



Supes endorse Vietnam memorial at county museum

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County supervisors on Tuesday unanimously endorsed a proclamation expressing support for a memorial to Mendocino County citizens who died while serving in the U.S. armed forces during the Vietnam War.

"Whereas, this year, 2015, marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Vietnam War in 1965 and the 40th anniversary of the end of American involvement in 1975," the proclamation begins.

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Bypass mitigation work underway

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Inside a new fence at the north end of Little Lake Valley, the grass is mowed short and a bulldozer clamors







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Annual event and parade celebrates Western life and small town independence

Everybody loves a parade, especially a parade with plenty of fire engines, horseback riders, big rigs and flags, and the Willits 4th of July Parade delivered all of those wellloved American icons.

Crowds started assembling early in the best spots Saturday morning, and houses along the route put awnings up in their front yards, providing **Jennifer** Poole shade and lawn chairs for friends and family. Although it felt Editor & Reporter warmer, the Savings Bank of Mendocino County pedestal jennifer@wⁱllitsweekly.com showed the temperature was hovering around 90 degrees.

Little Lake and Brooktrails fire departments turned out in force, with a whole flock of fire engines and rescue vehicles, as did an impressive group driving off-road vehicles from the Mendocino County 4x4 Club, adorned with flags and mud on their fenders.



Top: A cowboy holds on to a high bucking bronc during the July 3 CCPRA rodeo.

Above, from left: A bull wins the eight-second battle against a cowboy on July 4 during the CCPRA rodeo. The horse-drawn carriage that carried past Sweethearts down the parade route. Big rigs decorated for the Fourth of July.

Below, left: 2015 Sweetheart winner Caitlyn Forrester poses with 2014 winner Haley Schuck. Below, right, top: Danielle Barry flips a goat in the Junior Rodeo. Below, right, bottom: Willits' Lane Smith, former Marine and new member of American Legion Post 174, leads the Color Guard out of the arena.

At bottom: The Dare Devil Trick ers head down Main Street v

Parade spectator injured by projectile

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A Willits woman watching the Black Bart Gunfighters perform at the start of the Willits Frontier Days Parade was injured Saturday when she was hit in the chest by a projectile.

The woman, whose name was not released by the Willits Police Department, was on the west side of Main Street, south of Diggers Bar, when she was hit, according to a WPD press release issued Monday morning. incident happened The sometime right before 11 am.

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Emergency water supply project progresses

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The city's emergency water supply project should see two key components completed by the end of the month, the city's public works director said at a recent council meeting.

backwards, then forwards, pushing up a mound of dark soil.

This is the site of work done by Hanford Applied Restoration and Conservation, recipients of a \$12.6 million contract to perform mitigation work for the Willits bypass.

About five acres at the site is a wetland creation area, where about two to three feet of soil will be removed to make an area where rainwater will collect, Caltrans spokesman Phil Frisbie said.

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Supes OK two PACE programs

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On Tuesday, the board of supervisors unanimously approved the establishment of two separate Property Assisted Clean Energy, or PACE, programs in Mendocino County.

They are the CaliforniaFIRST program and the Golden State Finance Authority Program.

Both programs provide up-front financing for homeowners so they can install energy-saving and water-saving technologies in or on their homes. Costs for the improvements are then

Read the rest of PACE Over on Page 6

The equine entries came in many colors and sizes, from the miniature horses from friend Danielle Barry, center. Junior Bear Ranch (gussied up in a Hawaiian theme) to the large dancing horses ridden by Vaqueros Mexicano of Mendocino County.

The Willits Horseman's Association contingent included Lee Persico, holding the American flag, who's been

performing on a horse since the Read the rest of age of 2, and Willits Weekly's Parade

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Photos by Maureen Moore





When that happens, a project to link city-owned wells with a new water treatment plant on the valley floor will be finished.

A new well, to replace the city's Elias well, was drilled and is undergoing testing. "It was sealed, inspected and permitted on Monday [June 22], and preliminary pumping results are pretty positive," Public Works Director Rod Wilburn said.

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Supes OK mental health payments

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Funding allocations for the county's two mental health providers, Ortner Management Group Redwood Quality and Company, Management were approved Tuesday by county supervisors.

Ortner provides mental health services for adults aged 25 and older; Redwood provides mental health services for children, and for adults younger than 25.

Ortner was allotted \$5.1 million; Redwood was

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What do YOU think?

our events.

To the Editor:

local produce.

Food Hub is open

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Nancy Reed, for Willits Center for the Arts

Addressing distribution helps open markets for producers

- and it allows local stores and restaurants to carry more

Via a web-based system, food producers upload the

from the nodes and are reserving space for 100 cases of

produce on each truck, piggybacking on the company's

Health is purchasing through the Hub for their Harvest of

the Month program. The number of producers and buyers

existing distribution network.

with specialty crop farmers in the area.

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'A Rural Life'

To the Editor:

I don't know, do I just get lucky? If that's the case, my lucky streak held for another Sunday stop at Willits Center for the Arts July 5.

The current exhibit is named "A Rural Life," and docent-forthe-day was Peggy Hebrard. An artist in her own right, she had certainly done her homework, providing a wonderful narrative about all the other artists my entire visit. Not stopping there, she even took a picture of the amazing Underhill quilt and sent it to my e-mail address so I could let family members know about the exhibit.

There's a sign-in book on the counter as you enter. It wasn't until two gentlemen left the center, after posing for their pictures taken by Peggy on their cameras next to her beloved 1906 CC Starr saddle and the Underhill guilt, that she checked the book. They were art curators from Israel on their way to Crescent City to meet a friend. Imagine them telling friends and family back home, "Yes, it's the truth: we touched a real Western saddle in California."

Another drop-in visitor was a man from Redding who mentioned he had worked on the night-lighting for the Sundial Bridge

Amazing isn't it, the specialness of Willits? Others have certainly learned about it. Willits Center for the Arts reminds and Lake counties including locations in Ukiah, Willits, the us, and you will understand why if you get a chance to see this exhibit.

Someday you might want to ask Peggy about letters written between her mother and father during World War II. Her mother kept every one of them, and in 1950 hand-typed each one - single sheets that when stacked measure at least 1 foot in height and provide a unique perspective of Hundreds of food hubs have sprung up around the World War II and a true love story that endured.

Gail Richards, Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:

We would like to thank you for the wonderful article about July's exhibit at the Willits Center for the Arts. "A Rural Life" is dear to us and evident by the artwork shown. Part of that is the support we get from members, volunteers and Local farmers participating include: Lovin' Mama, Covelo the local media. Many kudos to Jenny Senter for her visit, Organic, Irene's Garden, Sky Hoyt, Fortunate Farm, Black interview and article about WCA.

Also what would we do without our volunteer team, June Ruckman and Jerry Albright, Jon and Ann Maglinte, Mikela Cameron, Lynne Whiting Robertson, Nancy Reed, and others who organized and hung the show. Special thanks to Mary Ann and Mike Underhill, who brought in so many

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pieces of "rural tools." We so appreciate your coverage of is expected to climb in the coming weeks.

