGuire, which ordered the permanent shutdown of NCRA after the company's estimated \$10 to \$12 million dollars of debt has been paid off.

McGuire told the audience that closure of the NCRA was very much in keeping with the general trend of the rail industry in the United States during the two decades prior to creation of the NCRA. He added that before he pushed SB 1029 through the State Senate, he spoke with three of the remaining West Coast rail companies about the possibility of any one of them buying the NCRA and running the railroad.

"They all told me they couldn't do it. They said they wouldn't be able to make any money if they did," said McGuire.

"With no trains, and no possibility of there being trains, we had to look to the asset, which was the 316 miles of abandoned rail line, and to figure out how best to use it and how best to protect it for the future," McGuire said.

The solution McGuire arrived at is to turn the railroad into a hiking and biking trail, running from San Francisco Bay through the Eel River Canyon to Humboldt Bay. According to McGuire, doing so would revitalize the local economy and significantly add to the attraction of the North Coast as a tourist destination.

McGuire said that when the trail is completed an estimated 1.2 million people would use some part of it each year, and it would pump an estimated \$10 million into the North Coast economy.

To create the trail, McGuire and others will use a practice called "rail banking," which was authorized by the U.S. Congress in 1983. McGuire said by using rail banking, hiking trails can be built directly on top of the rails.

If, in the future, something changes in the local and regional economy, and a railroad company thinks it would be profitable to re-open the Northwestern Pacific, then the trails can be torn up and the tracks restored.

But McGuire added instances where this has happened in the United States have been rare.

"Out of 800 instances of rail banking, in which over 20,000 miles of railroads have been turned into trails, rail companies have removed the trails and restored the railroads only 11 times," he said.

McGuire told his audience the project was in the beginning stages and outlined important steps that would be taking

place over the next year. He said the California Natural Resources Agency will be undertaking a trail assessment to study the line and determine where additional work will have to be done to make the trail usable, and at what cost.

There will also have to be a property assessment, to determine the status and disposition of the 1,900 pieces of property adjacent to the rail line.

Thirdly, NCRA will have to be audited to determine its debts.

And fourthly, a plan will have to be developed to rail bank the line from the Mendocino County-Sonoma County line north to Samoa. According to McGuire, Senate Bill 356, passed by the state Senate on June 18, only two days before the Ukiah town hall meeting, has assigned the NCRA line south of the Mendocino-Sonoma counties line to SMART, the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit.

McGuire said one of the issues that will have to be resolved in the future is to determine who will own, operate and maintain the trail from the Mendocino-Sonoma County line, north.

Momentum is gathering to make the Great Redwood Trail a reality, he said, noting that over the past 18 months, \$32 million has been raised from donations, or allocated by state government, to create portions of the trail in Santa Rosa, San Rafael, Ukiah and Willits.

The Ukiah project created a trail that ran for eight-tenths of a mile, at a cost of \$1 million. Three more phases of the project are planned. The Willits project will create a trail that will run for 1.3 miles, from East Hill Road to the Skunk Train Depot on East Commercial Street, at a cost of \$6.36 million.

After McGuire finished his presentation, members of the audience were allowed to ask questions. Greg Israel of Rubicon River Adventures told McGuire he wanted the senator to make sure the public would have legal access to the river from various points along the trail. McGuire seemed open to that possibility.

A man who described himself as a farmer asked McGuire about the legal implications for him of having the public in the vicinity of his farm. "Say, for example, I spray and there is some spray drift, and I snuff them?" the farmer asked. "What happens to me then?" McGuire acknowledged the man was asking a good question and he didn't have an answer.

"I am not going to stand here today and tell you that we have all the answers," McGuire said.

McGuire told the audience the farmer's questions, along with many other questions and strategies, will be outlined in the Great Redwood Trail's master plan. The document will incorporate some of the trail assessment report and the property assessment report that are due to be completed before June 2020.

McGuire said the master plan would likely cost between \$3 million and \$5 million and take two to three years to write after it has been funded.

Of the several people who commented or asked questions, only one questioned the idea of turning the railroad into a trail. That was Robin Lampson, a research and development engineer with Retech in Hopland, and a Hopland Fire District captain.

Lampson told McGuire he thought it was bad policy to bury the railroad under a hiking trail, especially since railroads are more economical than individual automobiles and trucks and are more climate-positive than trucking.

McGuire was polite but firm. "You can make that argument, Robin," McGuire said. "It's a good argument, and to some extent it makes sense. But when you look at what has been happening to railroads all across the country, the trend seems pretty clear. And I don't think that is going to change.

"If it does change, rail banking would allow a viable railroad to come back in and claim that track. But remember, again, out of more than 800 times that rail banking has been used, with more than 20,000 miles of rail having been banked, a rail company has come back in to reclaim that track only 11 times. So, I think the chances of that happening are remote."



Equestrian Show Six riders win big at Willits Frontier Days horse show

Shiny horses and polished tack were on display from a roster of riders who came out to play at the annual Willits Frontier Days Horse Show last Sunday at the rodeo grounds.

Six of those riders won big for their English, Western and Showmanship efforts, and were named by judge Terry Silva as the show's top overall riders.

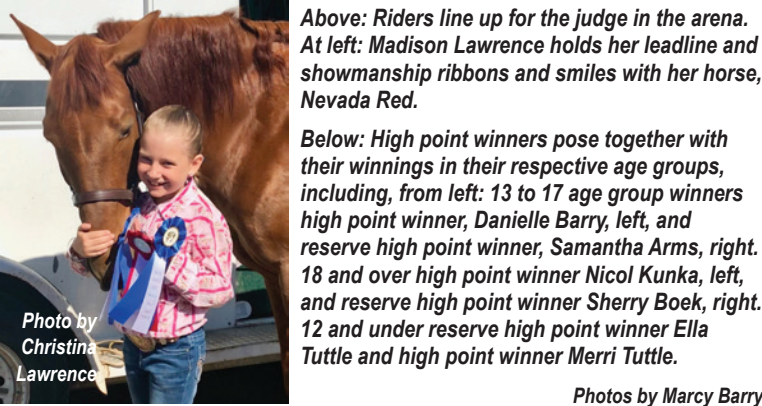
Winners included 12 and under high point winner, Merri Tuttle and Boots, and reserve high point winner, Ella Tuttle; 13 to 17 high point winner, Danielle Barry and Rebel, and reserve winner, Samantha Arms and SR Diamond Dutch; and 18 and over high point winner Nicol Kunka and Gibeon, and reserve winner Sherry Boek and I'm Havin' Fun Sassin'.

Winners received lounge chairs, polo wraps, and a bucket of horse grooming tools with leatherwork labels by Mary Anne Underhill of Underhill Western Crafts.

Other riders who showed Sunday included: Madison Lawrence and Nevada Red, Paige Whitcomb on Zaszamora, Eva Pinon and Cookie, Tuesday Measey and Lakota, and Mattea Butler and Scarlet.

Results provided by Mattie Owen.

— Maureen Moore



Photos by Marcy Barry



Far left: Danielle Barry rides for judge Terry Silva in the Willits Frontier Days Horse Show held on Sunday at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds. At left: Winners pose together after the show, including, from left: Nicol Kunka, Sherry Boek, Ella Tuttle, Merri Tuttle, Danielle Barry and Samantha Arms.

Below: Nicol Kunka rides in the English division. At bottom: Paige Whitcomb on Zaszamora at the Willits Frontier Days show.

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Thursday, June 27

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"Cotton Dandee" Hoedown: Learn basic beat and singing with Covelo's most famous cottontail. Performance and kids' hoedown with Marjo Wilson. All ages welcome. Thursday, June 27, 1 pm. Round Valley Library. <http://www.cottondandee.com>.

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, June 27, 3 to 6 pm. Greens and veggies, fresh strawberries, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. POP (Power of Produce Club) for the kids, jams and jellies and savory preserves, fair trade chocolates, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Willits Frontier Days Carnival: The Johnstons Amusements Carnival opens Thursday, June 27, 4 pm. Next to rodeo grounds.

Bike Night: Willits Wild Bunch is hosting a Meet and Greet along with Scoops Deli, 110 North Main Street. Thursday, June 27, 6 to 8 pm. "All bikes invited. A gathering of all motorcycle riders in the area. Burgers and dogs provided by Scoops at a minimal fee." Even non-riders are invited. A 50/50 raffle will help raise money for local youth groups, as well as the Willits Toy Run raffle for "an awesome wine barrel cooler."

Haschak Town Hall: Third District residents are invited to a Town Hall with Third District Supervisor John Haschak. Thursday, June 27, 6 to 8 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Sponsored by the American Association of University Women, Willits Branch, and Little Lake Grange. Info: 707-972-7070.

"Off the Map": Rotary Club benefit performance, Thursday, June 27, 7:30 pm. Tickets for the benefit are available for \$20 through Tamara Alaniz, 707-354-3388. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. See June 28 listing for more details about the play.

Friday, June 28

Willits Frontier Days Truck Pulls: Friday, June 28, 6 pm. "Locals and a roster of professional drivers who are a part of the MLM Motorsports crew try their trucks and tractors against The Terminator weighted sled." Jack Sharp Arena, adults \$14, children \$6.



country/rock on the radio and a few originals. No backpacks allowed.

"Off the Map": Willits Community Theatre, Saturday, June 28, 7:30 pm. "The production centers on the struggles and triumphs of the Groden family in remote northwestern New Mexico: How small town people find the best in themselves to persevere against difficult and sometimes hilarious challenges." Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm (\$20) and Sunday matinees at 2 pm (\$15). Runs through July 7. Tickets for all regular shows are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006; or at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Saturday, June 29

"Introduction to Doing a Radio Show": KLLG-LP Acting Program Director Michael Foley will be on hand to answer questions, explain the alternatives, and outline the process of becoming a contributor to KLLG's line-up. Saturday, June 29, from 10 am to 12 noon, at the KLLG studio, Room 10 in the Grange, 219 School Street. KLLG is looking for new shows of all sorts: children's readings, book reviews, interviews, news shows, commentary, shows about health and fitness, recreational activities and hobbies, and of course music. Come with your ideas and questions.

