



**Frontier Days  
feedback**

To the Editor:  
Thank you all for an amazing year for Willits Frontier Days. With the down-to-the-wire completion of the new bleachers, event organizers were all nervous for this year's events, but were we ever pleased with the 2017 turnout.

Hometown Celebration was filled to the brim with 50-plus vendors, and the cool weather brought out crowds like we couldn't believe. The parade was amazingly well-attended, too, with lots of new faces entering floats; the park was so filled for this year's barbecue, attendees were almost searching for seats.

The week's cooler weather and shady trees still lining the grandstands brought great crowds to all our arena events; and the full row of rodeo vendors offering everything from western clothing and accessories to kettle corn to festive leggings made for great shopping and browsing during the rodeos.

As always, Willits Frontier Days looks to improve our events every year, and we would like to offer the community a chance to let us know what we could do next year, or in the coming years, to help Willits Frontier Days grow and succeed into the future.

Please, send your comments, questions, concerns or constructive notes to us via email: willitsfrontierdays@gmail.com so that we can go over them in the coming months and take what we can into consideration for the 92nd annual celebration and on!

**Willits Frontier Days**

**Thank you**

To the Editor:  
Little Lake Fire Protection District would like to take this opportunity to offer our gratitude for the donations made at the Rotary Gala which took place November of 2015. Due to your generous contributions towards the "Colter Fund," we were able to purchase three breathing apparatus, helmets, turn outs, structure boots and gloves.

Your donations will make a positive difference with our 36 volunteers we currently have on our roster. Little Lake Fire volunteers respond 24 hours a day/365 days a year. The Little Lake Fire Protection District responds to approximately 600 calls for service a year in our 240-square-mile district. Organizations and community members that support our efforts play a critical role in the safety of our firefighters. We are forever grateful for the support.

Thank you!  
Little Lake Fire Protection District, Willits

# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

**Thoughts on the bypass, trees, and values**

To the Editor:  
Statement by Councilmember Madge Strong to the Willits City Council, June 28, 2017:

There have been some ironic and disturbing revelations in the past couple weeks.

One is the news that instead of costing a mere \$300 million, the Caltrans Willits bypass actually has cost \$460 million. Compare that with the city's total general fund expense (in the proposed 2017-18 budget) of \$4.2 million – in other words, the money spent on this freeway could have provided police, parks and recreation, roads and public works, planning, and administration for our entire city for well over 100 years.

Because of the bypass' impact on our local economy, and in turn the city's expected reduced gas, sales and transient occupancy tax revenues, the City of Willits budget projects a \$400,000 general fund deficit.



Items purchased for the Little Lake Fire Department volunteer firefighters thanks to contributions to the "Colter Fund."

The bypass cost more than 1,000 times that shortfall!

Most of the bypass cost was borne by state taxpayers (which includes us, of course), but about \$42 million came from MCOG's transportation funds, wiping out pretty much all funds for our entire county's needed road projects.

It's no use crying over spilt milk and all those hundreds of millions of dollars that could have been saved if Caltrans had considered a different bypass – one that better served our community, environment and Native American heritage.

Now we must try to put our town on the map as one of the best towns in northern California, worth getting off the freeway for. Try to help our businesses survive and thrive post-bypass. Count on our small city staff to keep our services going with their dedication.

But then it's especially ironic that Caltrans, on a small little project here in town, decided it was more convenient to

cut down four lovely old cork oak trees on Main Street in front of the high school than to work around them. Shade, beauty, and nature weren't valued. Again, no use crying over spilt milk....

But there's something wrong with the priorities in this country and in this state, when billions are siphoned from programs that serve public needs and instead give tax cuts and enrich the richest few, the special interests. When we spend more on prisons than education. When we ignore climate change while continuing to burn coal, frack for oil, and – yes – build more freeways and cut down trees.

Here locally, what are our priorities and values? In whatever ways we can, I want Willits to be part of the solution. Let's help and support each other in our community, make improvements that benefit all, and protect the precious resources we still are blessed with. It's up to us, individually and collectively, with our hearts, hands and brains, to make the future we want for our children and grandchildren.

Madge Strong, Willits

**Thank you**

To the Editor:  
On May 3, 2107, I received a call from Leslie Horak of Pacific Gas and Electric. She told me she had heard a lot of good things about the Willits Senior Center. She asked me if I would be interested in applying for a grant. She sent me a link to the PG&E Corporation Foundation and encouraged me to apply.

Willits Seniors Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our ability to provide services for seniors is in large part determined by the support we receive from our community. I cannot tell you how rare it is to actually have someone call me and request that I apply for a grant. On behalf of the seniors in the Willits area, I would like to acknowledge PG&E, the primary funder of the PG&E Corporation Foundation for the grant in the amount of \$2,000.00.

This grant will be applied to our Transportation Program. Our door-through-door pick-up and return ride is so important to those who are not as mobile as they used to be and to those who are no longer driving. We assist them to their doors, and carry their groceries as well if needed.

We work closely with Howard Hospital, physical therapy, Little Lake Clinic, Baechtel Creek Clinic and the patients themselves. We pick them up for early surgeries and take discharged patients who need rehabilitation to Northbrook Nursing and Rehab. We are the only wheelchair-accessible transportation beside the ambulance that provides this service to seniors who don't have their own transportation or family/friends to help.

We thank PG&E Corporation Foundation for their community partnership and being an integral part of aiding us in providing this much needed service.

Richard Baker, executive director, Willits Seniors Inc.

**Caltrans: Summer traffic showing Willits bypass a success**

By Phil Frisbie, Jr., chief of public information, Caltrans District 1

Schools are out, summer is here, and the Willits bypass is successfully handling the extra traffic during its first summer of use. The long traffic backlogs and delays which have been the norm for decades have not

reappeared. The April traffic counts show that on average more than 4,000 vehicles per day are using the bypass and not creating the previously reoccurring congestion in downtown Willits. As summer traffic peaks even higher the bypass is anticipated to continue to easily handle the traffic.

"The California Highway Patrol is extremely pleased with the efficiency of having the Willits bypass," said CHP Lieutenant Randy England, Garberville Area commander. "We have seen the impact of safer roadways and less congestion during busy weekends." Those busy weekends so far this year have included Memorial Day, the Redwood Run, as well as Humboldt State University's graduation. In the past CHP would have added extra officers in the Willits area during these weekends, manually directing drivers to keep traffic moving during severe backups. Thus far, there has been no need for traffic control assistance.

The Willits bypass, first envisioned in the 1950s, and initiated as a project in 1989, is the longest running project in Caltrans, District 1. The total cost for the bypass and the associated mitigation, improvement, and relinquishment projects is about \$450 million, and includes the most extensive mitigation in Caltrans history that will improve the environment of the Little Lake Valley for decades to come.

While the bypass project is complete, the associated

projects continue. The main mitigation project continues to progress, and has completed more than 52 acres of wetlands establishment, 60 acres of invasive plant removal (using mechanical and manual means, no herbicides used), 19 stream crossings have been repaired and enhanced, and more than 800,000 native plants have been planted.

Fish passage improvement projects at Ryan Creek and Upp Creek have recently started construction. Two legs of Ryan Creek which pass under U.S. Highway 101 will have the existing culverts replaced with natural bottom culverts which do not impede fish, and the existing culvert at Upp Creek on the old 101 alignment will be replaced with a bridge. These creeks are headwaters of the Eel River, and miles of fisheries habitat will be reopened for threatened coho salmon. Both projects are anticipated to be completed this year.

A project adding sidewalks in front of Willits High School to provide improved access for pedestrians is under construction and is anticipated to be completed this year. Two additional projects, the Sherwood Road intersection improvement and the relinquishment project through downtown Willits, will begin next spring and are anticipated to be completed by the end of next year.

Editor's Note: Caltrans District 1 posted this item on the Willits Bypass Project News blog site, <https://willitsbypass.wordpress.com>, on June 20, 2017.

**Willits Mini Storage** Massive Yard Sale (Flea Market Style) Saturday JULY 8 9am - 4pm  
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Above, from left: A dinosaur sculpture captures the attention of onlookers. Emmy Good and other onlookers admire the stunning artwork. Evan Hobart's art piqued the imaginations of many, including artist Morgan Rex.

## Ceramic Expressions

Center for the Arts July exhibit runs through July 23

On the evening of Friday, June 30, downtown was bustling with the activities of the Hometown Celebration, including the opening evening of a very unique art show. Those lucky enough to find themselves at the Willits Center for the Arts on the opening night discovered the stunning three-dimensional pieces crawling out of the walls and hanging from the ceiling beams. They were also treated to snacks and drinks provided by Mariposa Market. The show featured artists Crystal Kamaroff and Evan Hobart.

Drinks in hand, people slowly moved through rooms filled with the breathtaking art. Children wandered around the sculptures with wide eyes and pointed fingers. Voices mingled together as those admiring the work discussed favorite paintings and sculptures. The artists themselves stood in the midst of their work, answering questions and sharing the stories and process of their artwork.

Evan Hobart, his show titled, "Changed by Fire," wore a ceramic piece of jewelry of his own creation around his neck. He openly greeted those who came to him and explained the process of his elaborate sculptures. Hobart had a laptop in the corner playing an animated film he had made of the making of one of his pieces.

He expressed that most often people ask about the firing process of his creations. His work literally jumps out at you as you enter the room, capturing attention with the bulky and intricate detail of each piece. The children were captivated by his wild-looking dinosaurs, mouths filled with sharp glass teeth and staring eyes.

The creatively-titled "Mud Pie and The Obsessive Curiosity" presented by Crystal Kamaroff, was in the next room of the WCA. Her work hung from the ceiling and adorned the walls. She was warm and humble as she spoke about her art and how she created each unique piece.

Her paintings and sculptures featured the graceful curves and shapes found in anatomy and nature. Inspired by the biology of humans and animals, her work reflects these qualities.

She pointed out her favorite piece – a ceramic and wire sculpture strongly resembling a large human tongue – and explained the firing process and the story that makes it so unique. She uses a Japanese kiln, which takes days to get to the right temperature and requires shifts of people to run. The process leaves the ceramic burnt in stunning, naturally occurring colors, including orange and soft blues.

The entire show was dynamic and completely unique. The atmosphere was lighthearted and friendly – everyone enjoying the company of artists and friends as they drank wine and admired the stunning artwork.

One man with tears in his eyes declared the artwork, "absolutely incredible," expressing how touched he was by the creativity around him.

Hobart and Kamaroff's ceramic artwork will be on display at the WCA through July 23. Summer gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11 am to 6 pm.



Photos by Leah Paeyeneers



At top: Ceramic sculpture by Evan Hobart. Above: Friends gather in the WCA foyer. Below, from left: Crystal Kamaroff poses next to her artwork. Hobart's show, "Changed by Fire," has a whimsical flair. WCA guests take a moment to appreciate Hobart's work.

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## Water tank, conservation workshop to be held at Mendocino College

Mendocino College and the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District are offering a two-day workshop to finish the ferrous cement water tank at the college's Sustainable Technology House and to learn to harvest, design for, and use rainwater. This workshop will be held July 22 and 23 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Mendocino College Ukiah campus. Set yourself up for success and prepare for next winter's rains - a single storm can fill your tank.

This weekend-long workshop will engage participants in learning how to design and install a rainwater catchment system. Come ready to get dirty with hands-on training as you help build a 900-gallon cistern to be connected to the existing rainwater catchment system at the Sustainable Technology House.

Led by experienced tank builders Anna Birkas and Peter Field, the course will take you through the steps of connecting a cistern to an existing catchment system, designing and installing the plumbing to catch the roof water, and applying ferrous cement to the inside of the cistern that is currently under construction. The rainwater tank and catchment system will be used to provide water to flush the toilet.

As part of the Mendocino Jumpstart Integrated Water Plan at Mendocino College, these classes offer opportunities to learn advanced skills in the growing field of water conservation, and provide support to further develop water resources curricula at the college.

The Sustainable Technology Program at Mendocino College, directed by Jen Riddell, provides hands-on training in construction, plumbing and electrical, with a special view toward the sustainable link to the community, economy and environment.



Water conservation enthusiasts, builders, landscapers, farmers, facilities managers or homeowners can follow the Jumpstart Project at the Mendocino County RCD webpage at www.mcrd.org for updates and future class offerings. Future workshops will include subjects such as xeric landscaping, plumbing (including legal gray water and rainwater catchment systems), storm water infiltration, and irrigation efficiency.

Pre-registration is required but does not require going through the registration process at Mendocino College. Simply contact Joe Scriven by email: joe.scriven@mcrd.org or by phone: 462-3664 ext. 104 to pre-register.

The workshop will be held at the Mendocino College Ukiah Campus, Sustainable Technology House at 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah.