John Bailey, MendoLake Food Hub coordinator, says: "Our local farmers are struggling to compete with industrial-scale producers who ship massive quantities of cheap produce from afar. We know the community wants to support local farmers. The Food Hub is working to foster local relationships, reduce marketing and distribution expenses, and provide assistance to help our farmers build and grow their businesses. After months of work we're excited to be up and running."

The MendoLake Food Hub is accepting orders and If you are interested in participating in the Food Hub as a farmer, a business who wants to purchase local crops, or delivering local produce to local restaurants and retailers. The Food Hub manages aggregation, storage and an individual who wants to organize a group to purchase distribution for local farms by acting as hub between in bulk quantities, please visit www.MendoLakeFoodHub. producer and consumer. Many small farmers and ranchers com or contact John Bailey at 707-467-3238 or jbailey@ are challenged by the lack of distribution - especially in ncoinc.org. counties as geographically large as Mendocino and Lake.

Ian Fitzpatrick, for the Food Hub

Community Health Survey

produce they have available for sale. Buyers then select To the Editor: from the available crops and place their order. After

receiving the order, farmers drop their produce at their Healthy Mendocino has partnered with Mendocino County closest available cold storage "node." These refrigerated Health and Human Services Agency, Ukiah Valley Medical Center, Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, the Alliance for containers are strategically placed throughout Mendocino Rural Community Health, and North Coast Opportunities Coast, Lakeport, and Anderson Valley. A partnership with to complete a county-wide community health needs Mendocino Coast Produce, a Fort Bragg-based distribution assessment to identify the specific needs and challenges company, has been forged. They pick up the produce of the community.

> As part of the project, the coalition developed an anonymous, community-wide survey that Mendocino County residents are asked to complete by Sunday, August 2.

The survey asks about a range of health issues, including country in an effort to meet the growing demand for locally gaps in health care services, general health and insurance produced food. The MendoLake Food Hub is a project information, and housing barriers, and more. It also asks initiated by North Coast Opportunities and is funded by a respondents to identify the most pressing issues facing three-year USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant. A specialty Mendocino County families. The survey is available at crop is defined as fruits, vegetables, herbs, tree nuts, www.healthymendocino.org (click on "Community Health honey, olives and olive oil and nursery plants, in contrast to Needs Assessment"), and it is also available in print form, commodity crops like grains, soybeans, and sugar beets. in English and Spanish, from one of these representatives: These USDA grants are designed to help specialty crop Patrice Mascolo, for Healthy Mendocino, at 467-3228 or producers be more competitive in their local markets. The healthymendocino@ncoinc.org; or Samantha Kinney, for Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency, at MendoLake Food Hub aims to connect local buyers – like 472-2793 or kinneys@co.mendocino.ca.us. restaurants, grocery stores, schools, and buying clubs -

The coalition will use the findings of the anonymous survey, along with information gathered through focus groups, a key informant survey, and publicly available data, to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan that prioritizes the Dog, and Seely's Farm Stand, and more are being added every week. Buyers so far include Harvest Market in both health needs of Mendocino County residents and sets Fort Bragg and Mendocino, Ukiah Co-op, Taste Buds, goals and short-and long-term strategies to achieve them. Saucy, and Patrona. In addition, Lake County Public

Patrice Mascolo, Healthy Mendocino coordinator

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Willits Frontier Days Special: A Sweetheart is Crowned Caitlyn Forrester named 2015 winner; \$58,440 raised by three contestants

The Willits Rodeo Grounds were filled with excited Patton, who helps run Above, left, top: The 2015 friends and family members and supporters during the the Sweetheart contest. Sweetheart contestants. from left: Thais Reed, Caitlyn Forrester and Dalli Fonsen

speeches to the gathered

Right: Soroptimist

Caitlyn Forrester.

International of Willits

Loraine Patton wtih 2015

Sweetheart contest winner

crowd.

Maureen Moore Above, left: Soroptimist Graphics & Photographress maureen@willitsweekly.com International of Willits' Vicki Ham introduces the contestants before they come to the podium to give their

annual Sweetheart Dinner last Thursday. The group "Having the poise was gathered, waiting and personality on a on pins and needles separate day than the for the announcement horsemanship portion of the winner of the really helped the girls 2015 Sweetheart title. and made everything run

received a silver belt buckle donated by Yokums Body

Shop. The heritage award was shared between Diane

Ed Schmidbauer was born in Willits in 1933 and

has since raised his family and made a life here in this

small community. He met his wife, Erlyne, on a blind

date and married her in 1967, and the pair raised four

kids, Andrew, Lisa, Lynda and Hardy. They are now

necklaces donated by Harrah Industries.

smoother." After months of ticket sales and two big days of judging, 16-year-old Caitlyn Forrester took home the Along with title, and the honor of being the youngest Sweetheart. announcement of the Forrester, along with first-runner-up Dalli Fonsen winner, past sweethearts and second-runner-up Thais Reed, earned \$58,440 in are honored with a rose, ticket sales. Each girl will get to keep 15 percent of and a hug from Willits Mayor Bruce Burton. her portion of the earnings. Fonsen and Reed, both in college, hope to use their funds to further their The grand marshal and heritage award winners education, and Forrester hopes to get a new horse were also honored and introduced during the dinner. to help prepare for her upcoming time in high school The grand marshal was Eddie Schmidbauer, and he

Forrester also took home a Western saddle Ford and Mary Burgess, and they both received silver sponsored by Sherwood Valley Casino, a silver tiara sponsored by the Willits Chamber of Commerce,

a silver buckle sponsored by Willits Frontier Days, and a pair of silver spurs, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Willits. Fonsen took home a pair of engraved stirrups sponsored by Taco Bell, and Reed took home a silver necklace sponsored by T&T Towing. "Overall, the competition this year went really well,"

the proud grandparents of 13 grandchildren, too. Ed Photos by Maureen Moore explained Soroptimist International of Willits' Loraine served in the Army in 1955 as an engineer in North





Carolina and then returned to Willits, where he worked in the milling industry, as well at Remco for 35 years. The Schmidbauers live on a beautiful working ranch at the south end of Willits, where they raise Suffolk-cross sheep and Angus-cross cattle.

Good friends Mary Burgess and Diane Ford have been volunteering with Willits Frontier Days for many generations of riders, starting with their own kids (who happened to be in similar age brackets and went through events together - gymkhana, Junior Rodeo, high school rodeo, etc. - several decades ago. The pair volunteered at the team penning/gymkhana/

Read the rest of Over on Page 15 Dinner



Above, right: Past Sweetheart winners who attended the dinner, including, back row from left: Tina, Ashtan and Lilja. Middle row: Rachel, Olivia, Kinzie, Tracey, Mattie, Sandi, Amy, Tori, and Riata. Front row: Mary, Georgette, Kathy, Elizabeth. Leslie.

