

Brooktrails Township:
Customers need to
prepare for power
outages that could
impact water and
sewer service

*Submitted by Tamara Alaniz, general manager,
Brooktrails Township*

As we hear more every day about Pacific Gas and Electric's potential power outages under the Public Safety Power Shutoff program, the Brooktrails Township Community Services District is urging customers to understand the potential effects on water and sewer service and make necessary preparations.

The township has water and sewer facilities that rely on electrical power from PG&E to pump water to customers. We are asking that customers help us to ensure safe and reliable operation of the water and wastewater system by conserving water and reducing wastewater during planned, and unplanned power outages.

A loss of power over several days could result in reduced water pressure or loss of water service due to tanks emptying from customer usage and the lack of power to refill tanks to maintain normal water pressure.

Extended power outages will affect water and sewer service, and Brooktrails Township has taken steps to better provide drinking water during outages. We have invested in generators and fuel storage to supply power to water and sewer pumps when the electricity is out.

It is critical that customers conserve water when the power is out to help the township preserve stored water until power is restored. Outreach on water conservation during power outages has been provided at community events and in local publications, but more public awareness is needed.

Limiting water use during power outages for critical public health and safety needs will also help to maintain water supply for fire suppression. When PG&E implements a public safety power shutoff, it will likely be due to dangerous fire conditions. Water conservation by our customers will be important to help provide fire suppression in the community when the power is out.

Brooktrails Township is committed to providing reliable service to our customers. However, the extent of potential power outages is unknown, so we also urge customers to prepare for multi-day outages by taking the following steps as soon as possible:

- Have a three- to five-day emergency supply of drinking water on hand at home.
- Plan for medical needs, such as medications that may require refrigeration or devices that need power.
- Identify backup charging methods for phones and keep hard copies of emergency numbers.
- Build or restock your emergency kit with flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies, and cash.
- Sign up for alerts about public safety power shutoff events by going to www.prepareforpowerdown.com, a collaboration between PG&E, Southern California Edison, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

PG&E to brief county
supes July 9 on Wildfire
Safety and Public Safety
Power Shutoff programs

*Submitted by the Mendocino County
Executive Office*

Representatives from Pacific Gas and Electric will be presenting to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors at the July 9 board meeting about PG&E's Community Wildfire Safety Program which the company is implementing in response to the devastating wildfires California experienced in 2017 and 2018.

The Community Wildfire Safety Program is made up of three categories: real-time monitoring and intelligence, new and enhanced safety measures, and system hardening and resiliency. PG&E will also be providing a presentation on their Public Safety Power Shutoff program to reduce wildfire danger by turning off electric power during forecasted extreme weather conditions.

Interested parties and the public are encouraged to attend. The presentation will begin at 1:30 pm or soon thereafter.

What: PG&E's Wildfire Safety Program and Public Safety Power Shutoff Presentation

When: Tuesday, July 9 at 1:30 pm.

Where: Board Chambers, 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1070, Ukiah

Who: Representatives from PG&E

Live Online: This presentation will be streamed live on the Mendocino County YouTube Channel.

For more information, please contact the Mendocino County Executive Office at 463-4441.

Sherwood Firewise
meeting on July 11

The next Sherwood Firewise Communities General Meeting is Thursday, July 11, from 6 to 8 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center. This is a very key meeting to attend with important issues to be discussed. Working teams will give their updates at the beginning. This meeting will also be the beginning of the Evacuation Training sessions, which will continue at our August 8 meeting.

A good amount of time will be spent on gathering data from the meeting attendees on community hazard assessments and making a list of the various issues we have identified that need addressing and how that will be done. We will include all areas from neighborhood coordinators / home hardening / vegetation management plus communications. We want to cover Brooktrails as well as the rural subdivisions to include all communities in the assessment.

Residents will be updated with the progress of the tests of the SafetyNet and Broadcastify systems. Evacuation planning workshops including practice drills on August 22 and 24 will be discussed. Contact info@Sherwoodfirewise.org for more information.

– Submitted by Sherwood Firewise Communities

MTA boosts bus
convenience for customers

*New Route Shout app gives
real-time bus arrival info*

Willits City Councilwoman Saprina Rodriguez, who also serves on the board of directors of Mendocino Transit Authority, pumped a fist recently as she watched the MTA bus pull up to the Babcock Park, Willits, bus stop.

"Here's the bus, right on time," she exclaimed before greeting bus driver Barb "Bobby" Wilde.

Rodriguez was testing MTA's new GPS-enabled mobile technology, called "Route Shout." The app gives anyone with a modern mobile phone access to real-time bus locations and schedules, including when exactly the bus will be arriving at any given stop.

Called Route Shout 2.0, the application can be

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What
do YOU
think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank
you letters from our readers

Playing with fire

To the Editor:

In the wake of all the recent wildfires, it is important to SOUND THE ALARM that our own board of supervisors are re-visiting a previously failed, ill-conceived plan to build a 150,000-ton asphalt industrial complex at the Harris Quarry location, which is perched on the Ridgewood grade – between Willits and Ukiah.

There is a school, a church and a 200-plus senior citizen development immediately adjacent (on one side) and a proposed senior-assisted living complex (on the other side). As is the case in so much of Mendocino County, the surrounding area, in all directions (and for miles), are grasslands and heavily forested territory where the "four winds blow" – strong, unpredictable winds.

Not surprisingly, asphalt plants generate and utilize heat, build pressure and produce

volatile, flammable chemicals – all with the propensity to leak, ignite, yes, and explode their contents in fiery, dangerous, combustible havoc. A recipe for ember- and wind-riven catastrophe. Incredibly, 50 or more heavily loaded trucks per hour would be allowed to carry this combustible, volatile product in all directions – through a confusing, dangerous, accident-prone 101 intersection.

Wildfires caused by vehicle crashes and even engine burnouts have happened as recently as last summer.

To make matters worse, planned night-time firing operations multiply these dangers.

This conjures up images of unsuspecting folks living alone or families awakened in the middle of the night by sirens of fire engines that may, or may not arrive in time. Mendocino nightmares!

California is no stranger to wildfire. Hotter seasons, drier fuel, happening more often- and with greater intensity. The now infamous Camp Fire consumed 153,000 acres, destroyed 18,000 buildings, and killed 85 people; with two still missing. The worst fire in California's history – so far. Could placing this "powder keg" plant in such an inappropriate location invite disaster?

Why would the supervisors vote to put this unholy mix in the middle of this environment?

Why would they "fast track" a vote which, in effect, bypasses the important oversight of the Planning Commission – and indeed circumvents the citizens' right to full public comment?

Why would they collude with county counsel to lobby for recusal of the lone supervisor leaning toward disapproval? Why would they stubbornly insist on another plant when the current source keeps up with demand by operating only two days a week? The environmental impact report states in fine print that only four new jobs would be created and further confesses: "If the plant was not built, there would be no adverse impact on asphalt availability" and no particular negative impact on the county's financial status. Are they planning on exporting to other counties who want to stay clean – while we breathe the toxins? We don't know. It just doesn't make any sense.

One irate citizen told this writer its as simple as ABC:

Arrogance, bias and collusion. It may be even simpler than that: A major dose of dumb.

Our board of supervisors' pledged mission to protect the citizenry in matters of "public safety, health, environment and social needs." Instead, could they be the foxes that are guarding the chicken house?

California's largest utility, PG&E, is reeling from class-action litigation seeking compensatory damages of over \$30 billion, principally for their alleged negligence and lack of preventive foresight in the devastating California wildfires during the 2017 and 2018 fire seasons – fires that killed scores of Californians and destroyed thousands of structures. One fire was reportedly caused by sparks from a downed power line in powerful winds. The type of winds we are all familiar with.

This is a cautionary tale!

The county counsel mission statement, in part, underscores "protecting the county from risk and loss."

Using the PG&E experience as a warning perhaps the board, along with county counsel, should note PG&E's catastrophic losses – and consider the possible legal and financial consequences of negligently playing with fire.

Jack Magne', Willits



Kate Wolf

Laytonville music festival is an eclectic
gathering of talented musicians, colorful
characters, and family-friendly fun

For many of the attendees, vendors and volunteers, the annual Kate Wolf gathering is more than a festival. It is a lifestyle. It is the defining event of their year, the activity at which everyone can find four days' worth of music, camping, eclectic varieties of food, fellowship, and family-affirming shared experience.

Mathew Caine From Thursday, June 27 through Sunday, June 30, the Black Oak Ranch, five miles north of Laytonville, home to the Hog Farm and Camp Winnarainbow, was transformed into a wonderland of music, colors, nature and fun.

People travel from San Francisco, Eureka, and places farther away to renew their commitment to this mecca of music. Many of them have made this hajj for longer than they care to remember.

Some come only for a day, or if local, come for a couple of days to see the world-class, mostly folk-oriented acts which speak to them, or to discover new favorites. Some come to see the better-known performers such as the inimitable Kris Kristofferson or Los Lobos or other acts that have been in the public eye for years.

But with four stages filled with quality

talent, even the lesser-known performers are a delight to get to know. Most of the attendees camp at the location or nearby for the entire four days, preferring the camaraderie of past acquaintances and family.

Twin sisters Ann and Jane Austin from Sebastopol and San Francisco echoed the prevailing sentiment:

"We've been coming here for many years. Our kids grew up at Kate Wolf. They're teenagers now. The festival is super meaningful. The whole family comes together for most of a week, and the stresses of the day are gone.

"The whole family," they shared, "the extended family and the kids, and everybody else's kids grew up here. It's like layer after layer, part of our life. Somebody said, 'It's too bad Kate Wolf died so many years ago,' but she's here. She's in the trees. She's in everything. She's in the songs. It's really special, and we feel connected to her music. We feel connected to the land, and we're not even from here."

Kate Wolf, for whom the festival is named, was an icon of folk music in

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Above, left: Early risers start the day with hatha yoga. Above: Ashleigh Flynn & The Riveters rock on stage. Far left: Yvette Guest sells the popular fuzzy ears. At left: A colorful character on stilts walks above the crowd. Below: Keith Greeninger and Friends sing along to a plethora of stringed instruments.

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downloaded for free to a mobile phone and used to find the nearest MTA bus stop, bus routes and schedules, and real-time bus arrival times. MTA expects the improved convenience to attract new riders to its Mendocino County bus service and enhance the experience for regular customers.

"Two-thirds of our customers use mobile phones to check bus routes and schedules, and that number continues to grow," said Carla Meyer, general manager of MTA. "Now anyone can get real-time information. They can literally watch onscreen as the bus moves toward their stop and see a to-the-minute arrival time."

The new app can be downloaded from the Apple Store or Google Play. Once downloaded, users can select Mendocino Transit Authority in the vendor list and get going. To find the nearest bus stop, users can enable the Locate Me button. To learn when the next bus will arrive at their stop, they can select Where's My Bus? The new app is able to show more bus stops online than the main ones listed on the printed bus schedules. In addition, riders can save favorite routes and stops for quick reference.

"This is a giant step forward in MTA's transit technology, and it brings us a lot closer to our customers," said Meyer. "Route Shout helps our riders check quickly, even if it's just timing the dash out the door to

For more information and help with downloading the app to your mobile device, visit <http://mendocinotransit.org/news/get-real-time-bus-info-with-route-shout/>

As always, customers may check routes, schedules and service updates online at the MTA website, mendocinotransit.org or call 707-462-1422 or 1 (800) 696-4682.

Mendocino Transit Authority provides safe, clean, low-cost and convenient public bus service throughout Mendocino County.

Bike Lane Q&A

Submitted by **Walk & Bike Mendocino**

Can I drive in the bike lane?

Generally, the answer is no, you can't drive in a bike lane per California law. Bike lanes are painted to give people on bikes a dedicated area to ride and to keep the flow of traffic moving. You can turn right through a bike lane after you've looked for bikes. You can access a parking spot on the other side of a bike lane after you've looked. A bike lane is *not* for passing slow-moving traffic.

Even though there are dedicated bike lanes, the 3 feet passing law still applies. Give at least 3 feet of space and wait until it's safe when passing a bicycle.

Why are people still riding their bikes in traffic even though we have bike lanes now?

Per the California vehicle code, a bike is a vehicle and has all the rights and responsibilities of any other vehicle on the road. Sometimes a person on a bike may choose to ride with traffic. There are many factors that affect that decision – but a person on a bike may need to make a left turn, may be avoiding cars making right turns (a frequent bike-car crash scenario), or may feel invisible on the shoulder or in the bike lane. Additionally, the shoulder or bike lane may be in poor condition and filled with trash and debris.

What about people riding bikes on the sidewalk?