Grand Opening: The Agape Thrift Store: Saturday, June 29, 10 am to 5 pm. 354 North Main Street. Ribbon-cutting at 10 am. 40 percent off all antiques, jewelry, and lighting fixtures. Agape Bible Church Youth Group will be fundraising with BBQ hotdogs, water and popcorn until early afternoon. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. Donations accepted those days from 10 am to 3 pm.

"Frontier Days: A Collector's Journey": The Mendocino County Museum' new exhibit features new acquisitions from the collection of 5th generation resident Dusty Whitney, featuring "history, artifacts, historic photographs,

Willits Frontier Days Street Dance: Friday, June 28, at the Rodeo Grounds, following the Truck Pulls. Free. With Bobby Zoppi & The Corduroys playing many of the old school country hits as well as current

and memorabilia pertaining to the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo, Sweetheart contestants, and the 4th of July Parade." Opening celebration on Saturday, June 29, at 2 pm at the museum, 400 East Commercial Street. Exhibit opening is free; includes a ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments, Frontier Days-themed crafts, a stunt photo opportunity and more. Visit www.mendocinocounty.org/ for more details.

"Wild Western Willits": The new show at the Willits Center for the Arts opens Saturday, June 29 at WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. "View the best western-themed arts and crafts Willits has to offer." 6 pm opening for members, 7 pm for the public. Runs through July 28. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, from 11 am to 5 pm.



Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Saturday, June 29, 6 to 9 pm.

"Off the Map": Willits Community Theatre, Saturday, June 29, 7:30 pm. See June 28 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Culann's Hounds, Saturday, June 29, 9:30 pm. "Deliver hard-driving quality shows with a strong dose of rebel attitude, humor, and a few drops of whiskey." Visit www.sfhounds.com. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Sunday, June 30

21st Annual Willits Rotary Hospice Golf Tournament: Enjoy a day on the greens under the redwoods. Willits Rotary is sponsoring a golf tournament to benefit Hospice. Sunday, June 30, Brooktrails Golf Course. Check-in at 8 am, shotgun start at 9 am. Prizes for hole-in-one, "closest to the tee," and others. Raffle. Barbecue provided by Willits Rotary Club. \$65/Brooktrails Golf Club members, \$85/non-members.

"Off the Map": Willits Community Theatre, Sunday, June 30, 2 pm. See June 28 listing for details.

Tuesday, July 2

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad Tuesday movie

Free Back to School Fair

July 14

Adventist Health Howard Memorial offers a free Back-to-School Fair, on Sunday, July 14, featuring free backpacks, free haircuts, free dental screenings and other health screenings, as well as free sports physicals. 8 am to noon in front of the hospital, 3 Marcela Drive. AHMH has offered free sports physicals, required for kids to play school sports, for the last six years. "Sports physicals will be given on a first-come, first-served basis" at the AHMH clinic, 3 Marcela Drive, on July 14 and again on Sunday, July 28. Info: 456-3591.



Legends of the Redwoods 5k

July 7

The North Coast Striders is hosting the Legends of the Redwoods 5K run/walk at 8 am on July 7 at the Office of Education, 2240 Old River Road, Ukiah. Registration at 7 to 7:50 am. This event is a celebration of the Native American ultra-marathon races on the redwood highway from San Francisco to Grants Pass. This course features a well maintained gravel road through picturesque Beckstoffer Vineyards. Fees: \$25 for adults, \$20 for North Coast Strider members, \$15 for 17 years and under, \$40 for families. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall male/female and all age divisions. Info: striders.org.



Art in the Plaza

Begins July 6

Art In The Plaza, "Under the Umbrellas," opens for the summer on Saturday, July 6, and will continue weekends through September. Featuring works by local artists featuring jewelry, handmade tie dye, sculptures, hand-sculpted fountains, acrylic and mixed media paintings, and more. At the Plaza behind Café 77, on East Mendocino Avenue. "Each friendly artist has their own unique style, experience, and story to tell through their handmade creations. Art in the Plaza is a great place to make connections, share ideas, find unique mementos, and meet new people!"

Roots of Motive Power July 4th: featuring free train rides, displays of operating steam & diesel equipment, such as Roots' 1916 Kelly Springfield Steam Roller, appearances by the notorious Black Bart Gang, and kids' coloring table. "Come on over to take a step back in time, and see the machines that built this great nation, on her birthday!" 420



East Commercial Street, next to the Mendocino County Museum. Thursday, July 4, 11 am to 3 pm.

Willits Frontier Days Main Street Parade: Get ready to line the sides of Main Street for the annual parade, this year's theme, "Community Pride," starting at 11 am on Thursday, July 4. Get there early to set up in your favorite spot! Parade starts out heading west on East

Commercial Street, runs south down Main Street, then heads back east on East Valley Street. Entry forms and additional information for those wishing to enter the parade can be found online at www.WillitsFrontierDays.com.

Willits Frontier Days Beef Barbecue and Country Music Rodeola:

After the parade, come down to the Rec Grove Park on Thursday, July 4 for the barbecue which starts at noon. Tri-tip roast, corn, salad, garlic bread, and cowboy beans; grab a seat at the picnic tables or a spot on the lawn to enjoy a bit of shady respite and listen to the local musical talent perform during the free Rodeola. BBQ tickets – \$15; \$8 for children and seniors – are available at the event.

Willits Frontier Days CCPRA Rodeo – part 2: The main event, the two-part California Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association rodeo concludes on Thursday, July 4 at 4 pm at the Willits Frontier Days rodeo grounds. Professional riders and ropers entertain the crowd and show their skills in traditional rodeo events like team roping, steer wrestling, bull riding and more. Half-time act by the trick-riding and trick-roping troop, the Riata Ranch Cowboy Girls. Tickets are \$15 for box seats, \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are available at the event.

Friday, July 5

Willits Frontier Days Junior Rodeo: It's the little kids' turn to show their stuff on Friday, July 5 at the Junior Rodeo, 4 pm at the Willits Frontier Days rodeo grounds. Includes traditional rodeo events

like barrels, calf riding, roping and steer daubing, plus mutton busting and the "Mystery Scramble." Tickets – \$5 for adults; free for children – are available at the event. More info and contestant entry forms can be found online at www.WillitsFrontierDays.com, or call Riata King at 354-4298.

"Off the Map": Willits Community Theatre, Friday, July 5, 7:30 pm. See June 28 listing for details.

Saturday, July 6

Art in the Plaza: "Under the Umbrellas," a sweet escape from the summer sun, features the work of local artists for viewing and for purchase. Begins Saturday, July 6. Every weekend in July through September, works of art ranging from paintings to jewelry to hand-sculpted fountains will be vended in the plaza behind Café 77 on East Mendocino Street. Visit www.artintheplaza.com for more info.

"Off the Map": Willits Community Theatre, Saturday, July 6, 7:30 pm. See June 28 listing for details.

Sunday, July 7

Art in the Plaza: "Under the Umbrellas," features the work of local artists, weekends through September, at the plaza behind Café 77. See Saturday, July 8 listing for more details.

Sunday Bingo: Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Sunday, July 7, doors open 10 am, snack bar opens 11 am, games begin 11:30 am. Minimum bingo buy-in \$10. Lunch special: hot dog, nachos, chili, chips, desserts.

"Off the Map": Closing night tonight for this rural comedy at Willits Community Theatre, Sunday, July 7, 7:30 pm. See June 28 listing for details.

Ongoing Events

Meatless Mondays: at Roots restaurant at Adventist Health Howard Memorial. "Serving delicious plant-based options every Monday." Info: www.medicinenewstoday.com/articles/322072. php.

Willits Center for the Arts: Eva Strauss-Rosen (drawings and paintings) and Satoko Barash (ceramics) present their art through Sunday, June 23 at the Center, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery open to the public. Wednesday to Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.

Collective Care: A Holistic Support Group: Fridays, 10 to 11:15 am. 44650 Highway 101, Laytonville. Holistic community support and information. Children welcome. By donation. www.ninesistersbotanicals.com.

Eight to the Bar with Les Tarr: Radio active blues programming featuring tragically hip and twisted. Fridays, 9 pm to midnight. 97.9 FM, KLLG.

Willits International Folk Dancing: Class meets every Thursday, 7 to 9 pm, Willits Charter High School. New dances taught 7 to 8 pm. \$0 - \$5 sliding scale. Info: megster1989@yahoo.com.

Willits Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club, Mondays: 6:30 upstairs gallery of the Willits Center for Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. \$5. Come alone or bring a friend. 707-484-3385 for info.

Little John's Place: Every Wednesday Pool Tournament 12:30 pm. \$5 buy-in. Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5 pm, "we'll buy the pizza you buy the beer." Thursdays, Pool Tournaments starting at 5:30 pm. 383 South Main Street. 459-5636. facebook.com/littlejohnsplace/.

Free Herb Talks: by the Mendocino Herb Guild. Every Thursday, 4 pm, at the Willits Farmers Market, at West Mendocino Avenue at Main Street next to the Rexall parking lot.

Roots Engine House Tours: Docent-led tour of the Engine House most Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Join a Roots of Motive Power docent to view classic motorcycles, a steam train engine, and more – up close.

Marijuana Anonymous 12 Step Meeting: Every Tuesday at 6 pm. Meeting place is the Back Alley building in Catherine Lane, directly behind the United Methodist Church, which is at the corner of School and Pine, right across from the Grange.