Courtney and Haley. See a full list of all the past Sweethearts on page 11



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

name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle! Level: Intermediate **Questions?**

9. Millisecond

13. Popular pie nut

14. A field of mowed grass

15. RCO organic group

17. The innermost parts

19. Became more intense

21. Sound absorption unit

25. A doctrine or system

33. Mumbai film industry

39. Zedong or Tse-tung

42. Kate's sister Pippa

46. Formal close (music)

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Center

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23. Indicates doctor

24. For instance

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5. Tin



Above, from left: Jill Walton drives a vintage car for the Willits Shifters. Members of the Willits Future Farmers of America Willits Chapter sit atop hay bales on their float. **Roots of Motive Power** showcased two pieces of

antique equipment in the 2015 parade. **Right: Members of the** Persico family carry flags down Main Street including, from left: Lee, Casey and Chuck. Photos by Maureen Moo

The rest of Parade

Rachel Belvin, 2012 Frontier Davs Sweetheart, who's ridden with her family in every 4th of July Parade that City Council enjoyed a ride in a horseshe can remember. drawn wagon, too. Color Guards from the American Legion Post 174 of Willits (on foot) and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit (on horseback) also bore the American flag proudly. California flags were paraded, too, and both the Legionnaires and a Native American Veterans entry flew the MIA/POW flag.

From Page 1

Gary Ford & Daughters, Inc. loaded up a fancy vintage truck with about as much hay as possible, and several tractors, vintage and new, added to the agricultural theme, as did the float from Sherwood Casino, featuring cow cutouts, stalks of corn, and an overall-clad "farmer" playing a rake like a guitar, to accompany the real guitarist. Wowser's contingent. The Willits Rotary Club's float glistened with flags and bunting, and featured live musicians, too, as well as a huge red star and "fireworks" that Sparetime Supply, Willits FFA, Bible shot long streamers up into the air, to the delight of boys who retrieved them

Baptist Church, Nuestra Alianza de Willits, the Sheriff's Activities League Repair and Agape Church. A pair of horses drew a beautiful wooden carriage, carrying past Willits

later





Alianza pleased the crowd, as always Frontier Days Sweethearts, and they trotted around in a the girls in beautiful, swirling dancing circle at the intersection of skirts and the boys in crisp white shirts. Highway 101 and the Willits Little Mike's Tree Service had a Post Office. Members of the Willits couple of climbers all hooked up

with climbing gear leaning out over the sides of their truck, and Roots of Motive Power showed off antique Other "political" parade entries this year included Supervisor Tom steam equipment on the backs of two Woodhouse, the Mendocino County big trucks. Republican Party, a contingent from Miss Mendocino County Shyanne the "State of Jefferson" advocates. DeMarco, just back from the Miss who seek to carve out a new state from California pageant, wore a beautiful parts of rural Northern California, and blue dress while perched on a cherry a woman who marched with a toilet red 1970 Plymouth Cuda convertible,

headdress with "Stop the Trans Pacific and beauty Valerie Rico wore a flowing Partnership" and "TPP Stinks" signs. white folklorico dress while riding a Willits Kids Club kids belted out a champagne-colored horse with the Kids Club marching cadence, and a Vaqueros Mexicanos. Newly crowned couple young club members earned Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart applause for turning cartwheels over Caitlyn Forrester rode along with and over, as they paraded down runners up Dalli Fonsen and Thais the highway. Tara Logan exhibited Reed, and WFD 2015 Grand Marshal her "upside down" skills, too, on a Ed Schmidbauer and WFD Heritage rolling German wheel that was part of Award winners Mary Burgess and Diane Ford did a lot of waving from More kids were featured on floats their shiny red and white trucks. and vehicles from Sherwood Casino,

The Yokums Body Shop truck gave out cold bottles of water to the thirsty crowd, and visiting Shriners called out friendly greetings like "Happy 4th

> color guard for the Vendocino County

Unit, including on

Tilley, left, and Yvonne

business Little Mike's Tree Service entered

a float featuring Josh

Gullett, in climbing

gear, waving from

excavator.

horseback, John

Above, right: New

Bell, right.

Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue

Boxing Program, Nor-Crawl Auto of July" and "Have a great holiday, Willits!" from the back of their big, red The young dancers from Nuestra trailer

Pre-War Gas/Diesel/Steam Lawn Mower/Tractor 1st: Matthew Maciel Results provided by Kera Colvard of Willits Frontier Days

#60 Jasmine Blackwell Above: Kera Colvard presents Best Mechanical Imagination float to Suzanne and Claire Pope of the Agap Church. Left: Kera Colvard presents John Yde his award for 1960-1970 Best Modified for his 1966 Chevy. Below: Kera Colvard presents the Best Patriotic Float award to Willits Rotary member Bear Kamoroff

Photos by Jenny Sente

Truck - Open Mon / Mud / Mod 1st: McFarland Trucking 2nd: Michael Maciel Trucking 3rd: Nor-Crawl **Decorated Car Non-Year** 2nd: American Legion Post Specific 1st: 1937 Dodge Coupe -**Best Theme-Based Float** Dave Bouthillier 2nd: Mendocino County **Republican Committee**

2015 Parade Awards

FLOAT AWARDS

Best Mechanical /

1st: Agape Bible Church

1st: Willits Rotary Club

1st: Grace Community

Miscellaneous Float

1st: Willits Kids Club

2nd: Bible Baptist Church

3rd: Nuestra Alianza De

1st: Little Mike's Tree

2nd: American Cancer

Society Relay for Life

VEHICLE AWARDS

Original 1950-54

Modified 1960-70

Original 1960-74

1st 1967 Pontiac

Tempest – Neill Orr

1st: Harrah Senior Center

Car – Neil Orr

– John Yde

Car Group

1st: 1954 Ford Police

1st: 1966 Chevy Malibu

2nd: SAL Boxing

Imagination

Best Patriotic

174

Church

of Willits

Non-Float

3rd: Wowser

Service

HORSE ENTRIES Color Guard 1st: #66 Mendocino County

Rescue Unit

Shelly Campbell

Mounted Group

Mendocino County

Association

Fancy Dressed

Family Group

Riders

Sheriff's Office Search and

2nd: #54 Billy Rutler and

1st #103 Vagueros Mexico

2nd: #64 Willits Horseman's

1st: #61 2015-2016 CHSRA

Queen Gracie Pachie

2nd: #56 Danielle Barry

#12 Junior Bear Ranch

Novelty Costume

1st: #59 Jaden Doak

Ethel Clatty Award

Plain Western

#58 Ronna & Jessica Lewis

1st: #62 Mary Ann Reece

Fancy Dressed – Pony &

3rd: #57 Dare Devil Trick



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Karate promotions

On Tuesday, June 23, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Youth Activities League Karate Program (Willits/Ukiah) held an advanced-intermediate belt testing of deserving students at the Willits Body Works Gym and Martial Arts Center. Promoted were Scott and Carter Duncan to 1st Degree Black Belt (Shodan), Shyanne Barney to Brown Belt (1st Kyu), Philip and Martin Henebury to Green Belt (2nd Kyu), and Nary Flores to Blue Belt (3rd Kyu).

Several SAL Black Belts were in attendance. The testing consisted of basics (Kihons),

forms (Kata), self-defense application (Bunkai), endurance and conditioning drills, and board breaking. All students performed exceptionally. The test was administered by Shihan Michael Tobin, Kyoshi (7th Degree Black Belt).

- Mike Tobin, SAL











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paid off in the form of assessments added to the homeowner's property taxes

According to county Deputy Executive Officer Chris Shaver, both programs are optional to homeowners and neither program carries a risk or financial exposure to Mendocino County.

