

City passes deficit budget

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Council members voted 4-0 at their last meeting to approve a new city budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year that began Wednesday.

Council members Larry Stranske, Madge Strong and Ron Orenstein voted for the budget. Councilwoman Holly Madrigal was absent from the meeting.

In the budget, spending the city's general in exceeds revenue fund by \$48,745 and leaves that fund with about \$2.4 million in working capital as projected.

The previous budget was passed with a \$138,849

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School board approves \$17.9 million budget

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Without discussion, Willits Unified School District trustees approved a \$17.9 million budget for the 2015-16 fiscal vear Wednesdav evening. The vote was 4-0, with board member Christopher Neary absent. The final budget figure was \$1.2 million more than was spent last year. The district is entering its second year of a rebuilding Superintendent phase. Johnson either Patricia has hired or is planning to hire 23 new staff members, including replacements for retiring staff as well as people to fill new positions.



Above: Willits Brass, one of the two performers selected to sing the National Anthem during the 2015 Willits Frontier Days Main Street Parade. Members include, from left: Sheryl Gard-McFadden, Tom Allman, Eduardo Brito, Dan Church and Jim Church.

Willits Frontier Days Special: **National Anthem Singing Contest** 

There was a large turnout of singers hoping to be chosen to sing the National Anthem for the 2015 Willits Frontier Days events during the annual contest held last Sunday at the rodeo grounds.

The judges - Kera Colvard, Johnetta Thomen, Jeanette Turner and John Turner - heard each of the entrants perform, and after much deliberation, two winners were selected: Willits Brass and Natalea Pires.

"The Willits Brass band's rendition was a new twist and really amazing," explained Colvard. "They did their own thing, and we're really excited to have something out-of-thebox and different for this year."

Willits Brass will play the National Anthem to open the

A four-day marijuana eradication operation on private

Dan McKee

Reporter

lands in the heart of Northern

California's "Emerald Triangle"



Main Street Parade on July 4. Band members include Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman on tuba, Jim Church on trombone, Dan Church on baritone, Eduardo Brito on trumpet, and

Sheryl Gard-Read the rest of Over on Page 13 McFadden Anthem

Below: All the singers who competed at the 2015 contest, including, from left: Brandi Cameron, Joey Kroh, Tom Allman, Sheryl Gard-McFadden, Dan Church, Jim Church, Lillian Hardy (front) Natalea Pires, Cadence Zanola (front), Michaela Figini-Myers, Laney Hendry (front) and Kelley Labus.

Photo by Maureen Moore



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Multiple fires broke out in Covelo Sunday afternoon, with the first fire, at Highway 162 and Cemetery Lane, reported at 1:01 pm. Official information has it that one home, three barns and several other small outbuildings were completely destroyed by the fire. But locals say two families lost their homes, with others displaced who'd been living in one of the barns. No one was injured, although some vehicles were burned.

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## Higher city pool rates take effect

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charges Higher for summertime swimming went into effect Wednesday at the city pool. Willits City Council members voted at the end of last month to

If all goes according to

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## Covelo man held in pot grow killing

Sheriff's deputies arrested 66-year-old John Ross, Sr. of Covelo on suspicion of shooting a Ukiah man to death Monday evening at a Refuse Road home in Round Valley.

The shooting reportedly occurred just before 7 pm in the 22000 block of Refuse Road, sheriff's Lt. Greg Stefani reported, at a "marijuana grow site consistent with medical marijuana requirements."

Deputies responding to the scene received "multiple reports identifying the suspect as ... Ross,' Stefani said. Ross had been

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**Tri-county pot raids net 86,500 plants** 

marijuana plants.

## increase rates.

At the time of the hearing, pool staff was already busy. The pool's first round of swim lessons were booked, and new instructors were coming by off-the-clock to prepare for the season, Pool Manager Jacob Stubberfield said.

For help in setting new rates, the city examined pool fees in Fort Bragg, Ukiah and at the KOA campground, City Manager Adrienne Moore said.

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'Vague' road map for county mental health services approved

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The Mendocino County Mental Health Advisory Board approved the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Components Plan at a June 23 special meeting in Ukiah. The 83-page document will serve the board and the county as a road map for mental health services during fiscal year 2015-2016.

The board took comments from members regarding the contents of the plan,

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willitsweekly@gmail.com uncovered extensive damage to and Trinity county sheriff's deputies - marked the largest

pot eradication operations since 2011's "Operation Full Court Press," a six-county action that destroyed some 630,000 plants in Mendocino National Forest, Sheriff Tom Allman said at a press conference on the raid Friday.

North Coast streams as well as netting more than 86,500

In addition to the plants, almost \$9,000 in cash, several firearms and thousands of pounds of dried pot, were confiscated from the area - where Mendocino, Humboldt and Trinity counties meet - by 30 to 40 sheriff's deputies assisted by state Fish and Wildlife officers.

Read more of Pot Over on Page 5

# Last week's raids - carried out by Mendocino, Humboldt William Cutlip

## A voice in support

To the Editor: The news is out that the recent ballot initiative to create a Cannabis Commission fell short of the 6,000 required signatures to get on the ballot. I support the cannabis community's attempts to draft common-sense local regulations. They seek to protect the interests of Mendocino County from the tsunami of legalization legislation coming down the pike. It was a mischaracterization when the press

stated this group was working to wrest control or to "turn over" decision-making power to this appointed board. The initiative specifically details that it is advisory only. It equine instructors and volunteers that work is like the Laytonville Municipal Advisory Commission, which is appointed to advise the board of supervisors on policy affecting Laytonville. Groups such as these provide local expertise on topics that the BOS may not understand.

The Cannabis Commission members would be appointed by the BOS and would hold no legislative power. The group that developed the initiative consists of Mendocino County residents that want to become legitimate. These farmers are voluntarily developing "best practices" to protect our waterways, limit their environmental impact and comply with existing laws.

It is important to carefully examine the impacts of statewide legalization efforts on our local economy. How better to analyze this than to share information with the people who are directly involved? When legalization comes to pass, it will be the counties that have engaged stakeholders. law enforcement and local experts that will succeed in weathering the winds of change. I encourage the board of supervisors to consider adding a Cannabis Commission Initiative to the ballot. If they need to alter the existing draft to calm concerns about the commission having too much influence, then they should do so. Mendocino County needs to keep focused on this issue to protect our economy. We should not squander this opportunity to lead the way in crafting sensible local policy.

Holly Madrigal, Willits

## Claws for a Cause

#### To the Editor:

The Willits Rotary and South Ukiah Rotary Clubs are combining efforts to plan a fundraiser benefiting T.R.A.I.L. (Teaching Riding as an Access to Independence and Learning). T.R.A.I.L. is a therapeutic riding program dedicated to providing horseback therapy to improve the lives of those who are challenged physically, developmentally, socially and emotionally.

A live Maine mobster and filet mignon dinner is planned for the evening of September 5.

# What do YOU think?

#### Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

The Ridgewood T.R.A.I.L. Riders with the county to develop a nonlethal Association was started by a group of program, but were spurned at every turn. If the county had only acted within reason 4-H'ers in 1993 and is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. With family support and the and within the law, this whole protracted financial assistance of the Willits Rotary and expensive legal battle could have been Club, the program took off. T.R.A.I.L. is averted, and the people of Mendocino located on the beautiful 5,000 acre historic County would have been better served by Ridgewood Ranch about five miles south of a humane wildlife management program Willits and serves around 25-30 individuals that benefits everyone. But because of the board's bullheadedness, we are all paying with special needs year-round.

a dear price, especially the wild animals Program director Erin Holzhauer is a PATH that are now being mercilessly slaughtered. Inc. certified instructor and one of the original 4-H founders. "The exceptional

Jon Spitz, Laytonville

tirelessly here are what really make this Cannabis and water use program work" said Holzhauer. "Without

them my job would be impossible. Also, we To the Editor: must not forget the horses. They provide Thank you for having concerns about water

the magic that brings out the best in our and the environment. We as growers wish to be in compliance with sensible and fair Tickets for this exceptional event are \$80 regulations, inspections and fees. We want per person and are limited. Tickets are to be considered as agriculture, as well as available at Willits Furniture Center, 775 be recognized for our longterm economic Central Avenue in Willits, 707-459-4224, and cultural contributions to our county and at The Mendocino Book Company, and state. We care for the landscape and 102 South School Street in Ukiah, 707would like to see its abusers change their 468-5940. If you would like to be an event practices.

sponsor or if you would like to make a The biggest concern for all farmers in donation, contact Willits Rotarian Mike California right now is, of course, water. Smith, 707-972-2471 or South Ukiah It seems that everyone is looking for Rotarian Beth Schwarz, 707-391-7049. someone else to blame. Clearly each of us in the exploding human population

Mike Smith, for the Willits Rotary Club Less than good faith

## To the Editor:

clients.

1900. More people simply use more water. Nonetheless, many want to point the finger Mendocino County was put on notice at cannabis growers. There have been 40 years ago by the California Attorney many estimates of the amount of water General to consider alternatives to the cannabis cultivation requires. Who would county's lethal wildlife management know better than the growers themselves? program, yet in all these intervening years But we never get asked. the county has done nothing to comply with Mendocino Cannabis Policy The

Council, along with the Emerald Growers

Association, has polled numerous cannabis

cultivators about their water usage. From

this order. One year ago a coalition of wildlife protection organizations including Project Covote, the Center for Biological Diversity and the Animal Legal Defense Fund informed the

these results we derived, with great help from Casey O'Neill, a formula which is: county board of supervisors of their intention 1 gallon per 1 day to produce 1 pound of to sue the county for non-compliance with cured cannabis flower buds (1:1:1). the California Environmental Quality Act, So how much water does cannabis really which requires that the county complete

an Environmental Impact Report that use? Even using the Fish and Wildlife must include consideration of nonlethal numbers [6 gallons per plant per day], wildlife management alternatives. Upon which seem high, it still comes out to only 2 threat of this lawsuit, the county agreed gallons per eighth of an ounce. to temporarily suspend its lethal program Our canvassing indicates that most and to hear a presentation by the plaintiffs cannabis farmers grow plants that average between 2 and 4 pounds. One eighth acre

on nonlethal alternatives in exchange for dropping their lawsuit. (50 feet x 100 feet with 50 cannabis plants) would use 24,000 gallons per season (8 After this presentation to the board took

place on May 5, 2015, the county made months = 240 days) to produce 50 2 pound no further attempt to engage with the plants (2 gallons per day x 240 days x 50 plants) or 480 gallons per plant. A 2 pound plaintiffs over nonlethal methods, and at plant divided into 1/8ths of an ounce yields their June 16, 2015 meeting, the board decided unanimously to continue with 256 eighths. Thus the whole garden with 50 plants would produce 12,800 eighths of an its lethal program, claiming a CEQA exemption based on a negative declaration ounce. (A 1/8 ounce is a standard retail unit like 1 pound of beef or 1 bottle of wine or 1 of environmental impacts. can of almonds.) From this sequence of events, it appears Each 1/8th ounce then requires 1.875 clear that the county only agreed to hear the plaintiffs' presentation as a means of gallons (24,000 gal/12,800). It has been insulating its claim of a CEQA exemption widely reported that to produce a pound of beef requires at least 1,500 gallons of water. and that they never had any real intention of considering nonlethal alternatives. In Wine uses between 180 to 400 gallons per bottle. Almonds need 1 gallon per nut or other words, the county about 100 gallons per can; broccoli takes bargained with the plaintiffs in less than good faith. about 5 gallons per head; avocados about 75 gallons per pound. Rather than engage the But, wait! The same plant that produces 2 plaintiffs in meaningful discussion of nonlethal pounds of cured finished flower buds also produces at least 1/2 pound of "little bud" or alternatives, the county, at great expense to the "smalls," which farmers and dispensaries taxpayers, hired an outside often donate to needy patients, sell at a law firm from Sacramento steep discount, or consume themselves as to defend its claim of a everyday smoke. It will also produce at least CEQA exemption. Despite 1/2 pound of "shake." The leftover smalls this outside counsel's and the shake can then be processed to make concentrates, edibles, tinctures, demonstration of a complete lack of knowledge about salves, oils, etc. All that additional product, how ecosystems function, all that value added, with no additional the county BOS chose to water required. ignore all the evidence The California Department of Fish and presented to the contrary Wildlife published a report on cannabis and to accept their absurd growing in Mendocino and Humboldt, legal contention that killing highlighting three typical valleys. They hundreds of wild animals a concluded that there were about 26,000 year has no environmental plants in Outlet Creek valley. The implied impacts. conclusion, based on an assumption of 6

A closer analysis points at a different result. Using Fish and Wildlife numbers, which most farmers consider too high, 6 gallons a day for the peak growing season of 150 days of summer means

900 gallons per plant, which is the same as a 3.75 pound plant for 240 days in our formula (1:1:1), which would require about 2 gallons per one eighth. If there were 400 sungrown plants in an acre (each with 10' x 10' canopy in a 200' x 200' area), 26,000 plants need 65 acres.