Bicycle safety experts recommend against riding bikes on sidewalks. People who ride on the sidewalk may be nervous about riding on the street, and in some conditions, it may in fact be safer on the sidewalk. Additionally, parents may want their children to stick to the sidewalk. As drivers and riders become more knowledgeable about the law and the bike lanes this will shift.

Riding confidently on the street with the flow of traffic makes a bicyclist visible and safe and keeps both cars and bikes moving efficiently.

(Editor's note: The City of Willits Municipal Code makes it illegal to ride a bicycle on the sidewalk. As per Chapter 10.52 – Bicycles: "No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk or, if no sidewalk exists, within the sidewalk area used by pedestrians.")

Bikes on the street are annoying, why should I care?

Biking for transportation is a way to get exercise, reduce carbon emissions, save gas money, and helps with traffic and parking issues. We can share the road to make getting around easier on all of us, whether we drive or not. When streets are designed and built to accommodate the needs of all users, streets work better for all users; including drivers.

Isn't it dangerous to ride a bike on the street?

While it may feel vulnerable to ride on the street, the likelihood of an accident happening is very low. Biking is a healthy way to get around while driving poses hazards to those behind the wheel and on the street.

How can I learn more?

Walk & Bike Mendocino has classes for biking safely and confidently on the road and more information for drivers who have questions. Info at www.walkbikemendo.com or 467-3220

Walk & Bike Mendocino supports the new Office of Traffic Safety public awareness campaign, "Go Safely, California." To find out more about ways to go safely, visit gosafelyca.org.

well as passing a proclamation honoring retiring volunteer firefighter John Turner.

Public comments centered on PG&E's inability to address a tree possibly rubbing against a power line during high winds. The homeowner had PG&E survey his problem three times, but the issue remains unresolved.

It was decided that, since the tree was on his property, he could pay a tree service to have it trimmed or removed. It remained an open question as to whether he could or would be reimbursed by the utility.

The second problem arose regarding a possible dead tree on unimproved property next to a homeowner's residence. The tree threatened the owner's home should it fall. Since the parcel is owned by an out-of-state landowner, it's been difficult to get in touch to receive permission to have the tree removed.

Township General Manager Tamara Alaniz offered to provide all available information in order to track down the owner and have the situation resolved.

Brooktrails Fire Chief Jon Noyer spoke at length about issues with the emergency medical and ambulance services provided to the local area's part of the Highway 101 corridor.

In his dealings with the many ambulance companies that have served the Highway 101 corridor, Noyer found the root of the problem is money.

Ambulance companies make money by the number of calls they respond to each day. In a city like Ukiah, for instance, the distance between emergency calls and final destinations hospitals or on-site care is relatively short. Therefore, more trips can be made in a day.

However, north county needs often span great distances and consume time and produce less revenue. Currently there are only five ambulances to serve the entire

area. Some days there may be only one ambulance free to respond to calls. Some days there might be none available for emergency calls, creating long delays in potential life-or-death situations.

Recently, a young boy was injured at the Willits Boy Scout Camp. Brooktrails Fire Department responded to the call and found the boy bleeding profusely and in danger of potentially bleeding to death. The ambulance on call was still 20 minutes away.

The fire chief made an immediate decision to have the boy rushed to the hospital in one of the BFD's vehicles – a move that might have saved the boy's life. Today he is recuperating and on the mend.

Unfortunately, this is not a rarity in the county, according to Chief Noyer.

Problems with ambulance services are not peculiar to Brooktrails, however, but extend countywide, and need to be addressed by the board of supervisors, township directors said.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak attended the Brooktrails meeting and noted supervisors were aware of the problem and county staff had formed an ad hoc committee to study the matter.

Directors decided Brooktrails board President Rick Williams should draft and send a letter to supervisors expressing the township's concern and stressing the urgency of the matter.

Supervisor Haschak was there, however, to update the board on a recent survey of Brooktrails ingress and egress routes as part of fire prevention, safety and evacuation planning. His team surveyed several potential avenues of evacuation to the airport and to the par/golf course. Directors were agreed that more signage was needed for both locations, and money would be found to pay for extra directional signs.

Haschak's group also surveyed other routes for evacuation and egress, taking CalFire engines along these routes to

judge their suitability. They took slope measurements, and noted areas in need of brush clearing and other abatement issues vital to safety in case of a catastrophic fire event. A full report should be finished in a couple of weeks and available for public review.

The last item on the action agenda was a proclamation honoring John Turner for his service as a volunteer firefighter. Turner is retiring after 20 years of service to the Brooktrails Township Community Services District.

An accident unrelated to his firefighting duties is forcing his retirement.

Turner is recognized by his fellow firefighters for his dedication and commitment to service. His tireless efforts in Brooktrails and surrounding areas, as a first responder, saved lives and property on many occasions. His absence will be greatly missed in firefighter community.

The next meeting of the Brooktrails board is scheduled for July 9 at 7 pm. All meetings are open to the public, and Alaniz noted public input is important and appreciated.

walking in the area of Crawford Road and Henderson Road, very close to the scene of the fire, at which time Hayes was detained. Deputies later learned Hayes was on summary probation.

Following a detailed investigation, with assistance from a CalFire prevention officer, Hayes was arrested on suspicion of arson and violating her probation.

She was taken to county jail; bail was set at \$30,000.

Covelo Volunteer Fire Department and CalFire Covelo personnel extinguished the blaze.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

Top sales tax generators in Willits

Here are the top 25 sales tax generators in Willits (based on the 3rd quarter of 2018), listed in alphabetical order. These 25 businesses produce over 74 percent of the City of Willits' sales tax revenue.

1. Ace Hardware
2. Arco Am/Pm Mini Mart
3. Big Daddy
4. Brown's Gas
5. Chevron Service Station
6. Exxon Service Station
7. Flyers Energy
8. Grocery Outlet
9. J. D. Redhouse & Co.
10. Les Schwab Tire Center
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12. McDonald's
13. One-O-One Trailer & RV
14. O'Reilly Auto Parts
15. Peterson Tractor Company
16. Rite Aid
17. Safeway Service Station
18. Safeway Store
19. Sinclair Service Station
20. Spartetime Supply
21. Taco Bell
22. True Value Hardware
23. Village Liquor & Market
24. Village Market & Liquor & Gas
25. Willits Power Equipment

This list is from the City of Willits 2019/20 budget.

'Frontier Days: A Collector's Journey'

Fifth-generation resident and civic-project pioneer donates Willits memorabilia to Mendocino County Museum

Fifth-generation Willits resident Dusty Whitney, aka William Putney Whitney II, realized the fruition of a dream Saturday afternoon, June 29, at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits. The exhibit "Frontier Days: A Collector's Journey" is an exhibit entirely collected and donated to the museum by Whitney from his vast lifetime accumulation of Mendocino County artifacts.

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In the collection are historic Willits Frontier Days relics dating from its inception in 1926. There was a token ribbon-cutting Saturday to mark the opening of the exhibit that lines the museum's Long Hall.

People from different parts of the county and beyond crowded in and spilled into the main part of the museum, as Third District Supervisor John Haschak presented Whitney with a public service award "In Recognition of Your Valuable Contribution to Our Community."

Cultural Services Agency Director Karen Horner introduced Whitney and told the audience she was thrilled that her first experience in the position was to help with and oversee the museum's acquisition of the over 1,600 artifacts, historic photos, and documents in the Whitney Collection. Some of those are in "Frontier Days: A Collector's Journey."

During his opening speech for the Frontier Days exhibit, Whitney spoke of his heritage: "My family arrived in Mendocino County in the 1860s, where my forefathers held many offices in public trust. Starting in 1892 there were three justices of the peace, two U.S. commissioners, two mayors, a fire chief, a director of the Redwood Empire Association and a secretary / treasurer of the Mendocino Chamber of Commerce.

"My family is very proud of the fact," he continued, "that three of our family were founding members of Willits Frontier Days in 1926. My grandmother Whitney worked at the ticket booth for over 40 years." Many of the family members kept mementos which are included in Whitney's donation.

He entertained the crowd with this story: "Now here's a Frontier Days story from the 1980s. I was serving as VP of Frontier Days and it was time to choose a grand marshal for the historic parade. I came up with the name of Bertha Cook. She was a florist in town for many years and had a store on Main Street. She was living in a rest home because she had recently celebrated her 100th birthday."

Whitney explained how he visited her and talked about the old days and then told her WFD "had secured a buckboard and team of horses for her journey down Main Street."

Her reply, Whitney said, was: "Well, I guess I'm free, but do you think I can manage the horses?" The audience broke out in laughter and Whitney continued, "Nowhere in the canyons of my mind did I harbor such a response as that." Of course, she was provided with the transportation, and a driver, and the parade went on as usual.

Willits Weekly stopped by the museum a week before the opening of "Frontier Days: A Collector's Journey" to meet with Whitney, Curator Karen Mattson, and Mendocino County Museum and Parks Program Administrator Megan Dukett.

When asked how he became interested in collecting Mendocino County memorabilia, Whitney smiled and responded: "When I was a really young boy, my father showed me a book that opened up and had holes and dates for mint marks of coins, and it was completely full of coins. My father explained it was a collection of Lincoln pennies from 1909 to 1940. He told me that some of the pennies were worth 25 cents or 50 cents each and a few were worth \$5 or \$10.

"That's something that's history – it's monetary and we can spend it, but you wouldn't because it's a full collection. I thought, 'There's gotta be some way I could do something.'" He went on to explain some things his forefathers historically had done in the county that brought renown to the family.

In Whitney's Saturday afternoon speech, he said: "As I was growing up, I realized that I, too, wanted to follow in my forefathers' footsteps for the betterment of Mendocino County. I am the type of person who walks around with a hammer looking for a nail. My nail turned out to be a bucket load of nails," he said to a room full of laughter.

He went on to explain that, in 1976, he designed the Willits Frontier Days 50th anniversary medallion. In 1988 he created the Willits centennial logo and went on to get solar-powered illumination of the "W" on Red Hill. Later he designed the Willits Arch. He didn't mention another accomplishment: purchasing the Babcock House for a museum to house his vast collection of

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Above, left: Dusty Whitney poses with an original poster of the Hollywood Gold Cup horse race in 1938, which Seabiscuit won, and the sign he made to commemorate the 65th Frontier Days anniversary. Above, right: Third District Supervisor John Haschak shakes hands with Dusty Whitney and presents him with a public service award. Below: People crowd around Whitney (in the red hat) to hear his speech, which was filled with humor and interesting facts.



Above: Past Willits Frontier Days Sweethearts attend the event: from left, sisters Kathy Persico-Graves, Liz Persico, Nicol Persico Kunka, and Tina Holguin-Shull. At left: Sammy and Salina Emal, along with other children of all ages, enjoy the props that can be used for photo opportunities.

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SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME

(PG) 13 2 hrs 10 mins

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Movie Times for 7/5 thru 7/11

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ANNABELLE COMES HOME

(R) 1 hr 46 mins

Fri/Sat :
4:15, 6:45 & 9:15pm

Sun-Thurs:
3:15, 5:45 & 8:15pm

Tightwad Tuesday Titles for July 9th are in RED - All tickets: \$5

Thursday, July 4

Willits Farmers Market: No market this week due to the holiday; resumes Thursday, July 11.

Willits Frontier Days Horseshoe contest: Pair up in teams and try to rack up the most points at the Horseshoe Contest starting at 10 am on Thursday, July 4 at the Rec Grove. The event is free to attend and watch; contest entry is \$50; entry forms and more info at www.WillitsFrontierDays.com, or call Aaron Branscomb at 489-2103.

Roots of Motive Power July 4th: featuring free train rides, displays of operating steam & diesel equipment, such as Roots' 1916 Kelly Springfield Steam Roller, appearances by the notorious Black Bart Gang, and kids' coloring table. "Come on over to take a step back in time, and see the machines that built this great nation, on her birthday!" 420 East Commercial Street, next to the Mendocino County Museum. Thursday, July 4, 11 am to 3 pm.

Willits Frontier Days Main Street Parade: Get ready to line the sides of Main Street for the annual parade, this year's theme, "Community Pride," starting at 11 am on Thursday, July 4. Get there early to set up in your favorite spot! Parade starts out heading west on East Commercial Street, runs south down Main Street, then heads back east on East Valley Street. Entry forms and additional information for those wishing to enter the parade can be found online at www.WillitsFrontierDays.com.