- submitted by Mendocino College, Ukiah



At top: The rebar and metal mesh finished framework of the cement water tank awaits the final step.

At right: Finishing touches are put on the Sustainable Technology House's ferrous cement water tank.

Below: Students build the framework of the water tank.



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Congrats

## Friends, family gather to celebrate the Halls' 75th wedding anniversary

By Mike A'Dair

Friends and family gathered at St. John Lutheran Church on Sunday to celebrate the 75th wedding anniversary of Herb and Dot Hall, who were married July 3, 1942 in Pasadena.

Herb is 94 and Dot is 92. Dot will turn 93 in three weeks. Both were born and raised in Southern California. The couple moved to Willits in 1991 and have enjoyed living here for the last 25 years, making many new memories and friends. The couple regularly attends church at St. John on Mill Creek Drive.

The Halls had six children (one has passed away), 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Tables at the celebration where the guests ate cake and sandwiches were liberally sprinkled with small cardboard boxes, covered with pictures of the Halls during earlier days and with text that told the story of their marriage and their lives.

According to the text on one of the boxes: "These days they both love seeing family pictures pop up on Facebook or a shared photo album online. A day rarely goes by that Herb and Dot don't play at least two games of cards. Dot still cooks their meals, and you can usually find a homemade dessert on the counter or at least some homemade cookies in the freezer."

According to the text on the boxes, Herb often tunes in the computer to the Frank Sinatra station on Pandora, because Ol' Blue Eyes is Dot's favorite. And Dot will often make a batch of cookies for Herb, because cookies are one of Herb's favorite things. The text on the little boxes said, "A little bit of Sinatra, and some cookies: That's what has made their marriage work."



Above: Dot and Herb Hall on their wedding day, July 3, 1942.

At left: Herb and Dot Hall at their 75th wedding anniversary celebration at St. John Lutheran Church.

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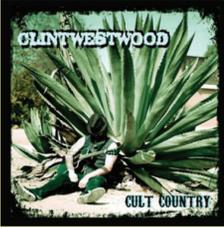
Thursday, July 6

**Willits Reads:** Every Thursday Willits Library invites special guests from our community to find out what they are reading. The guest(s) will also kick off Story Hour by reading the first book. This week's guest: Third District Supervisor Georganne Croskey. Thursday, July 6. 10:30 to 11 am. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

**Special Show at the Noyo:** There will be two special previews of "Spider-man: Homecoming" at the Noyo Theatre. 7 pm in 2D, and 7:30 pm in 3D. Thursday, July 6. Noyo Theatre, 57 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-6696.

Friday, July 7

**Shanachie Pub:** Clint Westwood four-piece band - "keep it simple" - play country and folk. Opening act: Marty's Garden, "a hefty dose of psychedelic boogaloo." Friday, July 7. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



Saturday, July 8

**Mike the Rat's Yard Sale:** Sparetime Supply sale at a new location: 475 East San Francisco Avenue, 7 am to 12 pm. "Huge selection of discontinued, close-out and damaged items." All proceeds, less tax, will be donated back to the community. Info: 459-6791.

**NCGA Golf Club Fun Tournament:** at the Brooktrails Golf Course. Saturday, July 8, 8 am to 2 pm. Info: 459-6761.

**Massive Yard Sale:** Willits Mini Storage is having a flea market-style yard sale, with almost 50 vendors. Harrah Senior Center will be cooking up hotdogs and serving drinks. Saturday, July 8. 9 am to 4 pm. Willits Mini Storage, 261 Franklin Avenue. Info: 459-2529.

**Phoenix Rising Gardening Class:** Learn agricultural skills and help with one of the gardens that provide vegetables for the Willits Food Bank. Saturday, July 8. 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. West side of North Street between Redwood Street and Pine Street. Classes are free, but donations are appreciated. Info: Ron or 489-5408 (leave a message with a good time to call you back).

**Willits Pet Adoption Day:** The Humane Society of Inland Mendocino is providing an opportunity for good homes to adopt pets. Complete adoption assistance will be available. Canine fees: \$225

for puppies up to 6 months, \$175 for adults up to 5 years, \$50 for seniors 5+ years. Feline fees: \$80. Saturday, July 8. 10 am to 1 pm. Parking lot of Coldwell Banker Mendo Realty, 1460 South Main Street. HSIMC is located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley; 485-0123; http://mendohumanesociety.com.

**Summer Youth Performing Arts Camp Sign-Ups:** Willits Charter School has a performing arts camp with theater arts teacher Billy Hetherington. Available for youths ages 7 to 18. This 5-week course will focus on the elements of preparation and performance. Writing, building, and performing will give youth an opportunity to learn new life skills. The program will be arranged into two groups ages 7-11 and 12-18. Sign-ups on Saturday, July 8. Noon to 1 pm. Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. Class space is limited. Info: 459-5506.

**Auditions at WCT:** Needed, three actors, 2 men age 20-35, 1 woman age 20-35, to join a production of Ken Ludwig's classic screwball comedy Moon Over Buffalo. Saturday July 8 and/or Saturday, July 15. Both auditions at 3 pm. Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane. Info: Bill Barksdale 459-1200, 489-2322. (See article elsewhere on Calendar page for details.)

**1000 Sunflowers Project:** Grow sunflowers all along Main Street, in front yards and backyards. Want to participate? Come to the Willits Hub. Saturday, July 8. 3:30 pm. Willits Hub, 630 South Main Street (two doors south of Mariposa Market). Info: Paul 459-1418, or 4paull@gmail.com.

**"Fat Dance" in Laytonville:** Non-profit radio station KPHT-LP is throwing a Fat Dance fundraiser to benefit themselves. The music of Indiana Slim and the Rebel Rousers, Steven Gregory, Pick & Pull, plus Mystic Sol and more. Saturday, July 8. 4 to 10 pm. Admission \$10, free for kids 12 and under. No dogs (even if they're regular listeners). Laytonville Rodeo Grounds, Harwood Road. Info: www.KPHT-LP.org

**Shanachie Pub:** Sandy Poze & Bob Herman, guitarist and bassist for Sonoma County's Rhythmic Method, will play acoustic Americana, blues and swing. Saturday, July 8, 6 pm. \$5 cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Monday, July 10

**Shanachie Pub:** Carissa Johnson, award-winning punkish-new wave-ish-rock musician from Boston. Monday, July 10. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



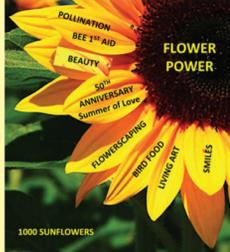
Carissa Johnson

Tuesday, July 11

**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 movie: "Despicable Me 3." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Thursday, July 13

**"The Cannabis Hour":** the July 13 edition, hosted by Jane Futcher on KZYX Radio, features guests from Flow Kana, the SF-based cannabis business that now owns the Fetzer family estate in Redwood Valley. "Flow Kana's founder Michael Steinmetz and Community Relations VP Amanda Reiman will join Jane in the Philo studio to talk about their plans for the historic site, explain how Flow Kana is keeping the neighborhood happy, and share what they see as the future of the cannabis industry in Mendocino County and suggest ways to talk to our kids about cannabis." 9 am; call-ins at 9:40 am, 707-895-2448. KZYX Radio, 91.5 FM in Willits, or stream live at kzxx.org. To hear programs you may have missed, visit jukebox.kzxx.org.



**Willits Reads:** Every Thursday Willits Library invites special guests from our community to find out what they are reading. The guest(s) will also kick off Story Hour by reading the first book. This week's guest: to be announced. Thursday, July 30. 10:30 to 11 am. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

**WHS Booster Club Meeting:** The monthly Willits High School Booster Club Meeting is set for 6 pm, Thursday, July 13 at the Willits High School Food Center. Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at WHS!

**2nd Annual DripFest:** at DripWorks, Willits' purveyor of "Drip Irrigation Supplies & Systems." Enjoy fun game activities for kids, live music, merchant booths, great food. 20 percent off sale on drip irrigation products. Willits Lions Club hosts the Beer and Wine Garden. Drip Irrigation



at 6 pm. Willits High School Food Center. The next Boosters fundraising event: the 5th annual Golf Tournament at Brooktrails Golf Course, set for Saturday, August 19.

Friday, July 14

**Funkicillan:** Funkicillan (with Shanachie's own Cherie Cherie) is getting it on with "originals and old school funk." Friday, July 14. 9 pm. Boomers on Highway 101, Laytonville.

**Shanachie Pub:** The Robbers, Brazilian background mixed with vocal howls and rock-n-roll authenticity. Monday, July 10. 9 pm. \$5 cover. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



The Robbers

Saturday, July 15

**Singalong Therapy Workshop:** Workshop for Alzheimer's and Dementia led by pioneer of Singalong Therapy Cheryl Hodge. Attendees should include dementia patients, their caregivers and/or friends and family. Participants encouraged to bring their guitars. "This will be great training for caregivers and family." Saturday, July 15. 10:15 am to noon. Donations accepted. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: cherylhodge.com, or 459-5908.

**Phoenix Rising Gardening Class:** Learn agricultural skills and help with one of the gardens that provide vegetables for the Willits Food Bank. Saturday, July 15. 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. West side of North Street between Redwood Street and Pine Street. Classes are free, but donations are appreciated. Info: Ron 489-5408 (leave a message with a good time to call you back).

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Class 11 am to 12 pm by local irrigation garden expert Chris White. Saturday, July 15. 11 am to 4 pm. Dripworks, 190 Sanhedrin Circle, off East Hill Road. Free drip irrigation class sign up: 1-800-522-2347, or email marketing@dripworks.com.

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**Shanachie Pub:** Clay Hawkins Band "late night, boot stomping road music from the heart." Saturday, July 15. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, July 16

**Jazz at WCT:** Vocalist Cheryl Hodge, joined by bassist Dylan Hodge, will perform jazz and blues on Sunday, July 16. 2 pm. Tickets \$10. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). Advance tickets are in person at Mazahar; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. (See article elsewhere on Calendar page for details.)

**Lamprich Center Open House & Health Fair:** The Lamprich Center, a new facility dedicated to family health, houses the Redwood Medical Clinic, Outpatient Rehabilitation, Howard Pharmacy and Howard Healthcare Foundation on the new Howard Hospital campus. The public is invited to tour the facilities, learn more about the services offered, meet staff, and receive free health screenings for diabetes, blood pressure, body composition, balance assessment. Also, face-painting, balloon animals, raffles and giveaways. Sunday, July 16. 10 am to 2 pm. Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital Lamprich Center, 3 Marcela Drive.

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Experience a new facility dedicated to keeping your family healthy!

Here's to a healthy start to your summer! Join us for an open house and health fair to see and experience a whole new facility dedicated to keeping your whole family healthy! Meet our providers and staff, enjoy food, face painting and lots of fun for everyone young and old! Free health screenings including blood pressure, diabetes and total cholesterol, plus body composition testing. Tour our new spaces and learn more about services offered including the Redwood Medical Clinic, Outpatient Rehabilitation, Howard Pharmacy & Howard Healthcare Foundation.

**Free activities & health screenings!**

- Meet our staff and tour the facilities
- Free health screenings: Diabetes, Blood Pressure, Body Composition, Balance Assessment
- Face painting, balloon animals, raffles and giveaways

**Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital**  
Advocate Health

Sunday, July 16  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Lamprich Center  
3 Marcela Drive in Willits

**Crystal Kamoroff**  
Mud Pie and The Obsessive Curiosity

**OPENS JUNE 30**  
Opening night 6-9 pm through July 23

Changed by Fire

**Evan Hobart**

**Relay for Life**  
Saturday, July 29

Please join us at this 24 hour fundraising event to fight against cancer, and support your local Relay for Life teams who are raising money for cancer awareness, prevention and research. The Relay for Life of Mendocino County event is on Saturday, July 29 at 10 am at Recreation Grove in Willits. This year's theme is "Carnival Colors." Learn about all the colors that represent distinct types of cancers, and how you can prevent those cancers. Stay all day and all night to enjoy carnival activities such as pie eating contests, a dunk tank, carnival games, food, prizes, a live DJ, lap contests, a photo booth, and much more! You also won't want to miss our lunaria ceremony, which will feature a slideshow to honor those who have cancer and remember those who have passed.

If you would like to put together a team and fundraise before or during the event, go to relay.acevents.org and enter "Willits" into the "Relay events near you" field to get started. It's easy! You can put together your own fundraising and activity booth on the day of the event, and help us fight all night. For information: Amanda 972-4038, or amandinman89@gmail.com. Thank you from all of us at Relay for Life of Mendocino County!