"Believe": Alcohol Ink paintings by Julie Bullock, alcohol ink art. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 East Commercial Street. Each painting is a one of a kind, as she does not offer prints of any of her original paintings. More info: www.facebook.com/DbDesigns17, www.instagram.com/dbdesigns17.

Brown Bag Lunch Program: Lunch served to the hungry in the City Park across from the Willits Police Station every Saturday at 1 pm. If rain: Under the overhang at City Hall, across the street. Served by various community-minded organizations. For information, call the Food Bank at 459-3333.

Boomer's Friday Night Karaoke: 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of every month, Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville. 9 pm to 1 am. No Cover. 21+ Please bring I.D. Hosted by DJ-Ken Steely Entertainment with KJ/DJ-Ken Steely & Anna. Come for dinner, stay for the fun.

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Spring greens and veggies, fresh strawberries, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread, jams and jellies and savory preserves, fair trade chocolates, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more!

Emandal Choral: The Choral is open to all who wish to sing a cappella songs of peace and justice. Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 367-1573.

Friday Potluck Bingo: Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum bingo buy-in \$5. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group: Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

German Conversation Class: Ongoing non-denominational

AT THE MOVIES



'Toy Story 4'

The Story: The fourth movie in the bittersweet animated comedy-drama-adventure of toys that care for each other, and care even more for the children who love them. Woody (voiced by Tom Hanks) is a cowboy doll

with a vocation. He follows a moral code, which is to help children feel strong, fearless and joyful. Over the years, Woody has lost some of his best (toy) friends, and his human boy has grown up and no longer plays with toys. Despite the emotional pain and abandonment, Woody embraces the call to help young Bonnie who is beginning kindergarten and is fearful.

My Thoughts: I could not have enjoyed this movie more. Pixar

animation studio has put together a flick that's funny, thrilling, tender, joyful and bittersweet. It is a love story on many, many levels. The script surprises. The animation is beautiful. The film score is by Randy Newman, and it stands out. I watched "Toy Story 4" in an audience filled with children and families, and folks of all ages laughed all the way through. In the character of Woody, Pixar and Hollywood have created a great hero. He is a saint.

Parents: This "G" rated flick is a complete keeper with a strong moral center, and will entertain children of all ages, as well as the adults who follow those children into the movie house.

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

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'Wild Western Willits' Opening

June 29

The July show at the Willits Center for the Arts is "Wild Western Willits," highlighting leather crafts, blacksmithing, and beadwork, along with western and Willits references in paintings, sculpture and photography. Curated by Gary Martin and Bobbie Yokum. Tom Zephyr and Margo Wilson show views of Willits along with western images. Maureen Moore and Steve Eberhard present 48" x 80" murals of Willits Frontier Days and additional photographs of Willits. Mary Anne Underhill and Bobbie Yokum show leathercrafts, and Yokum also shows prints made by steamrolling images onto paper. Ursula Patch offers handmade scarves with western themes. Opening reception on Saturday, June 29 at 6 pm for members and 7 pm to the public. Gallery is open Wednesday to Sunday 11 am to 5 pm. 71 East Commercial Street.





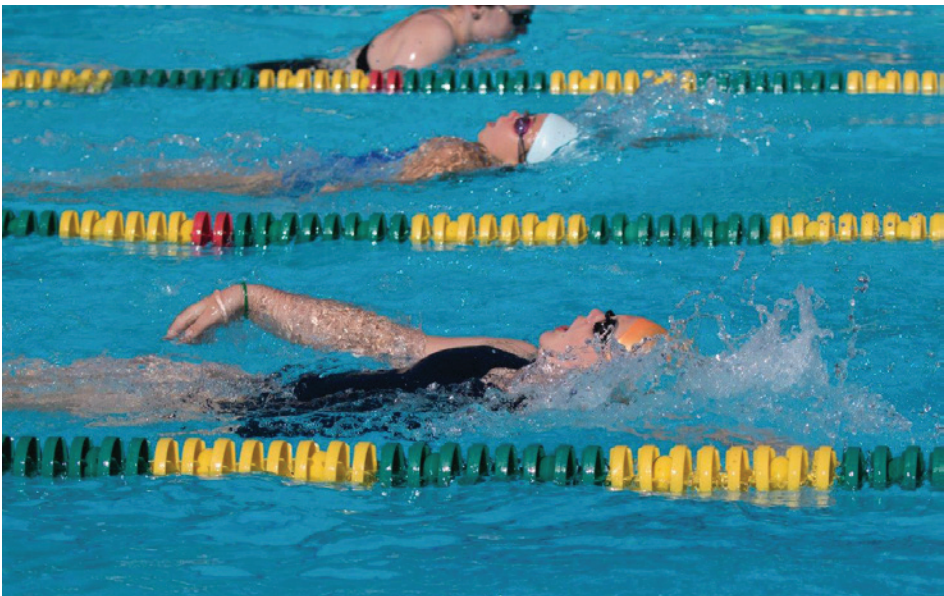
Above: Parents and friends line up at the far end of the pool, hooting and hollering encouragement to their swimmers. Below, left: Jennifer Randrup, left, poses with her twin swimmer daughters Alissa, on the left, and Ella, on the right, with their friend Alexa in the middle. They were all having a great time at the meet.

Below: Two of the Oakland swim team, Eden, left, and Enrique, enjoyed being at the Willits Meet. "I like going to other places. I watch and learn new swimming techniques, and it's fun!" Eden said.

At bottom: Ahead of her competitors, 11-year-old Evie Kale swims the backstroke in the Girls 12 and Under 100 Yard Freestyle.



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Above, from left: Willits swimmer Audrey Sherf takes a rhythmic breath of air while doing the freestyle. Kaylen Thom, left, swam a strong heat and won in her class of Girls 12 and Under in the 50 Yard Backstroke. Often other swimmers shake hands with the winner of the heat. Payton Ricks executes the back stroke, with a little smile, in the girls backstroke event. Below: Willits Swim Meet Director Lucy Kyne, with pool reflections on her lenses, pauses a moment for the camera.



Willits Otters

Young swimmers and families from Arcata to San Jose visit town for annual meet

Once again, the weekend of Father's Day, Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16, was set aside for the yearly Willits Otters Swim Meet at the Willits High School swimming pool. The pool area peaked with enthusiasm as the weekend wore on and swimmers, with their families, gathered from near and far to celebrate Father's Day and participate in the competition.

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Both days the opening ceremony began with an American Flag salute. Six of the strongest Otters swimmers were chosen to swim carrying the flag as the anthem was being sung by John Jessup on Saturday and by swimmer Haley King on Sunday.

It takes a community to organize and host a meet. While the Willits meet is a smaller one in the circuit, it still takes 50 adults to put it together and to be available in different positions throughout the event. Everyone volunteers their time and efforts.

The officials are mostly from out of town. According to the Otters' Lucy Kyne, director of the Willits Swim Meet: "At this meet they're from as far north as Arcata and as far south as San Jose," including Vallejo and Napa, too. Because the Willits event is so high-spirited, warm, friendly, and hospitable, volunteers always enjoy themselves. Many have young swimmers at the event or were involved with the meets when their children were younger. "They're here because they love the sport," Kyne said, "and they see what it does for all the children."

"We have a lot of energetic kids this year and they're doing really well," said Otters Coach Robert Chavez. "They're improving their times and it's a lot of fun!"

"There's so much going on with swimming that there's life-long learning and growth because of it," Kyne said. "They have to learn to be responsible for knowing the number and time of their heat and length for each event. There's no one telling them where to be. They have to look at the [schedule of events and Lane Board], make note of it, remember it, remember their times and get there on time.

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Fridays at the end of each high school trimester, a full week of minimum days in October for parent/teacher conferences at all schools, and having every other Tuesday (instead of the current practice of every Tuesday) be a minimum day.

Of the minimum days during the October conference week, Superintendent of Schools Mark Westerburg pointed out that "generally speaking, conferences have been in K-5, and middle school has been off and on.

"These are K-12 conferences," he said. "I'm expecting the high school to have conferences as well. Those parents need to be given the opportunity to talk about what's working and what's not working with their child."

The change in the number of Tuesday minimum days was met with strong objections from four teachers.

Westerburg explained his reason for making the change.

"The rationale is pretty simple. We need more instructional time," he said. "Several board members would like zero minimum days and increased instructional hours. My job is to help us get to where we need to be, and time on task is a big factor."

But the teachers weren't buying that argument. They valued having Tuesday afternoons to collaborate among themselves, thought the change would cause confusion for parents and students alike, and complained about lack of adequate notice and not having a chance to provide input.

Fourth-grade teacher Lisa Mey began the discussion by saying she "had big concerns about this calendar, [and] I don't think you had any input from staff.

"Zero research supports seat-time correlating to student achievement," she said. "There's a huge body of information about teacher collaboration and student achievement. I can't emphasize enough the importance of teacher collaboration."

"I don't know what Lisa's referring to [regarding] data," Westerburg replied. "I don't know where that's coming from."

"It's evidence-based research," Mey responded.

"It was easy when every Tuesday was a minimum day. It will be confusing every other Tuesday," said fourth-grade teacher Amy Grooms. "I was blindsided by it.... Are we going to ask parents what they think?"

"I'm not in favor of it for many reasons," said Brookside Elementary special education teacher Laura Rowland. Teachers having collaborative time to meet on Tuesdays "has been working at Brookside, and we've been working to improve what we have."

She added that managing collaborative time "outside of the regular day" was more manageable at the charter school because they "only have six teachers," and complained that "stakeholders were not invited into the process."