Supervisors also heard a presentation by a company seeking to establish a Community Choice Aggregation network in Mendocino County. CCAs are like food buyers clubs for energy. Members use PG&E infrastructure to receive low-cost, environmentally benign, renewable energy. As with the PACE programs noted above, participation is voluntary, and an "opt-out" option is available.

CCAs were permitted under Assembly Bill 117, approved by the California Assembly in 2002. There are basically two types of CCAs: the Joint Powers Authority model, in which local governments join with other jurisdictions to buy and distribute power, and a stand-alone model, in which jurisdictions go it alone.

In recent months, supervisors have heard presentations from Sonoma Clean Power, California Clean Power and LEAN Energy. On Tuesday, the board heard a presentation from Marin Clean Energy.

Marin Clean Energy uses the JPA model, and was the first CCA agency within the state to successfully implement (in 2008) and provide service (in 2010) to its customers. MCE's program provides clean energy options to Marin County, unincorporated Napa County, and the cities of Benicia, El Cerrito, Richmond and San Pablo.

The JPA model assumes liability for the enterprise and allows local agencies to pool resources. The JPA model requires a board and staff to operate and function. In addition, revenues are not returned to individual JPA members, but are invested into programs, procurement and possible future clean-energy projects.

The JPA model does require a considerable amount of capital to establish CCA infrastructure and operational capabilities. Dedicated staff and a level of expertise are needed to set up procurement contracts with power brokers, create legal and regulatory procedures, and train new and existing staff to handle customer service and back-office processing.

MCE representative Justin Kudo told supervisors if the county elected to go with the JPA model, it would have to lay out start-up costs of \$1.5 to \$2 million. It would have to front working capital and would also have to provide staff to administer the agency.

By two unanimous votes, the board of supervisors case." Gierde said. reconsidered and revised the resolution adopting

the Business Improvement District's annual plan for 2015-16, affirming hospitality establishments in the City of Fort Bragg will be a part of the county-wide BID in the coming fiscal year.

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the county in May and June, County Treasurer Shari Schapmire found three hospitality establishments located in the city of Fort Bragg were wrongfully given zero weight in the vote tally.

When those establishments were given their have succeeded - was declared to have failed.

in promotion of the county as a tourist destination. not be a part of the BID for the coming year.

someone is monkeying with the vote, that is not the be known in late October or early November.

In a third unanimous vote, supervisors approved the

BID protest vote fails after all

Association.

election process for the five members of the lodging industry who will be seated on the county's tourism commission. The MCTC will have 11 members: six

According to Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde, in going over the BID

protest votes submitted to

proper weight, the number of protest votes submitted to the county by the June 9 deadline was found to be slightly less than half the total number of possible votes. Therefore, the protest vote, which had sought to remove Fort Bragg hotels, motels and inns from the county's BID – and which was previously deemed to

All the hotels, motels, inns and other hospitality establishments in Fort Bragg will now be part of the Business Improvement District, and revenues collected from the 1 percent assessment will be submitted to the county, which will be passed on to the Mendocino County Tourism Commission for use

The revised resolution states only hospitality establishments located in the city of Point Arena will

Gjerde affirmed the action of the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office was honest and according to law. "For those who want to have conspiracy theories that

entire field of the county's lodging businesses into three sections: the portion which contributes the top 60 percent of the total BID assessment, then the second 20 percent, and then the bottom 20 percent. Members of the top 60 percent will get three seats on the board; the middle 20 percent will get one seat, and the bottom 20 percent also will get one seat. 12 to file their papers. By August 15 of this year, Schapmire will send out

nomination materials to hotel owners qualified to vote in one of the three sectors of the BID electorate. The recipients will be asked to state whether they wish to run for election to a seat on the board, and if so, for a candidate's statement. The nomination period will be closed on September 15.

By approximately October 1, Schapmire will mail out election materials, including ballots and statements of candidacy, to each qualified hotel/motel operator in each of the three categories. Ballots will be due in the Treasurer-Tax Collectors Office 30 days from the date they were mailed out.

Votes will be tabulated by the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office, after which the election results will be announced.

Based on the above timelines, it is anticipated

The construction of wetlands for Willits bypass mitigation is shown in these photos taken from Reynolds Highway this week. Excavators are removing two or three feet of soil from a five acre area to create a rain water collection area at the north end of Little Lake Valley.

The rest of From Page 1 Bypass

Special district, school board posts open

Declaration of candidacy forms for persons wishing to file for north county special district and school board appointed by the board of supervisors and five elected seats will be available from by members of the Mendocino County Lodging the County Clerk office in Room 1020 at the county Prior to the election, Schapmire will divide the administrative center, 501

Low Gap Road, Ukiah, beginning Monday, July 13. Incumbents seeking reelection to the boards must file candidacy papers by 5 pm on August 7; challengers have until 5 pm on August

Voters will casts ballots November 3 to fill three full-term open seats on the Little Lake Fire Protection District, three full-term and one short-term seat on the Brooktrails Township board of directors, two full-term and one short-term seats on the Covelo Community

Services District, three fullterm seats on the Covelo Fire Protection District board, and three full-term seats on the Round Valley

County Water District. Should there be no nominees for the seats, or an insufficient number results of the election for lodging representatives will of nominees, or should

candidates fail to meet filing deadlines, "an appointment to such elective office shall be made by the supervising authority as prescribed in Elections Code Sec. 10515," says County Clerk-Recorder Sue Ranochak. In addition to special district boards, seats also are open for two long-term members for the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees; one longterm member from Willits to the Mendocino-Lake Community College board, two long-term members of the Round Valley Unified School District board, and a long-term member of the Mendocino County Board of Education, representing Willits, Ranochak said.

Traditionally, there has been a lack of candidates to fill special district boards, Photos by Zack Cinek and members of those boards have been filled by appointment by the board of supervisors. For more









500 S. MAIN STREET, WILLITS

459-9630

Opening reception for 'A Rural Life' at the Willits Center for the Arts

It felt more like a reunion than a reception at the Friday. July 3 opening reception for "A Rural Life," the July art show at the Willits Center for the Arts. Many of the attendees knew each other and were excited to visit and look at and share art with each other. But there were also newcomers to the art center who enjoyed sharing the experience with friends and family.

Donna Kalista White and her husband, James, wandered into the opening reception

on their way to the rodeo. Donna was curious about what had become of the "old Women's Improvement Club or WIC **Jenny Senter** building." A 1975 graduate of Willits High School, Donna, who Features Writer now lives in Omaha. Nebraska, returned to Willits this summer

for the first time in 40 years. She remembered her last time in the Willits Center for the Arts in 1975, when she received a WIC scholarship for \$50. She was amazed at the transformation of the building.

Artists David Smith, Margaret "Peggy" Hebrard, Mikela Cameron, Maria Steffen, Ann Maglinte, Nancy Nazarian Reed, Steve Eberhard, June Ruckman, Bruce Haanstra, and

Sandy Strong were among the many artists present for the opening reception. A steady flow of attendees enjoyed the artists' willingness to discuss their various techniques used to create their pieces of art.

Artists Mike and Mary Ann Underhill shared the limelight with Mike's mother, Gwen Underhill, who had two guilts in the exhibit. Mike talked about helping his mother by creating the brand designs she used for one of her quilts on display. The quilt was created in the mid-1990s and showcases some of the brands used then on Mendocino County ranches.