**RELAY FOR LIFE**  
American Cancer Society

— Amanda Inman, Relay for Life

**Live Jazz at WCT**  
Sunday, July 16

Jazz songbird Cheryl Hodge will be joined by bassist Dylan Hodge for a special performance of the Cheryl Hodge Duo at Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, July 16 at 2 pm. Cheryl Hodge has more than 20 years of vocalizing and playing jazz and blues with the finest musicians in North America, and has made her mark as a performer, vocalist, adjudicator, clinician and author. She is a gifted pianist and is unafraid to visit the outer stretches of "scatting" territory. For the past five years, Hodge has worked with beloved former Willits/Ukiah Choral Director Ann MacDonald's prestigious Bellingham Sings. During the last two years, Hodge has been leading the jazz vocal group The Whatcom Sound Jazz Singers.

Cheryl Hodge's latest CD, "Living Off The Grid -- Adventures on an Imperiled Planet," her first concept album, made #10 in the U.S. Indie charts at Reverbnation, just one week after release.

Hodge's octave leaps and pitch-perfect landings evoke Portland great Nancy King, while her bluesy side is reminiscent of Ernestine Anderson. "Cheryl" Hodge can really open it up!

Advance tickets are \$10 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets are available at the door until sold out.

— Steve Hellman for Willits Community Theatre

**San Francisco Mime Troupe in Ukiah**  
Saturday, July 13

The Tony award-winning San Francisco Mime Troupe returns to Mendocino County in their annual visit to perform "Walls" which asks the question: How can a nation of immigrants declare war on immigration? The answer: Fear! The Mime Troupe's performance starts with music at 6:30 pm, and the play begins at 7 pm on Saturday, July 13 in Todd Grove Park. Ticket information: Free (donations accepted). Also, the Mime Troupe will be performing on Saturday, July 15 at the Mateel Community Center in Redway. For information about the Mateel performance: 1-323-251-0542, or Mateel.org.

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**Harvesting Rainwater Workshop**  
Saturday and Sunday, July 22, 23

A two-day workshop to complete the ferrous cement water tank at the Sustainable Technology (SST) House will be held on Saturday July 22 and Sunday July 23, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Mendocino College Ukiah Campus. These weekend-long workshops engage participants in learning how to design and install a rainwater catchment system. Experienced tank builders Anna Birkas and Peter Field will lead the two-day course which will take participants through the steps: designing and installing the plumbing to catch roof rain water, applying ferrous cement to the cistern under construction, and finally connecting the new cistern to the existing catchment system. Info and pre-registration, required: contact Joe Scriven at joe.scriven@mcrcd.org or 462-3664 ext. 104. See article on page 10 of this edition for more details.

**RELAY FOR LIFE OF MENDOCINO COUNTY CARNIVAL OF COLORS**  
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Saturday, July 8

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— submitted by Willits Community Theatre

**Auditions at WCT**  
Saturday, July 8 and Saturday, July 15

Willits Community Theatre is holding two auditions for three roles for Ken Ludwig's classic screwball comedy "Moon Over Buffalo" on Saturday, July 8 and Saturday, July 15. Each Saturday audition begins at 3 pm. Directed by Bill Barksdale, the auditions take place at Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane, just behind Shanachie Pub.

The call is for two men, ages 20 to 35, and one woman, age 20 to 35. All three parts are supporting roles, and each has a relationship to Rosalind, the theater-hating daughter of the play's two leads, George and Charlotte Hay.

Paul is a sassy and sophisticated actor and theater producer. He is Rosalind's former boyfriend. Though they aren't talking, he and Rosalind still love each other. "Clueless" Howard is Rosalind's current boyfriend, who thinks being a TV weatherman means he's in show business. Eileen, the up-and-coming actress, had an affair with the aging matinee idol George Hay and got pregnant. This sets off madcap comic conflicts which will resolve, finally and hopefully, in a big happy ending.

Barksdale is a veteran director, over the last 23 years, he has directed a long string of hits for WCT. He excels at getting the very best performances from his actors. The play "Moon Over Buffalo" is due to begin rehearsals August 1. It will open November 3 for a 10-show run, and close on November 19. If Willits Weekly readers have questions about the show or about the characters, call Bill Barksdale at 459-1200 or at 489-2322.

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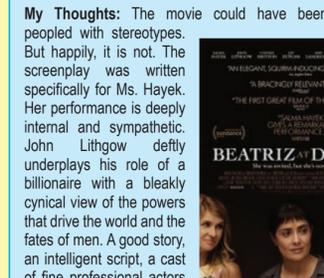
**'Beatriz at Dinner'**

**The Story:** A quietly intense drama ... billed as a dark comedy. Beatriz (Salma Hayek) is a massage therapist; she is also a spiritual healer who reveres the life force in all beings. Her car breaks down at the home of Cathy (Connie Britton), a wealthy massage client who is having a special dinner party for her husband's business partners. Cathy invites Beatriz to stay. Class attitudes and values clash, a conflict fueled in part (though not solely) by Beatriz drinking too much white wine. Doug Strutt (John Lithgow), an international developer of hotels and shopping centers, is her chief adversary.

**My Thoughts:** The movie could have been peopled with stereotypes. But happily, it is not. The screenplay was written specifically for Ms. Hayek. Her performance is deeply internal and sympathetic. John Lithgow deftly underplays his role of a billionaire with a bleakly cynical view of the powers that drive the world and the fates of men. A good story, an intelligent script, a cast of fine professional actors ... I was locked in to every scene. My score for this movie is a quietly definite 5 out of 5 "Hallelujahs!" Non-stupid movies are good for the soul. Enjoy.

**Parents:** This movie is rated R. I'm not entirely sure why. That said, children won't like the movie, nor would they understand the depth of the issues this movie raises. So don't bring them. For intelligent teens and up.

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



**Do you have an event to include into our calendar?**  
**We cover Willits, Laytonville and Covelo community events for free!**  
**Email us a photo, poster and copy-and-paste text to: willitsweekly@gmail.com**  
**Monday deadline for Thursday publication**

**Save the Date:**

**"Happy" at the Now and Then Film Series,** July 20, Little Lake Grange  
**Relay for Life,** July 29, Rec Grove Park  
**Willits Boosters 5th Annual Golf Tournament,** August 19, Brooktrails Golf Course

**Senior Center Lunch**  
Week of July 10 through July 14

**Monday:** Shredded Beef Tacos  
**Tuesday:** Egg Salad Sandwich  
**Wednesday:** Beef Stir Fry  
**Thursday:** Pizza  
**Friday:** Chicken Dumplings

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entree, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

**Willits Farmers Market:** Weekly farmers market is outdoors for the season, at a new location: Rec Grove Park on East Commercial Street. 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, live music. The new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

**Twice-Monthly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group** meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

**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.

**Ceramics Classes:** Instructor Nancy New is sharing her knowledge of hand building, wheel and other methods. "Still not too late to join in the fun." Wednesdays, Kids 10:30 - 12:00; Adults 4 - 6 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-1726.

**Center for the Arts July Exhibit:** The July show at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, features Crystal Kamoroff's works, "Mud Pie and The Obsessive Curiosity." Also featuring: "Changed by Fire," the ceramic sculptures by Evan Hobart, Ceramics program manager at the Mendocino Art Center. Summer gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11 am to 6 pm. If you are interested in volunteering to be a docent, call the art center at 459-1726.

**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.

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

**Willits Library Activities:** Wednesdays: (except the first Wednesday of the month), 9 to 10 am "Ancestry.com" (limited space, pls. sign up in advance), and every Wednesday at 11-11:30 am "Play Group," and 3:30 to 5:30 pm "Leggo Day" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Story Time", 4 pm "Farmers Market Story Time"; Fridays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Therapeutic Art Coloring" (all ages); Fridays: 5 to 7 pm "Youth Game Night" (ages 10 to 14). Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

**The 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. "We look forward to seeing you at the Willits Library!"

**Al-Anon Meeting:** Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid) at the Evergreen Shopping Center. Saturdays at 10 am at St. Francis Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street. "Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery."

**Drop-in Knitting Circle:** every Saturday of the month, 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.

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

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

**Free Sheriff's Activity League programs:** at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 6:30 pm; Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5 pm to 6 pm; Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 pm to 7 pm; Tweens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 pm to 8:30 pm. All S&L programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

**Shanachie Pub:** Singer songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. New time: 6 pm. No cover. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7:30 pm; pre-signup list starts at 3 pm when the Pub opens. "An eclectic array of local musicians and even performers from around the world!" 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

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



# Art Night

## Making pressed-leaf and dried-flower lanterns at the library

Want fun and creative activities to do some nights this summer? Stop by the Willits Library for Art Night, which is every first and third Tuesday during the months of June and July. Library technician and Art Night host Karen Mattson has innovative projects planned for people 10 and older.

Ree Slocum  
Features Writer  
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The last project night in June was Tuesday the 20th. Karen Mattson had a box filled with leaves and dried plants for participants to choose from and use to make four-sided pressed-flower lanterns. All the materials were provided, including a bag of vibrantly colored tissue paper that could be cut and inserted in the panels if color was part of someone's artistic vision.

The simple project was easily broken down into a few steps: Choose the leaves and other materials for each of the four panels; glue the leaves and flowers onto waxed paper and iron the panels between pieces of newspaper with a hot iron; then use colored masking tape to tape the panels together in a line, taping both sides; fold the panels to make a rectangle; tape the top and bottom edges; insert a small electric votive; then turn off the lights and admire the enchanted beauty you've just created.

There to help people were two sisters who love Art Night, Bree Legere and Rhyann Whaley. "We've come here so much we decided to volunteer," Whaley said. The girls were joined by their grandmother, Doreen Walstad, and the girls' mother, Shila Bigall, making it a three-generational family group working together. Walstad and Bigall go to every Art Night with the two girls. "[Karen Mattson] always has very, very fun things to do," Bigall stated.

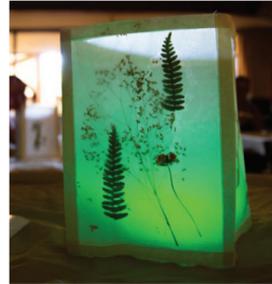
First-timers to Art Night were friends Nancy Boon and Debbie Ghannadan. Boon said they'd decided to have an art date after seeing Art Night listed in the Community Calendar. Cub Scout leader Bridgette Lockhart, with her sons, Chris and David, liked the project so much she plans to offer it to her scout troop.

Next up will be making fairy houses on Tuesday, July 11, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the meeting room at the Willits Library.

If you're looking for other interesting, fun and educational events — some just for children, others for the whole family — visit the Willits Library Facebook page, stop by the library for the calendar, or call 707-459-5908.



Photos by Ree Slocum



Counter-clockwise from above: Bree Legere irons pressed leaves onto her wax paper. A finished lantern with dried flowers and green ferns, lit beautifully with an electric votive candle. Attending every Art Night is Doreen Walstad, at right, grandmother to Bree Legere and Rhyann Whaley, who work on their panels with their mother, Shila Bigall. Crafters work on their dried-flower lanterns at Art Night. Shila Bigall displays one side of her fern and grasses lantern. A panel from Bree Legere's lantern, fresh off the ironing board. Chris smiles for the camera as he finishes taping his lantern panels with black masking tape. Alex carefully fits and glues his fern leaf on the waxed paper.

## The rest of Budget

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The budget was passed as a "work in progress," with monthly Finance Committee meetings planned to assess the situation as the city gains more clarity regarding the impact of the bypass on sales tax revenue, and possible new income sources, such as the city cannabis ordinance.

Orenstein said he had "lost a lot of sleep" over the potential deficit since the council began working on the budget in May. While he noted deficit projections in previous years had been overcome, he worried this year could be different.

"I'm concerned we have other mitigating circumstances facing us that we've never had in the past," he said. "We have a bypass which could impact our city revenues in way that [is] not really clear yet... It does look like it's going to be a negative impact — but how much I don't know — and that's one of the things that concerns me."

The budget for the fiscal year, which started July 1, did include what Councilmember Madge Strong called "a substantial estimate of reduction in our sales tax."

"We've already built that in, which is why we're in trouble," she said.

Orenstein told the council he had been experimenting with cuts to analyze possible ways to reduce the deficit. In one scenario, he reduced allocated funding to all departments with budgets higher than those in the last fiscal year (which ended June 30) to their previous spending level, which he said would reduce the deficit by over \$200,000. He suggested the council analyze whether the cuts would work and delay the budget vote until next month's meeting.

However, City Manager Adrienne Moore argued that because the fiscal year was about to begin, the council would be better off approving the budget and using the monthly finance meetings to alter it in the future. She said if it was not approved, city projects currently in progress would have to be temporarily halted until a budget was passed.

Orenstein acknowledged the city cannabis ordinance and housing projects did appear to be promising prospects in terms of raising revenue, but felt the "time lag" to when they actually began producing revenue could be long.

"None of these things are going to happen immediately," he said. "It's going to be the end of the year before we see anything happening."