Second-grade teacher Sandy Lucier said "teacher input" would have been good," thought the calendar "kind of wacky," and was concerned about "losing collaborative time."

Trustee Paula Nunez said she "thought WTA [Willits Teachers Association] had input" into developing the school calendar each year.

"They did, but not this revised one. Some revisions don't have to go to WTA" said executive assistant to the superintendent Trina Cardillo. "This was just put together because after negotiation we had to add a [professional development] day."

"Instructional time is critical [and] has to come from somewhere. We need more time on task," said Westerburg. "All you've got to do is look across town. The charter [school] day is 40 minutes longer every day, and they don't do minimum days. They have 125 more hours of instruction in their elementary than we do.

"If you're going to tell me that doesn't make a difference ... at each grade level results are good," he said. "I'd have zero minimum days."

Acknowledging, however, that "collaborative time is important," Westerburg said: "We could work on collaboration outside of the contractual day [and] compensate for that."

And Westerburg reminded everyone that, when he was hired in 2016, "my instructions were simple. Try to get us in a better place. To continue to do what we've always done is not going to get to that place. If you don't like it, and have a better plan, great, let's do it.

"But to not do anything ... is just like the facilities," he said. "I hear all the time, 'I don't think people will go for a bond.' You know what, if they vote no, 99 to 1, I'm still going to ask for it because my job is to give us the best ... not to say 'sorry, somebody

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could be mined annually at the quarry to 75,000 cubic yards.

In 2005, while Hal Wagenet was Third District supervisor, Northern Aggregates applied for a modified use permit, that would increase the annual extraction rate to 200,000 cubic yards per year. The use permit request was for a 90-year period and was labelled an "End of Quarry Life" application. Attached to that application was a quarry reclamation plan.

In 2010, while John Pinches was Third District supervisor, Northern Aggregates submitted another application – this one for a 30-year use permit for the gravel mine at 200,000 cubic yards per year, plus a revised reclamation plan for the site, and a request for an amendment to the county zoning ordinance to create a Mineral Processing Combining District for the site, which was then zoned rangeland.

The goal was to build an asphalt processing plant on an 18-acre parcel off Black Bart Drive, near its intersection with Highway 101, and to enable the company to process 150,000 tons of asphalt per year.

In 2012, supervisors approved the Mineral Processing Combining District, not only for Harris Quarry but for several other quarries in the county. In April 2012, the board approved the EIR for the project. In May 2012, Keep the Code sued over the EIR.

In June 2012, supervisors approved the use permit for the expansion of quarrying operations and the asphalt plant. A few weeks later, Keep the Code sued again. A period of negotiation ensued, during which parties disputed the completeness of the administrative record. The county lodged a third amended administrative record on March 12, 2013, and Keep the Code filed its first amended petition for a writ of mandate on March 29 of that year.

In March 2014, supervisors granted a request by Northern Aggregates that it be acknowledged by the board that it had "vested rights" over gravel mining operations at Harris Quarry.

might not like it ... we're not even going to talk about it."

"I feel the same with instructional time," he said.

However, Westerburg did leave room for revisions if the changes proved ineffective or unworkable.

"Does it change? Does it get adjusted?" he asked. "We've got to start somewhere.... There's no perfect solution. At some point I had to make a decision."

Whether there was adequate public notice of the change was addressed, but no conclusions were reached.

"The calendar was posted on Facebook ... [including that it was] coming before the board," said Trustee Jeanne King. "I expected there to be a flood of parents here."

"As far as I know, [parents and teachers] were not made aware before today," said fourth-grade teacher Amy Grooms. "Maybe I missed a Facebook post."

Trustee Robert Chavez asked Westerburg whether there was "some way to get the schedule out earlier.

"Ultimately the calendar is up to you," Chavez said. "But it's always nice to get input from the troops. The more input we get, the better for you in the long run."

In that case, "I would hear from people who don't like it," said Westerburg. "So how do you gauge that?"

King agreed that the "public has to be notified."

District videographer and maintenance technology employee Richard Smith informed meeting attendees that "for transparency and availability of information, [there will] be a new app next year that can push information out to everyone."

Board members weighed in, mostly in support of the superintendent's decision.

"I appreciate, Mark, that you're willing to adjust if things go sideways," said Chavez. "I'm sure there will be discussion about this in negotiations next year."

He noted the change would "have pluses and minuses" and he appreciated the teachers' "passion for collaboration."

Board President Alex Bowlds had some reservations about the change but supported Westerburg's decision.

"Mark was exactly correct. We gave him marching orders to get us in a better place,

especially with test scores and improving the overall experience of our kids," Bowlds said. "I agree wholeheartedly that continuing to do what we've been doing [and] expecting different results is simply not something we can do."

"The perfect scenario would be that all Tuesdays would be minimum or none would," Bowlds added. "I don't like every other one only because it can be confusing to parents. Still, parents will adjust. They will adapt, and if this doesn't turn out to be the best thing for us, I'll be first to say, let's go back to what we had in place until we find something better.

"But I'm also willing to try new things. I think we have to try new things, and I'm sorry it's not going to be ideal for everybody, but we'll have to adapt; do the best we can; see if it makes a difference for us."

Trustee Bob Colvig acknowledged having two Tuesdays a month as minimum days might "cause confusion."

King agreed the change might be difficult, but was willing to give it a try in light of the need to do something about district test scores.

She wondered whether there were other districts that had implemented the change successfully, and both Chavez and Westerburg cited Knocoti and St. Helena districts as examples.

"I would like to remind the teachers that four out of five on this board worked in schools," said King. "And this board is headed in the right direction in terms of trying to find the best for everybody concerned.

"When I decided to run for the board, I didn't realize our test scores were so low," she said. "We have to do something and can't keep doing the same thing and expecting different results.

"We wouldn't be the only district; other districts seem to be doing fine with every other week, so I'm willing to at least try this and see if it makes a difference."

She added the change had been made "with input from administrators," and said she had "a lot of respect for the administrator at every school site.

"I know that change is hard," she said, "but it's not necessarily bad."

Nunez simply said, "all who spoke took care of my concerns."

The vote to approve the calendar was 4 to 1, with Nunez voting no.

not those of the county. Applying the correct standard, we have no trouble concluding that evidence exits to support the court's findings."

Concerning the use permit/EIR case, the appeals court found the trial court had done its job properly. It concluded the EIR was adequate, except in the two instances mentioned above, having to do with project alternatives 4 and 5.

Although the county did not specifically examine all of the possible cumulative impacts of approving a Mining and Processing Combining District for all quarries located in the county, the appeals court ruled the county had "set forth its findings addressing the challenges to the zoning change, finding it was unlikely that existing quarries, other than Harris Quarry, would seek rezoning under the MPCD, and that any future effects will themselves require analysis under CEQA."

The court also found with the trial court on challenges to the EIR regarding the water supply assessment, the analysis of daily air emissions from traffic, the alleged failure of the EIR to set daily limits to asphalt production, the study of traffic safety, the failure of the EIR to use most recent greenhouse gas threshold numbers, and the failure of the EIR to recommend adequate steps to reduce nitrous oxide emissions.

The appeals court agreed with the trial court that, "for the most part, the county proceeded in the manner required by law and that its decisions are supported by substantial evidence in the record."

"Our role here is not to decide whether the county acted wisely or unwisely, but simply to determine whether the EIR contained sufficient information about a proposed project, the site, the surrounding area and the projected environmental impacts arising as a result of the proposed project or activity, to allow for an informed decision," the appeals court wrote. "In this case, we find the EIR was sufficient for its required purposes, except to the extent noted as to the consideration of two alternatives to the project."

Avenues to Wellness speaker Paul Jacobson discusses the effects deep-rooted behaviors have on our mental health

We all live somewhere on a mental-health continuum, between sane and insane, well-adjusted and maladjusted, anxious and unworried, self-confident and insecure. Choose and insert the extremes of your choice.

Joanne Moore Where we fall within that range in all our individual complex glory is in no small measure dependent upon our deep-rooted behaviors that work and deep-rooted behaviors that don't.

The good news is that many of the ones that don't, can be identified and changed for the better in a relatively short time with the use of clinically and scientifically proven techniques that anyone can do.

That's one takeaway from a recent talk at the Willits Center for the Arts given by marriage and family therapist Paul Jacobson, which was presented by Avenues to Wellness, a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation.

Jacobson began his talk, titled "Working with Habitual Patterns," with a brief reference to the American Psychiatric Association's approximately 1,000-page-long tome, "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition," which is widely used to diagnose and classify mental disorders.

"It basically categorizes what insurance companies will pay for," he said. "It gives names and is misapplied lots of times."

"Labeling doesn't necessarily help. We're all on a continuum of variables," he said. "We're all bozos on this bus."

So what's a bozo to do? Jacobson described a few of the proven-to-work techniques and skills that he uses and teaches in his practice to the audience – self-observation, meditation, mindfulness, and breathing meditation.

We humans can self-observe. We have (what we believe to be, the unique) "ability to be conscious of what is going on inside and outside" of us, said Jacobson. In this state of mind, we can "remove ourselves from a situation," see what "stimulus is causing" our reaction and choose to behave in a different way than what we're automatically used to.

As for meditation, if you are one of the



Above: Marriage and family therapist Paul Jacobson with Avenues to Wellness contributor and Commonwealth Garden Director Ananda Johnson, left, and Suzanne Picetti-Johnson, Avenues to Wellness director, right. Jacobson gave a talk about mental health as part of the Avenues to Wellness series.

many people who know how good it is for you but haven't yet taken the plunge, Jacobson makes an airtight case for the benefits of diving in.

He described a study about the effects on brain and immune function of an eight-week training program in mindfulness meditation, in which brain electrical activity was measured before and after meditation, and then measured again four months later. Brain activity in members of a control group who did not meditate was similarly measured.