At 900 gallons per plant per season, 26,000 plants use 23,400,000 gallons per season, or 3,128,342 cubic feet of water. Twenty three million gallons equals 71 acre feet of water, which means that 12 inches of water falling on 71 acres would provide enough water for the entire 65 acre cannabis crop of Outlet Creek valley, as long as it is properly captured and stored in the rainy season to then be used in the dry months. Even in dry years Mendocino County receives about 40 inches of rain, and Outlet Creek valley covers 103,616 acres, according to Fish and Wildlife.

A questionable assumption in the report is that greenhouse plants, with a canopy of 5' x5', would use the same amount of water as sun-grown plants.

Nor does the report address the possibility that some greenhouse crops are 'light dep' grows, which would be harvested in August and so use no water at all in the driest months. Missing entirely in the report is any identification of an individual garden's actual source of water. There is no mention shares the responsibility. Since 1970, the of storage tanks, ponds, springs, wells, or population of California has doubled. Today the possibility that water was captured in there are 38 million people in our beautiful the rainy months and stored for use in July state, 26 times the 1.45 million residents in and August.

The unsubstantiated assumption is that all

the water came only from Outlet Creek, but the report does not mention the discharge flow of Outlet Creek at all. To demonstrate the effect of increased cannabis acreage they would have to show tables of water discharge at Outlet Creek over a period of 10 to 15 years. I doubt such data exists. The Fish and Wildlife report references only the monthly discharge of the Van Duzen River at Bridgeton in Humboldt County. Nevertheless, using their numbers, the flow at Bridgeton at the lowest rate in September (when most growers are actually cutting back on watering, as harvest begins for some strains in September), is 7 cubic feet /second or 4,502,960 gallons per day. The 26,000 plants at Outlet Creek use 4,680,000 gallons for the whole month! At the driest time, one day's flow would water all the plants for 30 days: that is 3 percent of the discharge, not 20 percent. The smart farmer knows the creeks always have low flow in August and accordingly captures and stores water for the dry season.

If there are 100 valleys in Mendocino



# 'A Rural Life'

## Center for the Arts open on Independence Day to showcase July exhibit

of just what makes life in our rural

area so distinctive. The July Willits Art

Center show is a continuation of their

Life in the country is special. The Willits Center for the Arts artist to volunteer, and opening this Friday of the mixed-media exhibit, "A Rural Life," will the center is always in showcase local artists' interpretations need of volunteers!

Jenny Senter Features Writer

goal to coordinate the July exhibit to match the theme of the Willits Frontier Days celebration.

The Willits Art Center has changed its hours during this opening week to accommodate the July 4th Willits Frontier Days tooled leather items. Blacksmith schedule. The opening reception will be on Friday, July 3, from 4 pm to 7 pm (one hour earlier than usual). Scoops will cater the event. and families are welcome. and

The gallery, located at 71 East Commercial Street, will also be open on Saturday, July 4, from 10 am to 2 pm to allow parade attendees to visit before and after the parade. The show will then continue with the regular hours of Thursday and Friday, 4 to 7 pm, and Saturday and Sunday, 12 to 4 pm. The show will run through July 26.

Organizers of the art show, Ann Maglinte and Nancy Nazarian Reed, stressed that the Willits Art Center belongs to

all members of the community. They want to remind everyone that you do not need to be an artist to be involved in the art center or to attend the shows. The Willits Art Center is a beautiful space and is for everyone to enjoy.

They love to see families come to enjoy the opening receptions and the exhibits. Attending the art exhibits with children is a wonderful family activity that will expose you

> Top left: A branch in bloom by Sandy Strong. Top right: Lisa Bowles' appliqued quilt of the Shelton house in Sherwood valley. Above: A colored pencil drawing by Mikela Cameron. Left: Mike Underhill's hand-forged fireplace tools - and

# Far from the madding earthquake

One of my favorite bookstore displays is a table linking current movies with books: See the Movie, Read the Book or vice-versa. It's fun to see how the printed page has been converted to a visual format, or to find out more about complex characters and relationships. So far this

Fran Resendez

summer, I've seen two movies that lead to book EARTHOUAKE recommendations

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STORMS First. the disaster movie "San Andreas" THE FASCINATING features the infamous ISTORY AND earthquake fault as its main character. To **OLATILE FUTURI** find out more, I read F THE the recent publication IN ANDREAS FAU Storms" "Earthquake (2014) by John Dvorak, OHN DVORAK in paperback. Professor Dvorak, a

lecturer in geology and astronomy, is also a science journalist with a knack for storytelling. From the very first paragraph, he fills his book with human interest stories.

Pointing out that we live in a state with 700 active earthquake faults, Dvorak gives us a thorough history of guakes in California so that we can put the more recent activity into perspective. But, his focus is always on the people involved. We meet the botanist Alice Eastwood, who risked her life rescuing museum specimens during the San Francisco guake of 1906.

We are introduced to mathematician Charles Richter the inventor of our method of measuring the relative intensity of earthquakes, who was also a nudist. And we travel with Thomas Dibblee, a shy geologist with worn sneakers who tirelessly walked and mapped the state's landscape.

A lot of the state's geological study was connected with the search for valuables: gold, oil and commercial minerals. We've ended up with a wealth of information that now applies to discovering the pattern of ancient earthquakes in order to make better predictions. We can pinpoint which faults are likely to produce a sequence of major events over

a period of years what is known as an THOMAS HARDY earthquake storm This book would make Far from a great gift for science the Madding students, history buffs and people just Crowd moving to our state (!) The other movie saw is the recent

remake of "Far From

the Madding Crowd.

The original novel by

Thomas Hardy was

published in England

in 1874. At the time.



people thought it was a new one from George Eliot, but Hardy was a young writer "discovered" by Virginia Woolf's father, Sir Leslie Stephen.

This story is set in the bucolic landscape of fictional Wessex and is filled with lyric descriptions of rural life in an unspoiled environment. The serpent in this Garden in Eden is desire, obsession and unrequited love all centered on the person of beautiful Bathsheba Everdeen. Three men are pursuing her, creating a romantic narrative that bridges the literary ga



Lisa Bowles, fiber artist, has contributed guilt hangings. She has found a fascinating way to share the written history of the Shelton house in Sherwood valley onto an appliqued guilt. Ann Maglinte and Nancy Nazarian Reed will show their ever-popular watercolors

Oils and acrylics will be contributed by Lynne Whiting Robertson, Robert Yelland, Margaret Pirrouette, and Peggy Hebrard. Teresa Robertson will also show her paintings showcasing her love for animals

Photography of our area will be contributed by artists David Smith, June Ruckman (whose photo graces the poster for the show), Steve Eberhard, David Weitzman, Maria Steffen, Bob Wilkinson, Bruce Haanstra, Melissa Mondo and Ree Slocum. For more information about the Willits Art Center or the "A Rural Life" show, go to www.willitscenterforthearts.org. To volunteer

and your children to seeing the world through the eyes of an artist. with the Willits Art Center, please contact Nancy Nazarian Reed It is also not necessary to be an at 459-1239.



2015. This event, a combined effort of the Ridgewood T.R.A.I.L. Riders Association, Willits Rotary Club and South Ukiah Rotary Club, will be an evening to remember. The evening will feature dinner, live music by "The Bassics." appetizers, local wines, beer. live and silent auctions, site tours and a heartwarming video. The setting is at the charming Charles Howard House lawn, with tables surrounding the life size bronze statue of the legendary racehorse, Seabiscuit. All proceeds will benefit T.R.A.I.L.

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On many occasions the gallons of water per day per plant, was that

plaintiffs offered to work cannabis was drying up the creeks.

online transaction!

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County growing 30,000 plants, there would be a total of 3,000,000 plants in the county on 7,500 acres needing 7,844 acre feet of water, which is 2,556,000,000 gallons per season. In March, Van Duzen Creek discharges 1,286,560,000 gallons per day; in June, it puts out 321,776,320 gallons per day. Thus, in March, two days of flow would

water Outlet Creek valley for the season. In June it would take eight days flow for the whole crop.

If one were allowed to grow 400 plants per acre using 900 gallons per plant, it would need 360,000 gallons per acre per season or 1.1 acre feet water per acre per season.

Mendocino County has approximately 16,500 acres of vineyards, using 25,000 gallons of water per acre per week over a 24 week season. This is 600,000 gallons x 16,500 acres = 9,900,000,000 gallons or 30,381 acre feet of water, while Mendocino's entire cannabis crop uses 7,844 acre feet, if there are 100 valleys growing.

The Mendocino Cannabis Policy Council and the Emerald Growers Association promote responsible organic cultivation in harmony with our environment and work to educate farmers about best practices.

Farmers who cultivate this magnificent healing herb conscientiously with love need to be protected as they work to sustain the environment and bring people pure medicine.

We love our mountains as much as the next person.

Swami Chaitanya, Laytonville



This is Robin, is a young energetic puppy,  $\ 8$ months old, spayed female. Shy, sweet good with other dogs, kids and adults. She loves people. Luckily Robin has been adopted!!!

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How To Sudoku:

Level: Intermediate



#### COLUMN | Linda on the law

## How do I find a good lawyer?

Finding the best lawyer for your particular legal needs can be a difficult and confusing job. A United States Supreme

Linda McNiel Columnist

upon freedom of speech as guaranteed by the First Amendment.

The question whether advertising is misleading or fraudulent is left to the state bar associations. Even with state bar regulation, lawyer advertising makes it difficult to distinguish between the "hype" and the true knowledgeable and dedicated professional

For example, if a person is arrested, their name appears on a list which is obtained by various reporting agencies, who in turn sell this information to attorneys. If you are on that list, you may receive a letter or glossy magazine from attorneys who have purchased this information. These letters or magazines blanket certain areas, sometimes the entire state. This form of advertising is commonly called "jail mail."

The attorney who signs the letter or seems to publish the magazine is not necessarily the actual attorney who would be representing you. Attorney fees are paid to the soliciting attorney, but you should find out who will be representing you in court

Be careful of photos that appear to show a lawyer on a TV news program, as if this particular lawyer's opinion has been sought after by the local and national news media. This is rarely the case

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!