Moore argued it was largely up to the council to efficiently approve projects to help with revenue.

"I want to remind all of you that the power is with the five of you to bring in the revenue with what you adopt," she said. "We know what the potential revenue generators are, and it's going to be up to the five of you, and the actions you take, as to what revenue we will realize and how quickly."

Councilmember Madge Strong said she shared Orenstein's concerns, but felt a more "proactive" approach to the budget problems would be most effective.

"We can't just shut everything down and get smaller and smaller," she said. "It's not going to work."

Councilmember Saprina Rodriguez said she appreciated Orenstein's efforts, but felt some of the cuts he suggested would cause personnel to be lost and could "impact the safety of our community."

As he did at the June 14 meeting, Stranske said he supported a more "bare bones" budget, and stated the city simply shouldn't spend so much more money than it is taking in, although he didn't mention anything specifically he thought should be cut.

"We have known for four years [the bypass] was coming down the line," he said. "Everybody that lived in Willits knew that this was going to happen... We need to start from scratch, as hard as it seems."

"I look around, and I do not see anything on the horizon in the next year that is going to give us a great amount of money — not \$400,000 for sure."



Doug Bosco, former North Coast congressman and current legal counsel for NWP Co., standing, speaks before the California Transportation Commission last week.

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## The rest of Ordinance

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businesses, and the initial length of permits granted to business owners.

The discussion began with Duley giving a slide presentation overview of the ordinance in its latest draft form. The general outline was largely the same as the one given at a May 25 public workshop.

The ordinance includes five different types of cannabis business permits; indoor cultivation of up to 22,000 square feet of canopy; manufacturing of products such as extracts using nonvolatile solvents only; up to three dispensaries allowed in the city chosen on a "merit"-based system; transportation and distribution businesses; and testing/research facilities.

Buffer zones had been set for the most part at 200 feet minimum from any school, public park or licensed childcare facility, with the exception that dispensaries had to be at least 600 feet away from schools.

Councilmember Saprina Rodriguez felt the buffer zones were not strict enough, and was particularly opposed to allowing dispensaries to be closer than 600 feet from childcare facilities and parks.

"I'm not at all happy about the 200 feet," said Rodriguez, who noted she had heard from many others in the community who shared her opinion.

"I don't like it. Why is it that a school has a larger buffer? Because children are going to a childcare center or the park, suddenly they don't warrant or deserve the same type of buffer? I don't get that, and I'm not comfortable with it."

Rodriguez also questioned why hospitals and churches were taken out of the "sensitive receptors" category.

"We tried to look at this in a fair way," said Mayor Gerry Gonzalez. "I think we could plug in so many sensitive receptors that we might as well have a de facto ban."

Gonzalez and Councilmember Madge Strong, who both sit on the cannabis ad hoc committee, defended the 200-foot buffer zone, saying the other restrictions placed on businesses would limit potential negative impacts on the community.

These restrictions include ensuring that no odor of cannabis may be detected beyond the property lines of any facility, no cannabis products or advertising may be seen from any place outside the business, and strict limitations on signage.

For zoning regulations in the presented draft, cannabis businesses would primarily only be allowed in industrial zones, except that dispensaries and testing/research facilities would be allowed in some commercial zones. Dispensaries would not be allowed in the downtown commercial C-1 zones, but would be allowed in C-2 "heavy commercial" zones on the south end of town.

Strong floated the idea of allowing dispensaries in C-1 zones, but in a straw vote the suggestion was rejected by all the other council members.

Rodriguez was the only council member who voted to ban dispensaries in the C-2 zone as well, and restrict them to industrial areas like the other cannabis business types. She stated she would vote against any ordinance that allowed dispensaries in commercial zoning or with only 200-foot buffer zones from sensitive locations.

Rodriguez said she and others in the community she had talked to worried that the ordinance would encourage more marijuana production in an area already filled with it.

"When we see all these investment firms and venture capitalists coming to our area, what I see and what many people see is just a saturation of cannabis," she said. "We're not seeing it brought out of the dark. [The black market] is still going to be there, but we're going to have more of it in town."

Gonzalez countered that, given the new Mendocino County cannabis ordinance, increased marijuana production in nearby areas could be impacting Willits anyway, but without the potential economic benefits and the controls a city ordinance could provide.

The council also reconsidered the draft's requirement that cannabis permits be given for just a one-year trial period to start.

Councilmember Ron Orenstein expressed concern that a one-year initial permit could

scare away investors from putting money into businesses that had such uncertainty in their future. He noted the city already had the power to revoke permits if violations took place, regardless of contract length.

After discussion, the council decided to keep the trial period, but with a change in the language to ensure investors that so long as a business was "in compliance" with rules and regulations it would then be offered a multi-year permit.

Councilmembers also talked of changing the start date of the trial period to the first day of business for a facility, rather than including set-up time.

Several community members implored the council to embrace the cannabis industry already present in the area, and the potential economic benefits it could provide.

Willits resident Mike Anderson said he had been involved with the medical marijuana business in various capacities since its inception in California in 1996, and spoke about his plans to open a "campus"-type business which would include all five of the different types of permits: a "one-stop shop" where "all the licensing types exist in one safe, secure place."

"This campus concept will be a benefit to the city," he said. "We have done our homework and know that if the campus was allowed in its entirety, it would create easily over 100 new jobs here in the city of Willits. Most of these jobs are living-wage positions."

He said the project, which would cost an estimated \$25 million initial investment, could also potentially produce hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax revenue.

He encouraged the council to move along the ordinance process quickly since state licenses would start to be issued January 1, and preference will be given by the state to those who already have local permits.

"If you have not passed regulations and awarded licenses prior to the end of this year, anyone who wants to be in the medical cannabis business in Willits will be at a big business disadvantage," he said.

Orenstein had said earlier in the meeting that he didn't think the city would see any revenue from the cannabis ordinance before the end of the year.

Sherry Glaser, a longtime owner of a dispensary in the town of Mendocino, told the council about the positive aspects she's seen a legal cannabis business have on a community.

"It generates a real feeling of togetherness because people can finally have a place to come out and be part of the community," she said. "I really want to encourage you to become a destination for cannabis research, for industry, and make it really friendly to the people who want to stay here."

Kevin Shi, another local who has been researching opening a cannabis business in town, also stressed the importance of expediency to the council.

"You guys started this at the end of last year," he said. "Are we really going to push a whole year to get this done when other cities and counties are getting it done in two months?"

"If you're thinking of the city," he said, "you should be thinking about how to bring in more revenue right now, and cannabis is the fastest growing industry."

Duley said once the ordinance is passed, it will take an additional 30 days for state environmental review before it can be officially adopted.

City Manager Adrienne Moore said, because of the timing, it appears unlikely the city would be able to place a special cannabis tax measure on the ballot this November, and may have to wait until next year.

Duley listed some of the options in his presentation for a tax the council could eventually consider, including \$5 per square foot for indoor cultivation every growth cycle, or a 6 percent gross receipts tax.

The chart he showed calculated a 22,000-square-foot site that went through four cycles a year could potentially bring in \$440,000 per year for the city at the \$5 per square foot rate. Any special tax on cannabis would have to first be approved by voters.

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commission asked the NCRA to come back to them in October with a couple of new documents: a business plan and a "shutdown plan."

"It seems to me as though you should return to the commission within 90 days with two items: a viable business plan and a viable shutdown plan," Commissioner Jim Madaffer told NCRA executive director Mitch Stogner. "Because it's unconscionable to continue in this operation."

The commission — which advises the executive and legislative branches of state government, among other duties — had asked the North Coast Railroad Authority to come account for itself at the request of the local Caltrans office, which had expressed concern about the railroad authority's finances. Specifically, Caltrans wanted to hear about whether or not the railroad authority had improperly encumbered real estate bought with state funds, and also whether or not a recent audit of the authority's books — which raised "substantial doubt" about its ability to continue — was as dire as it seemed.

In his presentation, Stogner was able to dispel the first matter more easily than the second. He assured commissioners that the authority had not "collateralized" real estate purchased with state grant monies administered by the CTC — that the authority had not borrowed against such property to balance its books. It seemed to be assurance enough. (Reached on July 3, Brad Mettam, deputy director for planning in Caltrans District 1's Eureka office, told the Outpost that his office was absolutely satisfied by Stogner's word.)

The second matter proved to be stickier. Though Stogner assured commissioners that the language used in the most recent audit of the authority's books ("substantial doubt about the NCRA's ability as a going concern") was in no way new — auditors have used the same language several years running, he said — members of the transportation commission were not inclined to let the matter drop.

Under questioning from Commissioner James Ghielmetti, Stogner admitted that the North Coast Railroad Authority is running a deficit of about \$200,000 per year, and that the difference is currently being made up with the sale of non-essential real estate (not real estate purchased with the grant monies mentioned above). Ghielmetti said that this was clearly not a viable long-term strategy.

"Sooner or later the well's going to run dry, because you're not going to have enough property to sell to keep going," Ghielmetti said.

Stogner admitted that this was the case, and said that the Legislature would have to find more money to give to the railroad authority if it wished for the authority to continue. But other commissioners seemed dubious. They took up Ghielmetti's original line of questioning and eventually endorsed Madaffer's request for the authority to prepare a "shutdown plan."

Reached after the meeting, Stogner told the Outpost that he would do his best to comply with the commission's request.

"In terms of a shutdown plan — I don't know what they want there, but I will give them whatever they want," he said. "The whole point of going before them was that we're doing the best we can, and that we need some state support."

The North Coast Railroad Authority was formed by the California state Legislature in the late '80s, when it began to purchase, in pieces, the old railroad line between Marin County and Humboldt County. The line to Humboldt was closed in 1997, after a storm destroyed track in the Eel River Canyon. In the last few years, the authority and its exclusive freight operator — a company called NWP Co., partly owned and legally represented by Stogner's former boss, former U.S. Congressman Doug Bosco — have opened up a small section of the southern end of the line, and have been running a couple of trains weekly between Napa and Petaluma.

Bosco also spoke at the California Transportation Commission meeting, where he said that his company has no plans to ever run freight trains outside the extreme southern end of the North Coast Railroad Authority corridor.

"About 240 miles of this railroad will probably never be operated," Bosco said. "You talk about coming up with a shutdown plan — that would have to go to the Legislature, because the Legislature determined that this railroad exists. We as a private company are not going to operate from Napa to Eureka. We are operating profitably from Napa to around Windsor."

Several local planning efforts — including, most notably, the Eureka-Arcata Bay Trail — are still required by the North Coast Railroad Authority to take the eventual return of rail service into account, sometimes adding extra impediments that can add hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars to the price tags of such projects.

Video of the CTC's June 29 meeting is available at [http://ctc.dot.ca.gov/webcast/ctc/vod\\_ctc.asp](http://ctc.dot.ca.gov/webcast/ctc/vod_ctc.asp). Choose "June 29, 2017" in the dropdown menu and fast-forward to about the 9-minute mark.

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Members of Willits Girl Scout Troop 10574 with their hand-built compost bin.

## Girl Scouts build 'perfectly imperfect' school compost bin

Baechtel Grove Middle School obtained a compost bin from Girl Scout Troop 10574, which is led by troop leader Maria Cramer and co-leader Kristin Fraser. It was fall of 2016 that the girls – Joscelyn Beebe, Cecilia Cramer, Alyssa Fraser, Kylie Jergensen and Jada Smith – got their idea for their Silver Award project that would better their school community. The Silver Award project is the highest award that a Cadette Girl Scout can earn. It is the chance to make a change you want to see in your local community. The girls had to create a sustainable and useful plan.

After lots of discussion, revisions and blueprints – they made a final design! With their money from selling a wide variety of sweets, they set out to their local hardware store and bought the materials themselves. The girls put in over 20 hours of their personal time to heighten their chance of success.

Over this time, they got to know the people in their community better, they learned to communicate, and learned teamwork ... let's not forget the construction skills! Their compost bin was perfectly imperfect. They feel that this project has promise due to the support from those around them.

As of now, two of the girls collect the compost every other day from the Baechtel Grove cafeteria. They want to take the time to thank Willits Kids Club, J.D. Redhouse, Tina Tyler O'Shea, Tina Stanley, and the lunch ladies and the janitor at Baechtel Grove. It would also be almost impossible without help from their parents.

– Submitted by members of Girl Scout Troop 10574



Willits Weekly photos of Mendocino County Museum exhibits and events, from left, "Main Street: Then & Now"; former sheriff Jim Tuso at the dedication of the "Fallen Vietnam War Veterans" memorial; and "Woven Worlds: Native Peoples of Mendocino County."

## Celebrate summer and discover local history at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits

Looking for fun and affordable activities for summer? Visit the Mendocino County Museum, located in the heart of Willits. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm, the museum shares and celebrates the stories, lives, people and places of the region.