When asked about her leather-working, Mary Ann Underhill said she owes a debt of gratitude to Harold Crothers, who became her mentor in 2010. Mary Ann first became serious about leatherworking in 2009 when she took a saddle-making class, and she said she would never have become as dedicated to her art as she is now, without

Above, left: Mary Ann and Mike Underhill share a laugh with guilt-maker Gwen Underhill and Cathy Dryden. Above, right: Elizabeth, Isak and Lillian Skorohodov enjoy the wide variety of mediums on display at Willits Center for the Arts. At left, from top: Peggy Hebrard and her "Sheep at Dawn." Donna Kalista White 1975 WHS grad, found a work of art she liked. A mixed media corner. Below: Rex, Autumn, and Erin Creekmur. Photos by Jenny Senter



MOVING SALE

THIS WEEKEND!

According to information available on the MCE website, MCE offers three brands of energy for sales purposes. First is the "light green" energy, which is made up of 56 percent renewable energy. The light green package is about 2 percent cheaper than PG&E rates. If you pay \$82.42 for PG&E energy, you would pay \$80.98 for MCE's light green mix.

MCE offers a "deep green" energy mix, which consists of 100 percent renewable energy. This mix is slightly more expensive than PG&E's product. The same \$82.42 monthly bill from PG&E would cost \$85.61 if purchased from MCE.

MCE also offers a premium, local solar energy product, in which all energy is generated from solar installations located in the San Francisco Bay Area. The \$82.43 monthly bill from PG&E would translate into a \$108.76 tab if purchased under MCE's local solar package.

Kudo said MCE has invested more than half a billion dollars in renewable energy projects in California: \$353 million for solar, \$44.7 for wind energy, and \$117.2 million for waste-to-energy projects.

As a result of efforts made in California since 2010, MCE customers have reduced more than 59,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions from the atmosphere by using MCE energy This is the equivalent of removing 12,500 cars from the road for one year. At the same time, MCE customers have saved \$5.9 million on their energy bills, Kudo said.

Supervisors heard Kudo's presentation and directed Shaver to continue to explore options with MCE or Sonoma Clean Power. The board asked Shaver to get back to them with more information by September.

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The location is not far from an unoccupied modular to submit to the State Water Resources Control Board home in the northeast part of the valley, and there is a for approval for herbicide use. lineup of other heavy equipment and a mobile office He said the plan is for herbicides to be used late in

building for the jobsite. the fall when the locations are dry. Earlier this week, a bulldozer continued work on In its last update on the project, Caltrans stated the pushing up soil, an excavator loaded dump trucks, new freeway is about 70 percent complete. a water truck or two circulated the premises, and a Some notable deadlines are forecast in the update. grader sat idle off to one side of the fenced area. Caltrans sees the northern interchange area of the

Sonoma-based Hanford ARC has done habitat project, just north of town, as being ready for final restoration work in the Golden Gate Recreation Area grading and paving in 2016. and worked on a project to stabilize the banks of Completion of the raised viaduct portion of the project the Russian River at the Highway 128 bridge near should be done in September 2016; paving work in the Geyserville, information on the firm's webpage stated. south interchange may be finished in October 2016.

CAT

Earlier this year, the Willits City Council and the At present, dirt hauling operations have shifted Mendocino County Board of Supervisors passed from the old Apache sawmill property north of town to resolutions asking Caltrans to reconsider using transporting dirt up the right of way from the southern herbicides to manage Himalayan blackberries growing interchange.

on bypass mitigation land. November 2016 is considered the date of completion Frisbie said the contractor is busy drafting paperwork without further delays.

information: 234-6819. The rest of

Vietnam From Page 1

Funding for the memorial will be coming from veterans' organizations and private donors, including Willits resident Dennis Miner, a retired U.S. Army major of, who is coordinating the effort to design and site the

The memorial will be made of three slabs of black granite standing about 5 feet high. A final decision on siting the memorial has not yet been

memorial

made. However, Mendocino County Museum Director Alison Glassey said a location at the front of the exterior of the museum, near the sidewalk and in front of the steam donkey, is a leading contender for the honor.

According to information provided by the county, 21 Mendocino County men gave their lives during the Vietnam War. They were: (from Comptche) John F. Hollister; (from Covelo) Clyde E. Rains and Lewis L. Short; (from Fort Bragg) Daniel G. Dawson, Billie E. Sandefur and Louis C. Schlote, (from the town of Mendocino) Clyde A. Lucas; (from Redwood Valley) Eugene C. Campbell and Charles E. Crain; (from Ukiah) Donald G. Armstrong, Stephen C. Brunton, Dennis P. Dunsing, Edmund H. Frenyea, Michael W. Green, G. B. Jackson, Jr., Ronald L. Wafford and Jeffrey S. Wesolowski; and (from Willits) Lee A. Adams, Kenneth A. Butler, Jr., Clinton B. Fackrell and Robert "Mike" Lathrope.

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Thursday, July 9

Willits Library Summer Reading **Program:** The theme of this summer's Summer Reading Program at the Willits Library is "Every Hero Has a Story." Most Thursdays, from 11 am to noon, and some other days, through August 15. The July 9 program features "Stories and Songs": "Sing along with Richard Jeske as he plays old and new favorite songs." 11 am to noon. For more info, call the library at 459-5908.

WHS Boosters Club Meeting: 6 pm at on the Teachings of Nichiren Daishonin,' the Willits High School Food Center. Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at WHS. Help with the fundraising golf tournament, set for Saturday, August 22.

Shanachie Pub: twicemonthly Jazz Night with local musicians. Jazz standards infused with funk, hip hop, world and free-form jamming. "Fellow jazz musicians are encouraged to bring their and partake during the second set, so long as it fits within the moment of sounds!" 8 pm. No

cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, July 10

Shanachie Pub: local pickers Pick & Pull, with "a foot-stompin' night of feel good music." 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, July 11



Willits Pet Adoption Day: The Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County will be sponsoring Willits Pet Adoption Day this Saturday, July 11 from 11 am to 2 pm in the parking lot of Coldwell Banker Mendo Realty at 1460 South Main Street. "Come and share the fun. Maybe you'll find a loving companion. There will be many dogs and cats to choose from." For information about pet adoptions or how you can help with the Humane Society's work, please call 485-0123.

Shanachie Pub: The Jollyz, a Roots-Rock-Soul duo new to the Pub. 8 pm. No

cover. Visit www.thejollyz.com. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194

> Sunday, July 12 Buddhist Discussion Meeting: The

public is invited to this Soka Gakkai Nichiren Buddhist discussion meeting on the topic of "Protective Functions." ("Soka Gakkai Nichiren is a UN recognized NGO,

Society for the Creation of Value based Caroline Radice Black Dog of spreading a culture of peace from one Farm, for one in a person to another throughout the series of Healthy world.") 1 pm. Willits Harvest Workshops, Library Conference Monday, July 13, Room, 390 East 3 to 6 pm, at the Commercial Little Lake Grange, Street 291 School Street. "You can expect to Dust in My make jams, pickles, Coffee: а dressings, six-piece pestos. cowboy band soups and vegetable entrées. You will of real cowboys also learn how to performing at process. Willits Community

along with local

farmer and caterer

clean

or 707-467-3212.

kids \$5. Info: 459-6826.

and store produce.