CLUES ACROSS

10. Woodcutter hero Ali

14. Aquatic reptile (abbr.)

16. Chemical compounds

15. Cape Verde capital

18. "All \_\_\_\_\_ on deck"

19. Roman public squares

20. Leavened rum cakes

23. Large hero sandwich

27. London radio station

32. Brake horsepower

35. In a way, removes

37. Bridge-building degree

38. Mother of the Titans

40. choy: Chinese

42. Blue goose genus

43. Take in solid food

45. Chop with an axe

44. Speak incoherently

46. Wrapped package (abbr.)

41. A.K.A. rose-red spinel

22. Quilting gathering

24. Oprah's BFF

30. Downwind

31. Frosty

39. Nostrils

47. Auricle

cabbage

17. Maple genus

1. Suns

5. Bog

## **Questions? Comments?** willitsweekly@gmail.com criminal matter To be truly able to keep current with new and emerging court decisions and legislative actions,

it is sometimes necessary for an attorney to dedicate his or her practice to one main area of the law. The state bar and other attorney organizations give these specialist designations to attorneys who have achieved a certain level of expertise in their chosen area. Court decision The phone book has been the traditional in the 1970s printed method of advertising. Located at the end permitted lawyers of the attorney section, you will find the names to advertise based and contact information again, but this time listed under areas of concentration or specialization.

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you to someone they may know, or you can ask a local attorney for a referral. The phone book can give you that list of names under specific practice sections, but just ignore the "hype." You can view the State Bar of California web site and find an attorney who practices in your geographical area, as well as see if any actions for professional misconduct have been taken against that attorney. The many lawyer web sites are not very helpful, as they are mostly self-serving, although an attorney's individual web site can be helpful.

Make an appointment to talk with the attorney, as most do not charge for a first consultation. You can decide whether this person is someone you can work with.

Find an attorney who practices in the area of the law in which you need an attorney, someone you can communicate with, who is respected by other attorneys, and who charges a professional but reasonable fee. Ask around, call attorneys for referrals, and make an appointment to speak



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On weekdays, riders will continue to be able to ride the











More of Pot grows taking place" in the remote Island Mountain region.

#### Allman said the raids were From Page 1 undertaken after law enforcement officers received numerous complaints from "pilots flying over the area and local people upset over the

Deputies arrested four people - three in Mendocino County and one in Trinity County - but most growers reportedly took off before law enforcement officers arrived. Allman said he suspected they'd been tipped off by radio eports about the operation.

Arrested in Mendocino County were Marina E. Rodriguez, 51, of Olympia, Washington; Michael W. Barlick, 69, of Piercy; and Ronny D. Wade, 52, of Austin, Texas. They were booked into county jail, and released after posting

Most people are familiar with medical specialists with possible attorneys to help you with your lega issues like orthopedic surgeons, who treat bone injuries or diseases, or cardiologists, who treat heart Linda McNiel is an attorney with more than 35 years legal

disease. Attorneys are also specializing. Because you wouldn't make an appointment with a cardiologist to replace your knee, you wouldn't hire a family law specialist to represent you on a designated her a "DUI & DMV Specialist."

## It's time for another round of Willits Weekly's 'Phrase Find

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Every month, a random week - or multiple weeks - will be chosen for Willits Weekly to run our Phrase Find contest. The contest will feature five phrases that can each be found in an ad in the current edition. Each phrase will match only one advertisement. The first person to EMAIL the correct answers to willitsweekly@gmail.com will win a prize.

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**RODEO TICKETS** July 5 as correct if they include the COMPLETE NAME OF THE

ad where the phrase is found. Winners will be replied to via email and will receive instructions on how to get their prize

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Molly is a 4-year-old female Akita Husky mix who currently weighs 64 pounds. She is a sweet, mellow girl. Molly lived with other dogs in her previous home, but at the shelter she seems unsure of them and tends to avoid or

ignore them. We imagine this is just because so many dogs can be overwhelming, but she should meet any potential doggie siblings before adoption. This gorgeous girl is smart and attentive, and makes wonderful, easygoing company. She likes walks and wandering in the yard, but we think she's most interested in finding her human best friend.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6 pm. We have many wonderful dogs and cats, awaiting their forever homes here. To view photos and bios of more of our wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website: www.mendoshelterpets.com or visit our shelter during shelter hours. More info about adoptions: 467-6453.

OBITUARY

Photo by Rod Coots

## Lillian Marie Silveira

Lillian Marie Silveira passed May 11, 2015 at the age of 96.

Lillian was a resident of Willits for 44 years. She was a devoted wife and mother. She loved to travel and go on hunting and fishing trips with the love of her life, her husband, Tony E. Silveira. They often made trips to Canada to visit family. Her dream was to visit the Azores and Portugal, the birth places of her and her husband's parents.

She had a great love for cooking and going through cookbooks to try new recipes

Gardening was another love; she and

Tony always had vegetable and rose gardens. They always had beautiful roses, blooming trees and bushes at their home on the corner of Crest Drive and Blosser Lane in Willits. In later years, they had to sell their home as the yard became too much for their golden vears

She will be remembered for her beautiful smile and always upbeat happiness when meeting new and old friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tony, and her daughter Loretta. She is survived by her daughter Elaine King of Willits, grandsons Tim King and Tony Espicha of Ukiah, great-grandchildren Jordan King of Rohnert Park and Kiona King of Ukiah, and her little white toy poodle Sandy.

Any donations, please make to St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 61 West San Francisco Avenue, Willits, CA 95490.

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Mendocino County served search warrants on nine sites, Humboldt County authorities served seven warrants; and Trinity County served four warrants along a 12-mile swath of land "about a one-hour drive from the nearest paved road," Allman said.

The north county area, composed of parcels ranging in size from 40 acres to 160 acres,

contained one of the Read the rest of Over on Page 15 highest concentrations

Top left: Cut marijuana plants inside a hoophouse. Top center: More hoophouses. Sheriff Allman said most of the plants eradicated on Island Mountain were "light dep" (light deprivation) plants: Growers use tarps to simulate the days getting shorter, to force the plants into flowering stage earlier. Top right: Law enforcement found tents and "plywood buildings" on some of the undeveloped parcels where those tending the plants were living. Above: Turning cannabis into mulch. Above left: Loading marijuana plants into the shredder.

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#### The rest of From Page 1 Budget

plan, the district will be employing 235 people, an increase of 32 workers over 2013-14, the last lean year the district continuously becoming obsolete. went through.

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New hires include Danny Wheaton a comprehensive way to deal with
as principal of Brookside Elementary
School; David Patterini, new principal
of Blosser Lane Elementary School;
veteran teacher Nancy Runberg, the
new English Language Development
coordinator for the district; Loree
Newland as a full-time counselor
for Baechtel Grove Middle School;
Robert Chavez as the new principal
of Willits High School and Sanhedrin
High School; Jeffrey Ritchley as dean
at Baechtel Grove Middle School;
and John Putt as wood shop and
construction arts teacher at Willits High
School.
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#### Johnson rebuffed, supported at meeting

Johnson had sought board support for five important things at the meeting. She wanted the board to approve the budget, to approve a plan to replace lighting equipment throughout the district using "free" Prop 39 funds, to approve two new positions: a network systems manager and a human resources director, and to approve a contract with WestED, a consulting firm specializing in providing strategies for teaching English to non-English speaking students. She got everything she wanted except the network systems manager.

Over the past several months, Johnson has been telling the board the district needs to expand its capacity to manage its technology. In February, she asked trustees to approve a new director of technology position, but the board rejected that idea.

Wednesday, she returned to the board with a proposal for a new position she said would perform some director of technology duties: a network systems manager.

Trustee Laurie Harris reminded Johnson the board had rejected her idea of creating a director of technology position. "Why then would we want to create a network systems manager, which to me sounds a lot like a director of technologies, for an extra \$20,000?"

The rest of City The rest of Pool | From Page 1 general fund imbalance. much as we can with increasing costs," Mayor Bruce Burton she said

commented on this year's Rate increases started Wednesday budget efforts after the vote. included a \$1 increase for open swimming "I normally do not vote for to \$5; a 20-swim pass increased \$10 to an out-of-balance budget, \$80

Johnson argued the position was a Qualified Zone Academic Bond. needed, pointing out the use of Revenues from the QZAB bond would technology in the district was only be used to purchase new heating and air-conditioning systems at Willits High going to expand with the passage of time, while new technologies are School and Blosser Lane Elementary

approach it currently uses.

with Harris voting against.

added to.'

Energy retrofitting

one and a half years.

School The district. Johnson said, needs Kiefert's information was preliminary and tentative, and did not specifically its technology needs, instead of the address the Prop. 39 portion of the project. Instead, he talked about the Brought to a vote the issue failed, QZAB part of the project and presented 2-2, with trustees Cynthia Carni and three scenarios to the board. Under Saprina Rodriguez voting yes, and the first scenario, if the district chose Alex Bowlds and Harris voting no. to pay off the QZAB bond in 17 years, it would spend roughly \$1.8 million to However, the board unanimously realize a savings of \$1.2 million over supported creation of a new director of human resources post. The HR 25 years

director will "facilitate the recruitment, Under a second scenario, which screening and placement of classified estimated savings from the lighting and certificated personnel in the project at 50 percent of California district," as well as 36 other areas Energy Commission estimated of work. For the past several years, savings, the district would spend the job has been done by Laura \$1 million over 10 years to see a Sleeper, the executive secretary to the cumulative savings of \$1.2 million over superintendent as well as secretary 25 years.

of the board of trustees. A motion to A third scenario, which calculated create the position was approved 3-1, energy and dollar savings at 100 percent of CEC estimates, showed the Longtime Brookside Elementary district would spend \$1 million over 10 School teacher and Willits Teachers years to see a dollar savings of \$2.1 Association representative Paula million over 25 years.

Nunez spoke against what she sees as Bowlds asked district Financial a disturbing trend in district re-staffing. Officer Tanya Michel if taking on "We are going back to the topadditional debt would hurt the district. heavy [administration we had] two or Michel said it would affect the district's three years ago, when top-heavy was credit rating and debt ratio. not a good thing and positions were

Johnson admitted the "second chopped," Nunez said. "By now, all of phase" was risky. "We may not have them have not only been replaced but the resources to pay the debt," she said. "We have some expenses coming down the pike, including having to buy two new buses at \$180,000 each."

Trustees also tentatively approved Johnson recommended approving a plan to retrofit all electric lights and the first phase of the project - the lighting fixtures throughout the district. lighting retrofit project using "free" Prop to save energy and money. Most of 39 money – and then to take a second the funding for the project will come look at the QZAB second phase in six from state Prop. 39 funds: \$544,280

months over a five-year period. The district The motion called for the district's would pay \$45,000 and, according to Trustee Alex Bowlds, would recover legal counsel to review and approve the contract with Indoor Environmental that investment in energy savings in Services and for district administration to bring a resolution before the board In addition, the board heard a at its August meeting, where final presentation by Hank Kiefert of approval of the Prop. 39 portion of the Indoor Environmental Services on a project will be determined.

proposed second stage of the energy The motion to "tentatively" support retrofitting project. Kiefert proposed using savings from the Prop 39 project the Prop. 39 project was approved to leverage money from the state for unanimously.

The rest of Services | From Page 1 From Page 1 "The city is not looking to make money most of which reflected editorial concerns about the on the pool; we are looking to keep up as

presence of language from the previous plan. The board also discussed the need to increase public participation and to enhance the public's understanding of how the Mental Health Services Act is supposed to function.