From a 10,000 year-old Clovis point to storefronts of historic businesses, from the Frolic shipwreck to Seabiscuit's legacy, from 19th century stagecoaches to a "new settler" hippie van, the museum offers many opportunities to explore local history.

Peer into the windows of Dr. Withrow's Dental Office, J.F. McNamee's General Store, Emery's Millinery Shop and the beloved ice cream and soda fountain known as the Willits Creamery.

View earlier forms of mass transit with stagecoaches, horse-powered wagons and buggies, including a surrey with the fringe on top.

In the exhibit "Woven Worlds: Native Peoples of

Mendocino County," follow an incredible timeline from Coyote to casinos, first contact to self-determination. Watch videos of dancing, basket-making and harvesting hops. Play clapsticks, practice basket weaving and compete in the stick gambling game at interactive kiosks.

The exhibit "Veterans' History: Personal" highlights the stories of the 22 servicemen from Mendocino County who died in the Vietnam War. The Mendocino County Fallen Vietnam War Veterans granite memorial located just outside the county museum commemorates and honors their sacrifice.

Take a stroll through "Main Street: Then & Now," a recreation of Willits Main Street circa 1914, featuring over 200 photos of "then and now" downtown Willits, accompanied by stories highlighting town history from the late 1800s to the present.

The Museum Gift Shop features local handcrafts, gourmet foods, vintage toys, unique giftware, and nature-inspired jewelry. Diverse book selections showcase Native

American literature, local history, western pioneers, trains, logging heritage, and many wonderful children's books.

Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey stated: "The Mendocino County Museum is an opportunity for everyone, from visitors to longtime residents, to learn more about the people and places that make up the fascinating history of Mendocino County. I take my family to visit it every year over the 4th and look forward to another memorable visit."

The Mendocino County Museum and Gift Shop are open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Admission is \$4 for adults; \$1 for students up to 18, and children 6 and under are free. Admission is free the first Wednesday of every month. The Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street in Willits, across from Recreation Grove Park. For more information, 459-2736.

– signed by John McCowen, chair, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, and submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

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# John Charles Green

Jon Charles Green passed away unexpectedly on June 1, 2017 at the age of 66. A native of Mendocino County, Jon was born and attended school in Fort Bragg. At the age of 19 he joined the Marines and shortly after, at the age of 20, he was shipped overseas with his San Diego-based detachment. During his time he served two tours in Vietnam. He was then discharged in late summer of 1973.

Jon had been a Heavy Equipment Operator all of his life. During the summer of 1967 he worked on Trinity Dam-Clair Engle Lake in Trinity County for Green and Myers Construction and then again during the summer of 1968 he worked in Ukiah on a housing project. In October 1968 he joined the Operating Engineers union.

After being discharged from the Marines, he went to work on the Geyserville Bypass for Gordon H. Ball in 1974. He also worked on the Auburn Dam for Auburn Constructors, as well as the Indian Valley Dam for Syar Industries. In 1975 Jon moved to Alaska to work on the Alaskan Pipeline until 1979. In 1979 he moved back to California to work on the Warm Springs Dam in Sonoma County for Auburn Constructors. He then returned to Alaska until 1981 working at the Geysers for P. Kiewit. In 1985 he came back to California and worked on the Redwood Park Bypass for Tutor-Saliba.

During the fall of 1987, he worked on the Cloverdale Bypass for Guy F. Atkinson. From 1989 to 1990 he worked on the Mrs. Dennison Cookie Factory Redwood Valley Overpass with Ghilotti Brothers. In 1992 Jon received his Contractors License and started his own General Engineering Company, Green Right O'Way Constructors.

Jon enjoyed hunting and fishing and had traveled the world to pursue his passion. Jon is survived by his wife of 27 years, Deann Green (Johnson, Bray), brother Lee Green (Cindy), stepchildren Christa Fidler (Mike), and Steve Bray (Adriane), half-sister Allison Green, stepmom Nancy Green (Matthew W. Green), grandchildren Taylor and Kenzie Bray, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Jon is preceded in death by his father, Matthew W. Green, mother, Laura Robbins, brother David Green, sister Kathy (Sills) Green, and sister Barbara (LaGrande) Green.

Extended family and dear friends will forever remember Jon. He loved them all!

A celebration of Jon's life will be held from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at the Recreation Grove Park on East Commercial Street, in Willits, California.

Memorial donations in memory of Jon can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org. P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

## The rest of Cannabis

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comment on the state's proposed rules under the voter-approved Adult Use of Marijuana Act. At that time, those who attended the meeting were told the process to finish approving regulations was expected to take many months.

Approval of the bill was greeted as good news by some cannabis insiders. Nicole Howell Neubert, an attorney with cannabis industry law firm Clark Neubert LLP, was quoted an online Cannabis Business Times article by Melissa Schiller as saying: "It is incredibly encouraging to see the state and the industry work so quickly and well together to accomplish the goal of getting one set of rules in place before next year. Having this detailed framework in place finally allows us to advise our clients clearly and confidentially about initial state licensing."

The bill is designed to act as a framework to support and guide cannabis rules being adopted by local jurisdictions. It creates a new agency to govern and oversee the cannabis industry in California: the Bureau of Cannabis Control.

People cultivating cannabis for commercial medical purposes must first obtain a permit from their local jurisdiction before they can be issued a permit by the state. The bill declares it illegal to transport cannabis or cannabis products outside California, unless such transportation is authorized by federal law.

For personal adult use, the plant limit is six plants at one time. The plants must be "kept within the person's private residence, or upon the grounds of that private residence, in a locked space, and are not visible by normal unaided vision from a public place." (Section 130.)

The bill blends the rights of persons to grow and smoke cannabis under AUMA with the need for young people and children not to be exposed to cannabis.

Cannabis may not be smoked within 1,000 feet of a school, daycare center, or youth center while children are present, "except in or upon the grounds of a personal residence or in accordance with Section 26200 of the Business and Professions Code, and only if such smoking is not detectable by others on the grounds of the school, day care center or youth center, while children are present." (Section 131.)

MAUCRSA calls for major research into the benefits and dangers of cannabis to be conducted by an institution of higher learning in California, and asks the regents of the University of California to determine whether their university system is up to the task.

The bill imposes two levels of tax upon cannabis. The first is an excise tax of 15 percent which will be levied upon those who purchase cannabis products, at point of sale. The second is a cultivation tax to be levied upon growers.

The cultivation tax is set at \$9.25 "per dry-weight ounce" for cannabis flowers (\$148 per pound), and \$2.75 an ounce for leaves, and may be adjusted annually. The cultivation tax does not apply to cannabis grown for personal use.

MAUCRSA states that revenues derived by the state from the two taxes are not be considered part of the state's general fund, and describes how revenues are to be distributed to government agencies, including the State Board of Equalization, the Bureau of Cannabis Control, the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Department of Food and Agriculture, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Pesticide Regulation, the Office of the State Controller, the Department of Finance, the Legislative Analyst's Office, the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, to a public university or universities in California (for research), to the California Highway Patrol and to the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (to fund a community reinvestment grants program, which will provide funds to local health departments and to community-based nonprofits to support job placement, mental health treatment, substance abuse disorder treatment, and other programs associated with cannabis use).

The full text of Senate Bill 94, MAUCRSA, and the Legislative Counsel's Digest of the act, can be found at [http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180SB94](http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB94).

## Tree removal sparks anger against Caltrans

Several community members expressed anger and frustration with Caltrans during the public comment portion of the June 28 Willits City Council meeting regarding the recent felling and removal of four cork trees on North Main Street near the Sherwood Road turnout.

Forrest Glycer, City Manager, reported that the City Manager, Adrienne Moore and Mayor Gerry Gonzalez reaffirmed previous statements that city staff was not notified by Caltrans of its plans to remove the trees. In fact, Moore said the city had repeatedly informed Caltrans in previous talks of their desire to let the trees remain.

"We were blindsided as well," she said. "Numerous conversations took place between the city and Caltrans over the last year, year and a half, where those trees were brought up many, many times – and the importance of preserving them – and we were repeatedly assured that everything would be done to preserve them. So, it was quite a shock to learn after the fact that they had been removed."

The reason given by Phil Frisbie, chief information officer for Caltrans District 1, for removing the trees was that they would obstruct a new light signal to be installed during the redesign of the Sherwood Road intersection. The new intersection is a "child project" of the main Willits bypass project that is slated to begin construction next spring.

Gonzalez and Moore both met with Caltrans officials after the incident, and

Gonzalez said new District 1 Director Matt Brady "received the message" that residents were angry, and that the city would like to be informed of such actions beforehand.

Moore said the decision to take down the trees did not come from higher-up positions in Caltrans.

"What I heard in that meeting was that the determination to take those trees out was made in the field basically by the people locally working on that project," she said. "It didn't sound to me like it was a decision they ran up a flagpole."

Dave Watts, nurseryman and co-owner of Sanhedrin Nursery, told councilmembers he had sent several letters to Caltrans since the incident.

"My reactions have gone from numbness to frustration to anger to rage to sadness," he said.

He told the council he had roped off two of the larger seedlings from the trees, and dug up four of the smaller ones in harm's way to be planted at a later date. He gave the council a petition signed by many Willits residents to preserve the seedlings, and asked them to help ensure it would happen.

"Unfortunately, the four cork trees that were taken out were the most highly valued four trees along the whole three-mile stretch," said Watts, who held a memorial for the trees with other community members after the incident.

"When we evaluate the remaining trees along our corridor, we must at least consider the trees' right to exist," he said. "I say we

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to sheriff's Sgt. Matthew Kendall.

Investigating deputies believe Joaquin damaged electric service panels, fences and other security devices between 2 and 4:30 am that morning while trying to disable the security systems at the businesses and burglarize them, causing more than \$4,000 in damage.

Surveillance footage showed a suspect, later identified as Joaquin, using bolt cutters to damage the service panels and security fences, Kendall said.

At the time, Joaquin was on probation for similar crimes, and wanted for probation violations as well. On June 26, Round Valley Tribal Police Officers observed Joaquin leaving a Tabor Lane home and, with sheriff's deputies, engaged in a foot chase with Joaquin, who eluded capture.

Joaquin was booked into the Mendocino County Jail on several counts of attempted burglary, possession of burglary tools, and violation of probation. He is being held without bail.

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According to the grand jury report: "The Mendocino County 2016-17 grand jury finds the Code Enforcement Division of the Mendocino County Planning and Building Services Department does not initiate investigations, but as a policy matter primarily responds to complaints.

"There is a continuing backlog of unresolved complaints that are over one year old. The reasons for these shortcomings are inertia, lack of adequate staffing, and lack of direction from the board of supervisors and department management."

The report goes on to state the Code Enforcement Division makes it difficult for the public to know what properties are facing code violations. "Interviews revealed that it is not a priority to provide online access of data," according to the report.

Also, the report states: "On November 3, 2015, the board of supervisors gave direction to apply county ordinances to county-maintained buildings. To date, it is obvious the condition of the buildings has not significantly improved. When interviewees were questioned by the grand jury, the condition of county-maintained buildings was acknowledged as poor."

The report notes the Code Enforcement Division has done some good work over the past several years, reducing the backlog of unresolved code enforcement violations from an estimated 2,000 to 300. However, it added, because there is no publicly available record of complaints filed with or cases opened by the division, [the grand jury's] praise is based on the guesses of department employees and not on hard data.

The report describes the Code Enforcement Division as chronically understaffed, and decries a shortage of appropriate four-wheel-drive vehicles available for staff members. It finds there is far too little communication between the code enforcement wing and the rest

## Round Valley man held on weapons charges

A 31-year-old Round Valley man was arrested on June 24 after sheriff's deputies received reports of a man shooting a gun in a field near the area of Concow Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard in Covelo just before 7 am.

Carlos Angelo "Pasta" White was already wanted for shooting a rifle and handgun in a negligent manner in the same area on June 18, says sheriff's Sgt. Joseph DeMarco.

Deputies were unable to locate White initially, but just before 3 pm, they found him sitting in the passenger seat of a car parked near the 23800 block of Howard Street. White, who also was wanted on misdemeanor arrest warrants, was taken into custody without incident.

He was taken to county jail on suspicion of being an ex-felon in possession of a firearm and negligent discharging of a weapon. Bail was set at \$30,000.

According to the Mendocino County

should try to save as many of those trees as we can."

Watts suggested drawing a plan specifically designating trees that could not be cut down. Moore has said she's asked Caltrans to provide a list of any trees they believe need to be taken out before resuming construction so actions can be discussed beforehand.

Gonzalez said he presented a letter and some photos given to them by Watts directly to Caltrans, telling them: "Dave's a well-respected guy in our community who we rely on as a resource."