There will be plenty

Theatre at 2 pm. "This group of five men and one woman nails from the Sierra Nevada foothills and performs original songs that capture

the spirit of the North American west. Their performance also expresses many of their

own personal experiences in the saddle, at the ranch or the rodeo. The band's sound blends traditional Western instruments of guitar, banjo and drums, with the unique and fresh

flavor of Celtic fiddles and bagpipes. Patrons searching for a taste of the Old West and the real cowboy life will find this band feeding their hunger." Advance tickets are \$15 and available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online brownpaperstickets. at com; or by phone 24/7 at

1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane, behind Shanachie Pub.

Monday, July 13 Ice Cream Social: 1:30 to 2:30

Senior Center Relay for Life Willits Daily Bread now

at the Rec Grove

pm at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. This month's entertainment is: Steven Hayes. Pie, ice cream, coffee. Adults \$1.50, members \$1. Info: 459-6826.

July 25/26 serving 'bag dinners'

What's Happening Around Town

Health

Board

Mental

School

Laytonville.

Advisory

Meeting: 10 am

to 2 pm at the

Healthy Harvest Workshop: "Are you and "Magic Mike XXL." For showtimes, the fate of the land and introduce a new but an appointment must be made and interested in cooking with local, seasonal visit: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East strategy for activism. From tilling soil and a fee will be applied per gallon of waste. ingredients? Do you want to learn how Commercial Street. 459-6696. to preserve the incoming harvest? Join

seasoned cook and gardener April Wednesday, July 15 **Mendocino County**



FOOD NORTH COAST CROWN

" MHAB meeting food and produce to take home, and agendas are published at: http://www. recipes so you can repeat! Each class is co.mendocino.ca.us/hhsa/mh board.htm. unique and based on what is available Info: please contact board chair John that week from the farmers. The produce Wetzler at johngwetzler@gmail.com or used in the workshops thus far has been 707-937-3116. sourced from Covelo Organics, Lovin'

Mama, Cerro Negro, Sky Hoyt, Thursday, July 16 Russian Creek and Green

Uprising Farms." Sponsored Willits Library Summer Reading y North Coast Opportunities. **Program:** The theme of this summer's \$20, which covers the cost of Summer Reading Program at the Willits the farmers' produce and all Library is "Every Hero Has a Story." Today's other material provided. Ask program: "Animal Heroes Storytime" about getting a special class "Come for some great animal stories, crafts and a movie." 11 am to noon. For together for your group or organization. Contact April more info, call the library at 459-5908. Cunningham to register at 'Occupy the Farm': presented by Little cunningham@ncoinc.org

Lake Grange Film and Music Night Diane Patterson, "mystic acoustic folkgoddess," starts off the evening with Tuesday, July 14 music at 6:30 pm. "Occupy the Farm film screens at 7:30 pm, with speaker Pancake Breakfast: 8 to David Grefrath, Occupy the Farm 11 am at the Harrah Senior participant. 291 School Street. "Occupy Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. the Farm' is the story of a community's Pancakes, eggs any style, and fight to save public land for urban your choice of ham, sausage or farming. When 200 farmers march to bacon. Adults \$7, members \$6,

the gates of the last farmland in the urban East Bay near Oakland, they Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo don't carry signs protesting University Theatre: All 2D movies that are in of California's plans to build a shopping their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays center. Instead, they carry tents, tools at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, and 15,000 seedlings. They clip the all showings. This week's Tightwad padlock off the gate and march onto the Tuesday movies: "Terminator Genisys" ields. What happens next will change

When bringing materials to the HazMobile, watering vegetables to police raids, from lawsuits to overflowing harvests, 'Occupy the public should be careful that items are the Farm' reveals a resourceful, creative, kept in their original containers (except and determined community responding motor oil which can be consolidated), that with direct action to a serious social nothing is leaking, and that all containers need: access to healthy food." Suggested are tied down. Info and schedule, call the donation of \$5 to \$10. Heirloom popcorn Recycling Hotline, 468-9704, or visit www. and fair trade chocolate on sale. Info: 459mendoRecycle.org. Shanachie Pub: Shawn Coleman & Jeff

Laytonville Unified Shanachie Pub: Johnathan Foster, singer/ Martin. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main District, songwriter, 7 pm, No cover, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 150 Ramsey Road, Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, Info: 459-9194. "The 459-9194. meeting is intended for members of the COLUMN | At the Movies

Friday, July 17 public interested

in supporting their Shanachie Pub: The Insufferables and local mental health Claire on a Dare. 9 pm. \$5 cover. 50 South services system. Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Public members Info: 459-9194. are encouraged to

attend the meeting Saturday, July 18 to ask questions

Hazmobile in Laytonville: The HazMobile and give testimony. household hazardous waste collection team will be at the Laytonville Fire Department Parking lot, Willis Avenue, on Saturday, July 18, from 9 am to 1 pm. HazMobile accepts toxic materials like paint, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, gasoline, solvents, acids, bases, toxic cleaners, auto and household batteries, mercury and fluorescent light tubes, that can't go in the trash, for recycling or special disposal. Free to households; 15 gallon limit/per day. Small business waste is also welcome at the collection,



children

Note: I know from my experience as the

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the visdom of the imagination

Willits Summer Farmers Market: from 3 to 6 pm every Thursday at City Park on East Commercial Street, with produce, local meats and fish, local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. "A Rural Life": the July show at the Willits Center for the

Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. "A mixed media show celebrating Willits and the people who live in and around our town." "With work by local blacksmith and leather worker, Mike Underhill, and his wife, Maryanne, including branding irons and clothing, plus paintings, photography, colored pencil drawings and more, all with a Western theme, from more than 20 artists. Gallery hours: Thursday and Friday, from 4 to 7 pm, Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 pm, through July 26. Visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

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

Willits Frontier Twirlers: Monday night session at the Willits Center for the Arts. New beginner class runs from 7 to 8 Ongoing pm, with dancing to follow from 8 to 9 pm. Singles and couples and all ages are welcome. Caller/ **Events** teacher Lawrence Johnson. Singles and couples and all ages are welcome. \$20/month (to help pay the caller), with young

dancer scholarships available. Questions? Contact Emmy Good at Emmy@pacific.net or Jenny Watts at Wattsup@gmail.com.

Al-Anon Meeting: Every Thursday Night from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid at the Evergreen Shopping Center. "Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and

Saturday of the month, from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Willits

Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your

projects to share and show off! We will have expert knitters

on board who can solve any problems and teach everyone

to knit! Bring your own projects - we'll supply the coffee!

Sign-ups are not necessary

everyone is welcome to drop in."

his cohort of male erotic dancers on a road friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength trip to Myrtle Beach for the annual stripper and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that convention. Drugs, beach parties, beer alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes drinking, a few pretty girls and raucous can aid recovery." manly bonding take place. All of the frivolity is kind ... none cruel Drop-in Knitting Circle: Due to popular demand, the Willits Library is holding the drop-in knitting circle every

My Thoughts: Sex ... yes, pretty Daniel Essman much, that's what this is about. Also

'Magic Mike XXL'

The Story: After several years of

separation, Mike (Channing Tatum) rejoins

kindness: "Magic Mike XXL" is about being kind to each other. Curiously, this movie is a male's

point of view of a woman's point of view .. of men!