"I still think we're going to have to increase participation at the [public] forums," said board Specific effects of a rate increase Chairman John Wetzler. "We're going to have to make phone calls, and we're going to have to talk to people a couple of days in advance in order to get the public to come. And we're probably going to have to go to our providers to find out how to get that information out. But I think if we actually make phone calls near the time of the meeting, it would increase public participation.'

# **'Zero tolerance'**

## for holiday fireworks, officials warn

As the Fourth of July holiday approaches, CalFire Mendocino Unit Chief Christopher Rowney and Brooktrails Fire Department Chief Daryl Schoeppner remind area residents that fireworks are banned both within Brooktrails and throughout Mendocino County.

"The Brooktrails Fire Department will be on patrol during the Fourth of July holiday weekend looking for illegal fireworks; those in possession of fireworks will be cited, Schoeppner warned. "We will maintain a zero tolerance on fireworks, and we encourage you to report any fireworks activity.

Possession of illegal fireworks such as sky rockets, bottle rockets, roman candles, aerial shells, firecrackers and other types that explode, go into the air, or move on the ground in an uncontrollable manner can lead to a possible fine of up to \$50,000 as well as prison time or jail for up to one year, Rowney said.

"Fireworks are inherently dangerous and can quickly change a safe and happy Fourth of July holiday into a sad and costly one," he added, noting "children are at the greatest risk of injury."

"Parents or guardians are responsible for any willful acts of minors which result in injury or death to another person or damage to another person's property," Rowney warned. "This includes the reimbursement costs for fire suppression caused by illegal actions and negligence

And CalFire Director Chief Ken cautioned that "as [the state] heads into the fourth summer of a severe drought, it is more important than ever that everyone use an abundance of caution to avoid sparking a fire.

Rowney and Schoeppner encourage Mendocino County residents and tourists to enjoy the Fourth of July by watching professional fireworks displays available in a few Mendocino County communities, including Saturday's annual salmon barbecue in Fort Bragg.

For more information, contact Brooktrails Fire Department at 459-*AAA*<sup>1</sup>

## **Frontier Days parade:** parking restrictions will be enforced

Several thousand people are expected to line Main Street Saturday for the annual Willits Frontier Days parade. What paradegoers won't see, however, are parked cars along the parade route, or on the streets down which Willits police officers will be detouring Main Street traffic.

Frontier Days volunteers and WPD officers will be posting "no parking" signs along the parade and detour routes before the parade.

Volunteers also will be delivering notices to residences situated along the parade and detour routes, detailing parking restrictions.

"We ask everyone to avoid parking along those routes prior to, or during, the parade, to ensure the safety of parade participants, spectators, and both vehicular and pedestrian traffic," says Willits Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez.

"Vehicles left standing in violation of 'no parking' notices will be subject to tow," he adds.

Anyone with questions regarding parade parking restrictions may contact the Willits Police Department at 459-6122.

"And the target population? For this county, there's people that speak Spanish. And it mentions over and over again the need, but it doesn't mention how it's going to happen.... It doesn't say how we're going to be reaching the Latino population, who are not getting services at this point.

"There's a lot of work put into this," Ortiz noted, but I'd like to see some measurements.



# Hot days, cool sounds A legendary lineup at the Kate Wolf Music Festival





There were two central issues that everyone who attended the Kate themselves out in the sun, but way Wolf Music Festival in Laytonville up front, close to the stage. last weekend had to address: One, There were also a few Feckless the heat. Daytime temperatures Wanderers who found themselves ranged into in both camps, from time to the mid-90s on William Cutlip time; most of these carried Thursday, Friday cameras and notebooks. A

Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com swell time was had by all. The other issue faced by only making it to 90. Shade was

at a premium, and festival goers quickly divided into two groups: Good Planners, who positioned their blankets and folding chairs in exactly the right place to maximize shade throughout the day; and

and Sunday, with

Saturday's high

True Fans, the people who put times. One was never really alone "Attendance for this year's festival was close to a sellout," said festival producer Bob Barsotti. "We saw the highest attendance for any Kate Wolf Music Festival in our 20year history. It was a very diverse cross-section of people, with people coming from as far away as South Carolina.'

festival goers was: Who do you see? So it was well that the festival Because the lineup for this event – a grounds offered plenty of shade; it list that featured Smokey Robinson, was just hard to find, sometimes, Angelique Kidjo, Steve Earle, Judy especially near the stage. There Collins, Iron and Wine, Playing was always room in the "cooling For Change Band, The Waifs, Ms. misters" station, located near the Lisa Fischer and Grand Baton, center of the festival grounds, Lukas Nelson, Dan Hicks, Houston Jones, Roy Rogers, Emma's Revolution, Holly Near, The Wailin' Jennys, Charlie Musselwhite, Cris Williamson. Barbara Higbie, Poor Man's Whiskey, Hot Buttered Rum, Sherry Austin, Joe Craven, and the list is just getting started – was compelling to the point of being overwhelming. How, exactly, does

where one could stand and get comfortably wet and then enjoy some evaporative cooling, and a number of wandering volunteer "misters" provided relief hither and yon across the festival grounds. And then there was the creek which was just deep enough in spots to immerse oneself in, and cool enough to carry with you as far as the next half-hour or so.

one take all this great music in? Fortunately, the sets were The performances themselves staggered in such a way that, were memorable, and although a lot of those older stars forgot some of as one legend's set was ending, some future legend's set was their lyrics (well ... and so did a lot of about to begin, at another stage the younger ones, really), they still not so far away. It was almost delivered. Judy Collins' voice broke convenient. vou might say, and just near the beginning of "Who Knows about everybody got all the aerobic Where the Time Goes," and the rest exercise they needed. There were of that performance was only good plenty of people on

the move across the Read the rest of Over on Page 13

At left: Roy Rogers Below, left: Judy Collins Below, right: Houston Jones

Far left: Smokey

Photos by William Cutlin



At left, center: Hot dancers. Left, below: Hot Buttered Rum.

but this one is awfully close

within a margin of error,' remain unknown to the city, but with the Burton said. He commended same number of users, the pool would city staff for getting a budget gain \$2,500 to \$3,000, Finance Director number the city has a good Susan Holmes said.

chance of covering. Stubberfield said he often talks with City Manager Adrienne pool users about purchasing a pool pass Moore said she was pleased to save money. with how the city's budget "It has been kind of off and on, as far process unfolded this year.

as people being OK with how things are "I felt like it was a much price-wise," he said. more collaborative process "Like everything we look at with the with all our different departments," Moore said. budget, this comes down to money," Councilman Ron Orenstein said. Moore complimented city Noting the pool's deficit of about staff and Finance Director \$45,000, Orenstein said the rate increases Susan Holmes, Public would not impact the pool's budget very Works Director Rod Wilburn and Police Chief Gerry much

Gonzalez. "A little increase will offset the losses some," Mayor Bruce Burton said, "I don't "We would bring back an amendment at the time think we are going to arrive somewhere in that neighborhood; I don't think we are [labor] negotiations are expecting to offset \$45,000 in this deal." concluded," Moore said. There may be a couple of Stephanie Rubin addressed council additional amendments members about her concerns for the to the budget as well, she working parents of Willits who cannot added. afford child care.

Looking beyond the "I think our pool is a gem in our general fund, the city's community," Rubin said. "Our pool serves sewer and water enterprise the largest bandwidth and cross section of funds remained unbalanced, Willits demographics in this community – with the sewer fund set to except for our library." lose \$311,092 and the water Councilwoman Madge Strong said she fund looking at a loss of thought adults would be better positioned \$934,885. financially to pay a higher rate. The city's community "I think adults can pay \$5 and not have services fund directs money an extra cup of coffee or something," said each year to a number Strong. "They can manage that." of organizations in the The rates proposed by City Hall fell on community. a 2-2 vote, but a version of the proposal This fiscal year, the city is with adjustments by Strong passed 3-1 set for a \$7,500 contribution with Orenstein voting "no." to the Willits Senior Center,

Talks about pool rate increases first \$1,000 to the Mendocino were heard at a council meeting earlier County Museum, \$6,000 to last month. Councilwoman Holly Madrigal Willits Community Services, suggested doubling the rates, and it was and \$3,000 to Our Daily decided to schedule a hearing to discuss the issue.

The city's contribution to Madrigal was absent from the June 24 the library dropped \$900 to meeting. \$100.

Bread.

Wetzler and other board members also expressed some concern by about the need to hold a special meeting just to approve the plan.

"We're looking to approve a plan we haven't discussed and wasn't on the agenda previously," said board member Jan McGourty, "so perhaps in the future it would be in the tickler file, that the mental health board reviews [the plan] at a certain time, and it's revised and then goes to public comment."

"I would be happy to fall on my sword," said Wetzler. "I feel real bad about the fact we had to have this meeting today, and I think the cooperation between the board and the MSHA folks needs to be better

"Last June 17," he said, "we had to have an action item on the agenda. And you and I both approved that agenda, and we didn't have an action item on it. And here we are. It cost the county money, and I don't think that should happen again

"I started adding up the months, and I said, 'Oh, this thing needs to be done! It's got to be voted on,' and that's what we're doing here today," Wetzler said. "I hope it doesn't happen next year. It did happen the previous year, on my watch, and it happened again. I don't want it to happen again.

Camille Schraeder, executive director of Redwood Children's Services Inc., proposed the board table any editorial concerns regarding the plan and approve it with minimal changes.

"This is a conceptual document," said Camille. "These are marching orders. It's not meant to be a legal document.

Others attending the meeting criticized the plan, as presented, for lacking specificity. "I've been looking at other mental health plans and

what I saw was numbers," said board member Dina Ortiz. "And that was what was lacking for me in this plan. There's no goals. It's not mentioned anyplace. "It's saying we're going to do this, we're going to do that, but how are you going to do that? What is your goal? Who are you trying to reach?

Ortiz also managed to project a more practical and human aspect on the board's deliberations, with particular regard to the mission of MHSA.

"Outreach doesn't mean you build this facility and people come to you," she said. "Outreach means you're out under the bridge, you're knocking on doors, and you're looking for people.

"I got real upset yesterday because a person I worked with for a long time is out on the streets,' Ortiz said. "She's psychotic - there's no ands, ifs or buts about it. It's been really hot ... no medication, no housing, just barely, barely making it. And she's telling me, Dina, I can't live out on the streets anymore because I'm too old.

"I'm sitting there thinking, what can I do? There's nothing I can do. And I hope we don't just drop the ball on the housing ...

"Just on a realistic basis, there's a lot of people who are homeless and psychotic and hanging out on the streets, and that's who the mental health plan is supposed to be serving: The under-the-bridge people," Ortiz said.

BB Grace, a consumer who regularly represents the public at Mental Health Advisory Board meetings, also criticized the plan for leaving out numbers and other specific details.

"I did comparisons with other counties," said Grace. "To me, this [plan] is an insult to this board. Because it's not saying who, what, when, where, why concisely, so that even a consumer like myself can take a look at it and spend very little time and know exactly what it's talking about.'

Grace added that the county mental health bureaucracy is itself responsible for many of the problems of the mentally ill in Mendocino County, particularly those who are prone to substance abuse. "You talk about substance abuse, well, that drug dealer's right there," said Grace. "Let me tell you, they're right there holding your hand. They're right

there knocking on your door. They're right there, reaching out, giving you every single opportunity to fall through the cracks. Because they're your friend. Whereas the county – it's 'Go see them.... Oops, no, go see them.

"But I think there's really good people here whose hearts are in the right places," Grace added, "and I thank you very much for your services."