Some who spoke also expressed anger over recent reports that the Willits bypass cost taxpayers \$159 million more than the \$300 million Caltrans had been presenting as the total cost, due to a failure to include "support costs."

In a prepared statement, Councilmember Madge Strong noted the total spent – \$459 million –

could have paid for the entire general fund of Willits for more than 100 years.

"Then it's especially ironic that Caltrans, on a small little project here in town, decided it was more convenient to cut down four lovely old cork trees on Main Street in front of the high school than to work around them," she said. "Shade, beauty and nature weren't valued."

Moore noted someone from Caltrans was expected to attend the council meeting to discuss the Main Street relinquishment project but failed to show up.

Sheriff's Office booking log, Carlos Angelo White, 31, of was arrested again July 3 by the Ukiah Police Department on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

## Traffic stop ends in arrest

A June 30 afternoon traffic stop in the 200 block of Little Lake Way in Covelo resulted in the arrest of a 35-year-old Round Valley man on a felony bench warrant.

The sheriff's deputy who pulled the driver over recognized the vehicle's passenger as Britton Leonard Azbill, Jr, according to sheriff's Sgt. Joseph DeMarco.

The deputy remembered seeing a felony, no-bail bench warrant for Azbill earlier in the day, DeMarco said, and after confirming the warrant, arrested him.

Azbill was booked into county jail.

These reports were based on press releases from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

of Planning and Building, and notes such communication is necessary.

The report also found code enforcement officers have considerable discretion as to whether fines should be imposed on citizens when code violations occur, and have discretion as to the amount of the fines to be imposed. The report suggested such discretion is problematical.

"Many complaints are relatively easy to correct in a short time according to staff and management interviewed," according to the report. "This is reflected in the number of complaints resolved within the 30-day timetable. It was not clear to the grand jury exactly what the parameters are for the assessment of fines or the amount of the proposed fines. It was clear from the interviews that the issue of fines is completely at the judgment of the officers, giving the impression of arbitrary assertion of fines."

The report also criticized the county for failing to apply its environmental standards to its own buildings.

"There are a number of county buildings that do not comply with all of the county's various ordinances regarding environmental violations," the report states. "The most notable of these violations center on water damage which resulted in mold contamination. There are several areas of mold growth visible in the county buildings at the County Administration Building [in Ukiah]. There are a number of other county buildings with various kinds of water damage that are still in need of repair."

The grand jury report made eight recommendations, including increasing the division's staff and issuing them dependable all-wheel-drive vehicles. It also recommends meetings between the supervisor of the Code Enforcement Division and the rest of Planning and Building be held at least once a month, and that the results of these meetings be included in the monthly report

from the director of Planning and Building to the board of supervisors.

The grand jury recommended that supervisors enact policies by June 30, 2018, to provide Code Enforcement Division staff with consistency and clarity regarding the imposition and the amount of fines levied in response to code violations.

The grand jury also recommended the county place all building code violations and complaint actions in an online data base, so the public might have access to that information, and list the information by street address and property number, while omitting the name of the complainant.

Finally, the report recommended supervisors direct county staff to ensure all county buildings are brought up to state and local environmental standards within the next fiscal year, and staff be instructed to report back to the board of supervisors early in the following fiscal year on the results of that effort.

The county has already dealt with two of the grand jury's recommendations. At the June 20 meeting of the board of supervisors, Code Enforcement Division supervisor Trent Taylor told the board he had recently hired three new code enforcement officers. Not only is his division fully staffed, but it is staffed at a higher level than ever before in the division's history.

The division is now responsible for enforcing violations of the county's medical cannabis cultivation ordinance, as well as building code violations.

Also, the county allocated funds in the 2017-18 budget to purchase two new Toyota Tacoma four-wheel-drive pickup trucks for the county's code enforcement team.

The full grand jury report on the Code Enforcement Division can be found online at [www.mendocinounty.org/home/showdocument?id=9313](http://www.mendocinounty.org/home/showdocument?id=9313).



Above, from left: Jericho romaine lettuce tolerates dry, hot weather well. A basket of beautiful dragon tongue beans. Blacktail Mountain watermelon.

Photos by Jamie Chevalier



Photo by Bill Bruneau



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COLUMN | Garden Tip of the Month

## July: Hot weather gardening

Jamie Chevalier  
Columnist

This time of year, gardens can get out of hand while the gardener is on vacation, or just plain too hot. Yet July is a super-important time for keeping your summer crops pumping, and planting the veggies you'll eat all winter. Here are some tips to keep your garden happy and yourself cool.

Salad sounds great, but lettuce is a cool-season crop. Here is how to have sweet lettuce in summer: Lettuce seed goes dormant when the temps are over 80 degrees. Put your seed in the fridge for a week. Once chilled, it will think it's spring and sprout readily. Sow in the evening, water well, and make sure your planting is shaded all afternoon, either by other crops or by a structure (or shade cloth). The east or north side of some corn or tomatoes is good.

Consider using shade cloth. Plants go into shock when the air is above 90 degrees. Tomatoes will abort their fruit; green beans will stop making pods. Peppers and tomatoes will sun-scald. Shade cloth cuts down the heat while letting in enough light for good growth. It is lightweight and doesn't need elaborate support. A few outward-leaning sticks will support it over a bed of lettuce or peppers. Bamboo poles will carry

At right, from top: Late July is the best time to start fall veggies like red cabbage. Red Leaf Amaranth, known as "Red Calaloo," in the Caribbean, grows best in hot, humid conditions. Purple broccoli starting to flower.

it over tomatoes. A bed sheet works in a pinch, if it's open on all sides and at least a foot above the plants.

Late July is the best time to start kale, broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, and other fall veggies. But the garden is full of summer stuff and, besides, it's too hot out there for kale right now. Make a nursery bed in the shade. Then they aren't in little pots getting rootbound, and you can get the whole job accomplished without going out in the sun. Plant twice as close as usual. You'll transplant your fall veggies to their permanent spots in the fall. The whole cabbage tribe thrives on transplanting – university studies show bigger and better root systems when they are transplanted once or even twice! For details: <https://www.bountifulgardens.org/articles/26>

Make one last planting of bush beans, corn, melons, and maybe even zucchini. This is the absolute best time to plant okra. Hot weather goes 'til October – make sure your hot-weather vegetables don't quit early.

Right now, most broccoli and peas have had it for the year. Yank them out and immediately plant something that likes heat. Or just cover the ground with straw. This saves hours of weeding. One easy alternative is to sprinkle seed for hot-weather greens in the gaps. Purslane, chard, Egyptian spinach, and amaranth all sprout easily in heat.

Working 15 to 30 minutes in the cool of the evening or with morning coffee can accomplish a lot. If you set out to do a manageable amount, you'll be enthusiastic about doing it again tomorrow.

Jamie Chevalier has gardened professionally in both California and Alaska. She writes about gardening for Bountiful Gardens Seeds, [www.bountifulgardens.org](http://www.bountifulgardens.org).

## Cuddly Ollie

Ollie is a 8-month-old heeler-Chihuahua mix who is a real scamp! He starts with a bark, but two seconds later he's in your lap with kisses and wanting to be cuddled. As he is still a puppy, he needs socialization with other dogs to learn a few doggie manners – something a larger, more mature dog could help with.



He is very cute and very sweet, so with normal exercise and training, he will make a great family dog. Come meet him soon!

For more information on Ollie or other adoptable animals, call Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County at 485-0123, check [www.mendohumanesociety.com](http://www.mendohumanesociety.com), or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

## Fun Floyd

Floyd is a sweet and handsome 2-year-old male mixed-breed dog who weighs 61 pounds. We think Floyd would be a great addition to his new family and that he'd enjoy a new canine friend. Floyd has a fun-loving, happy personality and would like an active family to take him out and about.



The Ukiah Animal 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 dogs and cats here, please visit online at: [www.mendoanimalshelter.com](http://www.mendoanimalshelter.com). More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453. Please join us the second Saturday of every month, coming up this weekend on July 6, for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk and help us get every dog out for some exercise!

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At top, left: The 2017 Grand Marshal, the Frank R. Howard Foundation, is carted around the Jack Tharp Arena by Live Oak Belgians owned by Susan and Kenn McCarty. The Foundation's board members include: Margie Handley, board chair; William Bowen, vice president; Jann Lamprich, secretary; Tom Herman, director; Tedd Dawson, director; Richard Willoughby, director; Terry Hansen, director; and Tony Madrigal, director.

At top, center: Danielle Barry on Rebel leads a pony with an empty saddle around the arena as a special tribute to Harold Potter, who passed away last year. Potter was the Top Hand award-winner from Willits Frontier Days last year and has been a huge part of the crew and board of directors that put on the events each year.

At top, right: Another Live Oak Belgians carriage brings 2017 Heritage Award winner, Bev Henderson, around the arena.

Below, left: A cowboy ropes a calf, and gets ready to dismount, then run to the roped calf, flip the calf, and tie three of its legs together in the calf roping event. Below, right: 2017 Sweetheart Hailey Riley makes her queen run in the perpetual American flag chaps made by Mary Anne Underhill of Underhill Western Craft. The chaps will be signed by the current Sweetheart and then passed down to each new Sweetheart as the years progress. 2016 Sweetheart Halee Reed was the first recipient and wearer of the chaps.



Photos by Maureen Moore

At left, from top: A bareback bronc rider tries to hold on for the full 8 seconds of the ride during Monday's

# CCPRA Rodeo

Members of the California Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association showcase their skills at Jack Tharp Arena during the Willits stop on the pro circuit

See these and many more photos of all the 2017 Willits Frontier Days events online at [www.WillitsFrontierDays.com](http://www.WillitsFrontierDays.com) or <http://photographpress.zenfolio.com/wfd2017>



CCPRA rodeo.

A saddle bronc rider gets airborne but does his best to hang on to the lead rope.

Trick roper Rider Kinsler showcased great skill during the half-time show of Monday's rodeo.

Another bareback rider gives the spectators just on the other side of the fence an up-close and personal view of the sport of bronc riding.

At right: Another saddle bronc rider keeps his free hand high in the air during his ride.

Far right: Trick roper Rider Kinsler encircles his ride with a spinning rope as he rides around the arena.



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  - East of NYC
  - Influential
  - Norwegian playwright
  - School for healing
  - Of the cheekbone
  - Disco rockers
  - The Bee
  - Gorged
  - Khoikhoi people
  - Payroll firm
  - A hiding place
  - Georgia rockers
  - Spanish soldier El
  - Deerlike water buffalo
  - Second epoch of the Tertiary period
  - Frocks
  - Nostrils
  - Spoke
  - Information
  - Where wrestlers work
  - Dash
  - Cool!
  - Tiny child
  - People of northern Assam
  - Austrian spa town
  - Written reminder
  - Italian monetary units
  - Tell on
  - More abject
  - Farm state
  - Cleveland's hoopsters
  - Famed NY
  - Giant's nickname
  - Los \_\_, big city
  - Rechristens
  - Shopping trips
  - Values self-interest
  - Angry speeches
  - A way to soak
  - One who divides
  - Deeply cuts
  - A very large body of water
  - 'Raisin in the Sun' actress Ruby
  - Medicated
  - Single unit
  - Parasitic insect's egg
  - House pet
  - African nation
  - Saddle horses
  - Press lightly
  - One of 12 sons of Jacob
  - Cause to suffer
  - Hang 'em up
  - Breakfast dish
  - Wrongful acts
  - NASCAR driver
  - Indian dish
  - Type of giraffe
  - Selling at specially reduced prices
  - Czech city
  - 'Orange is the New Black' character
  - Records electric currents
  - Country doctor
  - Chronic, progressive disease (abbr.)
- CLUES DOWN**
- Pressed against lightly
  - Rural delivery
  - Semicircular recesses
  - Groan
  - Donation
  - Mariner
  - One who accepts
  - King Cole, musician
  - Streetcar
  - Silk fabric
  - \_\_ route
  - Used to make plastics
  - Swampy coniferous forest

# WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

June 26 to July 2  
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 189 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

## Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

**June 26**  
 6:50 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.  
 8:42 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Holly Street.  
 11 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.  
 2:28 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

3:04 pm: SMITH, Yvonne Erika (53) of Ukiah and HALL, Brigitte Martha (73) of Willits were contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. Smith was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence) and on charges of driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level over .08. Hall was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on charges of disorderly conduct. According to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office booking log, SMITH, Yvonne Erika (53) of Ukiah was also arrested by the Ukiah Police Department on misdemeanor DUI charges at 8:35 am on June 25, 2017.

5:24 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of Haehl Creek Drive.

10:05 pm: McCARTNEY, Kyle James (30) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Sandy Avenue and Bonnie Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation) and on felony charges of possession of hashish/marijuana and obtaining credit using false ID, and on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

**June 27**  
 2:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 200 block of North Main Street.

2:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

6:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of several unwanted subjects in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 800 block of South Main Street.

7:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of West Oak Avenue.

8:04 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 800 block of Coast Street.

8:09 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Madden Lane.

9:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.

**June 28**  
 12:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of Coast Street.

5:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

8:25 pm: KOSKINEN, Christopher Michael (43) of Willits was contacted following a traffic collision near the intersection of Sherwood Road and North Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence) and on felony charges of driving under the influence causing injury, and on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level over .08.

9:03 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

10:48 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

11:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

**June 29**  
 1:47 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of

South Main Street.

2:50 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 800 block of Coast Street.

4:13 pm: FERRER, Jesse Dywane (33) of Arcata was contacted in the 1200 block of Locust Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on charges of disorderly conduct.

6:57 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Bush Street.

7:43 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 24000 block of Lilac Terrace.

10:14 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

**June 30**  
 1:31 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of Creekside Drive and issued a warning.

2:43 am: RODRIGUEZ, Christiane (31) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on charges of disobeying a court order.

6:55 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

8:52 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

10:41 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

12:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.

12:52 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of North Lenore Avenue.

1:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

5:51 pm: HAND, Pat James William (27) of Willits was contacted following a traffic stop near the intersection of South Main Street and California Street. He was arrested pursuant to 4463 VC (Forgery or Falsification of Vehicle Registration).

9:48 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

10:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

**July 1**  
 1 am: ROGERS, Jared Michael (37) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of North Main Street. He was arrested on charges of driving under the influence and driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level over .08.

12:53 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

1:15 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:48 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation near the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Holly Street.

6:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of unwanted subjects in the 700 block of South Main Street.

9:18 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 700 block of South Main Street.

9:32 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Pine Street.

10:41 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Margie Drive.

2:43 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Gregory Lane.

5:19 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of Coast Street.

6:17 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 23000 block of East Side Road.

8:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Alder Court.

9 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.



## BBQ & Pancakes

Two meals offered for Willits Frontier Days guests over July 4th weekend



While some people like to mix their meals, most enjoyed separate excursions to the Rec Grove last weekend: Starting early on Sunday, July 2, the Willits Lions Club offered ham, eggs, pancakes and more to the breakfast crowd, and on Tuesday, July 4, the grove converted to a packed-full crowd of beef, corn, salad and bread eaters during the annual Beef Barbecue.



At top, from left: Eva, Emily Rose and John Pinon enjoy breakfast at the shaded picnic tables in the Rec Grove. Willits Lions Club volunteers pose together inside the octagon cook shack, where eggs were cooked, batter was mixed, and excited guests were served.

Above, from left: The Willits Lions Club banner hung prominently at the corner of East Commercial and South Lenore streets welcoming guests to the breakfast. Tony Madrigal and Tom Lucier supervise and work the ham station on the Lions' griddle trailer.

At left: The Rec Grove was fuller than many remembered in any years of the recent past for the 2017 Beef Barbecue on Monday, July 4.

Below, from left: Kristin and Jeremiah Dawson accept plates from Willits Rotarian Bruce Burton at the start of the barbecue line. The bean crew, including Jeremy Stevens, Konner Reed, Matt Rountree, Tate Heiken, Brad Coleman and Donny Barnard. Members of the "Old Buzzard" meat and meat-serving crew pose for the camera.

At bottom: Bobbie Tilley, Marlene Brown, Carol Oliver and Mike Frahm take tickets at the front of the barbecue line.



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Below: Hanna Willoughby sang the national anthem to the crowd gathered on Main Street. A small power snafu led to much of the crowd helping Willoughby finish out the last few lines of the song. People along both sides of the sidewalk sang in unison with the unsuspecting and suddenly acoustic Willoughby.

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Above, from left: A four-generation float showcasing involvement with Willits Frontier Days since 1972. A glittery unicorn and sparkly fairy shone down Main Street. A metal horse led the Grand Marshal float down the parade route. Willits City Councilmember Midge Strong, left, Mayor Gerry Gonzalez, center, and Willits City Manager Adrienne Moore, right, smile to the crowd. Janet Reedy "dances in honor of the old Aztec Gods wearing a costume similar to what warriors used to wear, but with a twist of today's music." The NorCrawl parade entry showcased big trucks – and even bigger tires!



At right: Troy James and one of the Roots of Motive Power entries. Below: Unicyclists ride in the Main Street Parade on July 4.



## 2017 4th of July Parade Results

### FLOAT RESULTS

- Best Mechanical/ Imagination**  
1st place: Grace Community Church
- Best Patriotic**  
1st place: Stay and Play Dog Care  
2nd place: American Legion Post 174  
3rd place: Yokum's Body Shop
- Best Theme-Based**  
1st place: Stay and Play Dog Care  
2nd place: Willits Rotary Club  
3rd place: Coast Hardware
- Novelty/Open/Miscellaneous Non-Float**  
1st place: Old Mission Pizza  
2nd place (tied): Glitter My World and Willits Kids Club  
3rd place: California Institute of Knowledge

### AUTOMOBILE RESULTS

- 1950-59 Original**  
1st place: Police Car - Neil Orr, Jr.
- 1960-70 Modified**  
1st place: Steve Quinliven  
2nd place: Bryan Casey
- 1960-70 Original**  
1st place: Daniel Curtis  
2nd place: Neil Orr, Jr.
- Group of Cars**  
1st place: Willits Seniors Inc.
- Group of Motorcycles**  
1st place: Willits Wild Bunch  
2nd place: The Bike shop
- Vintage, pre-war gas/diesel steam**  
1st place: Vickie Lane

### Truck Open mon/mud/mod

- 1st place: NorCrawl  
2nd place: Maciel  
3rd place: Les Schwab Tires
- Decorated Car, non-year-specific**  
1st place: Glitter My World  
2nd place: Brooktrails Golf Course

### EQUESTRIAN PARADE RESULTS

- 1st place:** Willits 4-H Group
- Mounted Group**  
1st place: Vaqueros Mexicanos
- Pony Class**  
1st place: Triniti Freudenberg
- Ethel Clatty Award**  
Triniti Freudenberg



Below, from left: The Stay and Play Dog Care float won two first-place awards for their dog-and-people-packed entry. Members of the American Legion Post 174 carried the flags at the beginning of the parade. Hometown was afire with new faces – from vendors to attendees – all up and down several blocks of Main Street.

At right, from top: One of the beautiful dancing horses. Laura and Peter Koch, Ellie Bruce and Robert Smith enjoy the Hometown festivities. Shoppers check out produce at the Farmers Market.

At right: A cowgirl tries to hang on to a bucking bull for the full 8 seconds during Sunday's Junior Rodeo.

Below: A young cowboy lands upside down after being ejected from his calf during the calf riding event.

Below, right: Claire Case-Brackett rounds a barrel in the barrel racing event.

At bottom, right: Danielle Barry successfully paints her steer with a dab of red paint in the steer daubing contest.

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Above, left: Mike Mondo drives Jack Tharp and friends down Main Street during the parade.



## A Happy Hometown

Big participation at annual downtown festival this year

A big and happy crowd showed up for the annual Hometown Celebration in Willits last Friday evening.

Kids, young families, teenagers and old stalwarts were among those enjoying the cooler evening weather – and the community spirit – in downtown Willits.

Not only was there festive food, kids fun and games, giveaways, live music, and special sales, there was education going on, too. Tables staffed by area nonprofits, service clubs, community volunteers and agencies enjoyed talking to locals and guests about their services, events and achievements – and did a little fundraising, too.

Winners of the Hometown Celebration Scavenger Hunt

were: Myrtle Deaton (first place; \$250 worth of gift certificates from local businesses); Ashley Rodriguez (second place; \$200 worth of gift certificates); and Elida Cardona (third place, \$200 worth of gift certificates).

The Willits Weekly table gave away stacks of newspapers and chatted with community residents all evening. One favorite story? A young student on a bicycle who said he was a newspaper reader, and who dropped a \$2 bill into Willits Weekly's tip jar. "It's important to support the local newspaper," he said.

2017 Hometown Celebration co-chairs Willits Frontier Days Vice President Marcy Barry and Ashton Bloomquist of J.D. Redhouse were pleased with the event's success.

"The smiles and laughter were priceless!" Bloomquist said. "I'm not sure where to begin, but I have to give a huge shout out to the Willits

Frontier Days, Marcy Barry, Linda Matz, Peter Swanton, Allie Findley, Maureen Moore, and Jake Whitehurst for getting down and dirty and making sure that things went as planned.

"Thank you to our local businesses and organizations, the City of Willits, the Sheriff's Office, and the Willits Police Department for making tonight possible, safe and fun for the community!"

Willits Frontier Days encourages community members to send in feedback about Hometown Celebration and ideas for next year. Please email [willitsfrontierdays@gmail.com](mailto:willitsfrontierdays@gmail.com). Anyone who wants to get involved in planning for or volunteering at any of next year's big events is encouraged to reach out and participate.

– Jennifer Poole

## Junior Rodeo: Young riders have fun learning the ropes of the cowboy life

Events in this year's Junior Rodeo included calf riding for kids through age 12; steer stopping for kids up to 18; steer daubing for kids ages 8 to 18; 18; two divisions of barrel racing: one for kids ages 12 and under, and one for kids ages 13 to 18; steer riding for kids ages 13 to 15; girls breakaway roping for kids up to 18; girls goat tying for kids ages 8 to 18; and finally bull riding, for kids ages 16 to 18.

The All Around Cowgirl title, awarded to the cowgirl with the highest overall score gained from competing in all the events went to Hailey Finnegan of Covelo. Finnegan also won the Bud Suttles Memorial Trophy given to the overall High Point rider for the day.

Several Willits, Laytonville and Covelo contestants entered, and family and friends were in the stands to cheer them on during their events. Riders from Willits included: Danielle Barry, Claire Case Brackett, Samantha Arms, Hazel Cooke, Caleb Lovell, Sierra Mayfield, Walker Klee, and Alton Cooke. Laytonville riders included: Trysten Wheeler, Hailey Finnegan, Michael Wheeler, Jimmy Whitley, and Preston Wheeler; and Covelo riders included: Kyle McCarty, Adrian Phillips, and Clint Gonzales.

Calf riding offers young riders the chance to ride the littlest of cattle. Riders must cross a chalk line just in front of the bucking chutes to receive a buckle, and to place, they must remain on the back of the calf for six seconds. There were no qualified rides. Local riders included Caleb Lovell and Hazel Cooke.

Steer stopping challenges riders to rope a running steer and then stop their horse, effectively flipping the steer 180-degrees to then turn and face the rider. When both animals face one another, time is stopped. Hailey Finnegan of Laytonville won first place with a time of 12.19 seconds. Steer riding is for those too big to ride a calf, and too



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Above: Attendees at the 2017 Sweetheart dinner, held on Friday, July 1. The dinner is not only for announcing the winner of the Sweetheart contest, but also to thank the Willits Frontier Days corporate sponsors and to introduce the Heritage and Top Hand winners and the Grand Marshal: Bev Henderson, June Sizemore and the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Below, from left: 2017 Willits Frontier Days President Fred Barry tips his hat to 2017 Top Hand award-winner June Sizemore. Barry stands with Mendocino County Third District supervisor – and past Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart – Georgette Croskey, who presented and read a proclamation of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors recognizing the 91st anniversary of Willits Frontier Days. Event announcer, Kathy Goss, speaks from behind the podium, adorned with flowers by the Flower Lady of Willits. Barry poses with past Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Ashton Bloomquist and her daughter Aybrie Whitehurst of J.D. Redhouse with their sponsor plaque. Not only does J.D. Redhouse sponsor the dinner event, but Bloomquist and many other members of the Redhouse crew help serve the dinner each year as well. At bottom: The 2017 Sweetheart winner, Hailey Riley, stands with her family, including, from left, mother Bonnie, sister Morgan, and father Paul. She also holds her winning sashes, including: a custom saddle and silver engraved spurs both sponsored by J.D. Redhouse; a silver engraved belt buckle and silver engraved tiara sponsored by Willits Frontier Days; and a bouquet of roses and flowers by the Flower Lady of Willits. Riley also received a check for 15 percent of her overall ticket sales. Paul Riley holds the perpetual American flag chaps Riley will wear for the year of her reign.