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

Willits Frontier Days CCPRA Rodeo – part 2: The main event, the two-part California Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association rodeo concludes on Thursday, July 4 at 4 pm at the Willits Frontier Days rodeo grounds. Professional riders and ropers entertain the

crowd and show their skills in traditional rodeo events like team roping, steer wrestling, bull riding and more. Half-time act by the trick-riding and trick-roping troop, the Riata Ranch Cowboy Girls. Tickets are \$15 for box seats, \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are available at the event.

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

Friday, July 5

Willits Frontier Days Junior Rodeo: It's the little kids' turn to show their stuff on Friday, July 5 at the Junior Rodeo, 4 pm at the Willits Frontier Days rodeo grounds. Includes traditional rodeo events like barrels, calf riding, roping and steer daubing, plus mutton busting and the "Mystery Scramble." Tickets – \$5 for adults; free for children – are available at the event. More info and contestant entry forms can be found online at www.WillitsFrontierDays.com, or call Riata King at 354-4298.



Bucking broncs will be on display at the CCPRA Rodeo.

"Off the Map": Willits Community Theatre, Friday, July 5, 7:30 pm. See July 4 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Self Fulfilling Prophecies, Friday, July 5, 9 pm. "The music has elements of punk, folk, and rock, all original composition." www.myspace.com/selffulfillingprophecies. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, July 6

Art in the Plaza: "Under the Umbrellas," a sweet escape from the summer sun, features the work of local artists for viewing and for purchase. Begins Saturday, July

What's Happening Around Town

6. Every weekend from July through September, works of art ranging from paintings to jewelry to hand-sculpted fountains will be vended in the plaza behind Café 77 on East Mendocino Street. Visit www.artintheplaza.com for more info.

"Off the Map": Willits Community Theatre, Saturday, July 6, 7:30 pm. See July 4 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Hunter Green, Saturday, July 6, 9 pm. "LA-based Hunter Green is a young band quickly gaining momentum in the Reggae and Rock scenes. Visit www.facebook.com/huntergreenmusic. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.

Sunday, July 7

Art in the Plaza: "Under the Umbrellas." See Saturday, July 6 listing for more details.

Ecstatic Dance with Kimba Jade: Sunday, July 7, 10 am, Willits Center for the Arts. Freeform dancing to a live DJ. \$15 entry, kids free. Families welcome. Barefoot nonverbal dance journey. Movement warmup 10 to 11 am, Ecstatic Dance with Kimba Jade 11 am to 1 pm.

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

Open Mic Night: Night Hawk Art & Healing Collective is hosting their first open mic night on Sunday, July 7, 7 pm. 44960 Highway 101, Unit B, Laytonville. Questions or early sign up contact Sean Burke on IG @SongBurke or SongBurke@gmail.com.

"Off the Map": Closing night tonight for this rural comedy at Willits Community Theatre, Sunday, July 7, 2 pm. See July 4 listing for details.

Tuesday, July 9

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad Tuesday movies are: "Toy Story 4" and "Annabelle Comes Home."

Visit www.noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for showtimes. 57 East Commercial Street.

Art Night: Clothespin Dragonflies: Tuesday, July 9, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Create a colorful insect using clothespins, pipe cleaners, and other fun items. Supplies provided. Ages 4 and up. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 707-459-5908.

Thursday, July 11

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, July 11, 3 to 6 pm. Greens and veggies, fresh strawberries, tomatoes, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. POP (Power of Produce Club) for the kids, Jams and jellies and savory preserves, fair trade chocolates, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Sherwood Firewise Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 6 to 8 pm, Brooktrails Community Center. "This is a key meeting: Working teams will give their updates. Evacuation Training sessions will begin and continue at the August 8 meeting. Includes community hazard assessments, list of various issues that need addressing, and methods to accomplish them. Updates on the tests of the SafetyNet and Broadcastify systems. Discussions of evacuation planning workshops and practice drills." Info: info@Sherwoodfirewise.org.

Friday, July 12

Art Night: Clothespin Dragonflies: Friday, July 12, 1 to 2 pm. See July 9 listing for details.

Saturday, July 13

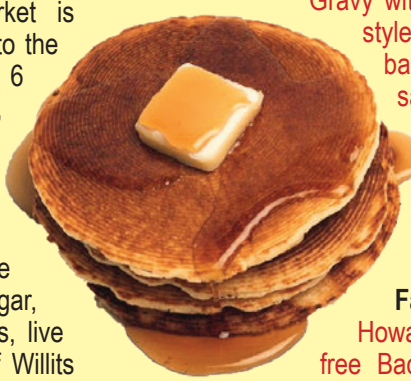
Fratello Marionettes: a performance of "Mother Goose Land," where beloved nursery rhyme character are brought to life. Saturday, July 13, 11 am to 12 pm. All ages. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908.

Shanachie Pub: Crosby Tyler, Saturday, July 13, 7 pm. "Blend backporch-bluegrass with Delta blues and add a keen sense of social commentary." Visit: www.crosbytyler.com/. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.



Sunday, July 14

Senior Center Sunday Pancake Breakfast: Sunday July 14, 8 to 11 am, 1501 Baechtel Road. Pancakes, with eggs cooked your style (choice of sausage, ham or bacon), or Biscuits & Gravy with eggs (cooked your style. Meat sides: 3 slices bacon - \$2; 3 links sausage, \$2. Peet's Coffee. Adults \$8, Senior Center members \$7, children under 8, \$6.



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

Back to School Fair

Join us for a fun event to help children of all ages get ready for BACK TO SCHOOL.

Back-to-school time is here! We'll have fun, healthy, nutritious, and educational activities for all ages. We'll also have fun games and prizes for all ages. This is a FREE event provided by Adventist Health Howard Memorial and our community partners as part of our commitment to help our community live and prosper in good health and well-being.

The Back to School Fair includes:

- Free Physicals
- Free Screenings
- Free Haircuts
- Free Information
- And more!

Sunday, July 14
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
3 Marcela Drive in West (in front of the hospital)
CALL (707) 456-3185 FOR MORE INFO

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Howard Memorial

Nicole Stromsoe and Dorian Michael July 21

The unparalleled duo of vocalist Nicole Stromsoe and acoustic guitar great Dorian Michael will perform at Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, July 21 at 2 pm. Stromsoe brings her own distinctive musical background to her performances. She grew up traveling with her family to

various art festivals that immersed her in creative awareness and she started singing in choirs from eight years old. Her earliest memories include imitating every nuance of Ella Fitzgerald on a Gershwin album, and continuously replaying a collection of Atlantic Soul Classic hits. A graduate of the Berklee College of Music in Boston, she draws from a command of numerous genres.

After more than four decades of playing, Dorian Michael brings a masterful and unique finger-style performance to his guitar-playing. He has appeared in varied venues, from smoky honky-tonks to theater orchestra pits. He has developed his licks in blues and folk, jazz and rock and roll. The combination of these two virtuosos together is a unique entertainment opportunity for audiences at the WCT playhouse. Advance tickets are \$20 at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Ticket sales close 2 hours before the show begins, so get your tickets early, or at the door if still available! The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub)

– submitted by Willits Community Theatre

Open Mic Night: LocalLights:OpenMic++ presents a night of all open mic performances. Sunday, July 14, 5 pm. "There will be plenty of time for everyone to get in on the action. So bring your instruments or just your voice and participate. Or merely come and listen to our many talented local performing artists. We have had many of them every event so far. Let's all come out and support each other! We need it. And we deserve it." Suggested donation: \$5. All ages. To sign up for open mic in advance: LocalLights@theSighting, 459-7054.

Senior Center Lunch

Week of July 8 through July 12

Monday: Tuna Sandwich

Tuesday: Beef Tips & Noodles

Wednesday: Bacon Swiss Crispy Chicken Sandwich

Thursday: Osso Bucco

Friday: Baked Ham

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older, \$6.50 per meal, under 55 only \$8.00 per meal. Includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, dessert, and drink. (Salad Bar available all year). 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.



Willits Senior Center Membership Drive

"We need seniors age 55 and older and non-seniors (ages 40-54) to become members now. 1-year membership is \$30, couples \$55. Purchase a membership for someone else or make a donation to support your community and seniors throughout the area. Benefits: Free firewood when available (in the fall and winter), \$5 discount on pre-paid meal tickets (10 ticket card), Monthly Newsletter, monthly \$2 off coupon for Thrift Store, free Wi-Fi, discount on select events and facility rental. Membership revenue and donations allow us to provide vital services, social activities and more." Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. 459-6826.

Ongoing Events

Art in the Plaza "Under the Umbrellas": Every weekend in July through September. Behind Café 77 on East Mendocino Street.

Meatless Mondays: at Roots Restaurant at Adventist Health Howard Memorial, 1 Marcela Drive. "Serving delicious plant-based options every Monday," 7 am to 5 pm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Believe": Alcohol Ink paintings by Julie Bullock, alcohol ink art. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 East Commercial Street. More info: www.facebook.com/DbDesigns17, www.instagram.com/dbdesigns17.

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

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

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

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

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

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

German Conversation Class: Ongoing non-denominational German conversationbook reading class is open to new members (middle to advanced German speakers). No charge,

AT THE MOVIES



'Annabelle Comes Home'

The Story: Horror movie sequel No. 3, with three times the horror movie creepiness. Annabelle is the soul-hungry demon with a female name that lurks inside a highly untrustworthy doll with Dan Essman bulgy eyes. During one chaotic night, the demon doll terrorizes three teenagers and a younger girl. So, what happens? Slamming doors. Ghostly assaults. A werewolf sort of thing. Innocent souls are sucked out of innocent bodies. OMG! Soul sucking! And the generalized noisy haunting leads to a noisy climax.

My Thoughts: Movie sequels are ceremonies, so we already know the sequence and story when we buy the ticket. Scary feelings from the first movie are what the audience can anticipate enjoying again in the second one. All the scares are re-experienced. All to a familiar beat. There's a Good Girl, and there's a Bad Girl. The audience knows them like irritating cousins. Then the rituals are honored – locked doors suddenly unlock, strange faces appear in the mirror, girls at risk are dragged across floors by invisible powers, and the fog! always the fog! It is all a ceremony. We know the jump scares are coming, and come they do. So shriek on dudes and dudeens, and don't drop your popcorn, "Annabelle Comes Home" delivers the goodies.

Parents: Rated "R" for terrifying images and girls at risk from supernatural evil. Teenagers may rejoice. The flick is for them. But little children are too gullible and superstitious and given to nightmares because, for gawdsakes, they're children. This flick is absolutely not for them. Not for kids. Don't bring 'em.

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

but donations gladly accepted. St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Mondays from 456-9425 or honemann@yahoo.com.

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or honemann@yahoo.com.

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: 459-4932.

Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays, 3 to 4:30 pm "Lego Club" (bring your imagination and start building); Wednesdays, 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group" (Self-directed playtime, with toys, ages 0 to 4); Wednesdays, 2:30 to 3 pm "Storytime" (Books, songs, rhymes and movement, ages 3 to 6); Thursdays, 11:00 to 11:30 am "Movement for Kids" (Explore movement and self-expression. Ages 4 to 7); 2:30 to 3:30 pm "Storytime and More" (with coloring and board games); 4 to 5 pm "Teen Advisory Group" (Tell us what you think); Fridays, 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Therapeutic Coloring" (Bring a friend and relax with a coloring book); 5:30 to 5:50 pm (Calming Stretches); Saturdays, 11 am to 12 pm "Prompting Creativity" (A space to create a piece of art or writing for teens and adults); Fridays 5:30 to 5:50 pm "Calming Stretches" for teens and adults; Saturdays 11 am to 12 pm "Prompting Creativity" (teens and adults); and 2:30 to 4:30 pm "Drop-In Knitting" All skill levels. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

Willits Seed Lending Library: Offering information on seed saving and gardening. Seeds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables are free to seed library members, and seed donations are gladly accepted.

Drop-In Knitting Circle: Saturdays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your own projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in." Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or lotusb3@earthlink.net.

Seroprompt International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets the second Tuesday at 4 pm and the third Tuesday at noon each month at St John's Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

Weekly Life Changes Discussion and Support Group: Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 am. In the Conference Room at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Every Wednesday at AHM's Roots Restaurant, 1 Marcela Drive, 6 to 7 pm. Register there: 540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm. Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Teens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: "Mendocino Sheriff's Activities League" on Facebook or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Tuesdays, 8 pm: "Wabi Sabi" with host Mitchell Holman, formerly of It's A Beautiful Day ("Whitebird") features different artists every week. Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. "Local musicians... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

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

Free Summer Meals for Kids

A healthy breakfast and lunch are provided free to children 0-18 years old regardless of income. Monday to Friday; started June 10, goes through August 9, excluding July 4. Blosser Lane School, 1275 Blosser Lane. 8 to 8:30 am for breakfast, 11 am to 12 pm for lunch. Info: Willits Unified School Nutrition Services 459-7700 ext.1554.