At the end of the eight-week period, all the participants were given a flu vaccine.

The results: Measurements of brain activity in the meditators showed a significant increase in brain activation in "areas of the brain that produce emotions known to be positive," with corresponding increases in antibody titer rise in response to the vaccine.

The brain activity and antibody titer measurements of participants who did not meditate did not reflect similar increases.

Jacobson also recommended "a form of meditation ... [called] ... mindful breathing."

"Be conscious of your breath no matter what you're doing," he said. "It provides a focal point and has a number of good uses."

He also talked about "the world's happiest man," a Tibetan monk named Matthieu Ricard, who has meditated a lot for a long time and participated in studies and research on the effects of meditation.

incarceration.

Participants answered each question with a "yes" if they had the experience or "no" if they didn't, and scored 1 point for each "yes."

The study included long-term follow-up of participants' health outcomes. "The results," said Jacobson, "were profound."

Some examples he gave included a score of 4 compared to a score of 0 correlated to a 700 percent increase in alcoholism and doubling of the risk of being diagnosed with cancer. A score above 6 was associated with a 3,000 percent increase in attempted suicide.

Jacobson also pointed out the physiological impacts of the stress on children living with adverse experiences includes constant overproduction of cortisol and adrenalin – hormones usually more infrequently produced in response to "fight or flight" situations – and that such persistent high levels of these hormones correlate with numerous short- and long-term adverse outcomes.

The need for mental health care in childhood is obviously vital and predictable. And the same techniques Jacobson employs with adults work with children.

"Children can be taught emotional management," he said. "It seems like a no-brainer to bring some of these techniques into the classroom."

Indeed, he repeatedly questioned why the simple and proven techniques he incorporates into his practice aren't a part of everyday life, beginning sentences with preambles such as ... "why aren't we? ... seems we should ... seems like we ought to do something about it."

"Emotions are not being managed effectively," he said. "Why not make society a better place?"

Jacobson has been a licensed marriage and family therapist since 1981, and currently has a private practice in Willits counseling individuals, groups, families and couples. He is starting a group in the fall and can be reached at 459-1418.

The Avenues to Wellness first Tuesday speaker series will resume in September after a summer break.

The rest of Measure B | From Page 1

crisis residential treatment center (CRT), or psychiatric health facility (PHF). Measure B funds are intended to construct and supplement the operations and treatment services of psychiatric behavioral health facilities. Voters are concerned that, after 18 months, a site has not been selected, delaying construction.

Measure B, in part, states: "Provide for assistance in the diagnosis, treatment and recovery from mental illness and addiction by developing:

1) A psychiatric facility and other behavioral health facilities; and a regional behavioral health training facility to be used by behavioral health professionals, public safety and other first responders.

2) Provide for the necessary infrastructure to support and stabilize individuals with behavioral health conditions, including addiction and neurological disorders.

3) Create a Mental Health Treatment Fund entirely dedicated to fund improved services, treatment and facilities for persons with mental health conditions into which 100 percent of the revenue from this measure shall be deposited.

4) Create a politically independent "Mental Health Treatment Act" Citizen's Oversight Committee which shall review the independent annual audit of expenditures and the performance management plan for compliance with the specific purpose of this ordinance."

In 2018, Mendocino County contracted with the Kemper Consulting Group to provide a recommended plan of action for allocation of Measure B revenues. The Kemper Report recommended a continuum of care including:

- A crisis stabilization unit
- A crisis residential treatment center
- A psychiatric health facility

Per the Measure B Oversight Committee 2019-2020 chair: "The CSU would be a locked facility and provide a location in which sheriff's deputies, hospital emergency personnel, and mental health workers could transport people in need of a safe, secure place for up to 24 hours.

"The CRT would provide a place for people to remain voluntarily for up to a month while receiving mental health and/or addiction treatment.

"The PHF would be a long-term psychiatric facility for people with more intense mental health issues where they could receive the treatment they need over the course of several weeks." Ukiah Daily Journal, April 2, 2019

These three interconnected programs would supplement existing mental health services in Mendocino County to help provide a continuum of care. This mental health system of care is effective for the client and reduces costs to the county.

The 11-member Measure B Mental Health Act Citizens Oversight Committee meets for two hours once a month. The committee should act with a sense of urgency to meet the expectations of the voters and the needs of the mentally ill. The critical issue is to focus on choosing a site and then building the facility(s). The GJ

believes the 11-member committee is an unwieldy body. Utilizing ad hoc committees, meeting on a regular basis, to report back would be more effective. Forming two ad hocs, one focusing on site location/construction and the other on operations/treatment, could accelerate the process.

The GJ is concerned about the length of time it has taken the committee to make just three recommendations. After 18 months of meetings, the public has no clear view of the progress of Measure B facilities and programs. The CEO report would be an ideal vehicle to report status and timelines of Measure B projects.

The board of supervisors' responsibility is to prepare and publicize a plan with goals and timelines for the completion of the facility(s). The committee has identified three potential sites in Willits and Ukiah for the facilities; however, the project cannot move forward without a decision on site location(s). The BOS has directed staff to research and recommend a site(s) for the CSU, CRT and PHF. The committee's authority is limited to making recommendations to the BOS which authorizes spending and implementation.

The committee recommended two additional Mobile Outreach & Prevention Services to augment existing MOPS serving North County, South Coast and Anderson Valley. The MOPS have reduced law enforcement officers' time spent on persons who are in crisis.

At the committee's recommendation, the BOS approved the hiring of an administrative project manager. The county is currently in the process of interviewing candidates. This position would provide project management assistance for Measure B, including budget and timeline compliance.

The Measure B Mental Health Treatment Fund account was established April 2018 with revenues derived from sales tax allocations and interest. As of May 2019 there is a balance of \$7,321,506 in the account.

Glossary

5150: a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, who is a danger to others, or to himself or herself (California Code, Welfare and Institutions Code - WIC §5150)

CSU: Crisis stabilization unit

CRT: Crisis residential treatment

MOPS: Mobile Outreach & Prevention Services

PHF: 16-bed psychiatric health facility aka the "PUFF"

Continuum of Care: Services offered for mental health and substance use disorder treatment

Background

The BOS closed the county's PHF in 2000. Since the closure, those whom law enforcement deemed to be 5150 are taken to an emergency room. The rooms allotted for psychiatric patients are limited. Law enforcement maintains custody of the patient in the ER until released to a qualified mental health employee. The

patient is then assessed and a course of treatment is determined.

Methodology

The GJ attended or viewed meetings, including the following:

- Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
- Measure B Oversight Committee
- Mendocino County Mental Health Board
- Redwood Community Services

The GJ interviewed law enforcement, auditor, Mental Health staff, and representatives of nonprofits dealing with mental health issues. The GJ examined the Measure B fiscal account, including all income and expenses, the Kemper Report on Mental Health, and other relevant documents.

Discussion

Measure B was placed on the November 2017 ballot to secure funds to build mental health facilities and to supplement mental health services. The cost to put Measure B on the ballot was \$161,578.

The Measure B account paid \$37,470 for the Kemper Report which detailed the condition of Mendocino County mental health services and recommended better use of county revenue and expenses.

The Measure B Oversight Committee is comprised of:

- Mendocino County CEO
- Mendocino County Behavioral Health Director
- Mendocino County Mental Health Director
- Mendocino County Sheriff
- Mendocino County Auditor
- NAMI representative (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
- Five appointees, one from each of the five supervisorial districts

The committee's responsibility is to research and make recommendations to the BOS.

The public passed Measure B in November 2017, expecting the committee to act with a sense of urgency. After more than 18 months, meeting only two hours a month, a recommendation to the BOS was finally made to consider three locations. The BOS has directed staff to research and evaluate the three options. At this pace, the design and construction process will delay completion far into the future.

The committee recommended hiring an administrative project manager. The BOS approved this at the March 2019 meeting and applicants are currently being interviewed.

The committee also recommended two additional MOPS to augment existing MOPS serving the North County, South Coast and Anderson Valley. BOS' approval cannot be given until the 2019/2020 budget is established in July 2019.

Measure B, a half-cent sales tax for five years, is projected to bring in approximately \$7 million annually. Upon sunset, a one-eighth cent sales tax will continue unless or

until the tax is repealed by a majority vote in a general election. Of these revenues:

- 75 percent is to be allocated for facilities for five years
- 25 percent is to be allocated for services for five years, with 100 percent for services thereafter

Findings

Finding 1. Mendocino County does not have a dedicated CSU, CRT or PHF at this time.

Finding 2. The Measure B Citizens Oversight Committee meets for two hours each month.

Finding 3. The committee has identified three potential sites for the CSU, CRT and PHF; however, no site has been chosen by the BOS.

Finding 4. All recommendations by the committee must be approved by the BOS.

Finding 5. The committee recommended, and the BOS approved, hiring a project manager.

Finding 6. Two additional MOPS were recommended by the Committee.

Finding 7. The 11-member committee can be unwieldy with its variety of perspectives, opinions and expertise.

Recommendations

The GJ recommends that:

Recommendation 1: The committee form two ad hoc committees, one focusing on site location and construction and the other on operations and treatment.

Recommendation 2: the Committee can address policies, procedures and job descriptions during construction.

Recommendation 3: the BOS prepare and publicize a plan with goals and timelines for the completion of the CSU, CRT and PHF, e.g. Mendocino County website and local news media.

Recommendation 4: The BOS' priority should be planning and construction of the three facilities.

Responses

Pursuant to Penal Code §933.05, responses are required from the following individual(s): From the following governing bodies:

- Board of Supervisors (F1-F7 and R1-R4)

The governing bodies indicated above should be aware that the comment or response of the governing body must be conducted subject to the notice, agenda and open meeting requirements of the Brown Act.