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At right: Willits Frontier Days runner-up Keely Ahders and 2017 Sweetheart winner Hailey Riley before the crowning. Riley and Ahders also gave their speeches to the gathered crowd; Willits Weekly is pleased to reprint those speeches, at right, for the rest of the community to enjoy. See these and many more photos of all the 2017 Willits Frontier Days events online at [www.WillitsFrontierDays.com](http://www.WillitsFrontierDays.com) or <http://photographress.zenfolio.com/wfd2017>

Sweethearts sold a total of \$47,632 worth of tickets this year

# Sweetheart Dinner

Sponsors recognized and Hailey Riley named Sweetheart at Friday, July 1 awards dinner at rodeo grounds

Keely Ahders - Sweetheart Speech

## 'Willits Western Small Town America'

Hi everyone, my name is Keely Ahders, I am 17 years old, and I have been born and raised here in Willits. The theme for the 2017 Willits Frontier Days is "Willits Western Small Town America." I was trying to figure out what makes a "western Small Town America," so first let's take a moment and think about what it means to live in a small town.

Living in a small town, I think of traditions, friends, family and a close-knit community. It also means everyone knows you and you know everyone. This can be good or bad depending on how you look at it. Because, not only do they know you, they know your family and friends too, which often ends up turning your quick run to the store into a town meeting.

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Hailey Riley - Sweetheart Speech

## 'Willits Western Small Town America'

What comes to mind when you think of small town western America? We live in a perfect example of this. Settled in 1857 and originally known as Little Lake Valley and then Willitsville, it was not until 1874 that we gained the name Willits. In holding with the true western spirit, Willits even had its own true legendary western family feud that culminated in a deadly gun fight between the Frost and Coates families. But for the most part, Willits was western in the concept of people coming west to build their future in the booming logging industry.

For me, I think of family and friends. I think of a close-knit community like Willits, especially during all of the Fourth of July festivities. Which makes me think of Willits Frontier Days.

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In 1926, the Willits Development Association came up with the idea of sponsoring a community activity to raise funds for the construction of a much-needed hospital. The fundraising plan developed was the first Willits Frontier Days Rodeo, which occurred in July of 1927. Though it was a success, in 1932 the true promise of the association was realized and improved on. Then in 1950, the true birth of Willits Frontier Days Rodeo came to its potential when it was incorporated and refined into its current status by many local ranchers and businessmen.

There are so many great families that have helped build our little town such as the Persicos, Shusters, Fords, Shorts, Randrups, Burtons, Cooleys, and many other amazing people, but we'd be here all night if I named them all. I mean just look at all the time, energy and hard work that went into getting our rodeo grounds back into working order after this last year's hard winter took its toll. A special thank you to all the amazing volunteers that worked the countless hours to make it happen.

Our town is filled with knowledgeable and very helpful folks that love a chance to share their passion and expertise to lend a helping hand. When I decided to run for Sweetheart and word was finally out, I was greeted with an abundance of encouragement and words of advice. I felt so loved. Having so much support from so many amazing people is such a wonderful feeling. I love my small town.

When I was a kid, I remember seeing the Sweethearts and wanted one day to be like them. Getting to watch their run in the rodeos always caught my attention and made me dream of someday doing the same.

As I have been attending events in the process of running for Sweetheart, I realized how fortunate I was to consider so many people in our community my friends. There's something about going places and more often than not, seeing people you know. It's comforting knowing that in our small town there are such wonderful hearts and kind souls. I am sure that if I ever needed anything, I would have all the help and support I could ask for. The amount of love our small town has is beautiful. You don't get what we have in big cities; we're lucky to have each other in our little community.

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Growing up in Willits has been a great experience. I have been fortunate enough to be part of Willits 4-H and this has helped me get to know the community through community service activities, such as Wreaths Across America, and going around with buyer's letters for the Redwood Empire Fair. This year I had the great honor of being president of my club; it has been a great experience being able to work with the other officers in the leadership development project and the members of the club.

This year I graduated from the New Horizons independent study program. Through helping with Sober Grad, I was able to see firsthand just how generous this community really is. When seniors went around to the service clubs to sell tickets for our fundraisers, the clubs practically jumped at the chance to support us.

In the old west, people of a small western town would work together. For instance, if someone needed a barn built, did they have to build it by themselves? Probably not. The whole town would come together in a "barn raising." And as we know, "many hands make light work." This idea of a town working together to make something happen was true back then and is true today. It may not be a barn we are building, although we did come together to build temporary walls and a front door for Les Schwab, the community is more than willing to band together to help each of us accomplish our goals.

Many of you may have seen my horse, Spirit, modeling with me on my poster. She is a Peruvian Paso, which is a gaited breed, and the reason why I chose not to use her for the horsemanship portion.

This sent me on a quest through the community for a horse I could use. As I was going around selling tickets, people would ask me if I had found a horse yet. And in the beginning, they would actually suggest different people to contact. They would say, "do you know so and so," or, "call this person." Because of this, I met a lot of nice people and finally found Violet, who is owned by Ruth Weston. If it wasn't for living in a small town, finding a horse would have been very difficult if not impossible.

Every small town and country has its traditions. For our country, celebrating Independence Day is one of those. To coincide with our nation's independence, we have Willits Frontier Days, which to me is our largest local tradition. It was started 91 years ago when Willits was even smaller and more western than it is today. This long-lasting tradition would not be possible without the pride in our community and all the wonderful volunteers who spend countless hours preparing for the all the local events we call Frontier Days.



Above, left: 2017 Sweetheart winner, Hailey Riley, left, stands with runner-up Keely Ahders, right.



Above, right: Willits Frontier Days President Fred Barry hugs Kathy Goss, past Sweetheart and office representative from event sponsor, Dr. Alfred Kerr.



At left: Todd Hollifield, left, poses with Fred Barry at the Sweetheart dinner. Hollifield Construction was a huge force in overseeing, working and completing the bleacher rebuild at the rodeo grounds in time for the 2017 events.

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young for the bulls. Steers are a little wiser and more experienced than calves and get the riders a little more prepared for the mean and motivated bulls, if they choose to go that path.

Of the seven riders, two placed with qualifying times, which resulted in scores out of a possible 100 points. Half of the points are given for the efforts of the rider, and the other half to the bucking of the steer. First place went to D.J. Albee of Mad River with a score of 69, second place went to Lake Bishop of Windsor with a score of 60 points.

Ten riders competed in the girls goat tying event, and two earned times. Riders run their horses to the other end of the arena, dismount – usually from a quick pace! – and run on foot to a goat tethered to a stake and rope. The contestant must flip the goat and tie three legs together with a rope. The goat must remain tied for several seconds in order to give the contestant a time. First place went to Hailey Finnegan with a time of 12.47 seconds; second went to Danielle Barry with a time of 16.62 seconds; and third went to Bella Colombini with a time of 20.74 seconds.

Steer daubing asks riders to carry a paint-soaked rag at the end of a long pole. Riders chase a steer and try to make contact with the paint and any part of the steer. Of the nine competitors, three placed with a qualifying time. First place went to Trysten Wheeler with a time of 9.39 seconds, second to Danielle Barry with a time of 9.48 seconds, and third to Claire Case Brackett with a time of 12.54 seconds.

Girls barrel racing has riders complete a cloverleaf pattern around three 55-gallon barrels set up across the arena. Riders have a choice of making two left turns and one right, or two right turns and one left. Electronic timer eyes are set up at the start/finish line, since times can be as

close as a 100th of a second in difference.

Four riders competed in the 12 and under age group, and the two fastest times came in from Hazel Cooke of Willits with a time of 23.30 seconds, for first place; second place went to Rylee De Marta of Redwood Valley with a time of 40.59 seconds.

Nine riders competed in the 13 to 18 age group, and the three fastest times went to Hailey Finnegan with a time of 18.13 seconds, for first place; second place went to Bella Colombini with a time of 19.60 seconds; and third place went to Alexis Gonzales with a time of 20.72 seconds.

Breakaway roping asks riders to simply rope a running calf with a rope that features a Velcro end. As soon as the calf pulls the slack in the rope tight, the rope breaks free from the saddle and time is stopped. There were no qualifying times for this event.

Bull riding finished out the day with three riders trying to stay atop a bucking bull for the full eight seconds. Kyle McCarty of Covelo was the only competitor to make a qualified ride and earned a score of 67 points.

There was another fun event for kids in the stands interjected between the official contestant events: the mystery scramble. Kids up to the age of 9 were welcomed from the stands into the arena. They were lined up at one side, and a few crates of chickens were set at the other. At the "go" mark, chickens were released from the crates, and the eager maybe-soon-to-be chicken owners were allowed to keep anything they could catch. A flurry of feathers, dirt and giggling kids followed, and many went home with the ultimate small-town-rodeo prize: pullets who were – hopefully! – hens.

Results provided by Willits Frontier Days.

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Across top: Amy Anastasiou's reactions on first hearing of her good fortune from Mike Smith of Willits Furniture. At left: Mike Smith and Jeff Yokum present winner Amy Anastasiou with the keys to her new car, a shiny black 2007 Scion xB.

# Hometown Stories

Business, community and families working together to make it work

Last Friday's Hometown Celebration street fair brought out masses of people and offered up far more than anyone could possibly take in over the course of a few short hours. It was a feast for the senses for sure.

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There were as many stories to tell as there were businesses and people.

Here are two of them – one about the community supporting business and the other about businesses supporting the community.

Scoops, purveyor of fine frozen yogurt, ice cream, coffee and deli items, was celebrating five successful years of business on Hometown night, serving free hot dogs, ice cream, fruit and drinks to multitudes of visitors and well-wishers. Asked whether the bypass had affected business, Emily Davis, daughter of Scoops' owner Lisa Davis, said there had been "no change at all. People have their traditions," she said. And Scoops has their "regulars" – the after-church and after-swim folks, the lunchtime crowd from the high school, and the Brooktrails bunch.

Lisa Davis agreed. Their success, she said, was due to "God's grace and gratitude. And the community."

And probably their friendly atmosphere, good food and ice cream as well. They serve Double Rainbow. It's "denser than most ice cream, more of a gelato," according to Emily. Try their best seller – sea salt caramel chocolate truffle. It's milk chocolate ice cream with caramel swirls and chocolate truffles filled with sea salt and caramel. Emily says, "It's really good."

The community has done a great job supporting businesses like Scoops. There are also instances where businesses are supporting the community.

Yokums Body Shop partnered with Willits Furniture Center to give away a car to a deserving person in need. The giveaway was the first in what will be an annual event; the winner was announced at the Hometown Celebration.

An anonymous group of Rotarians were charged with the difficult decision of choosing the winner from a group of about two dozen nominees, many of whom, the committee reported, were "in great need." The winner, revealed by Jeff Yokum, owner of Yokums Body Shop and Mike Smith, owner of Willits Furniture Center, was Amy Anastasiou. Smith told the assembled crowd that Amy had "faced huge challenges as she has struggled to improve not only her life, but also the lives of her children."

Anastasiou clearly was not expecting to win a car. "Oh my god. I don't even know what to say," was her first response. She was nominated for the giveaway by her friend, April Ford.

Later, she said that having a car would "alleviate a lot of struggles," not the least of which was to allow her to drive to Fremont where her 14-year-old son, Kevin Duncan, is in school. When he was in first grade, Anastasiou said, she had done what she knew was the right thing but also "the hardest thing I ever did in my life." She enrolled him in the California School for the Deaf in Fremont. Having a car will strengthen her family.

Strong families make strong communities, which make strong businesses. Scoops' success rests in part on the participation of the owners' children, siblings and parents. Yokums Body Shop has been a family-run business since 1982. And Willits Furniture Center has been family-owned since 1968.

It doesn't get more hometown than that.



At right: Scoops owners Lisa Davis, center, and Jon Kvasnicka, in rear, with Lisa's mother, Esther Cabrera, and sister Angie Blasi, at left, and Lisa's father, Victor Cabrera, and mother-in-law Nellie Larsen, at right. Below: Emily Davis, daughter of Scoops owner Lisa Davis, dishes up free ice cream to Hometown celebrants.



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## Lamprich Center Open House & Health Fair



Experience a new facility dedicated to keeping your family healthy!

Here's to a healthy start to your summer! Join us for an open house and health fair to see and experience a whole new facility dedicated to keeping your whole family healthy! Meet our providers and staff, enjoy food, face painting and lots of fun for everyone young and old! Free health screenings including blood pressure, diabetes and total cholesterol, plus body composition testing. Tour our new spaces and learn more about services offered including the Redwood Medical Clinic, Outpatient Rehabilitation and Howard Pharmacy!

### Lots of fun activities for the whole family:

- Meet our staff and tour the facilities: Howard Pharmacy, Redwood Medical Clinic & Outpatient Rehab
- Free health screenings: Diabetes, Blood Pressure, Body Composition, Balance Assessment
- Face-painting, balloon animals, raffles and giveaways

**Sunday, July 16**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Lamprich Center  
3 Marcela Drive in Willits**

From Main Street, take Baechtel Road, then right on East Hill Drive. Marcela Drive will be on your right. (In front of the new hospital, across from Microphor)

Free activities & health screenings!

**Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital**

**Adventist Health**