Sherwood Firewise Meeting

July 11

The next Sherwood Firewise Communities General Meeting is Thursday, July 11, from 6 to 8 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center. "This is a very key meeting to attend with important issues to be discussed. Working teams will give their updates; we'll begin Evacuation Training sessions which will continue at the August 8 meeting. A good amount of time will be spent on gathering data from the meeting attendees on community hazard assessments (in Brooktrails and the rural subdivisions) and making a list of the various issues we have identified that need addressing and how that will be done." Also info on neighborhood coordinators, home hardening, vegetation management, and communications, including updates on the tests of the SafetyNet and Broadcastify systems. Evacuation planning workshops including practice drills on August 22 and 24 will be discussed. Contact info@Sherwoodfirewise.org for more information.

– submitted by Sherwood Firewise Communities

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Dj Mike Tobin
Food by Scoops
Honor Guard VFW
Silent Auction

JULY 27TH
FIGHTS START AT 2pm!
111 East Commercial Street Willits
(Community Center)

Relay for Life

July 20

The 2019 Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society is set to start Saturday, July 20 at Recreation Grove Park, with an Opening Ceremony at 10 am, followed by the first Survivors Lap, featuring cancer survivors. This 24-hour, overnight team relay continues through 10 am Sunday, July 21. The 2019 theme is "Relay Around the World," with teams decorating their booths and tents based on different countries and travel themes. Featuring live music by Fat Chance Truckin' Band and DJ selections by Eddie Vedolla. Saturday evening features the Luminaria Ceremony, with lit-up luminaria bags around the track, honoring those who've passed, as well as dinner by Mi Pueblito. "We will be up all night with s'mores, coffee, contests and themed laps – partner with us for a wonderful time, help us crush cancer around the world!" For more info, www.relayforlife.org will bring you to the Relay website where you can also sign up and learn more about fundraising.

PG&E Wildfire Safety Open House in Willits

July 18

Pacific Gas & Electric is coming to Willits, with a regional "Wildfire Safety Open House" – set for Thursday, July 18 at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Topics will include information about the expansion of PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoff program, designed to reduce wildfire danger by turning off electric power during forecasted extreme weather conditions. PG&E suggests power could be out for up to five days. Other topics: accelerated safety inspections of electric infrastructure, and hardening the electric system for the future by replacing equipment. "Drop in any time between 6 and 8 pm to meet with PG&E representatives, ask questions and share feedback." The Willits meeting is the regional open house for Mendocino, Lake and Colusa counties. More info at <https://www.pge.com>

PG&E will also be giving a presentation on the Community Wildfire Safety program and the Public Safety Power Shutoff program at the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors July 9 meeting, 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1070, starting around 1:30 pm. This presentation will be streamed online at Mendocino County's YouTube channel.



Above, left: Paul Thorn and The Blind Boys of Alabama have a more formal approach to the festival. Above: A portrait of Bob Dylan painted by Joan Baez is raffled off on stage.



At left: The attendees enjoy the music of the Kate Wolf Music Festival. Below, left: A rainbow display of tents packs one of the many campgrounds. Below: Singer/songwriter and actor Kris Kristoferson played the Kate Wolf Festival on Sunday.

At bottom: Wavy Gravy is an eternal presence at the festival in his seat of honor.

Photos by Mathew Caine



A Kate Wolf Festival staffer gives out free hugs.



The rest of Kate *From Page 3*

Northern California in the 1970s. She was on her way to national recognition when she was untimely afflicted with leukemia and succumbed to the disease in 1986.

In 1996, a Kate Wolf Retrospective Concert was held to celebrate her music. It was a one-day festival, designed to be a one-time event, but it worked so well that it is now in its 23rd year and goes on for four days. The festival is celebrating many years of residency at the Black Oak Ranch. Under the stewardship of such Northern California icons such as Wavy Gravy of the Hog Farm and Ken Kesey's Magic Bus and Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead, the festival was brought to its current location on the 150-acre site. For more information on the history of Kate Wolf and the festival, visit their website: www.katewolfmusicfestival.com.

In addition to the music, the festival offers a relaxing four days amongst heritage oak trees, a river with clothing optional and clothed bathing areas, an international food court, workshops, a fun kids' area with magic and juggling shows and activities, hatha yoga and tai chi every morning for the early-risers, a music jamming area for those who need to express their own music, and a "hobo jungle" to name some of the attractions.

Roaming through one of the several camping areas, one can spend an entire day enjoying the colorful array of customized tents as well as the colorful array of campers such as Kirsten from Eureka, by way of Denmark, who offered a gift of love to Willits Weekly, a lovely little wire sculpture that is supposed to be passed on in love to somebody else within two days.

There was Renee Vanegas who was plastering a boiled egg with hot sauce and pontificating on his favorites among the musical groups he has seen so far, Las Cafeteras and Booker T. & the M.G.s.

Everyone was laid back, in no hurry to be anywhere, enjoying the day, playing Frisbee, and generally just taking in the scenery and company of like-minded people getting away from their daily grinds in the cities, allowing nature and music to rejuvenate them.

Many of the vendors of clothing, food, instruments, ceramics and other goods make this an annual pilgrimage as well. Lia Mascio, 14, here with her family to vend Peace Pops (popsicles) came all the way from New Hampshire. This is her second time at the festival, having first come when she was 11.

There is Steve, the Violin Man, who does 17 festivals a year, and Kaden Hill from Sacramento, who creates retro-looking Bluetooth speakers from found parts. Camille Craft of Nevada City sells stones, crystals, clothing, mandalas, mobiles and Tarot readings.

Rain and Maya of Willits just started doing festivals and have ceramics from as low as \$2. Yvette Guest sells ears – furry clip-ons that seemed to create a whole new species of humans at the festival. Of course there was an over-21 cannabis area where one could sample "dabs" and learn about the business.

By the time this is published, Black Oak Ranch will be transformed back into the Hog Farm and the quiet creative space it is for the remainder of the year, awaiting the influx of approximately 4,000 people who'll come next year to enjoy nature, music and each other.

The rest of Schools *From Page 1*

district and its employees, and a bonus for a job well done.

Controversy over changes made by the board to the 2019/20 school year calendar was the focus at two of the board's June meetings.

At the June 19 meeting, covered in detail in last week's paper, four teachers objected to the board's decision to eliminate some Tuesday minimum (get out early) days. By the June 27 meeting, parents had got wind of the change and were on hand to voice their disapproval.

"When I got the schedule, I was kind of horrified honestly," said parent Cindy Sauers. "It's a working parent's biggest nightmare. I thought to myself, surely they wouldn't approve this without talking to parents."

Sauers also complained about "the incredible lack of communication I get as a parent from the school district," citing the "rumor mill ... [and] her son" as her sources of information about "a threat at the high school one and a half years ago ... [and] when [high school principal Mike] Colvig was put on leave.

"I am here to ask two things," she said. "Mr. Westerburg, make a sincere effort to communicate better with parents, especially when big things are going on, and ... [to the] school board, please reconsider this schedule."

A handful of other parents also objected to a lack of consistency in the calendar and asked for better notification.

Fourth-grade teacher Amy Grooms told Superintendent Mark Westerburg that parents first had access to the changes proposed for the calendar on Facebook only eight hours before the board's June 19 meeting, when it was approved.

Westerburg replied, "It was listed on our website."

He acknowledged, however, that was insufficient notice. "Was there enough time? No."

Other forms of district communication with parents were discussed and found wanting.

"There's no one system I can rely on," said Westerburg. "I can't rely on Aries [parent email notification system]; I can't rely on Facebook; I can't rely on the webpage; I can't even get everybody's email. So, we've got to hit them all."

A solution, however, appears to be on the horizon.

"Probably in the next three weeks, you'll see our entire webpages redone," said Westerburg. "But you probably won't even look at the website because we have an app.

"As soon as it's ready we're going to put out a mass notification of it ... going to send a note home ... how to get it, how to use it," he said. "Teachers and principals will be able to take a picture of something in class, write a note, and boom! – it'll hit Twitter, webpage, Facebook, and the app at the same time. It's going to be instantaneous. You can click on 'give me notifications from this building,' and you'll get them immediately."

On the issue of lack of consistency in the new 2019/20 school year calendar, Westerburg explained "it's really about adding instructional time; our performance dictates more instructional time."

And he allowed that "maybe this isn't the perfect calendar.... Maybe we need to tweak it a little.

"Again, my goal is, we have to do something different instead of what we keep doing and get what we keep getting. I want the best for your kids, and to do that I need to give teachers more time with them.

"We're going to evaluate what the calendar looks like – we have a one-year agreement with the teachers," he said. "In March, we'll be sitting down and talking about next year."

But, before next year, there is summer. And even though the kids are out, there's still lots going on in the district.

Blosser Lane Elementary School is hosting a special ed program, a Nuestra Alianza program in Mexican history, culture, etc. in Spanish for kids, preschool, and Imagination Station Kids Club.

There are also free breakfasts (8 to 8:30 am) and lunches (11 am to 12 pm) until August 9 at Blosser Lane for all

kids under 18.

At the high school, there is work going on to "bring water to the field behind the press box," said Westerburg. "It's going to be hydrosseeded. A year from this fall we'll have the practice field we never had."

Another project in the works at the high school is the construction of two barns.

"The entire area will look really good," said Westerburg. "The [Future Farmers of America] kids are going to have a great farm in place."

At Brookside Elementary, the "whole building" is getting painted and "an old storage building ... that could have been a biology experiment" is being taken out.

Also taken out at Brookside were quite a few "problematic trees" on district property along the south side of Mill Creek.

The site is being cleaned out now and "once that gets done, I'm going to meet with the Mill Creek group [owners of property on the north side of the creek] and ask if they want to become waterfront owners," said Westerburg. "We don't want to be responsible for that creek."

Roofs at Baechtel Grove Middle School, Brookside Elementary, and part of the high school will be repaired – power-washed, blown dry and tarred.

Disaster preparedness is also ongoing, with summer being wildfire season, the high school being an evacuation center, and PG&E set to shut off power when fire danger is high.

"We've got to be ready to handle it," said Westerburg. "When it happens, it's going to be spontaneous."

So far, "keeping tech running and ... lighting up the gym at night" can be accomplished with a small generator, and the district is looking at purchasing "a welder that can be used as a generator."

"The big issue is the high school cafeteria. We're a feeding evacuation center," said Westerburg. "We have to have a generator that has horsepower to keep the kitchen up and running."

For that kind of power, the district is "looking at entering into" an agreement similar to the one the city is working on with Willits Power.

"You pay a monthly service fee ... and within 12 hours [after loss of power] they bring a piece of equipment in."

Approval of public disclosure of the district's negotiated contracts with teachers, classified employees, administrators, and management was also on an agenda.

Disclosure was approved, though board President Alex Bowlds was "not particularly thrilled" with two aspects of the one-year agreement made with the Willits Teachers Association.

"It takes a lot of time and a lot of energy. Teachers are out of the classroom to work on negotiations; we need substitutes; it's an expensive process for the district; we need to be thinking kids first," Bowlds said.

He also was not happy with the absence of "involuntary transfer language" in the agreement.

"I would like the district to be able to utilize involuntary transfer when appropriate ... so the district has the ability to do what needs to be done," he said. "There are ways to do it so teachers are protected."

Trustee Paula Nunez said the state, although slow, did reimburse the district for the time teachers were out of the classroom during negotiations.

And the board approved a 3 percent salary augmentation payment to Westerburg, a bonus included in the terms of his contract, if his performance is satisfactory.

"We made a very favorable evaluation for the past year," said Bowlds. "I thank him for all the hard work."

"I wasn't on the board when he was hired, but said this to the board in closed session," said Trustee Jeanne King. "Mark said if he got hired the understanding was that the board expected him to take care of problems and do something about them. And my observation about Mark is he's not sitting twiddling his thumbs. He's actively looking for solutions to what ails Willits Unified, and I really appreciate it."

Public Health tips on protecting against West Nile virus, mosquito bites

The California Department of Public Health urges all Californians to protect themselves from mosquito bites during West Nile virus season, which extends from now through early fall.

"West Nile virus activity in the state is increasing, so it is important to take every possible precaution to protect against mosquito bites," said State Public Health Officer and CDPH Director Dr. Karen Smith.

West Nile virus spreads to humans and animals through the bite of an infected mosquito. Late-spring rains have contributed to standing water, which serves as a breeding source for mosquitoes that can spread WNV. Hot temperatures also contribute to increasing numbers of breeding mosquitoes and an increased risk of virus transmission to humans.