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#### Friday, July 3

Senior Center BBQ Chicken Drive-Thru Dinner for 2: The Harrah Senior Center hosts a BBQ Chicken Drive-Thru Dinner for 2, on Friday, July 3 at the senior center, 1501 Baechtel Road. 5:30 to 6:30 pm. With a BBQd half chicken, rice, salad and brownies. Pre-Sale Tickets only: \$25 each, available at the senior center. All proceeds will go towards a new roof for the Senior Center. Sponsored by 101 Drive-In. Tickets come with a coupon from 101 Drive-In for a free Thai iced tea or \$2 off a burger. Info: Mariya at 459-6826.



"A Rural Life": the July show at the Willits Center for the Arts; opening reception tonight from 4 to 7 pm, 71 East Commercial Street. "This is a mixed media show celebrating Willits and the people who live in and around our town. This show will echo the theme of Willits Frontier Days, with work by our local blacksmith and leather worker, Mike Underhill, and his wife, Maryanne, and will feature tools of the West, including branding irons and clothing. There will also be paintings, photography, colored pencil drawings and more, all with a Western theme, from more than 20 artists. Scoops will cater the event, and families are welcome. The gallery will be open extra hours on July 4 from 10 am to 2 pm, to accommodate visitors before and after the parade, and will continue with regular hours: Thursday and Friday, from 4 to 7 pm, Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 pm, through July 26. See article on page 3 for more details, or visit www. willitscenterforthearts.org.

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

#### the coveted All-Around title.'

Western Dance: 9 pm at the Willits Rodeo Grounds. Music by Chris Gardner Band. Free admittance to event; beer and soda available for purchase. antique items. Noon

Shanachie Pub: Texas band Picklefish. 9 pm. \$5 cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194

Saturday, July 4 Independence Day, 2015!

WFD Horseshoe Competition: at 9 and coloring contest am at the Rec Grove. and Free to attend. Entry scavenger forms for competitors are "Take a step back available online, www. in time, and see the WillitsFrontierDays.com/ machines run that events. Entry fee is \$50 a built this great nation team, to benefit the Willits on her birthday High School baseball don't forget And, program. Goal: 20 teams. to ask to blow a Signups start at 10 am, with steam whistle! Roots games starting at 11 am. Motive Power of Info: Stephen Summers at located at 420 367-2435.

to 3 pm. This year,

there will also be a

very limited number

available for rides in

the diesel locomotive

cab. New this year: a

kids' coloring table

self-guided

rootsofmotivepower.com.

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paid tickets

"A Rural Life": the July show at the Willits Center for the Arts is open today from 10 am to 2 pm to accommodate visitors before and after the parade. See Friday, July 3 listing for details.

after the parade. Free hamburgers and hot WFD Main Street Independence Day Parade, starting at 11 am in downtown Willits. Free to attend. Theme this year is "Hee Haw Revisited," referencing the vintage "hillbilly" television show of the 1970s and 1980s. Get there early to grab a coveted spot in the shade or a great vantage point to see the vintage cars, horse groups, motorcycles and floats as they pass down Main Street from Commercial to East Valley Street. Parade features Grand Marshal Eddie Schmidbauer and Heritage Award winners Mary Burgess and Diane Ford. Entry forms for parade floats are available online, www. WillitsFrontierDays.com/events. Info: Kera Colvard at 272-0584

WFD Beef Barbecue, starting at noon at the Rec Grove Park. Lunch is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Tickets are available presale from any of the Sweetheart contestants. Tri-tip, bread, salad, beans and corn fill the plates and you can pick a spot on the lawn or at a picnic table in the shade to enjoy your meal.

Roots of Motive Power July 4th steamup: featuring free train rides, with the Cowan Trio singing on board, as well as the always impressive display of operating team and diesel equipment, such as the 1913 Willamette Yarder, the ever-popular Raymond Crane, and many other old and



WFD Lions Pancake

Breakfast, from 7 am to 11 am at the Rec East Commercial Street, right next to the Grove Park. Breakfast is \$8 for adults Mendocino County Museum. Info: www. and \$5 for children. Tickets are available presale from any of the Sweetheart Independence Day Block Party: at contestants. Let the Willits Lions Club and Grace Community Church, 25 Hazel other volunteers serve up a stack of hot Street (behind Flyer's Gas Station), right cakes alongside eggs, ham and juice or coffee on this last day of Fourth of July

dogs, plus singing, bounce house, cake festivities. Grab a seat at the picnic tables walk, games, and lots of fun. and enjoy

4. July

Roots

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WFD Black Bart Gunfighters Showcase. WFD Junior Rodeo, starting at 10 am at starting at 3 pm the Jack Tharp



Importance is given to a pre-skit gun safety demonstration.

459-3409 WFD CCPRA Rodeo, starting at 4 pm at the Jack Tharp Arena at the Willits Rodeo Grounds. Admittance is \$15 for box seats, \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are available presale from any of the

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grade rodeos throughout the state. The contestants participate in eight events

American Legion

 bareback, saddle of annual flowers, 12 varieties of herbs, bronc, team roping, and also lettuces. 363 Boscabelle Avenue, between San Francisco and East Valley. calf roping, steer wrestling, breakaway 10 am to 4 pm. Dates: Sunday, July 5, roping, barrel racing Saturday, July 18 and Sunday, July 19; and Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July and bull riding hoping to win the 26

Sunday Bingo: Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, Doors open at 10:30 am; snack bar opens at 11 am; bingo buy in \$10. Info: 459-6826.

WHS Class of '55 Reunion: Willits High School's Class of 1955 is planning a reunion - all 1950s classes are welcome! - at the Recreation Grove on Sunday, July 5, starting at 12:30 pm. "Bring lunch & chair and come visit!" Call Dee Tolman

at 456-9980 or Mary Durupt at 459-5052. Cowboy Poetry: open mic starts at 3

pm: featured artists start at 4 pm at the Willits Community Center. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$0 for children aged 6 to 12. Tickets are available presale from any of the Sweetheart contestants: any tickets remaining unsold will be available at the door. "Reciting poems and singing songs.... perfect ways to unwind after busy day. Come enjoy Western Entertainer of the Year, Juni Fischer, and Poets Extraordinaire, Jim and Karen Ross, while they regale you with poetry and music, cowboy-style!" Plus a



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> the fundraising golf tournament, set for Saturday, August 22.

## Sunday, July 12

Dust in My Coffee: a six-piece cowboy band of real cowboys performing at Willits Community Theatre at 2 pm. "This group of five men and one woman hails from the Sierra Nevada foothills and performs original songs that capture the spirit

What's Happening Around Town of the North American west. Their performance also expresses many of their own personal experiences in the saddle, at the ranch or the rodeo. The band's sound blends traditional Western instruments of guitar, banjo and drums, with the unique and fresh flavor of Celtic fiddles and bagpipes. Patrons

July Caregiver Support Meeting: 1 to 3 pm, at St. Francis Episcopal Church, searching for a taste of the Old West and Main and Commercial streets. "Caregiving the real cowboy life will find this band includes tending to the needs of others, eeding their hunger." Advance tickets are such as caring for an elder relative, \$15 and available at Mazahar, 38 South a disabled adult child, or friend. Self-Main Street; online at brownpaperstickets care during ongoing caregiver stress com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006 is the primary concern of our monthly Tickets will also available at the door until confidential meeting. Open to anyone who sold out. The WCT playhouse is located is dealing with these issues." Facilitated by at 37 West Van Lane, behind Shanachie



COLUMN | At the Movies



## **'Aloha**'

Ruthanne Volz, The Story: In Hawaii, Brian Gilchrist (Bradley M.A. Info: 707-Cooper), a military contractor, is hired by billionaire Carson Welch (Bill Murray) Daniel Essman

Thursday, to shepherd the Columnis space launch of a privately funded satellite. At the Hawaiian air base, Brian meets his former love Tracy (Rachel McAdams), who now is married, but in Brian's heart, the flames

are waiting to be fanned and, also, Brian has to come to terms with new feelings about beautiful Air Force fighter pilot Captain Ng (Emma Stone), so right there we have some serious fire in the sky.

> My Thoughts: Let's be perfectly honest, this movie got terrible reviews. Rotten Tomatoes gave "Aloha" 19 percent approval.

Also, hiring lily-white Emma Stone to portray a one-quarter Hawaiian lass, when there are perfectly fine Hawaiian actresses available, does give me pause. It's kind of insulting to the native-born, who are still smarting over the theft of their islands by Anglo-Americans.

Those criticisms acknowledged, I really liked the movie. It's romantic. The dialogue is sharp and intelligent. The story ends up being surprising and actually

and

lead actresses are

darn pretty (beauties

actually, what's wrong

Parents: It's a

romantic comedy:

Frankly, I think kids will

be bored. Teenagers

will probably be

Willitsian Daniel Essman

prefers his reality attenuated

by the wisdom of the

Music by Sonia McAlear

entertained.

with those critics?).

## **Ongoing Events**

at City Park on East Commercial Street, with produce, local meats and fish. local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

"A Rural Life": the July show at the Willits Center for the Arts. 71 East Commercial Street. "A mixed media show celebrating Willits and the people who live in and around our town." Opening reception is Friday, July 3 from 4 to 7 pm; see Friday, July 3 listing for more details.

Free English class/Clase de ingles gratis: Every Thursday at 7 pm / Cada jueves a las 7 pm. At the LDS church, 265 Margie Drive. Info: 707-758-8709.

Willits Frontier Twirlers: Monday night session at the Willits Center for the Arts. New beginner class runs from 7 to 8 pm, with dancing to follow from 8 to 9 pm. Singles and couples and all ages are welcome. Caller/teacher Lawrence Johnson. Singles and couples and all ages are welcome. \$20/month (to help pay the caller), with young dancer scholarships available. Questions? Contact Emmy Good at Emmy@pacific.net or Jenny Watts at Wattsup@gmail. com

Al-Anon Meeting: Every Thursday Night from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid at the Evergreen Shopping Center. "Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery."

Drop-in Knitting Circle: Due to popular demand, the Willits Library is holding the drop-in knitting circle every Saturday of the month, from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your projects to share and show off! We will have expert knitters on board who can solve any problems and teach everyone to knit! Bring your own projects - we'll supply the coffee! Sign-ups are not necessary - everyone is welcome to drop in."

Cards and Games at Willits Library: free games in the Willits Library's Community Room. Tuesday bridge sessions from 1:30 to 3:30 pm; Thursday bridge sessions from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Saturday free bridge classes, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm, for new and review students. Info: Donna at 459-9035. Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 pm: Chess: bring your chess set and have some fun with friends. All ability levels welcome. Info: Raymond at 841-0473.

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

Willits Community Drum Circle: 7 to 10 pm at the Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-493

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

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 10 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www. facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Open Mic every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7 pm. Movie Night every Tuesday. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room: Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street 459-2444. With Mr. Larry's New Orleans Outside BBQ Café Catering serving from 9 pm until 1:30 am. Questions? Call Mr. Larry: (707) 367-7865.

Open Mic Jam at Al's Redwood Room: Every Friday night, hosted by Dream Capsule Entertainment, featuring talented, established local musicians from all over Northern California. Jazz, Blues, Rock. New talent welcome. Al's Redwood Room, 207 South Main Street; starting at 9 pm. Mr. Larry's New Orleans Outside BBQ Café Catering serving from 9 pm until 1:30 am. Questions? Call Mr. Larry: (707) 367-7865. has some politica weight ... a message if Laytonville Summer Farmers Market: Mondays from 2:30 to 5:30 you will. Fine acting all pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Buy local: around. Some clever vegetables, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, crafts, hot soup, baked entertaining goods, and more. characters. The two



Thursdays

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week session: \$50

first child; \$45 second

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children are admitted for Tickets free. are available presale from any of the Sweetheart contestants.