Editor's Note: The Mendocino County Grand Jury report, "'Measure B: Mental Health Treatment Act: Where Are We?," has been published in full, except for some source links.

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Here are some tips to help prepare homes and property:

- Clear all dead trees and or dying vegetation 100 feet from around all structures.

- Landscape with fire resistant plants and non-flammable ground cover.

- Find alternative ways to dispose of landscape debris like chipping or hauling it to a biomass energy or green waste facility.

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For more information about how you and your family can prepare for wildfire, visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

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hoc committee consisting of Brown and Fort Bragg City Councilwoman and MSWMA representative Jessica Morsell-Haye and charged it with meeting with Lombardi to determine if MSWMA's current staffing is capable of meeting the MSWMA workload.

According to Willits City Councilwoman and MSWMA's Willits representative Madge Strong, moving Lombardi to the general manager position may mean other MSWMA staff will have to take on additional or different tasks.

Asked for her response to the move by the MSWMA board, Strong said she was "very relieved."

"I had been expressing some concerns about privatizing over the past several meetings," Strong said. "I feel very relieved that, at the very least, we are not rushing anything, that we are going to retain public oversight over this public service, at least for a while. That's a big relief to me, that we aren't fast-tracking this."

According to MSWMA board chair Brown, also a member of the Ukiah City Council, Lombardi has been doing many of the duties of a general manager since former MSWMA General Manager Robert Carlson resigned on October 31, 2018.

"Things have been running pretty smooth," Brown said. "The vote [to appoint Lombardi] was unanimous."

In addition to halting the move toward privatization and hiring Lombardi as interim general manager, the MSWMA board approved a 5 percent raise for all MSWMA employees and gave Lombardi a 10 percent raise over and above her office manager salary.



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Pancake Party

Eggs, ham and, of course, pancakes enjoyed at annual Cowboy Breakfast

Above: Members of the Willits Lions Club pose during the Cowboy Breakfast in the cook shack at the Rec Grove, including from left: Dean Baumann, Diana Bell, Eldon Miller, Jim Holmes, Skip Lucier, Bill Barker and Virginia Jorge. At right, from top: A breakfast fit for a cowboy: pancakes, eggs and ham. Eager to make their way to the cook shack, Ron Moorhead, Dan Guy, Ida Guy, Cathy Moorhead and Kathy Graves smile for the camera. Willits Lion Ken Bell flips ready-to-eat cakes into the tin pan for service. Below, left: Willits Lions busy at all stations inside the cook shack. Below, right: Tickets in hand and ready to eat pancakes, including, from left: Stephanie Dawson, and Jen and Chris Hartless.



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Otters

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"It's a lot of moving parts for their minds, and it develops this kind of independence," Kayne explained. "Usually, if a kid misses one, it's their only one. They feel so bad, and they wanted to be there, that they learn how not to miss another one."

Kyne also explained that the Otters, along with the other teams at the meet, are part of USA Swimming, Pacific Swimming's Zone 3. The organization keeps track of all of the registered swimmers' times. The new times from this event will be registered this week. The times are important to the organizers and swimmers. Swimmers keep track of their times and watch their progress, which is one of the main emphasis of the Willits Otters team, to be in competition with themselves.

New to the Willits Swim Meet was the Oaklandis team from Oakland. Coach Scott Thompson started the swim school and team four years ago to make swimming affordable to everyone through USA Swimming. The program makes it possible for swimmers who want to learn how to swim, join a team, and then travel out of the Bay Area for meets.

"We travel to two meets a year, summer and winter. It's a really fun part of the experience that you get with the team. We travel and go out to dinner together and by spending that time together we build our community," Thompson said. The Oaklantis swimmers and parents stayed

at Willits motels and went out to a pizza dinner in town. "Thanks to everyone who put the meet on. It's really nice, and we're having a good time," Thompson added.

Coach Thompson touched on a very important part of the USA Swimming, Pacific Swimming's "Diversity and Inclusion" program. According to its website, the primary objective of the program is to "increase multicultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity and to foster an inclusive environment at all levels of the sport of competitive swimming."

As Kyne explained it, they do this by greatly reducing the yearly registration and insurance fees for qualifying swimmers, from \$85 to \$5. Swimmers also receive reduced rates for the meets from \$50 to \$8. Visit the Willits Otters website at <https://willitsothers.weebly.com/> to learn more.

Willits Mayor Gerry Gonzalez, who's volunteered to be the swim meet announcer year after year, told Willits Weekly that all volunteers get a chance to go out of town to other swim meets and volunteer. It helps them learn their jobs better.

"And it's an economic crosspollination," he laughed. "When anyone does that, they stay at motels and usually shop in that town and eat at local restaurants. Like the volunteers, families and swimmers are doing at this event."

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Above, from left: The Willits Wild Bunch poses with the barrel cooler they're raffling off during Friday's Hometown Celebration. Dan Hansen and Shalee Johnson smile outside their photo bus. Local artist Peggy Hebrard shows her paintings for sale at the Art in the Plaza, held during Friday's event. Nancy and Mickey Reed were dressed for the occasion in red, white and blue. Peter and Laura Koch enjoyed milling about the shops and vendors Friday. Below: Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman, left, spent the first hour of the celebration in the dunk tank, raising money for the Willits Frontier Days Juniors. As he was leaving the tank, an excited Roger Ham of the American Legion, center, tried to coax Allman back into the tank. Despite Ham's offer for more than the \$5 per ball originally charged, Allman chuckled, shook his head, and gave it a soggy pass. Below, right: Allman poses with Hailey Riley, Lisa Arkelian and Elena Arkelian of the Willits Frontier Days Juniors after his time in the tank.



The sidewalks, parking lots and stores of downtown Willits were filled with one of the biggest turnouts of shoppers and strollers yet seen for the annual Hometown Celebration last Friday.

The cooler weather and the large number of participating businesses, clubs and groups made it impossible to resist stopping by to see what was going on during the four-hour event.

Brick and mortar storefronts kept their doors open late, offering shoppers specials and sales, and non-downtown or other offsite businesses popped up tents and tables to share in the fun.

Parking lots and sidewalks were filled with everything to do, including photos in a Volkswagen van, a super blow-up slide

Holy Moly Hometown

Willits comes out in large numbers to kick off Willits Frontier Days 2019

that even toddlers could enjoy, face painting, a petting zoo, and a dunk tank where the hand-and-eye coordinated could pay \$5 to try and dunk Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman to benefit the Willits Frontier Days Juniors.

Food vendors set up offering tasty treats, and restaurants had lines out the doors with happy and hungry eventgoers. The Live Oak Belgians were back, offering horse and carriage rides; the Willits Wild Bunch were selling tickets for their barrel cooler raffle; and 2019 Willits Frontier Days contestant Jaden Doak was out selling tickets to the rest of the upcoming Willits Frontier Days events.

– Maureen Moore



Above: Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart contestant Jaden Doak was out selling tickets for the Frontier Days events during the celebration.

Far left: Sidewalks were filled with vendors and shoppers, too! At left: The Willits 4-H held a petting zoo featuring baby rabbits, a turkey and goats for animal fans to enjoy.

At bottom, from left: Jolene Carrillo, left, pauses and smiles with friends Evie Longwith, Susanna Wilson and Sharon Baumann as they strolled along Main Street Friday afternoon. Mustaches and cotton candy make for a fancy and fun Hometown Celebration. Willits' two new restaurants, The Dogg House and Bangkok Thai, both had lots of interested diners, eager to try the new food offerings.

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 - Teens go here every day (abbr.)
 - Suitable
 - Fresh Price of ___Air
 - Ancient city of Egypt
 - Basketball move
 - Polished
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 - Once-ubiquitous department store
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 - Give someone a job
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- England, Scotland, N. Ireland, and Wales (abbr.)
 - Beak
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 - Geological times
 - Type of restaurant
 - Spacious
 - Edible seaweed
 - Utah city
 - Tropical tree
 - Nervous tissue compound
 - Body part
 - Muscles and tendons

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SUDOKU

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

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

June 17 to June 23
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 240 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

June 17
12:33 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

5:56 am: WALKER, Claud Alexander (31) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue. He was arrested on felony charges of first degree burglary and violation of parole, and on misdemeanor charges of resisting an officer.

11:12 am: MAIERS, John Thomas (28) of Whittier was contacted in the 100 block of Margie Drive. He was arrested pursuant to 459 PC (Burglary).

5:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of West Oak Avenue.

6:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

7:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 700 block of South Main Street.

June 18
10:22 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

12:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

3:38 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

9:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

June 19
12:27 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.

1:19 am: Officers responded to a report of several suspicious subjects in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

5:12 am: Officers responded to a report of a prowler in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

7:43 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation near the intersection of Penn Street and California Street.

10:20 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of North Street.

12:18 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

3:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:01 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

7:33 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

11:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

June 20
4:49 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1600 block of Baechtel Road.

8:08 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of West Valley Street.

9:20 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

9:55 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.



Claud Alexander Walker of Willits.

10:18 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.

11:21 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

June 21
5:41 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

8:15 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

9:27 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 25000 block of Sherwood Road.

12:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

9:12 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

10:43 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Holly Street and Locust Street.

10:45 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Locust Street and Walnut Street.

10:53 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Highway 20 and Coast Street.

11:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Eval Claire Street.

June 22
5:31 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 800 block of South Main Street.

9:59 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

12:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

12:27 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main Street.

5:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Barbara Lane.

6:55 pm: THORNSBERRY, Brandon Dean (23) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Blosser Lane and Robert Drive following a report of a hit-and-run vehicle collision. He was arrested pursuant to 182 PC (Criminal Conspiracy), 148 (A) (1) PC (Resisting Arrest), and 31 VC (False Information to a Peace Officer).