Decode that one. No, let me: Women! You should be treated with respect. Cherished for your femininity and your femaleness. Your wants respected. Your desires recognized. You deserve by right to be asked, simply, directly . and respectfully, "What do you want? How does it feel? Are you OK?"

So, stripped to its basics (no pun intended but why not), this movie preaches that in the world of male/ female relations ... and ... male and female sexual relations, because life's a bumpy, mapless journey, let us all help each other and be healed.

Parents: Please, fergawdsakes, not for

MovieGuy at Main Street Music and Video that teenage girls in small groups will want to see this ... and blush ... and giggle. That's

Fire Scottish Band

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

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

Willits Community Drum Circle: 7 to 10 pm at the Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

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

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

MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

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

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

Open Mic Jam at Al's Redwood Room: Every Friday night, hosted by Dream Capsule Entertainment, featuring talented, established local musicians from all over Northern California. Jazz, Blues, Rock. New talent welcome. Al's Redwood Room, 207 South Main Street; starting at 9 pm. Mr. Larry's New Orleans Outside BBQ Café Catering serving from 9 pm until 1:30 am. Questions? Call Mr. Larry: (707) 367-7865.

Cards and Games at Willits Laytonville Summer Farmers Market: Mondays from Library: free games in the 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Willits Library's Community Laytonville. Buy local: vegetables, juice, bakery, beef, Room. Tuesday bridge sessions lamb, pork, crafts, hot soup, baked goods, and more.

Entries due mid-July for 2015 Redwood Empire Fair

Before we know it, entries will need to be signed sealed and mailed to ensure inclusion in the 2015 Redwood Empire Fair, held August 6 through 9 at the Ukiah Fairgrounds. This year's theme is

Western Round up. Entry guides are available online and at many local businesses, including J.D. Redhouse, the Willits Chamber of Commerce, the Willits Library and Gateway Realty. They are also available online, along with entry forms, at www.RedwoodEmpireFair.com. The first set, needing entries postmarked by July 10, are the featured exhibits: entries for the Home Arts building, including crafts, baked goods and canning, and for the Fine Arts building, including photography, poetry

and paintings. All Junior Building exhibits must also be submitted by July 10. The second set, needing entries postmarked by July 17, are entries into the Floriculture, Agriculture and Horticulture buildings, including 12:30 pm each day, and a flower arrangements and produce. special lunch celebration More information: 462-FAIR or www. on Sunday, July 26. RedwoodEmpireFair.com.



School Agape Church's Vacation Bible School free and open to all kids in Kindergarten through sixth grade - runs from Monday, July 20 to Thursday, July 24 this year, from 9 am to

Week of July 13 through July 17

Lunch

Monday: Chicken Apple Salad on Lettuce

Tuesday: Cod with Dill Sauce Wednesday: Spinach Lasagna

Thursday: BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun

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Friday: Roast Beef with Gravy guests." Booths, fun, entertainment, for no rent; it's awesome." The bag dinners Harrah Senior Center raffles, food and beverages. serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 meal. Includes soup, entrée, vegetable, bread. dessert. Road. Info: 459-6826.

the American Cancer Society SUNDAY JULY 19, 2015 2ND ANNUAL MENDOCINO COUNTY

Gather: 10 a.m. at Scott & North State Street March begins promptly at 11a.m. The march will go along the west sidewalk of State Street to Alex Thomas Plaza We encourage those who are not marching to stand on the east sidewalk of State Street and applaud! Once we arrive at Alex Thomas Plaza PREPARE TO CELEBRATE 12 noon- 5 p.m. with Food, Music and Entertainr COME AS AN ALLY COME AS A COMMUNITY MEMBEI THIS IS A FAMILY FRIENDLY0111 LGBTQ COMMUNITY EVENT Please Friend us on Facebook at Mendocino Pride or come to one of the planning meeting lease email Christy at Mendopride@gmail.com nce Network of Mendocino County

sored by Pride Alliance Network (PAN)

d by MCAVHN: fiscal agent for MendoPride March



The Lovin' Mama Farm to Table Benefit Relay For Life Willits 2015 is set to has started serving bag dinners at the old St. start at 10 am Saturday, July 25, and will continue through 10 am Sunday, building, at 66 Commercial Street, next to the pm at the Frey Winery, 14000 Tomki Road in Elementary, 1275 Blosser Lane. July 26, at Recreation Grove Park. new church. Food will be given out Monday Redwood Valley. Registration is free; the public is through Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. "We're Enjoy a delicious, 100 percent Mendocino Call Willits Unified School District

Willits Daily Bread has found a new

temporary home. The free meal program

- with a sandwich like roast beef or turkey,

welcome, and "all cancer survivors all very happy," said Cindy Savage, Willits Farm to Table dinner created by Olan and Lia Nutrition Services, 459-7700 ext. are welcome as our honored Daily Bread director. "The church is asking us Cox of Mendough's Wood Fired

Catering. Music by Way Out West (country Coaches Wanted

plus fruit, crackers or cookies and a bottle of swing and bluegrass). All proceeds to help Wanted: Willits Youth "Come by to be inspired and water – are being served out of the back of the Lovin' Mama Farm move to the Willits area. Football and Cheer coaches pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 educated. Remember: Celebrate building near the parking lot. The bag dinners Tickets are available in Willits at Green for the upcoming 2015 per meal; under 55 \$7 per and fight back!" More info at www. were served starting Monday this week, and Uprising Farm's stand at the Willits Farmers season. Applications are relayforlife.org/willitsca. Or call 1 although things were slow the first night, "We Market and at J.D. Redhouse. For more available at Roundtree Glass and drink. 1501 Baechtel 800-227-2345. All proceeds benefit doubled our numbers by Tuesday," Savage information, check www.lovingmamafarm. or by calling Brad Coleman at said. More info: 459-2579 or 367-5669. com

Farm to

Table Dinner

to benefit Lovin' Mama Farm

707-354-2813.

Free Summer

Meals for Kids

are provided free to children 0-18

years old regardless of income.

8 to 8:30 am for breakfast: 11:30-

12 noon for lunch. Questions?

A healthy breakfast and lunch



Willits Pet Adoption Day: Saturday July 11

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with **31st annual** class **Reggae On The River** July 30-August 2, 2015

High energy, fun, exciting, hectic, exhausting, exhilarating are all an international words that apply to the weeks running up to the biggest festival of Scottish fiddle the year in these parts, the one and only Reggae On the River, champion, and as the Mateel Community Center office and the crew at French's Brewer of the Camp gear up for the upcoming Reggae weekend of July 30 to popular Celtic August 2. This is the 31st anniversary of Reggae on the River, the band Molly's longest-running reggae festival in the U.S., that's become an icon Revenge joins of the reggae and world beat music scene. The 2015 edition of this

iconic gathering will feature many global luminaries of reggae and her as a multi-instrumentalist. They have lived and world beat music. They include: Stephen "Ragga" Marley, Cham, Alborosie & Shengen, Tarrus

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The 31st annual Reggae On The River will also showcase more than 60 vending and non-profit booths, with every food booth supporting a locally-based non-profit, so important to the community of southern Humboldt. The festival also features the ever-popular KidLandia. Kids 12 and under attend for free and must be accompanied by an adult. There's also an opportunity this year to help with the Tools For Change humanitarian outreach program and other worthy causes (see the mateel.org web site for more info), and – of course – the camping, community, and irie vibes which have made Reggae On The River famous. This year several improvements have been added to make Reggae even more amenable to everyone. There'll be more shade provided in the bowl, more dust control, an inner festival shuttle going all day between the bowl and camping areas, as well as the pedicabs at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at again to take you basically anywhere on site for a tip. Don't wait too long to buy your tickets if you haven't already! Available at all usual outlets, ticket prices go up slightly at the gate. Visit the festival website for the full scoop, and start planning your Reggae On The River pilgrimage today!