Arena at the

More information: Al "Crusty" Robinson: of the CCPRA events, just on a smaller

Center for the Arts, through June and July. Gardener Devi Chase will be offering 16 varieties of perennial flowers, 16 varieties



Events at the junior rodeo include many scale. Calf and steer riding offer the little

ones a chance to get ready for the bulls,



New prices Senior Center at Willits

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2015 Redwood Empire Fair Lunch

performing together for the last time. 5 pm until dark. A "sock hop" dance to protect our newly refinished maple floor. Donation of \$10 for the Grange Hall floor repair. More Dead will be shown after the live

is the last show - streaming worldwide of a final 50th anniversary tour, with the four remaining original band members

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Monday, July 6

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WHS Boosters Club Meeting:

6 pm at the Willits High School Food Center. Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at WHS. Help with



#### Raffle Willits Post 174 is conducting a raffle to benefit its community programs, with raffle prizes including a 1898 Springfield 30-40 Krag-Collectors Rifle donated by the estate of Art Eck, WWII U.S. Army veteran, German POW, and Purple Heart recipient, at his request after his death. Prizes also include thermos, a Gas BBQ and many more prizes. Look for members of the American Legion selling raffle tickets in front of Safeway and at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo. Raffle drawing held on July 4; last chance to buy tickets at the Legion's table at the Rodeo Grounds on July 4. Raffle proceeds go towards: academic and vocational scholarships for two Willits High School graduates; American Legion Boy's State Program for a WHS junior; American Legion Oratorical Contest (subject: U.S. Constitution); holiday "gift packs" for deployed military personnel; local veterans in need; Boy/ Girl Scouts; Willits Food Bank and Phoenix

# Calling All Cooks: Healthy Harvest Workshop

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Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047

gardener April Cunningham of North Coast Opportunities, along with local farmer and caterer Caroline Radice of Black Dog Farm, for a Healthy Harvest Workshop at the Little Lake Grange, coming up on July 13.

Hospice.

Seasonal cooking is a wonderful way to eat healthier, celebrate our community, and support local farmers. Gardens are bursting with leafy greens, strawberries, beets, radishes, and turnips right now. Summer's bounty is coming in, too. You could expect to make jams, pickles, pestos, dressings, soups and vegetable entrées. You will also learn how to process, clean and store produce. There will be plenty of food and produce to take home, and recipes so you can repeat!

Preschool Group Rate/ per two-week session: Each class is unique and based on what is available that week from the farmers. The produce \$30 first child; \$25 used in the workshops thus far has been sourced from Covelo Organics, Lovin' Mama, Cerro additional child (same Negro, Sky Hoyt, Russian Creek and Green Uprising Farms.

Healthy Harvest Workshops are designed to develop food self-reliance. They are part of \$100/hour for up to 40 the Food PREP program at North Coast Opportunities, a California Department of Food and Agriculture grant-funded program that is cultivating connections from field to plate.

These workshops will help you to cook simple, healthy meals. Teacher Cunningham's \$120/hour for up to 120 This abundant experience and passion in the culinary, nutrition and gardening worlds will be sure to people. Water Aerobics entertainment inspire and leave you feeling nourished.

The next Healthy Harvest Workshop is Monday, July 13 from 3 to 6 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Cost is \$20 to cover the cost of the farmers' produce and all other material provided. Ask about getting a special class together for your group or organization. Contact April Cunningham to register at acunningham@ncoinc.org or 707-467-3212.

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Before we know it, entries will need to be City Pool Week of July 6 through July 10

signed, sealed and mailed to ensure inclusion in Willits City Pool, just the 2015 Redwood Empire Fair, held August 6 Monday: Stuffed French north of Willits High through 9 at the Ukiah Fairgrounds. This year's Bread Sandwich School, is open Monday theme is Western Round up. Tuesday: Chicken through Friday, with lap Entry guides are available online and at many

Cacciatore on Pasta swim from 6 to 8 am, local businesses, including J.D. Redhouse, swim lessons from 9 Wednesday: Meat Loaf and the Willits Chamber of Commerce, the Willits am to noon, open swim Gravy

Library and Gateway Realty. They are also from 1 to 4 pm, and Thursday: Turkey Tetrazzini available online, along with entry forms, at www. swim lessons/lap swim Friday: Egg Sausage and RedwoodEmpireFair.com. from 4 to 6 pm. Water Potato Bake

aerobics offered noon The first set, needing entries postmarked Harrah Senior Center by July 10, are the featured exhibits: entries to 1 pm, on Tuesdays, serves lunch five days per and for the Home Arts building, including crafts, week from 11:45 am to 1 Saturdays (closed July baked goods and canning, and for the Fine pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 4). On Saturday, the per meal; under 55 \$7 per Arts building, including photography, poetry and pool offers open swim, meal. Includes soup, entrée, aqua workshops and vegetable, bread, dessert,

private parties; with the and drink. 1501 Baechtel pool available for private Road. Info: 459-6826. parties on Sundays as

Class of 1995 well. New prices: \$5 per person (adults and Reunion children) for open swim and lap swim; \$3 per child, non-profit group of 1995 will hold a reunion

rate for open swim; at the Recreation Grove on

\$80 for 20-swim pass Sunday, July 5 from 2 to A healthy breakfast and lunch are provided 6 pm. Check "1995 Willits free to children 0-18 years old regardless of High School - 20 year income. Available Monday to Friday, June 22 reunion" on Facebook for to August 14. Blosser Lane Elementary, 1275 details or call Mary Colvig Blosser Lane. 8 to 8:30 am for breakfast; 11:30at 1-703-966-7531 or 12 noon for lunch. Questions? Call Willits Unified Shelley Harwood Rountree School District Nutrition Services, 459-7700 ext. at 707-841-7927.

> Coming up at the Senior Center

family). Pool Parties, Monday, July 13 Sunday, July 14 people; \$110/hour for Ice Cream Social, Pancake Breakfast, 8

up to 90 people; and 1:30 to 2:30 pm. to 11 am. Pancakes, month's eggs any style, and is: your choice of ham,

classes are \$7/adult; Steven Hayes. Pie, sausage or bacon. coffee. Adults \$7, members \$6/senior; \$20/family ice cream, \$1.50, \$6, kids \$5. (up to 4); and \$125 for Adults

a 20-class pass. Info: members \$1 call 459-5778 or leave a Harrah Senior Center is located at 1501 message at 459-7125. Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

paintings. All Junior Building exhibits must also be submitted by July 10. The second set, needing entries postmarked by July 17, are entries into the Floriculture, Agriculture and Horticulture buildings, including

flower arrangements and produce. More information: 462-FAIR or www. Willits High School class RedwoodEmpireFair.com.

## Free Summer Meals for Kids:

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Vacation Bible TICKETS ARE \$2.00 EACH OR 6 FOR \$10.00 School FREE RAFFLE TICKET GIVEN OUT ON JULY 12TH See the back of this flyer for the list of our fantastic prizes! Church's

Agape 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley, CA 95470 · 485-0123 · hsimc@pacific.net Vacation Bible School free and open to all kids in Kindergarten through sixth

grade - runs from Monday, July 20 to Thursday, July 24 this year, from 9 am to 12:30 pm each day, and a special lunch celebration on Sunday, July 26. During the program, called "Sonforce Kids Sontroopers," "the kids will be sent on an outer space mission trip. While

hurling through space, we will learn to trust and follow God. During the week we will be raising funds for the Hope Foundation. The Hope Foundation helps local Willits families Suggested donation of \$5 to \$10. Heirloom popcorn and fair with children who have major medical needs." For more information, call 459-1905.



Little Lake Grange Film and Music Night

Diane Patterson, "mystic acoustic folkgoddess" starts off the evening with music at 6:30 pm. "Occupy the Farm" film screens at 7:30 pm, with speaker David Grefrath. Occupy the Farm participant. 291 School Street. "Occupy the Farm' is the story of a

community's fight to save public land for urban When farming. 200 farmers march to the gates of the last farmland in the urban East Bay near Oakland,

they don't carry signs protesting of University California's

plans to build shopping center. Instead, they carry tents, tools and 15.000



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seedlings. They clip the padlock off the gate and march onto the fields. What happens next will change the fate of the land and introduce a new strategy for activism. From tilling soil and watering vegetables to police raids, from lawsuits to overflowing harvests, 'Occupy the Farm' reveals a resourceful, creative, and determined community responding with direct action

to a serious social need: access to healthy food.' trade chocolate on sale. Info: 459-6362.

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luly 19տ 2015 Annual Summer Raffle and Supporter Appreciation Day 1:30 Barbecue · 3:00 Raffle Draw Bog again with the annual **Raffle for the Animals!** Lots of great prizes have been donated. All you have to do is fill out the tickets and mail them back to us in the enclosed envelope. We've included 2 sets of 6 tickets each. You may purchase both sets, or purchase one and sell one to a friend!

Winners need not be present to win.





# Willits Frontier Days Special: munity Art Project

The display of wooden boots outside of J.D. Redhouse was a big draw during Thursday's Hometown Celebration and proved to be a good fundraiser, too. Interested persons bid, silent-auction style, on the decorated wooden cutouts, and have already earned a total of \$700 for Willits Frontier Days, the non-profit organization that runs the Fourth of July events. First-, second- and third-place boots were chosen in four categories: Local Business, Individual, Youth, and Local School. First-place winners won ice cream or fudge from J.D. Redhouse. The top four boots will be on display for all to see at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds.

In the Local Business category, first place went to Cat's Meow, second place to Picaro Pets, and third place to Mazahar. In the Individual category, first place went to Hanna Willoughby, second to Leda Dudley. and third to Grandma and Madison. In the Youth category, first place went to Sylvana Senerchia and second to Ella and Kaitlyn. In Local School category, first place went to Blake Leslie, second to Chevenne Lang, and third to the Willits Elementary Charter School (Kristen, Aiden, Orion).

The overall winner was Hanna Willoughby, who entered a hand-painted boot featuring a scene with her great-great-grandfather's stagecoach and the Willits Arch.

At left, top: Willits Frontier Days President Marcy Barry (left) stands with J.D. Redhouse's Jake Whitehurst (center) and Willits Frontier Days Vice President Tylor Yadon (right) with a check for money earned from the sale of the boots.

Left: Hometown Celebration attendees check out the boots on display Thursday.

Right: The boot decorated by Hanna Willoughby that won the individual and overall categories. Photos by Maureen Moore



Celebrating Willits Frontier Days



IN 1925 the Willits Development Association began discussing the need for a modern hospital. Working with the American Legion Post #174, they sponsored an old fashioned celebration on the

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## Willits Frontier Days Special: **Horse Show & Gymkhana**

Riders of all ages showed off their riding skills during the Willits Frontier Days Gymkhana on Saturday and Horse Show on Sunday.

Forrester, Hazel Cooke, Carlie Scarbery, Participants in different age groups worked hard to earn points in each class, Jennifer Seymour and Carmen Coleman. hoping for the overall high score and to be the winner of the coveted high point awards.

For the gymkhana, high point in the 12 and under group went to Hazel Cooke and Poppy, and reserve to Madison Forrester and Maggie. In 13 to 17, high point went to Carlie Scarbery and Roanie. In 18 and over, high point went to Jennifer Seymour and Sizzle, and reserve went to Carmen Coleman and DJ.

Gymkhana high point winners received a saddle pad with leather corners custom made by Mary Ann Underhill. Reserve winners received a headstall and rein set outfitted with silver pieces. Every contestant also received a rope halter donated by Hennesy Funds.