7:54 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of Maple Street.

June 23

12:20 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

1:08 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and East Oak Street.

2:39 am: Officers responded to a report of a prowler in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

5:28 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Madden Lane.

6:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

6:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

10:20 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Fort Bragg Road.



Above, from left: Curator Gary Martin prepares the ground for the WCA's new sculpture garden. Martin helps unload the first sculpture, "The Alien," by Loren Madsen. "The Alien" dwarfs WCA Manager Holly O'Rourke. Below, left: Gary Martin and sculptor Loren Madsen help erect Madsen's artwork. At right: One of two trees in City Park that have been trimmed to interesting forms. Curator Gary Martin would like to find wood workers to create new designs on the trees.



Photos by Mathew Caine

Willits Center for the Arts
seeks submissions for new sculpture garden

Something intriguing has begun to grow in the "garden" behind the Willits Center for the Arts. At the direction of Curator Gary Martin, the first sculpture was erected last month, a natural wood creation by Loren Madsen, who had the recent "Worry Beads" exhibit at the WCA.

Mathew Caine, "The Alien" as he called it, stands about 20 feet tall and projects otherworldly shadows on the blue wall of the Noyo Theatre behind it. As the sun moves through the sky, the shadows morph into ever-changing shapes.

The sculpture garden was conceived by Martin to utilize the blank space between the WCA and the ceramic studio annex. "The Alien" is the first of five or six sculptures that will adorn the space eventually, rotated every three months to create a fluid

exhibition of local three-dimensional artists.

Martin would like to invite all those who are interested, to submit their designs for inclusion in the garden. The WCA has purchased a fence which will protect the art once it is installed.

Eventually, Martin would like to find sculptures to place in the City Park as well as artistic benches. There are also two trees in the park which have been trimmed to interesting forms on which he would like to find wood workers to create new designs. Wood sculptors are encouraged to submit concepts for these trees.

The art world in Willits is an ever-growing and ever-changing one, which provides an outlet for local artists to display their work. Look for more ideas and concepts in the near future.



Darling T.J.

Ever meet a walking puff ball? Well, meet T.J.! This darling Shih Tzu came to us after being hit by a car recently, but luckily, he had no lasting injuries and is completely healed. This sweet little guy is playful, curious, and ready to find out what his future has in store. Do you have any ideas that he might like? If so, come meet him and discuss these possibilities and who knows – maybe a perfect match may result! Don't wait!



Photo courtesy of Kathi Shipley

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Please give us a call at 707-485-0123 if you have questions. You can view all our adoptable dogs and cats on Petfinder or through our website: mendohumanesociety.com. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.

Playful Patches

Patches knows "Sit," "Down," and "Speak," and he would love to take some canine refresher courses! Patches is focused, engaging, athletic, playful, energetic and joyful, with a velvety coat and beautiful, brown eyes. His boundless enthusiasm may make him a great running partner. During his evaluation and meet and greet, Patches was introduced to our tester dog, Chipper, and both dogs were good boys! Patches aims to please! Patches is a 2-year-old neutered male, mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 46 pounds.

The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com or visit the shelter. For more info about adoptions, call: 707-467-6453.



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Above: 2019 Willits Frontier Days contestant Jaden Doak, left, smiles with the winner of the 2018 title, Lilah Garman. At right: Jaden Doak models her western wear including a floral skirt by Vintage Collection Pinto Ranch, a black felt hat by Rodeo King, and a silver concho belt and black boots by Cody James. Doak's jewelry included a natural blue stone necklace and silver heart earrings. Doak noted her appreciation to Marcy Barry, Riata King and Nicol Kunka for lending her some of the pieces. At right: Doak walks her horse Brandy over poles in the Horsemanship judging portion of the contest. Below: Doak smiles with Poise and Personality judges Neomi Bertolino, left, and Nick Durupt, right.



Above, left: Jaden Doak talks with judge Terry Silva, answering questions and showcasing her equestrian knowledge as a part of her Horsemanship judging. Above: Jaden Doak, right, sells tickets to past Sweetheart Liz Day after her judging session. At right, top: Doak gives her speech. At right: Doak smiles with grandma June Sizemore, right, and little sister Arya. At right, below: Sisters Julia and Lilian Hardy sing in the National Anthem Contest.

Sweetheart Judging

Ticket sales aren't the only factor in Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Contest

In addition to ticket sales, two days of judging are held to help determine contestants' readiness for the title of Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart, including speech, modeling and horsemanship contests.

On Saturday, June 22, the 2019 contestant Jaden Doak gave her speech and modeled Western wear for a gathered group at the Willits Community Center, and answered questions from judges Nick Durupt and Neomi Bertolino.

On Sunday, June 23, Doak showed her horseback skills by riding a pattern and doing her Queen run, and also answered questions from horse show judge Terry Silva.

Since she is the only contestant running this year, Doak will be crowned Sweetheart at the invite-only dinner this Saturday, June 29.

— Maureen Moore



National Anthem Contest

at Rodeo grounds

Four singers gathered on the lawn of the Willits Frontier Days rodeo grounds to sing "The Star Spangled Banner" last Sunday to compete for the honored role of singing the national anthem at the upcoming events.

All were able to secure a performance spot; first place went to Gloriel Hulbert, who will sing at the parade and the July 4 CCPRA Rodeo; second place went to Julia and Lilian Hardy, who will sing at the July 3 CCPRA Rodeo; and third place went to Barbara O'Rearden who will sing at the Junior Rodeo on July 5.

Come cheer them on at the WFD events coming up next week.

— Maureen Moore

At left, above: First-place winner Gloriel Hulbert smiles for the camera. At left: The 2019 singers pose with members of the Colvard family who coordinate the national anthem contest each year.



2019 Willits Frontier Days Heritage Award Winners

Steve and Lana Eberhard

"Lana and I are very honored to be recognized by the Willits Frontier Days organization as this year's Heritage Award recipients," said Steve Eberhard.

The pair were chosen for their past service to Willits Frontier Days. Steve was the official photographer for more than a decade, while Lana created the WFD program and managed our website from 2004 to 2011.

"We were just new to town when we became involved with Frontier Days in 2002. We were never treated as outsiders or strangers; instead we were treated like family and warmly welcomed into our new community," said Steve.

A Vietnam veteran, and talented photographer, Steve appreciates the spirit of the Fourth of July and its importance to Willits. He saw taking photos as a great way to tie that spirit back into community. He especially enjoyed showcasing all the WFD events and activities, and capturing special moments like the crowning of the Sweetheart.

Lana is a certified graphic designer, and used her skills to showcase



Steve's photos on posters for the rodeo as well as the Truck Pull event which started during their years with WFD. Lana recently retired from the Mendocino College Foundation where she served as Marketing/Program Specialist and Scholarship Coordinator. Last September she was diagnosed with a recurrence of breast cancer after 19 years cancer-free. She is now in the final stages of her treatments and expects to make a full recovery.

"I am deeply touched by all the support we have received from our friends in the community, and from everyone at Frontier Days," said Lana. "We understand that many of the cowboys and cowgirls will be wearing pink during this year's events to help raise awareness in the fight against cancer. That is simply amazing."

Although Lana's treatments might make it impossible for the Eberhards to attend this year's Frontier Days festivities as

Heritage Award recipients in the traditional sense — riding on the float in the parade, being presented at the rodeos, etc. — you can count on them being there in the true spirit that exemplifies Willits Frontier Days.

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It is an honor to be named the Willits Frontier Days 2019 Grand Marshal. We invite you all to join us in displaying "Community Pride" by celebrating the history of our community and country during this year's festivities.

The J.D. Redhouse family, including, from left: Jake Whitehurst, Ashton Bloomquist, Darlene Bixler, Kaleb Whitehurst, and Aybrie Whitehurst, front.



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Saturday, June 29: Sweetheart Crowned
Wednesday, July 3: CCPRA Rodeo & Dance
Thursday, July 4: Horseshoe contest, 4th of July Parade, Barbecue, CCPRA Rodeo
Friday, July 5: Junior Rodeo

Read more in Willits Weekly's calendar, pages 6 & 7



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And being more particularly described as follows:

That certain real property situated in the County of Mendocino, State of California, described as follows: Block 12 Lot 6, of Tract 36, BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, per map filed August 17, 1966, in Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 1, Mendocino County Records, as amended by map filed August 16, 1967, in Map Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 2, Unit No. APN:100-321-02-01. If you need directions to find property, please send your request to Recon Financial, 111 Deerwood Road Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in a certain deed of trust executed by: Walter Hernandez as Trustor, RECON FINANCIAL INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Trustee, for benefit and security of The Deerwood Corporation, a California corporation, dated May 24, 2014, and recorded July 16, 2014 in the office of the County Recorder in the County of Mendocino, State of California, in Book n/a of Official Records at page n/a. Document No. 2014-08381

The total amount of unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold, including estimated costs, expenses and advances is: \$20,030.86 : NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.