Currently, WNV activity is within expected levels and is similar to activity at this time last year. The risk of disease due to WNV increases as the summer progresses, and declines in early fall as the weather cools. In 2018, there were 217 reported WNV cases in California, including 11 deaths. Since WNV was first introduced into California in 2003, there have been more than 6,000 human WNV cases and 303 WNV-related deaths across the state.

West Nile virus is influenced by many factors, including climate, the number and types of birds and mosquitoes in an area, and the level of WNV immunity in birds. For most people, the risk of developing serious illness is low. However, some individuals – less than 1 percent – can develop serious neurologic illnesses such as encephalitis or meningitis. People 50 years of age and older, and individuals with

diabetes or hypertension, have a higher chance of getting sick and are more likely to develop complications from WNV infection.

CDPH recommends that people protect against mosquito bites and WNV by practicing the "Three Ds":

1. DEET – Apply U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-registered insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 according to label instructions. EPA-registered repellents are recommended for use because they have been tested for safety and efficacy in preventing mosquito bites. Insect repellents should not be used on children under 2 months of age.

2. Dawn and Dusk – Mosquitoes that transmit WNV usually bite in the early morning and evening, so it is important to wear proper clothing and repellent if outside during these times. Make sure that your doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep out mosquitoes. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.

3. Drain – Mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing water. Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property by emptying flower pots, old car tires, buckets, and other containers. If you know of a swimming pool that is not being properly maintained, please contact your local mosquito and vector control agency.

California's West Nile virus website, www.westnile.ca.gov, includes the latest information on WNV activity in the state. Californians are encouraged to report dead birds on the website or by calling toll-free 1-877-WNV-BIRD.

– California Department of Public Health

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for president. Later, the audience increased to about 45.

When asked why he recused himself from recent supervisors' deliberations on the Harris Quarry, Haschak said he was only informed of the county counsel's advice to recuse himself from the discussions just minutes before the meeting started. Haschak added since that meeting, he has thought about his responsibility to his constituents concerning the Harris Quarry question and determined he will participate in future board discussions on the item "unless something big hits me over the head."

Haschak was asked for an update on Measure V, the June 2016 ballot measure that declared it a public nuisance in Mendocino County to leave trees that have been intentionally killed standing in the forest for more than 90 days. That measure passed by 62 percent of the voting public but has not been enforced, due to uncertainty over whether the county has legal authority to enforce laws that regulate forest practices in privately owned forests located in the county.

Haschak told the audience that Mendocino County has sent two letters to the Office of the California Attorney General asking for an opinion on the question but has yet to receive a reply. The first letter was sent to the attorney general's office a few months after Measure V passed; the second letter was presented in person to Attorney General Xavier Becerra by Haschak and Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams in the early months of this year, when both Haschak and Williams were in Sacramento for a supervisors training meeting.

According to Haschak, a few months after he and Williams had hand-delivered the request for an opinion to Becerra, Haschak asked County Counsel Katherine Elliott to call the attorney general's office. She was told the office would not talk directly to Elliott "because the matter had gone to the board of supervisors level."

Elliott told Haschak that the AG's office had told her it would communicate directly with county supervisors. But as of the evening of June 27, Haschak had not seen a ruling from Becerra or from his office.

Haschak told the audience that, in his view, the board of supervisors is going to have to decide whether or not it will take action, even if the action will likely result in a lawsuit.

"So, we are going to have to come up with an agenda item at one of the upcoming board meetings, to say, 'Look, we need to give you 30 days or something, and then we will act,'" Haschak said. "The tricky part of it is, if we make a decision, then Mendocino Redwood Company could sue us and, at that point, whatever decision the attorney general's office has, they're going to stop and they won't release it, because there is a pending lawsuit."

"So, essentially, we have to decide, do we want to go forward with it, or do we want to wait forever for a ruling?" Haschak said.

Haschak told the audience he believes he has found a "structural weakness" in the county government. That weakness is that the board of supervisors does not have dedicated staff who can do analytical or investigative work for the board.

"If we get an idea, or if I get an idea, about doing something, it's on me – or I have to go to an individual in the public to say, 'Hey, can you work on this?' or, 'Can you do this investigation?' That's a great way to get people to work together

and feel connected to the government, but at the same time, I feel that, structurally, there should be someone there, not just clerks or deputy clerks or deputy deputy clerks who are accountable to the clerk [of the board of supervisors] who is the CEO [Carmel Angelo] – that there is a structure where we have our own clerical staff. And it could just be one or two people for all five of the supervisors.

"I think that's the way to make a more effective, democratic system," Haschak said.

Community member Dan Vincent asked several questions about public notification in the event of an emergency. Haschak replied he has been trying to persuade Office of Emergency Services Manager Rick Ehrlert to create an informational video to educate the public on who to call or where to listen in the event of an emergency. He added that he and Ehrlert have been discussing the option of putting some sirens on a plane and flying the plane over an area facing an advancing fire.

Vincent agreed those were good ideas, but added he wanted to know how county government was going to communicate with people after the emergency communications system had gone down? Haschak had no answer.

Mark Herbert asked Haschak what could be done to make government more "responsible." Haschak said he had been pleased with the county's support for his work on securing emergency access routes for Brooktrails.

"I've been working on getting emergency access routes, on getting CalFire and other organizations to make sure we are safer and prepared with vegetation management. They've been very helpful on all these levels, and so I feel that, on some of these issues I really care about, they are really trying to be supportive of it."

"Certainly, I am one of five [supervisors] too, and you need three supervisors to get support for something, and I haven't always been on the winning side, but I have gotten some things through, too. So that's democracy," Haschak said.

Haschak started off the meeting with a review of some of his achievements over his first six months in office, reminding the public he has sponsored a ban on GMO cannabis and had put in place a moratorium against it; that he has helped to put in place a moratorium against the cultivation of industrial hemp; that he had successfully brought to the board of supervisors several changes to the Mendocino County cannabis cultivation ordinance, coming from the supes' ad hoc committee on cannabis cultivation; that he has worked with CalFire, Brooktrails and county representatives to develop an emergency access/egress strategy for Brooktrails (Haschak said he is expecting a report from county transportation director Howard Dashiell on that issue in a couple of weeks); that he has worked on developing an exclusive operating area paradigm for a single emergency services and ambulance provider in the county; that he voted against a large raise for the deputy district attorney; that he authored a letter protesting the U.S. Navy's plans to do sonar testing and bombing off the Mendocino County coast and that letter was approved by the board of supervisors and sent to the Navy; and that, as a member of the North Coast Railroad Authority's Board of Directors, he has worked to convert the Northwestern Pacific Railroad to the Great Redwood Trail.

'Wild Western Willits'

WCA's July exhibit celebrates Willits' local ranching and horsemanship heritage

"The purpose of the 'Wild Western Willits' show is to bring in that section of the community that normally doesn't visit the art center," said Willits Center for the Arts Curator Gary Martin. The show, which opened Saturday and will continue through July 28, is designed to augment the annual Frontier Days celebration, which has been happening in Willits for 93 years.

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The exhibit at the art center celebrates the ranching heritage of the area with art, photography and crafts that relate to the husbandry of horses and cattle. In order to create this show, Martin enlisted the help of Bobbie Yokum, knowledgeable in all things having to do with ranching and horsemanship.

Yokum, in turn, enlisted the talents of several of her friends and associates who are expert in their abilities to create tack (horse accessories), tools, and Western-themed art.

"The artists I brought to the show were the Western artists who did the gear," explained Yokum. "One of these is Chris Bartow, a real cowboy, a young guy. He hasn't been braiding that long, but he does really excellent work."

Taking Willits Weekly on a tour of the exhibit, Yokum pointed out the various leather and metal tools of the trade which have been fashioned by local craftspeople, including several items she made herself. Notable are five horse-head silhouettes, made by Jeff Cook, which are festooned with various bits of halters, bosals, snaffle bits, quirts, shoo flies, and other leather crafts.

Yokum additionally contributed several hobbles, which are used on horses' hoofs to keep them from running away. She chose to display them on Bud Light beer

cans for contrast and color.

In addition to the tack items, there are several other pieces of art that relate to ranching, leather, or Frontier Days in general. Mary Ann Underhill created a beautiful "Bible Box" with an embossed and painted leather top. Underhill also made some wallets and leather flowers.

There is a workable and attractive knife made by Chris Bartow, beaded flowers by Donna Schindel, and a necklace and beaded roses by Yokum's sister, Cathy Decker. Ursula Parchi is displaying some Western-evocative scarves. Mike Underhill is showing iron and copper utensils.

Most striking and dynamic are the photo blowups from Steve Eberhard and Maureen Moore, which depict extremely large images of the rodeo. Eberhard and his wife, Lana, were recently honored with the WFD Heritage Award for their past work with the organization, Steve as a photographer for many years and Lana for her work on the WFD program. Steve also brought one of his railroad track anvils, which he used to sell at shows.

Bartow learned his leather craft in Nebraska. "It's rawhide and leather braiding," he said. "It's all working tack, so what I'm displaying has all been used. It's all traditional-style tools for cowboys. I mostly make these to use, and there's a handful of people I make things for, but it's more of a hobby."

"I started braiding rawhide," he continued, "because I couldn't afford to buy the handmade tack that I wanted. We do everything from preparing the hide, to cutting the strings, to creating the gear."

Tom Zephyrs is a philosophical painter who thinks a lot about his work, what he is

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Above: A rider holds on tightly as his horse bucks out of the chute gate at a past Frontier Days rodeo in this photograph by Steve Eberhard. At right: A set of hand-forged wrought-iron tools adorned with bull heads by Mike Underhill hangs from a matching stand.



Above: Visitors to the opening of the WCA exhibit "Wild Western Willits" admire the artwork and mingle. Below: Marjo Wilson, known to Mendocino County children as "Cotton Dandee," shows her large, striking acrylic compositions.



Photos by Mathew Caine

July 4th parade and detour route

Submitted by the Willits Police Department

On Thursday July 4, the City of Willits will be hosting the annual Frontier Days Parade. The Willits Police Department seeks the assistance of those residents who live on the parade route, detour route, and parade staging areas in keeping the streets clear on July 4.

During the last week of June, volunteers from the Frontier Days Committee have gone door to door in these areas handing out "No Parking" notices as a friendly reminder to residents about the special parking requirements on July 4. The parade route will be closed to regular traffic at 10 am, according to Willits Police Chief Scott Warnock.

The Willits Police Department seeks your assistance and cooperation in making the Frontier Days Parade an enjoyable family experience.

The following streets will be affected by the parade:

East Commercial Street, South Main Street, East Valley Street, and South Lenore Avenue.

The following streets will be affected by the detour:

West Commercial Street, School Street, Pine Street, Coast Street, and West Valley Street.

Covelo man shot at Hull Valley pot grow

A 22-year-old Covelo man is in the intensive care unit at an out-of-county trauma center after being shot multiple times shortly after 6:30 pm on June 30 in the Hulls Valley area north of Round Valley.

Investigators are seeking the unidentified shooter and have arrested 21-year-old Salvador Torres-Rubio of Santa Rosa, who was found carrying two large bags of marijuana near the scene of the shooting.

Sheriff's deputies rushed to the scene in the 24500 block of Hulls Valley Road after they received several 911 calls reporting a possible shooting in the area, and the victim, an unidentified Hispanic man, "was trying to flag down cars in the area," according to sheriff's Lt. Shannon Barney.

"The victim," Barney said, "was eventually able to get a ride where he was met by a Covelo Volunteer Fire Department ambulance. Emergency medical personnel confirmed the [man] had suffered multiple gunshot wounds [to his chest and arm] and transported him to a landing zone where he was flown directly to the trauma center. Following surgery, the victim was transferred to the hospital's intensive care unit."

In the meantime, patrol deputies had located a blood trail and followed it to a nearby gated driveway. "As they were nearing the gate," Barney said, they found Torres-Rubio, who was possibly under the influence of a controlled substance, carrying two large bags of marijuana and detained him.

Torres-Rubio told deputies "there were other persons in the area who were armed and might shoot at [the] officers, and there could be a second person on the property who had been shot and killed."

The county's inter-agency SWAT team was called to the scene, while MCSO detectives completed a search warrant for the residence and property.

The residence and 30-acre heavily brushed property were searched, Barney noted, but no other persons were found. However, sheriff's deputies did locate numerous greenhouses used to cultivate marijuana.

After daylight on July 1, deputies initiated a more detailed search of the property for another shooting victim but failed to locate any injured or deceased persons, Barney said.