"We would like to thank WFD President Marcy Barry for her help organizing the event, announcer Maureen Scarbery and event secretary Chris Ceresa, Fred Barry and Billy Rutler for preparing the arena and cooking our lunch, Leslie Cooke for running the gate, and Sarah Mayfield and Carrie and Jeff Andrade for their help with arena setup," said gymkhana coordinator Kathryn Baechtel

For the horse show, Noah Willoughby and Buster won the 12 and under high point award, and reserve high point went to Samantha Arms and Diamond Dutch. Lilja Lamkin and First Class Encounter won high point in the 13 to 17 age group, and Carlie Scarbery and Sir Ozzwald won reserve. In 18 and over, high point went to Allison Ross on Loki.



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Above, right: Danielle Barry and Rebel weave through poles at the gymkhana. Below: Noah Willoughby rides his horse Buster during the horse show.

Above, left: Riders who won awards at

the 2015 Gymkhana, from left: Madison

Photos by Maureen Moore





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4th of July. The proceeds were designated for the building of a Willits Community Hospital. Charles S. Howard, owner of a nearby ranch (and 10 years later the owner of the famed racehorse Seabiscuit), was the first Grand Marshall of the Frontier Days Parade. Just two months before the second annual Frontier Days, Charles Howard's 15-year-old, Frank R. Howard, was injured in a serious automobile accident. Because of the seriousness of Frank's injuries, he was unable to

save him without a hospital or emergency equipment. The loss of his son moved Charles Howard to donate a generous sum of \$42,000 for the construction of Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Today Charles Howard's legacy and vision for providing Willits with advanced, state-of-the-art health care continues as we open our new Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital at the end of the year!

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Top: The lineup of tractors ready to pull. Above: Willits' Fred Barry drives Time Bandit against the new Terminator. Below, left: Semper Fi sounds like a jet plane taking off, as it tried its best against the Terminator. Below, right: Willits' Matthew Miner competed in the locals division of the Stock and Street Diesel classes.



# SATURDAY

## Willits Frontier Days Special: **Truck & Tractor Pulls**

The stands were full Friday night place, Tucker White with a pull of for the 7th annual Truck and Tractor 237.00; fourth place, Matthew Miner Pulls event at the Willits Frontier with a pull of 216.59; and in fifth place, Shane Freudenberg with a pull of Days grounds. Event promoter MLM Motorsports brought a new Terminator 187.97.

sled to battle the stock and modified OMG Class: In first place, Jeb Potter engines this year, and the contestants with a pull of 244.07; second place, did their best to drag the sled across Paul Caudle with a pull of 213.77; the 300-foot "Full Pull" line. third place, Matt Schwarz with a pull of Results are as follows: 211.56; in fourth place, Kevin Walker with a pull of 211.52; and in fifth place, Super Street: In first place, Les Jimmy Smith with a pull of 209.56. Szmidt with a pull of 271.06; second place. Aaron Paine with a pull of Stock Diesel: In first place, Michael 255.28; and third place, Tom Wallace DeMello with a pull of 284.80; second with a pull of 222.69. place to Kevin Soiland with a pull of 278.54; third place to Ryan Brownlee Street Diesel: In first place, Tom Wallace with a pull of 257.08: Read the rest of second place. Bobby Randel

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**Club** is growing again!



in the Blosser Lane School cafeteria in 2001 moved into its clubhouse next door to the school in 2009. But even from its very first day in the club, additional space was needed, because the after-school program serves about 200 kids a day, and only 75 or so fit comfortably in the clubhouse.

Three classrooms at Blosser Lane School that were home for many years to the third- through fifth-graders are now home to the WUSD offices. So, the Kids Club is raising money once again, with a goal of \$32,000, to help cover the cost of new portable classroom space it will be constructing near the main club building in September and October

When the project is finished, all of the after-school program children, with the exception of those from Baechtel Grove Middle School, will be located in one contiguous area next to the Discovery Park. But growing takes effort and careful planning, and of course money. The Kids Club is looking for support from the Willits community to help with this plan.

"We have set up a crowd-funding website with YouCaring," said board member Karen Oslund. "It can easily be found by going to YouCaring.com and entering "Willits Kids Club" in the search window." The club will be planning some future fundraisers to keep the momentum going, and Kids Club members are gathering change for their change drive. So far, the kids have raised \$3,105.02, and the summer camp children are tracking progress on a large chart that was designed by the kids and staff. Donations can also be sent in the mail to Willits Kids Club, P.O. Box 1845, Willits CA 95490. When the after-school program begins again with the new

school year, the club will temporarily use space in the cafeteria, only until the new portable classrooms are installed and ready for use. The cost of purchasing and relocating the classrooms is more than the \$32,000 the club is trying to raise, but this is an amount that the board felt was needed to make its budget for the project work out.

WKC summer day camp started June 15 and will continue the rest of the summer. Information and registration forms for the day camp program are available on the Kids Club website, Willitskidsclub.org.

- Karen Oslund, for Willits Kids Club





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enough to reduce a cynical, featuring the great Carlos crusty-rusty Reves on fiddle, back reporter (for example) to a in the woods at the Arlo weeping heap of cathartic stage. Then there was "Poor Buttered Rumsky," cream. It was that kind of an agglomeration of Hot Buttered Rum and Poor And it was particularly Man's Whiskey, performing gratifying to see Dan Hicks there. Hicks recently put this Paul Simon's "Graceland" note on his web site: album on the main stage Saturday night. This was "Dear Hixters At Large - The best made plans a killer jam, and a great opportunity for singers in the are sometimes intercepted by unforeseen forces. audience. Unfortunately this indeed But in some ways, the applies to the present Hot sweetest mashups and Licks touring schedule. most memorable singing Ill health has befallen me opportunities were the Kate again. This time in the Wolf sing-alongs, one on form of liver cancer. I firmly Friday night featuring Cris believe that the proper Williamson and Barbara treatment will take care of Higbie; the other on Sunday this problem but good. In on the main stage, which the meantime we're putting featured Cris Williamson the Hot Licks gigs on hold Barbara Higbie, Alisa until perhaps late summer -Fineman & Kimball Hurd, doing a few local things for Keale, Bill Griffin and The now. Who knew? Certainly Bootleg Honeys. not me - until recently. So And how appropriate thanks for the support and and what a great privilege we'll see ya soon. Yours, and pleasure it was, to sing "Across the Great Divide" Fortunately for festival with so many fine artists: goers and "Hixters" of all "The finest hour that I have ages, Laytonville either qualified as "local" - Hicks seen the one that comes ls being as he is a denizen of between

the San Francisco Bay Area The edge of night and the - or he felt well enough to break of day make the show. He certainly It's when the darkness rolls looked and sounded well. awav And there were a number "And it's gone away in of very fun jams and other yesterday musical mashups that put Now I find myself on the combinations of those stars mountainside on the stage at one time. There was a great blues jam Where the rivers change direction Friday night that featured Across the Great Divide.' blues legends Roy Rogers and Charlie Musselwhite. Beautiful.

The rest of From Page 12 Pulls

with a pull of 276.01; fourth	Whip with a pull of 222.07;
place to Anthony McKemy	and fourth place, Mustang
with a pull of 272.29; fifth	Fever with a pull of 175.75.
place to Matthew Miner with	Pro Modified Trucks:
a pull of 271.55; sixth place	In first place, Rags with
to Jack Gulbrandsen with	a pull of 311.30; second
a pull of 265.99; seventh	place, Overkill with a pull
place to Oscar Fuentes	of 306.27; third place, Time
with a pull of 262.19; eighth	Bandit, with a pull of 303.32;
place to Kyle Field with a	fourth place, Long Shot with
pull of 252.49; ninth place	a pull of 301.32; and fifth
to Jason Soiland with a pull	place, Yellow Fever with a
of 229.84, 10th place to	pull of 298.99.
Martin Pena with a pull of	5,800 pound Tractors: In
215.33; and Rob Evans had	first place, White Lightning
a disqualification.	with a pull of 221.90; second
4,500 pound: In first place	place, Bail Out with a pull
was Rockell Rutler with a	of 215.33; and third place,
pull of 145.49.	Joker's Wild with a pull of
5,500 pound: In first	200.07.
place, Briana Lawrence with	Country Modified: In first
a pull of 246.61; second place, Kenny Kumpula with a pull of 243.25; third place, Kalvin Walker with a pull of 235.53; fourth place, Kevin Bouthillier with a pull of 226.74; fifth place, Russ Kester with a pull of 223.10; sixth place, Branden Powers with a pull of 177.67; and seventh place, Matt Lovell with a pull of 154.20. 7,200 pound Tractors: In first place, Semper Fi with a pull of 244.20; second place, Show Time with a pull of 235.69; third place, The	<ul> <li>place, Travis Jackson with a pull of 316.16.</li> <li>6,000 pound Super Stock: In first place, Steve Jenkins with a pull of 278.91.</li> <li>6,500 pound: In first place, Kenny Kumpula with a pull of 59.49.</li> <li>8,000 pound Tractors: In first place, Maxx Kakl with a pull of 261.90; in second place, Get R Done with a pull of 223.79.</li> <li>Results from MLM Motorsports.</li> <li>- Maureen Moore</li> </ul>

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on French horn. The it will sound 10 times better!' members have been Natalea brings experience professional musicians singing in church, at "their whole lives" and enjoy baseball games, rodeos, playing at local festivities weddings, and "of course, including, most recently, the just for fun!" Mendocino County Sheriff "We had a really hard Substation opening in Willits time choosing between the and the Kate Wolf Festival. contestants," explained The second winner, Colvard. "Everyone did such Natalea Pires, will perform a great job, and oh my god during the July 3 evening was it hard to pick a winner. CCPRA rodeo, the July 4 There were even more davtime CCPRA rodeo, and great contenders this year the July 5 Junior Rodeo. than last, and so many did "Natalea did an amazing job singing," said Colvard. "The passion in her voice and the way she sounded, it was breathtaking, and it

a fantastic job!" Other entrants included: Michaela Figini-Myers, Joey Kroh, Kelley Labus, Lillian Hardy, Cadence Zanola almost made my heart skip! and Laney Hendry, who All the contestants sang all received Willits Frontier without a microphone, and I Days tickets for their efforts. can't wait to hear what she sounds like with one - I bet Maureen Moore

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# Hometown Celebration

Hot temperatures and fun times at annual community event

Willits locals - as well as some of those heading up to the Kate Wolf Music Festival - enjoyed last week's 8th annual Hometown Festival in downtown Willits, despite the heat.

A diverse crowd strolled the sidewalks and kept downtown restaurants like Buster's Burgers & Brew, Nikos Gyros and Adam's Restaurant busy. Others checked out the food court, which offered Delish's John Ford hot dogs, Scoops' BBQ sandwiches and sides, and Argentinan food from the new Pilon Kitchen.

The Mendocino County chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse was a popular attraction, as was the "Center Local Stage," which featured short performances by a long list of local talents. Kid-friendly fun included face painting, henna tattoos, the Yokum's bounce house, the Boy Scout's monkey bridge, and plenty of sweet treats.

- Jennifer Poole

At top: Patrons mill down Main Street during the Hometown Celebration on Thursday. Above: Members of Bikers Against Child Abuse pose with a red motorcycle at their Hometown booth. Below: The New Blu Trio: Anita Elliott, Nancy New and Don Fiers. Below, right: Misters helped keep attendees cool, and their location on the sidewalk was a great vantage point to wave at riders on the Little Lake Fire Department's antique fire engine.