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The name, street address and telephone number of the Trustee conducting this sale is: RECON FINANCIAL INC., 111 Deerwood Rd., Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583, (925) 838-8525. The name, address and telephone number of the Beneficiary at whose request this sale is to be conducted, is: The Deerwood Corporation, a California corporation 111 DEERWOOD RD., STE. 100, SAN RAMON, CA 94583 (925) 838-8525

Dated June 19, 2019

S/ Peggy A. Porter, President

Publication Dates: June 27, July 4 and July 11, 2019

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WW224 CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO BIDDERS PROJECT NO. 2019-03
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for: The work shown on the project plans entitled: **CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROJECT PLANS For: North Maple Road Improvement & Storm Drain Replacement Project - Project No. 2019-03** Installing 56 feet of new 15" HDPE storm drain pipe and replacing 406 feet of existing 18" CMP with new 18" HDPE and Aluminized steel storm drain pipe on North Maple Street and placing new drainage structures on West Mendocino and North Maple Streets, removing one drop inlet and removing 95 feet of existing RCP storm drain pipe, abandoning one out-of-service sewer main, grinding 3 inches of existing asphalt and placing an 3-inch asphalt overlay on North Maple Street, doing approximately 3 CY of dig-out work, constructing 2 new pedestrian ramps, sidewalks, walkways, 284 LF of new curb and gutter, filling designated street area with Class II asphalt base, filling yard areas with engineered soil, placing riprap and willow stakes at new and existing storm drain outfall, and stripping.

IN
City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California &
The work described in specifications books entitled: CITY OF WILLITS - BID BOOK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CITY OF WILLITS - PROPOSAL PACKET CITY OF WILLITS - AWARD PACKET
For:
North Maple Road Improvement & Storm Drain Replacement Project - Project No. 2019-03
IN
City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California
will be received by a designated representative, of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 11:00 a.m., July 18th, 2019, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, of the City of Willits, located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California.

Bid forms for this work are included in a separate book entitled:

Proposal Packet For:
City of Willits
Public Works Department
North Maple Road Improvement & Storm Drain Replacement Project - Project No. 2019-03
Example award forms for this work are included in a separate book entitled:

Example Award Packet For:
City of Willits
Public Works Department
North Maple Road Improvement & Storm Drain Replacement Project - Project No. 2019-03
THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$312,767.00

Key Dates:
• Pre-bid Meeting: July 9, 2019, 9:00 a.m. (on site)
• Final Questions from Bidders: July 10, 2019
• Final Addendum Issued: July 12, 2019
• Bid Opening: July 18, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
• Project Start Date: August 19, 2019
• Project Length: 40 calendar days

Interested bidders should contact the following in order to obtain a complete copy of the Bid Book, Proposal Packet, Award Packet, Contract, General Provisions, Special Provisions, and Project Plans:

Brandy Sanderson
City of Willits
111 E. Commercial St.
Willits, CA 95490
(707) 459-7143

A **non-refundable** fee of \$50.00 will be collected for each set that is obtained from the City of Willits.

Plans and specifications are also available for review at the following Builders Exchange offices:

Construction Bidboard (Ebbidboard)
11622 El Camino Real, #100
San Diego, CA 92130
Phone: 800-479-5314

Email: support@ebbidboard.com
Website: www.ebbidboard.com

Humboldt Builders Exchange
1213 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 442-3708
707-542-2027
Website: www.humbx.com

Dodge Data & Analytics
830 Third Avenue, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10022
Phone: 877-784-9556
Email: support@construction.com
Website: www.construction.com

North Coast Builders Exchange
1030 Apollo Way
Santa Rosa, CA 95407
(707) 542-9502
707-542-2027
Website: www.ncbexonline.com

Upon request Plans and Specifications may also be sent electronically at no cost.
Responsible bidders shall submit to the City complete, executed copies of all required documents listed in the Bid Book, at the time and place, and in the manner specified above.

In accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 20170, all bids must be presented under sealed cover and include one of the following forms of bidder's security: cash, cashier's check made payable to the City, certified check made payable to the City or a bidder's bond. The amount of bidder's security provided must equal at least ten percent (10%) of the total of the bid price for the base bid and any additive or deductive items listed in this notice.

The successful bidder must then submit to the City complete, executed copies of all required documents listed in the Award Packet, within fourteen (14) calendar days after receiving the written Notice of Award, from the City Engineer, of the City of Willits, of the award of the project. Bidder's Security of any successful bidder that fails to do so will be forfeited to the City. Such required documents include, but are not limited to, a payment or labor and materials bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount payable by the terms of the project contract and that satisfies the requirements of California Civil Code Section 2248, and a performance bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount payable by the terms of the contract. All project bonds must be executed by an admitted surety insurer in accordance with applicable law and acceptable to the City.

Pursuant to Section 1773 et seq. of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' internet web site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD>, and also from the City of Willits, Public Works Department, located at 380 E. Commercial St., Willits, CA 95490. The Federal minimum wage rates for this project that are predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor may be examined at the offices described above. Addenda to modify the Federal minimum wage rates, if necessary, will be issued to holders of the Bid Book. Future effective general prevailing wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates.

Attention is directed to the Federal minimum wage rate requirements in the Bid Book. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. The Department will not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the Federal minimum wage determinations. This includes "helpers" (or other classifications based on hours of experience) or any other classification not appearing in the Federal wage determinations. Where Federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determination, otherwise available for use by the Contractor and subcontractors, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the Federal minimum wage rate, which most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. on site, at the intersection of West Mendocino Ave. and North Maple Street, in Willits, CA.** This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and to inform subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. Bidders' attendance at this meeting is not mandatory, but recommended. Minutes from the meeting will be distributed in an addendum on **Friday, July 12, 2019.**

Bids are required for the entire work described herein and the successful bidder will be required to furnishing all materials, equipment, labor, transportation, light, power, water, and services required to accomplish all improvements shown on the Project Plans, whether specified and/or implied or required to attain the completed conditions contemplated in the design, by the Engineer.

All work shall conform to the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, or State of California, Department of Transportation, Standard Plans and Specifications, current edition and all work must be done in accordance with the Bid Book, Technical Specifications, Proposal Packet, Award Packet, Contract, and Project Plans for the:

North Maple Road Improvement & Storm Drain Replacement Project - Project No. 2019-03

The contractor shall possess a Class A license at the time this contract is awarded.

This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions, submitted after bid opening, will not be treated as a bid protest.

CITY OF WILLITS: s/Cathy Moorhead, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk
Publication Dates: June 27 and July 4, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

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WW221 Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0446
The following person is doing business as Cake & Glazed, 50 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: 2054 Lupine Drive, Willits, CA 95490
Registered owner: Philip Roland, 2054 Lupine Drive, 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.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on June 7, 2019.
s/ Philip Roland
Publication dates: 6/13, 6/20, 6/27 and 7/4/2019

WW218 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
UNDER DEED OF TRUST LOAN: WATKINS OTHER: 91213476 T.S. #: 19042-PR. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. * PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT, BUT TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/29/2014. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
NOTICE is hereby given that REDWOOD TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC., as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by CHRISTOPHER L. WATKINS and MONICA A. WATKINS, husband and wife as Joint Tenants, recorded on 10/17/2014 as Instrument No. 2014-12430 in Book -, Page - of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MENDOCINO County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 3/14/2019 in Book -, Page -, as Instrument No. 2019-02720 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 7/17/2019 At the main entrance to the Mendocino County Courthouse, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482 at 10:00 AM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described:

ALL THAT REAL PROPERTY LYING IN SECTIONS 22 AND 27, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, MOUNT DIABLO BASE AND MERIDIAN, MENDOCINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, WHICH IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THOSE PORTIONS OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 22 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 27 WHICH LIES SOUTH AND EAST OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD KNOWN AS THE BIGGAR HIGHWAY AND SOUTHERLY AND WESTERLY OF PARCEL 24 AND THE CENTERLINE OF CORRAL CREEK AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PARCEL SUBDIVISION MAP FILED IN MAP CASE 2, DRAWER 27, PAGE 19, MENDOCINO COUNTY RECORDS.

Assessor's Parcel Number: 036-200-91-00 The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 36905 Covelo Road, Willits, CA
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the undersigned within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$187,830.64.

In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right.

Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note(s), fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: June 17, 2019

REDWOOD TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC., as said Trustee ATTN: ROBERT CULLEN P.O. BOX 6875 SANTA ROSA, CA 95406-0875 BY: ROBERT CULLEN, President

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Willits USD is hiring! Assistant Cook, 7 hours per day, 10 months per year, school days. Requires TB and fingerprint clearance and a SafeServ Certificate. For more info or to apply, please contact Laura Sleeper at 707-459-5314.

Help Wanted
Groundsmen. Full Time Position. Need a valid Driver's License; knowledge of how to use a chainsaw. Call (707) 459-1940 to apply.

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Cage/Vault Manager, Marketing Manager, Casino Controller, Cage/Vault Cashier: Full-time, various shifts, weekends, Salary: DOE, with benefits, preferred, but not necessary, gaming experience. Applications can be found at www.sherwoodvalleycasino.com. Admin. Office or e-mail HR at kuttle@svrcasino.com. Signing bonus of \$100 and if referred a referral bonus of \$100.

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Weekly Drawings SAT & SUN JULY 6 – AUG 25 5PM – 10PM
11 names drawn each day will get to play the Gameboard to win up to **\$1,000 Cash!** All who participate will qualify for the Grand Prize Drawing on August 31.

Grand Prize Drawing SAT AUGUST 31 AFTER 10PM
Choose 2019 Chevy Malibu... or All-Expense Paid Vacation to the Four Seasons in Malibu!

Car winner is responsible for any taxes, fees and licensing. Non-transferable. See Player's Club Booth for complete details.

Actual make, model and color may vary.

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EVERY SAT & SUN
JULY 6 – 28 10AM – 5PM

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5X points for everyone!
Plus earn 150 points that day to receive a **free T-shirt**, while supplies last.

— WEDNESDAYS —
Weiss's Winning Wheel
8AM – 11PM

Better than Double Matchplay! Give us \$20 cash, then spin Barry's Wild Wednesday Wheel to win up to **\$100 Free Play!** Stop by the cashier's cage to get started.

THURSDAYS JULY 11, 18 & 25
BARRY'S SUMMER SCRATCHER
NOON – 10PM

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