Mendocino County Sheriff's Marijuana Unit deputies eradicated 1,286 marijuana plants in various stages of growth, Barney added. The plants ranged from 3 feet to 5 feet in height.

Torres-Rubio was arrested on a Sonoma County warrant charging him with sexual battery and violating probation. He is being held Mendocino County Jail without bail.

"The extent of [his] involvement in either the growing operation or the shooting is still under investigation," Barney noted.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office is urging anyone with information regarding this incident to contact the Sheriff's Detective Unit, via WeTip at 800-782-7463 or the MCSO Communications Center at 463-4086.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

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tourism spending increased 4.1 percent over the 2016 total, reaching \$441.7 million.

By comparison, according to the Mendocino County Department of Agriculture's 2017 Crop Report, 2017 agricultural production, including forest products but not cannabis production, totaled \$268.7 million.

The annual report stated the tourist industry supported 7,070 jobs and generated employee earnings of \$214 million in 2017.

In 2017, revenues from the BID assessment grew to \$942,497, the most revenue from the BID assessment since its inception in 2006. Based on that revenue, the County of Mendocino paid 50 percent of the BID assessment – \$471,248 – to the Mendocino County Tourism Commission in monthly installments over fiscal 2018-19.

The 2019-2020 estimated BID budget incorporates a 5 percent increase over the 2018-19 figures. The new budget estimates a BID assessment of \$989,622, a county match of \$494,811, plus some smaller side income, for a total income of \$1,458,864.

The BID assessment remains at 1 percent of revenues paid by tourists for lodging in hotels or motels. It has been at 1 percent since the inception of the BID in 2006. Between 2014 and 2017, there was considerable discussion among the Mendocino County Lodging Association and, later, the Mendocino County Tourism Commission about the wisdom of increasing the assessment to 2 percent. However, that step was never taken, and the 2019-2020 annual report contains no discussion of the question.

The report included a review of the county's recent tourism efforts, including the 2015-16 restructuring of the previous governing structure, which featured the Mendocino County Lodging Association and the Mendocino County Promotional Alliance working together, sometimes at cross purposes. In January 2016 they were merged into a single entity, the Mendocino County Tourism Commission, which works under the name "Visit Mendocino County."

The report also noted recent personnel issues that threatened the organization. "The exit of [former Mendocino County Tourism Commission Executive Director] Alan Humason led to the seating of interim Executive Director Richard Cooper, who righted the ship and provided the guidance necessary for the board to set about hiring a permanent replacement. On June 5, 2018, Travis Scott, a wine industry veteran and the son of former Willits City Councilman Ed Scott and a Willits High School graduate, began his position as the MCTC executive director."

The report touched on the main initiatives undertaken by the MCTC over the past few years. According to the report, in 2017, MCTC contracted to have a study done to assess how well Mendocino County is known as a destination among post-Baby Boomer generations, including Gen-Xers and Millennials.

"Gen-Xers" (people who belong to the so-called Generation X) refers to those who were born between 1965 and 1980; "Millennials" refers to people who were born between the years 1981 and 1996.

According to the annual report, "the study showed that awareness of the county was very low among the target audience and the location."

Marketing efforts were suspended in 2017, while a re-branding campaign was underway, the report noted. The purpose of the re-branding campaign was to re-orient the marketing of the county

to appeal more to Gen-Xers and Millennials.

In a section of the report titled, "Preliminary Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2020," the first strategic direction is "increase tourism revenue through the development and implementation of the annual integrated marketing, public relations and sales plan."

Under that heading, the strategy was detailed, as follows. "The director of marketing and media and the executive director will continue to work closely with their marketing consultants and partners to create a focused and successful marketing plan for the next fiscal year. Based on the public relations successes of the past three years, the director of marketing and media and KOLI Communications, Visit Mendocino County's PR agency of record, will craft an ambitious PR effort [to] attract traditional media to the county as well as reaching out to the Millennial, Gen-X and Gen-Y generation of social media influencers. Sales plan activities for fiscal year 2019-2020 will include attendance at the California State Fair, Pet Expo in Santa Clara, national Tour Association, and the Los Angeles and Bay Area travel and adventure shows."

Point Arena coming back in

According to the annual report, during fiscal year 2018-19, Scott initiated a dialog with lodging owners in Point Arena as well as Point Arena's city manager in hopes of bringing Point Arena back into the BID. Scott's efforts were successful, and in March 2019, the Point Arena City Council voted to return the city's hotels and motels into the BID.

According to Mendocino County Department of Planning and Building Services Director of Administrative Services Adrienne Thompson, the county must first jump through several legal hoops before that can take place.

Thompson said she hopes she and her staff can bring back a resolution of intention to bring Point Arena back into the BID by the end of July. After that, there is a 45-day window during which both a public meeting and a public hearing on the issue must take place.

During supervisors' discussion of the item on June 18, board Chair Carre Brown asked if any member of the public wished to comment. No one

came forward, so Brown closed the public hearing.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak asked Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Schapmire about her department's new software, and whether it was working properly. Schapmire said the software, purchased three years ago, is not yet working.

"The problem is, there has been a delay in implementing that software," Schapmire said. "That is something we have actually started to work on in the last month – the property tax as a whole, which is great. We have been wanting to do that for a long, long time."

Schapmire said when the property tax system is installed and working, the system will do much of her department's property tax work, plus the work on the cannabis taxes, plus work related to the Transient Occupancy Tax, the BID assessments and the business licenses.

"Visit Mendocino County wants us to track e-mail addresses," she said. "We have no place to put that right now. We have no place to put any information. There was a question: is it coastal? Is it inland? Where is this money coming from? We have very limited information. These are very simple databases that we're in right now. We're in three separate databases."

"We will be in one database in that software system, and that's something the Mendocino County Tourism Commission and Visit Mendocino County really have been wanting for a long time. [They want to know] average daily rates, how many rooms at each hotel."

"I feel that when we come back a year from now, we will have a lot of exciting things and information to share with the board we have not had, ever," Schapmire said.

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Above: Whitney's family attended the event, from left: Sammy and Laura Emal (in back), Natalie Mattson, Salina (in front) and Ryan Emal (in back), Wendy and Russ Emal (in back), and India and Lola White in front of Dusty Whitney with the red hat.



At left: This old saw was painted for Whitney to commemorate some of his civic accomplishments and is on permanent display in the museum.

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Mendocino County memorabilia.

Mattson and Dukett were thrilled to have integral parts in the process of photographing, measuring, numbering and cataloguing all 1,600 pieces. "We couldn't have done it without Benjamin MacBean, who works with us and our team of volunteers: Karen Bishop, Scott Ferleman, Betsy Mercer, Steve Prochter, Gail Yde and Brent Walker," Duckett said. Both women effusively thanked Whitney for his generosity and thoughtfulness in preparing each donated piece.

The Mendocino County Museum is a treasure, reaching back in time, from the original inhabitants of California's North Coast to the present, creatively telling

stories through a plethora of engaging and informative displays. In the future look for even more artifacts from the Whitney collection sprinkled throughout the museum exhibits.

Mendocino County Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street in Willits. It's open from 10 am to 4:30 pm Wednesday through Sunday, with free admission on Wednesdays. Museum admission is always free to anyone with a Mendocino County Library card.

"Frontier Days: A Collector's Journey" will be on exhibit until October 20.

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The rest of West

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trying to accomplish and how to have fun doing it. His "quantum" paintings of current classic Willits scenes are frozen moments in time, destined to become a record of a time past in future viewings.

"Take a less attractive place and try and make something of it," Zephyrs explained, "to make art of it, to find the beauty in it – I looked at a lot of places that one would normally pass and ignore – and then try and develop that." He creates a different view of common sights that make the viewer take a second look.

Marjo Wilson, also known to the children of Mendocino County as "Cotton Dandee," creates large and striking acrylic compositions of what she knows, having grown up in the ranching world of Covelo. Her work is full of motion and is notable for its evocative transparency, a technique she has developed due to an allergy to linseed oil, the medium for oil paint.

The "Wild Western Willits" show is about

the ethos and heritage of the town. It is a demonstration of how form and function can work together to create art that captures the heart of a time and place, a throwback to days past but still functioning within the modern world.

Gallery hours at the WCA, 71 East Commercial Street, are Wednesday to Sunday, from 11 am to 5 pm.

Also on Saturday night, three other galleries within easy walking distance of the WCA opened their doors to the public for an Art Walk. Brickhouse Coffee (3 South Main Street) offered a look at the soon-to-close exhibit of Julie Bullock's heated oil paintings. Re-Evolution at 15 West Mendocino Street opened a new show from artist Mira Moeller, and Leopold Collective, 109 North Main Street, offered Asian-inspired line drawings from its two owners, Halley Armstrong and Trenton Bobbitt. The Art Walk showed the creativity and viability of the growing art community in Willits.



Above: A beaded rose was carefully crafted by Cathy Decker. At right, top: Cans of Bud Light are enlisted to help display some horse hobbles made by Bobbie Yokum. At right: Leather worker Chris Bartow with family members Cyrus, Raylan and Marta. Below: Tom Zephyrs' "The Quantum Field at 330 South Main Street" is a Willits scene frozen in time.



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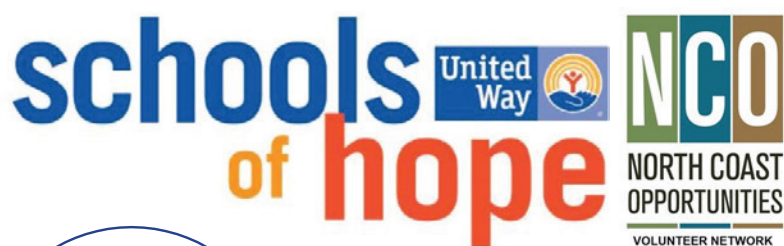
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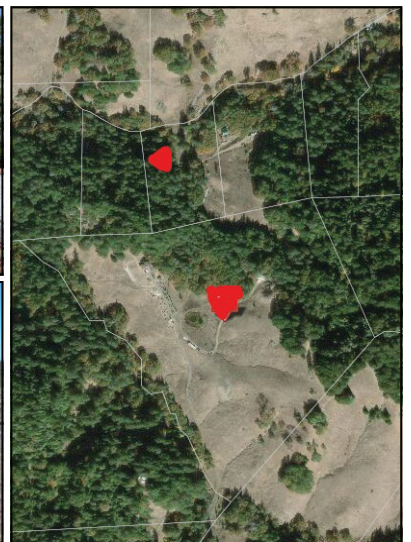
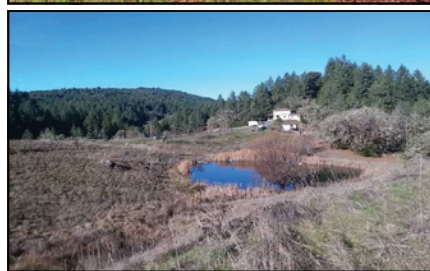
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Level: Advanced

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!

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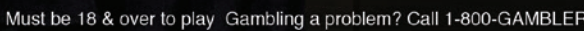
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20. It held a convention once
22. Makes a loud, ringing sound
23. Cave
24. Lessening of something
28. MJ's nickname
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29. One's way of doing things
30. Wings
31. Quotes as evidence for
33. Acts glumly
37. A man's title
38. It comes first
39. Edible mollusk
41. Resembles a pouch
42. He/she checks your health
43. Nobel Prize-winning biochemist
44. Stop momentarily
46. Formerly (archaic)

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55. Prices
58. On a line at right angles
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59. Where boats are parked
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65. Small Iranian village
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1. Portuguese district
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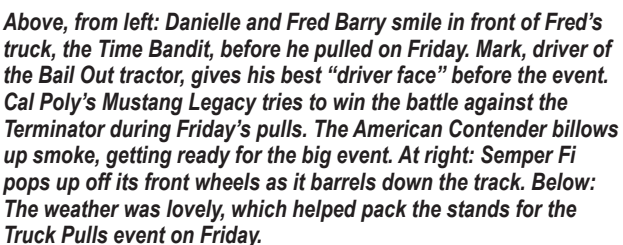
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Above: Family and friends of 2019 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart, Jaden Doak, smile together after her crowning on Saturday night.

Far left: Willits Frontier Days past Sweethearts pose together, including from back row, left: Lindsey Bowlds, Nicol Persico, Kenzie Barlow, Lilah Garman, Ashton Bloomquist, and Rachel Belvin. Front row: Hailey Riley, Carol Collier McClendon, Kathy Graves, Liz Day, and Olivia Grupp.