Photos by Maureen Moore





Above: Boy Scouts and other youngsters took up the challenge of the monkey bridge, and smiled for the camera.

### Photos by Richard Wartell



of illegal gardens The rest of From Page 5 in the three-county Pot region. Allman said.

#### The of the plants were being grown in "hoop greenhouses or

free-standing buildings" on private property. "These were obviously illegal growing operations, most of which included more than 1.000 plants each." he said. Allman conceded his department "hadn't paid as much attention to Island Mountain as to other areas" of marijuana

cultivation in northern Mendocino County, adding the region turned out to be "the most abusive area" in all three counties.

More than 45,500 plants were eradicated in Mendocino County, 23,211 in Humboldt County and 17,725 in Trinity County.

Associated with the illegal grows, lawmen discovered "egregious environmental issues," Allman said. "These were not minor or casual violations."

California Department of Fish and Wildlife officers found 97 environmental violations, 55 of them related to streambed alterations, according to Lt. Chris Stoots. Creeks have been dammed, filled in with dirt, and diverted in order to make way for and provide water for the thirsty pot plants, estimated to each use an average of about 6 gallons of water a day. Investigators also discovered several springs that had been tapped, as well as large water tanks at several locations, and a gigantic bladder used by a marijuana farmer to store water. Stott said.

Allman estimated growers diverted up to "500,000 gallons of water a day to water marijuana plants."

Stott said water in a nearby fork of the Eel River was hardly flowing and was full of algae, likely generated by fertilizer runoff. "There's a broad spectrum of environmental damage there," he said.

Fish and Wildlife team members also found cases of largescale unlawful grading, with half-acre pads being bulldozed for cultivation.

"Some of the areas had the most devastation I've ever seen," said Stoots, who has been involved in marijuana eradications during his seven years with CDFW. "The amount of water and tanks out there was unreal."

Investigations into the gardens are continuing and further arrests are likely, Allman said, but added, "I have every reason to believe the grows will continue."

Allman said more raids in the Island Mountain area are planned in September to crack down on illegal marijuana growers. Checking Google Earth for various Island Mountain Road locations, multiple hoop houses and outdoor grows are visible: Willits Weekly asked about the percentage of greenhouses that had been eradicated over the four-day

The rest of From Page 1 Fires

The biggest of the two main fires, people "everywhere" watching the dubbed the Cemetery fire, reached fires, and Allman said there was some 30 acres before it was contained, and "panic," when he first arrived on scene. a secondary fire, the Ledger fire (at "My goal is, when there is panic, is to Ledger and Hopper lanes) burned five let people know what's going on," he acres. CalFire, calling the combined said, "so I went to KYBU (the local community radio station) to get the fires the Covelo fire, reported 100 word out." Allman praised KYBU for percent containment Monday morning

There were smaller fires and hot News" page on Facebook has many scanner chatter, but after 3 pm the spots scattered around the area, posts organizing meals and donations Cemetery fire "flared up again." "I would say all the structures on the including a fire in the creek at the for those who need help in Covelo. west side of Highway 162, in town, are southwest end of Grange Street. At "One of the very first things that first. Allman confirmed, there was currently threatened," one on-scene happened when I got to the residence **FURNITURE CENTER** firefighter said on the scanner. Another talk about the need for an arson that burnt down," Allman said, "was the Next to Safeway investigation, due to the multiple fires, said: "There's a fire going at Ledger neighbors all getting together to see but the source for the original Cemetery what they could do for the family that and Hopper Lane, a fire at Cemetery fire was apparently a spark from a lost the residence." Lane, at the back of the motel, and **CHIEF** mowing machine, and the Ledger fire another one here at the Grange." And One of the posts at the Community "appeared to be caused by an ember just a couple of minutes later, the call Watch page reports that accounts for Collision Center from the first fire." Allman said. went out to countywide fire agencies to donations have been set up at the "Bring everybody you got." At 4:04 pm, word on the scanner Covelo branch of TriCounties Bank: Complete Auto Body & Repair was that "the worst of the [main] fire "Lindon & Aileen Duke's account # Agencies responding included the Jeff Spence, Owner is 245014065. Andy & Pauline Hill's Covelo Fire Department, CalFire, and is knocked down," and at 4:23 pm: "It appears CalFire has the three primary account # is 245014089. Thank you the Brooktrails, Little Lake, Ukiah, and areas under control." At 4:39 pm: There Covelo for all your love & prayers." Hopland fire departments, as well as All Work Guaranteed are "two working fires" in Covelo, with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. The Community Watch page also Insurance Work Welcome some structures lost, but the fire attack has posts urging locals to consider Although there was talk on the teams were "making good progress on volunteering for the Covelo Fire scanner of preparing for evacuations, both fires." At 4:45 pm, some of the Department: the next meeting is Sheriff Tom Allman confirmed there responding crews were released, and Wednesday, July 8 at 7 pm at the was no official evacuation order given. started returning home. firehouse, 75900 Highway 162. According to the scanner, there were Willits CONSTRUCTION RI EST. 1976 American Harrah Your Willits Builder Connection Center Licensed contractor since 1976. Legion Calif. Lic. No. 355403 Work done professionally and in a timely manner! Why come to the Harrah Center? Willits Post 174 Come to lunch! Outreach! • Complete home construction Monday-Friday, 11:45 am to 1:00 pm Information and assistance • Additions and remodels **Community Programs Raffle** Love breakfast? Meals on Wheels! • Siding and Trim Every 2nd Sunday, 8:00 to 11 am For homebound folks 55 and older • New Decks Volunteer opportunity! Activities galore! 1898 Springfield 30-40 Krag-Collectors Rifle Consider lending a helping hand • Exterior painting Games, classes, music, presentation Thermos • Gas BBQ + Many More Prizes Low cost transportation! • Work done to your budget and timeline • Thrift store! 8 am-4 pm door to door • 459-5556 9 am-4:30 pm Monday-Friday, Call Joe Thomas Medical equipment! Saturday 9 am-4 pm 459-2176 Ticket Sales at: ailable at no charg (707) 671-3561 Call for more information Safeway • Hometown Celebration • Rodeo for a free consultation 459-6826 • 1501 Baechtel Road 24 Hour 7 Days a Week Marc Komer Adam's Emergency Service • Call Anytime Legal Document Assistant Tom Wake - Plumbing An Affordable Non-Attorney Service Serving in Mendocino and Lake Counties Restaurant Divorce, Living Trusts, **Full Service Residential, Commercial** Evictions, Probate, Incorporation, Faucets & Tubs •Garbage Disposals Toilets •Pipe Repairs Gas Lines •Fixture Replacement 50 5. Main 5t Name Change, etc. www.mendolegaldocs.com 707-456-9226 For Fast Service Call 459-2775 104 W. Mendocino, Willits torney, and can only provide self-help services at your specific direct

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The raids come at a time when growers, state regulators majority and law enforcement leaders are trying to work together to hammer out rules in anticipation that California may follow other states and legalize marijuana for recreational use. An initiative is widely expected to go before the state's voters next year.

#### Sacramento hearings

The impact of illegal marijuana cultivation on North Coast fisheries as California endures a fourth year of drought was the focus of a state legislative committee hearing Wednesday in Sacramento, following reports that pot plants are consuming billions of gallons of water while salmonrearing creeks are running dry.

John Laird, head of California's Natural Resources Agency, and Chuck Bonham, director of the state Department of Fish and Wildlife, appeared at the day-long hearing by the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Allman and Hezekiah Allen, executive director of the Emerald Growers Association, an advocacy group for medical marijuana farmers and patients, also addressed the eight-member committee.

State Sen. Mike McGuire, D-Healdsburg, the committee chairman, said the environmental impact of rogue marijuana grows is "getting statewide attention" nearly 20 years after California voters were the first in the nation to approve of medical marijuana.

He said the medical marijuana industry has "exploded" in the absence of state regulation, impacting the Russian, Eel, Gualala, Mattole and Mad rivers.

Assemblyman Jim Wood, D-Healdsburg, vice chairman of the joint committee, visited the Island Mountain area last week as law enforcement and Fish and Wildlife personnel eradicated more than 86,500 marijuana plants.

Illegal marijuana plants confiscated in California by law enforcement in recent years — between 2 million and 4 million annually - use upward of 1.8 billion gallons, or about 600,000 water tanker trucks over their five-month growing season, according to a Department of Fish and Wildlife study.

Last year, 24 North Coast salmon-bearing tributaries Wildlife environmental scientist, told the Santa Rosa Press Democrat in April.

McGuire has introduced the Medical Marijuana Public Safety and Environmental Protection Act, which would establish what he described as "an all-encompassing regulatory framework" for the medical cannabis industry. The

> Resources included many fire engines – "I saw between 12 and 15 engines when I was there," Allman said, as well as CalFire helicopters, air tankers, and volunteers who brought water tanks. The Red Cross arrived "before the fire was out," Allman said, and

being such an important if "under-(707) 459-4224 at 7:28 am. has been helping families who lost appreciated" community resource for everything in the fires. At first, it looked like firefighters were Round Valley. making good progress, according to The "Covelo Community Watch &

raid, and Allman said "50 percent." CDFW has posted photos bill would require all licensed cannabis growers to comply with state water quality regulations, including permits for all irrigation and water discharge from marijuana grows.

> McGuire's bill, SB 643, was approved by the Senate, 26-13, on June 4 and is headed for Assembly committee hearings

> Wood is the author of the Marijuana Watershed Protection Act, which would require the state's nine regional water guality control boards to develop regulations on wastewater discharge from medical cannabis farms.

His bill, AB 243, was approved by the Assembly on June 3.



Above: a Fish & Wildlife officer examines a pipe and bucket system gathering water from a barely running creek.

The rest of From Page 1 Ross

seen entering the home just before gunshots rang out. After were reported to have gone dry, Scott Bauer, a Fish and the firing stopped, Ross "was seen fleeing" from the house. Stefani said a witness pursued Ross, but gave up the chase after Ross allegedly shot at him.

> The victim, Alejandro Garcia, 33, had been shot several times, deputies reported.

> "Ross was located in the area and taken into custody without incident," Stefani said.

Ross is being held without bail in county jail on suspicion of murder, assault with a firearm, and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Persons with information regarding the incident are encouraged to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at the tip line at 234-2100 or by email at crimetip@ mendocinosheriff.com.



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At top, from left: Dalli Fonsen rides during the judging. Caitlyn Forrester gives the judge her answer. Thais Reed during her horsemanship pattern. Above: The 2015 Willits Frontier Days tiara. Below: The three contestants prepare to start the arena judging portion of the contest.

Photos by Maureen Moore and Keely Ahders





# Willits Frontier Days Special: Sweetheart Judging; in the arena

The second half of the Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart contest judging took place Sunday during the horse show event.

The three contestants, Dalli Fonsen, Thais Reed and Caitlyn Forrester, demonstrated their riding skills and equestrian knowledge during the "in arena" portion of the judging.

The girls performed a Horsemanship Pattern – a series of memorized moves and commands around the arena - showing control of their mounts and an understanding of riding terms and equestrianship. They then answered questions from the judges: Nicole Persico Kunka, Riata King and Chris Ceresa. They were asked to dismount from their horse and to re-mount, as well as remove and replace their horse's bridle. They finished the judging with their Queen Run.

Scores from the "arena" judges will be added to scores from the Poise and Personality contest held last weekend. Those scores will be added to the girls' ticket count numbers, and the winner of the 2015 title will be announced Thursday, July 2. Come wave to the new Sweetheart during Friday's CCPRA rodeo, Saturday's Main Street Parade and CCPRA Rodeo, and Sunday's Junior Rodeo.



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