At left: Willits Frontier Days' Alexis England, center, gave best friends Willy England, left, and Fred Barry a matching "America" gift to celebrate their friendship.



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Dirt flies on the track and 2019 Sweetheart is crowned at annual dinner event

After last weekend, two more big events are checked off the 2019 Willits Frontier Days to-do list, but there's still many more to go, with the approaching 4th of July holiday offering the community lots of fun ways to celebrate.

On Wednesday, July 3, the evening CCPRA Rodeo was held, and the dance followed afterward with music by Chad Bushnell.

Of course, Thursday July 4 is the big, big day with the Horseshoe Contest at 10 am, the Main Street Parade at 11 am, the BBQ and Country Music Rodeola at noon, and the CCPRA daytime rodeo at 4 pm.

Friday, July 5 will feature the Junior Rodeo "Under the Lights" starting at 7 pm. Tickets for all events will be available at the door.

Last Friday, the Truck Pulls event was held,

giving locals and professional drivers the chance to pull against the weighted sled, the Terminator, and try for a full pull across the arena.

Some local riders who participated in the pulls included: Bob Martinelli, Sage Basler, Justin Johnson, Dean Allen, Kaleb Kumpula, Jeff Whitby, Dean Allen, Raymond Rowles, Matthew Miner, Jason Whitby, Dakota Williams, Randall Parker, Robert Lindsay, Rocky Stansberry, and Matthew Harbour.

The following evening, the Sweetheart Dinner was held on the lawn of the rodeo grounds, and 2019 contestant Jaden Doak was crowned the winner. Doak was able to sell \$40,905 in tickets and will take home 15 percent as a cash prize in addition to her new saddle, silver spurs and tiara, flowers and, of

course, entry into the Sweetheart club.

The dinner was sponsored by J.D. Redhouse, which was also named grand marshal of this year's celebration. Steve and Lana Eberhard, the Heritage Award winners, were unable to attend. Top Hand Billy Rutler received a buckle for his contributions and effort to the group, and Deana Rutledge received a weed whacker as a special gift from Frontier Days.

Sheriff Tom Allman was on hand to help auction off reins made by Bobbie Yokum, a set of vintage Willits Frontier Days plates, and a before-it-opens-to-the-public overnight stay in the new Mendocino County Jail. All items were used as fundraisers for the Willits Frontier Days Juniors club.

— Maureen Moore



At right, top: Jolene Carrillo, right, purchased a set of antique Willits Frontier Days plates from the Willits Frontier Days Juniors during the fundraising auction at the Sweetheart Dinner. At right: Ron and Brenda Orenstein pose with Willits City Manager Stephanie Garbrant-Sierra.

From far left: Nicol Persico Kunka, second from left, now has coached three Sweethearts to the win including, from left: Lilah Garman (2018), Jaden Doak (2019) and Hailey Riley (2017). Virginia and Larry Stranske in green plaid at the Sweetheart Dinner. Jaden Doak gives her prepared speech to the gathered crowd at the Sweetheart Dinner.

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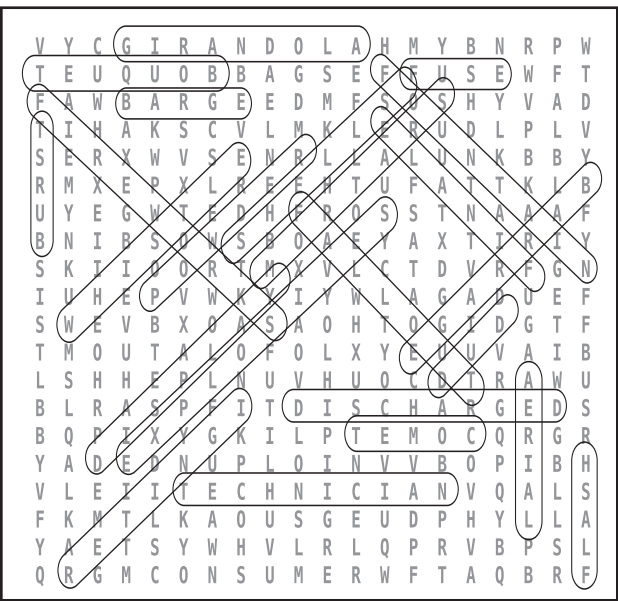
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Little Lake Health Center welcomes

Dr. Terri Turner

Submitted by Little Lake Health Center

MCHC Health Centers welcomes Dr. Terri Turner, an experienced internist / osteopath who specializes in functional medicine for adults. Dr. Turner joined the Little Lake Health Center team in May, where she will see patients and oversee mid-level providers.

Dr. Turner is a medical doctor and an herbalist, and she has worked in a variety of settings, both acute care (hospitals) and outpatient (health centers). She uses an integrative method and osteopathic manipulation to treat her patients and is especially adept at diagnosing and treating Lyme disease, fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, and illnesses related to the neurotoxins found in mold. She uses a hands-on approach to reduce pain and is passionate about helping to create healthy communities.

Dr. Turner's route to becoming a physician began in a somewhat unusual manner: with a bachelor's degree in nursing from Washington State University, Pullman in 1979. After working as a hospital nurse supporting patients through all sorts of illnesses – everything from cardiovascular problems to HIV – she became frustrated by the limitations of not having a medical degree, so she went back to school. In 1992, she received her Doctor of Osteopathy from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific.

She worked in hospitals throughout Northern California, including several years as a hospitalist and the chief of staff at Palm Drive Hospital in Sebastopol, while also maintaining a private practice. She also served as an assistant clinical professor at Touro University in Vallejo and at Pacific Northwest University in Yakima, Washington.

In 2013, she returned home to Spokane, Washington to serve as a hospitalist at the Veterans' Hospital. The next year, while maintaining her work in Washington, she began working a few days a month with Dr. Robert Gitlin in Redwood Valley. Eventually, it was this connection that encouraged her to relocate to Mendocino County.

Dr. Turner is a teacher through and through, whether she is working with patients, healthcare professionals, or medical students. She helps patients understand the mind-body connection and supports a blend of traditional Western medicine with other types of healing.

"I stay approachable, listen, and figure out what to do," she said.

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And being more particularly described as follows:
That certain real property situated in the County of Mendocino, State of California, described as follows: Block 58 Lot 16, of Tract 86, BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION as per map filed August 17, 1966, in Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 1, Mendocino County Records, as amended by map filed August 16, 1967, in Map Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 2, Unit No. APN: 098-045-10-01. If you need directions to find property, please send your request to Recon Financial, 111 Deerwood Road Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in a certain deed of trust executed by: Walter Hernandez as Trustor, to RECON FINANCIAL INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Trustee, for benefit and security of The Deerwood Corporation, a California corporation, dated May 24, 2014, and recorded July 16, 2014 in the office of the County Recorder in the County of Mendocino, State of California, in Book n/a of Official Records at page n/a. Document No. 2014-08381.
The total amount of unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold, including estimated costs, expenses and advances is: \$20,030.86. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times to the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court pursuant to section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800)824-9809 7:00 am to 5:00 pm for information.
The name, street address and telephone number of the Trustee conducting this sale is: RECON FINANCIAL INC., 111 Deerwood Rd., Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583, (925) 838-8525. The name, address and telephone number of the Beneficiary at whose request this sale is to be conducted, is: The Deerwood Corporation, a California corporation 111 DEERWOOD RD., STE. 100, SAN RAMON, CA 94583 (925) 838-8525
Dated June 27, 2019
S/ Peggy A. Porter, President
Publication Dates: July 4, July 11 and July 18, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

WW223 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TSG No. 5030200-8751889
TS No.100081025
APN: 100-321-02-01 Property address: Vacant land at on 3751 Primrose Drive, Willits, CA 95490 Block 12 Lot 6 Brooktrails Vacation Village Subdivision.
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 24, 2014 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
On Friday the 19th day of July, 2019, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, at the front entrance of the Brooktrails Sales Office 24895 Birch Street, Willits, CA 94590, County of Mendocino, State of California, Recon Financial Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the United States and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to Recon Financial Inc. the following described real property, situated County of Mendocino, State of California, and commonly known as BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION.
And being more particularly described as follows:
That certain real property situated in the County of Mendocino, State of California, described as follows: Block 12 Lot 6, of Tract 86, BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION as per map filed August 17, 1966, in Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 1, Mendocino County Records, as amended by map filed August 16, 1967, in Map Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 2, Unit No. APN: 100-321-02-01. If you need directions to find property, please send your request to Recon Financial, 111 Deerwood Road Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in a certain deed of trust executed by: Walter Hernandez as Trustor, to RECON FINANCIAL INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Trustee, for benefit and security of The Deerwood Corporation, a California corporation, dated May 24, 2014, and recorded July 16, 2014 in the office of the County Recorder in the County of Mendocino, State of California, in Book n/a of Official Records at page n/a. Document No. 2014-08381.
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Dated June 19, 2019
S/ Peggy A. Porter, President
Publication Dates: June 27, July 4 and July 11, 2019

Mendocino County Seal
Current Job Openings:
Communications Technician
Corrections Deputy
Deputy Sheriff-Coroner I/II
Deputy Sheriff-Coroner II - Bailiff -
Extra-help
Eligibility Specialist II/III
Heavy Equipment Mechanic
Juvenile Corrections Officer
Registered Nurse
Road Maintenance Worker I
Senior Public Health Nurse
Social Worker I/II/III/IV A-D
Substance Abuse Counselor I
For a complete list of current job openings and to apply:
www.mendocinocounty.org/government/human-resources
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WW224 CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO BIDDERS PROJECT No. 2019-03
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for: The work shown on the project plans entitled: CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROJECT PLANS For: North Maple Road Improvement & Storm Drain Replacement Project - Project No. 2019-03
Installing 56 feet of new 15" HDPE storm drain pipe and replacing 406 feet of existing 18" CMP with new 18" HDPE and Aluminized steel storm drain pipe on North Maple Street and placing new drainage structures on West Mendocino and North Maple Streets, removing one drop inlet and removing 95 feet of existing RCP storm drain pipe, abandoning one out-of-service sewer main, grinding 3 inches of existing asphalt and placing an 3-inch asphalt overlay on North Maple Street, doing approximately 3 Cy of dig-out work, constructing 2 new pedestrian ramps, sidewalks, walkways, 284 LF of new curb and gutter, filling designated street area with Class II asphalt, filling yard areas with engineered soil, placing riprap and willow stakes at new and existing storm drain outfall, and stripping.
IN City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California &
The work described in specifications books entitled: CITY OF WILLITS - BID BOOK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CITY OF WILLITS - PROPOSAL PACKET CITY OF WILLITS - AWARD PACKET
For: North Maple Road Improvement & Storm Drain Replacement Project - Project No. 2019-03
IN City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California
will be received by a designated representative, of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 11:00 a.m., July 18th, 2019, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, of the City of Willits, located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California.
Bid forms for this work are included in a separate book entitled: Proposal Packet For: City of Willits Public Works Department North Maple Road Improvement & Storm Drain Replacement Project - Project No. 2019-03
Example award forms for this work are included in a separate book entitled: Example Award Packet For: City of Willits Public Works Department North Maple Road Improvement & Storm Drain Replacement Project - Project No. 2019-03
THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$312,767.00
Key Dates:
• Pre-bid Meeting: July 9, 2019, 9:00 a.m. (on site)
• Final Questions from Bidders: July 10, 2019
• Final Addendum Issued: July 12, 2019
• Bid Opening: July 18, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
• Project Start Date: August 19, 2019
• Project Length: 40 calendar days
Interested bidders should contact the following in order to obtain a complete copy of the Bid Book, Proposal Packet, Award Packet, Contract, General Provisions, Special Provisions, and Project Plans:
Brandy Sanderson
City of Willits
111 E. Commercial St.
Willits, CA 95490
(707) 459-7143
A non-refundable fee of \$50.00 will be collected for each set that is obtained from the City of Willits.
Plans and specifications are also available for review at the following Builders Exchange offices:
Construction Bidboard (Ebbidboard) 11622 El Camino Real, #100 San Diego, CA 92130 Phone: 800-479-9314 Website: www.ebbidboard.com
Dodge Data & Analytics 830 Third Avenue, 6th Floor New York, NY 10022 Phone: 877-784-9556 Email: support@construction.com Website: www.construction.com
Humboldt Builders Exchange 1030 Apollo Way Santa Rosa, CA 95407 707-542-9502 707-542-9027 Website: www.ncbionline.com
Upon request Plans and Specifications may also be sent electronically at no cost.
Responsible bidders shall submit to the City complete, executed copies of all required documents listed in the Bid Book, at the time and place, and in the manner specified above.
In accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 20170, all bids must be presented under sealed cover and include one of the following forms of bidder's security: cash, cashier's check payable to the City, a certified check payable to the City or a bidder's bond. The amount of bidder's security provided must equal at least ten percent (10%) of the total of the bid price for the base bid and any additive or deductive items listed in this notice.
The successful bidder must then submit to the City complete, executed copies of all required documents listed in the Award Packet, within fourteen (14) calendar days after receiving the written Notice of Award, from the City Engineer, of the City of Willits, of the award of the project. Bidder's Security of any successful bidder that fails to do so will be forfeited to the City. Such required documents include, but are not limited to, a payment or labor and materials bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount payable by the terms of the project contract and that satisfies the requirements of California Civil Code Section 2248, and a performance bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount payable by the terms of the contract. All project bonds must be executed by an admitted surety insurer in accordance with applicable law and acceptable to the City.
Pursuant to Section 1773 et seq. of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' internet web site at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD, and also from the City of Willits, Public Works Department, located at 380 E. Commercial St., Willits, CA 95490. The Federal minimum wage rates for this project that are predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor may be examined at the offices described above. Addenda to modify the Federal minimum wage rates, if necessary, will be issued to holders of the Bid Book. Future effective general prevailing wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates.
Attention is directed to the Federal minimum wage rate requirements in the Bid Book. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. The Department will not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the Federal minimum wage determinations. This includes "helper" (or other classifications based on hours of experience) or any other classification not appearing in the Federal wage determinations. Where Federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determination, otherwise available for use by the Contractor and subcontractors, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the Federal minimum wage rate, which most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.
A pre-bid conference is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. on site, at the intersection of West Mendocino Ave. and North Maple Street, in Willits, CA. This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and to inform subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. Bidders' attendance at this meeting is not mandatory, but recommended. Minutes from the meeting will be distributed in an addendum on Friday, July 12, 2019.
Bids are required for the entire work described herein and the successful bidder will be required to furnishing all materials, equipment, labor, transportation, light, power, water, and services required to accomplish all improvements shown on the Project Plans, whether specified and/or implied or required to attain the completed conditions contemplated in the design, by the Engineer.
All work shall conform to the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, or State of California, Department of Transportation, Standard Plans and Specifications, current edition and all work must be done in accordance with the Bid Book, Technical Specifications, Proposal Packet, Award Packet, Contract, and Project Plans for the: North Maple Road Improvement & Storm Drain Replacement Project - Project No. 2019-03
The contractor shall possess a Class A license at the time this contract is awarded.
This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.
Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions, submitted after bid opening, will not be treated as a bid protest.
CITY OF WILLITS: S/ Cathy Moorhead, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk
Publication Dates: June 27 and July 4, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

WW222 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
UNDER DEED OF TRUST LOAN, WATKINS OTHER: 91213476 T.S. #: 19042-PR. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. * PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT, BUT TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/29/2014. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
NOTICE is hereby given that REDWOOD TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC., as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by CHRISTOPHER L. WATKINS and MONICA A. WATKINS, husband and wife as Joint Tenants, recorded on 10/17/2014 as Instrument No. 2014-12430 in Book -, Page - of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MENDOCINO County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 3/14/2019 in Book --, Page -, as Instrument No. 2019-02720 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 7/17/2019 At the main entrance to the Mendocino County Courthouse, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482 at 10:00 AM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described:
ALL THAT REAL PROPERTY LYING IN SECTIONS 22 AND 27, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, MOUNT DIABLO BASE AND MERIDIAN, MENDOCINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, WHICH IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
THOSE PORTIONS OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 22 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 27 WHICH LIES SOUTH AND EAST OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD KNOWN AS THE BIGGAR HIGHWAY AND SOUTHERLY AND WESTERLY OF PARCEL 24 AND THE CENTERLINE OF CORRAL CREEK AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PARCEL SUBDIVISION MAP FILED IN MAP CASE 2, DRAWER 27, PAGE 19, MENDOCINO COUNTY RECORDS.
Assessor's Parcel Number: 036-200-91-00 The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 36905 Covelo Road, Willits, CA
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the undersigned within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$197,830.64.
In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event lender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right.
Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note(s), fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust.
If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sale and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.
Dated: June 17, 2019
REDWOOD TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC., as said Trustee ATTN: ROBERT CULLEN P.O. BOX 6875 SANTA ROSA, CA 95406-0875 By: ROBERT CULLEN, President
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site: www.servicelinkASAP.com, using the Trustee Sale number assigned to this file, T.S. #19042-PR. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. A-4697102
Publication dates: 06/27/2019, 07/04/2019, 07/11/2019

WW221 Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0446
The following person is doing business as Cate & Glazed, 50 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: 2054 Lupine Drive, Willits, CA 95490
Registered owner: Philip Roland, 2054 Lupine Drive, Willits, CA 95490.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on June 7, 2019.
/s/ Philip Roland
Publication dates: 6/13, 6/20, 6/27 and 7/4/2019

Tienda de Monstruos
Willits Furniture Center está organizando su venta anual Monstruos en la tienda y estacionamiento! Consiga hasta un 60% de descuento en colchones, juegos de sofás, reclinables La-Z-Boy, lámparas, espejos y más. Viernes, 12 de Julio de 11:00 a 6:00 y Sábado, 13 de Julio de 11:00 a 3:00 solamente. ¡No Impuestos en las compras, 0% durante 12 meses! 775 Central Ave, Willits; (707) 459-4224

Trailer Space for Rent
House trailer space for 1 person in Covelo for rent, on beautiful 30 acre private ranch, \$ 3 5 0 / m o n t h , includes trash, water and septic. Call for details. 707-272-6354.

Yard Sale
Saturday, July 13, 7 am to 2 pm, 459 Coast Street, Willits. Pool table, pool cues and accessories, clothes, toys, kitchen ware, and more.

CLASSIFIEDS

Computer Help
Need help with your computer? I will come to your home or business. PC, Macintosh, Android and IOS devices. Repairs, configuration and tutoring: \$50/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email macamergerin@yahoo.com.

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

Help Wanted
Mortuary Transport Driver: \$20/hr – 4 hr min. On call, nights and weekends. Must have valid CDL and pass a drug test. Pick up an application at Anker-Lucier Mortuary, 95 W Commercial St., Willits, 459-5515

Event Spaces Available
Event spaces available at the Willits Center for the Arts! • Great Room • Classroom • Ceramic Studio For inquiries, email manager@willitscenterforthearts.org or call 459-1726. For an official information visit: www.willitscenterforthearts.org/rentals

'Experience The Sound of Soul'
Tuesday, July 16, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 E. Commercial Street. Welcome to the worlds of HU (pronounced hue), an ancient, universal name for God. This sacred word can spiritually uplift people of any religion, culture

Louise Harrison

Louise Harrison went to be with the Lord on May 22, 2019, with family by her side. Louise was born in Mountain Pine, Arkansas on April 30, 1929 to John and Margret (Clenney) Tanner.

Louise was a C.N.A. and a private caregiver for more than 30 years, and a lifelong resident of Willits. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved to go fishing and camping (in the motor home) with her husband and family. She also enjoyed quilting, crocheting, and spending time with family and friends on special days. She was a past member of Kingsley Augusta Chapter No. 58, Eastern Star of Ukiah.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jesse, her parents John and Margret Tanner, brother Ernest Tanner, sisters Marjorie Matheny and Mildred Brown, and her precious great-granddaughter Victoria Stewart.

Louise is survived by her son James (Jim) Harrison (Ruby Pietrzak); daughter Glenath Wear; brother Jake (Percy) Tanner; sister-in-law Hattie Mae Jackson; grandchildren Brook Losh (Heidi), James Losh (Toree), Denell (Angel)



Nunez, Jessica Mabery (Charles Ford), Alyson and Jeremy Gregg, Kristina Wear (Shawn DeFranco), and Aaron Wear (Ashley Jewell); great-grandchildren Emily, Andrew (Nunez), Jesstina, Craig (Stewart), Mckenzie, Haileigh (Gregg), Landon (Honeycutt), Emma, Maycee (DeFranco), Catarina, Calleigh, Sophia, Isabella, and Bryleigh (Wear); several nieces and nephews; and her special dear friend Fay Buzzard.

Her services were held at Anker Lucier Mortuary on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, followed by internment at the Willits Cemetery at her husband's side. Services were officiated by Rev. Richard Whipkey.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Mendocino County, 100 San Hedrin Circle, Willits, CA 95490.

There will be a Celebration of Life held on Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 10 am to 2 pm at Willits KOA, 1600 Highway 20 in Willits.

She was known by many names: Louise, Mom, Granny, Grandma, Nano, friend and Jesse's sweetheart. All who knew her loved her deeply. She is missed dearly by all.

Virginia Jeavons

Virginia Jeavons was born on February 16, 1917 in Illinois. She aspired to be a ballet dancer and a medical doctor, yet her mother felt these pursuits were not ladylike. Virginia attended Bryn Mawr College as a German literature student, and was studying in Germany at the beginnings of World War II. She met Jack Jeavons on a blind date, and eventually they married.

In 1944, Major Jack Jeavons was killed by a sniper in Belgium, just before the Battle of the Bulge. At the time of Jack's death, their son, John, was 2, and daughter, Marian, less than a year old. For 75 years, Virginia and Jack were separated, until this April 7, 2019 when Virginia, at 102, died peacefully of old age. Virginia's last earthly days were living at the wonderful Holy Spirit Eldercare Home in Willits.

Lifelong multiple sclerosis never stopped Virginia from living a life of adventure, diverse intellectual pursuits, and deep caring for people, animals and the world. She taught high school science, at-risk students, and reading to jail inmates. She graduated as valedictorian as a nurse at age 60. Later, Virginia volunteered with Willits Hospice, the Northbrook elder care home, and at the Willits Library.



A long-time member of St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Virginia also followed Buddhist practices of compassion towards all and rejection of war. Virginia enjoyed living in Willits, and interacting with the many wonderful people who live here and serve this community so well. We are grateful to the many people who brought joy, fun and care to Virginia's long life here.

Virginia is survived by her two children, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren – all lucky to have known this strong, intelligent and compassionate person. Virginia considered herself fortunate to have been able to watch her progeny grow into capable, kind and interesting people.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, July 6 at 11 am, at St. Francis in the Redwoods at the corner of Main and Commercial streets in Willits, with a reception following. All who remember and love Virginia are welcome!

Sweet Ruby

Ruby is a real gem! She's an 8-year-old Lab who has just recently lost her owner, and knows she wants a new home and family. Ruby is a sweet active dog who surprised us with her enthusiasm for the agility course and her playful nature. She seems to be comfortable around people in general, but a slow introduction to new canine

friends is always a good idea. Ruby is being fostered at our shelter for Mendo Shelter Pets Rescue in the hope that she will get more exposure to help her get a secure loving home as soon as possible! You can meet her at HSMC but if you have any questions about her please call: Mendo Shelter Pets Rescue at 707-972-9359.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through

Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Please give us a call at 707-485-0123 if you have questions. You can view all our adoptable dogs and cats on Petfinder or through our website: mendohumanesociety.com. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.

Joyful Juice

Juice is a big guy who is not clingy, but likes to get close for pats and affection. For a big guy, he walks well on leash. During his meet and greet/evaluation, Juice met a very, very playful, neutered male dog and was interested in joining the fun! Mr. Handsome also went on a fun-filled field trip to Low Gap Park, where he sniffed the flowers, met four dogs and two children, and had fun in the creek blowing bubbles. Three words used to describe Juice are "joyful," "handsome" and "kind." Juice



enjoys playing in the water, hiking, riding in the car, and running. He is social and fun, and a big, goofy boy. Juice is a 1-year-old neutered male-mixed breed dog who currently

weighs 95 pounds.

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

Help get every dog at the Ukiah shelter out for some exercise at the "Empty the Shelter" pack walk every second Saturday of the month, coming up on July 13.



Back to School Fair

IT'S COOL TO BE READY FOR SCHOOL

Join us for a fun event to help children of all ages get ready for BACK to SCHOOL.

Have a healthy start to the school year with free sports physicals, health screenings, education, backpacks and so much more! We will also have free haircuts so they can feel good and look good for school!

This is a FREE event provided by Adventist Health Howard Memorial and our community partners as part of our commitment to help our community live well. A parent or guardian must be present with child(ren), to receive supplies.

The Back to School Fair includes:

☒ Sports Physicals

☒ Screenings

☒ Haircuts

☒ Information

And more!

Sunday, July 14
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
3 Marcela Drive in Willits
(in front of the hospital)

CALL (707) 456-3185
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