Sunday, July 26

BACK TO THE GRIND.

The Fire Scottish Band, a thrilling duo of Rebecca Lomnicky and David Brewer, will perform at the Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, July 26 at 2 pm. The duo

presents highenergy pure world

Scottish music, fiddling in combination with bagpipes guitar, bodhran and whistle.

Lomnicky is

studied in England and Scotland and provide an

informative stage banter, along with a vast repertoire

of tunes from the Scottish Highlands, including

soaring airs to intricately arranged dance numbers.

"The Fire," which showcases their stylistic expertise,

technical prowess, and musical passion. Lomnicky's

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performance of past and present Scottish music.

Their show marks the release of their second CD.



During the program, called "Sonforce Kids 2015 Redwood Empire Fair Sontroopers," "the kids will Western Round-Up be sent on an outer space August 6 - 9, 2015 mission trip. While hurling through space, we wil learn to trust and follow





– Steve Hellman, for WCT

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At top: 2015 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Caitlyn Forrester poses with All-Around Cowboy Gunner Cogburn of Arcata (top) and with All-Around Cowgirl and Bud Suttles trophy winner Helena DeCasas of Grants Pass, Oregon (middle). Above: Willits' Jaden Doak tries to hang on to her steer. Above, right: Claire Case Brackett competes in the barrel racing event.

Photos by Maureen Moore



Willits Frontier Days Special: **Junior Rodeo 2015**

Junior Rodeo, concluding the two-week-long 2015 Willits their success. Frontier Davs events.

Twelve events were available to the competitors who participated in the Junior Rodeo, including calf riding, steer stopping, steer riding, steer daubing, girl's goat tying, junior/ senior team roping, boy's breakaway, girl's barrels (12 and under and 13 to 18), girl's breakaway, and bull riding.

Points are earned in each event, and the highest-earning cowboy and cowgirl both receive All-Around awards: silver engraved buckles sponsored by North Coast Plumbing and BAS Roofing. The 2015 All Around Cowboy was Gunner Cogburn of Arcata and the All Around Cowgirl was Helena DeCasas of Grants Pass, Oregon. DeCasas also won the Bud Suttles Trophy for the overall highest score of the day. There were four calf riders who competed, trying to stay

The younger crowd of cowboys and cowgirls showcased atop a young, small steer across a chalk line a few feet in their skills and tied up the festivities Sunday, July 5, at the front of the bucking chutes. All received mini buckles for

> There were 12 riders in the steer stopping event, who hoped to rope the horns of a running steer, stop and turn him towards the horse and rider in the shortest time. The winner was DeCasas, with a time of 7.30. Second went to Maple Gramps of Oroville with a time of 9.78, and third to Cogburn with a time of 14.44.

There were seven steer riders who tried to stay atop a bucking steer for eight seconds, and first place went to Danny Chidester of Santa Rosa with a score of 82. Second place went to Kyle McCarty of Covelo with a score of 67, and there was a tie for third place between Clayton Carr of

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Alderpoint and Adrian Phillips of Covelo with a score of 62.

The steer daubing contest had 17 riders who tried to poke a running steer with a paint-soaked rag at the end of a long pole. Gramps took first place with a time of only 4.33. Second went to DeCasas with a time of 5.09, and third went to Emily Machado of Fortuna with

a time of 7.24. Fifteen girls tried to win the girl's goat tying event: ride down to a staked goat, dismount the horse, walk up the tether, flip the goat onto its side, and tie three of its legs with a rope. The goat must stay tied for several seconds for the time to count. Lucy Moore of St. Helena won the event with a time of 13.00, second place went to Machado with a time of 14.03, and third to DeCasas with a time of 15.34.

Adults were able to join in the fun with the junior riders during the junior/senior team roping event, helping their partner to catch either the head or the heels of a running steer. Both riders turn and face 1926: None First year of Rodeo

the roped steer for time to stop. First 1927: Marie Scholegel Novaglie place went to Clayton and Wes Moore 1928: Martha Warner Kelton of Bridgeville with a time of 9.36, second 1929: Lola Butts went to Shanna Gayski and Joe Dennis 1930: & 1931: None of Willits with a time of 15.06, and third 1932: Enola McKenzie Reed went to Brandy and Gunner Cogburn of 1933: Betty Akins 1934: Amy Gardner Arcata with a time of 20.90. During the 1935: Jemma Pedroncelli Serventi junior/junior team roping, there were no 1936: Elizabeth Wendt Ferguson qualifying catches to earn scores. 1937: Alice Gibellini Wade Cogburn also won the boy's 1938: Dorce Brown breakaway event with a time of 24.04. 1939: Ernestine Casteel DeBoer Riders simply rope a steer with a special 1940: Evelyn Robley Bergson Velcro-ended rope. When the steer is 1941: Pauline Standley Perez caught, tension is applied to the rope 1942: Melba Dempsey Lewis 1943: Ann Cox McGinnis and the Velcro separates, letting the 1944: Anna Ford Hardwick steer continue to run off. Time is stopped 1945: Lillian Kroh Nolan when the Velcro pops. In the girls group, 1946: Georgia Stovall Welch first place was won by Moore with a time 1947: Anne Crabtree Henderson of 4.85 and second place by DeCasas 1948: Lillian Kroh Nolan with a time of 29.54 1949: Betty Mast Campbell A total of 25 girls competed in the 1950: Wanda Lane Johnston always-popular barrel racing event, 1951: Gretchen Mullen Weber broken into two age groups: 12 and 1952: Yvonne Dusseau Leever under and 13 to 18. In the younger 1953: Claire Huffman Robertson group, 11 riders tried to make their 1954: Joan Neary Von Weien 1955: Shirley Merritt Nikolashin way the fastest around three barrels, 1956: Betty Ann Stansberry Erbes and first place went to Claire Case-1957: Patricia Moreno Door Brackett of Willits with a time of 19.12, 1958: Letha Schumaker Wiley second place went to Bella Colombini 1959: Marian Whitely Ross of Redwood Valley with a time of 20.19, 1960: Carol Collier McClendon and third place went to Alexandra Pugo 1961: Mardi Wilson Hinton of Zenia with a time of 20.49. In the older 1962: Linda Allen Banks group, 14 riders took the challenge, and 1963: Susan Fonsen Neilson Gavski came out on top with a time of **1964:** Sue Hardaway 17.99. Second place went to Mackenzie 1965: Sharon Baker Arno 1966: Leslie Cogburn Scaglione Moore of Redcrest with a time of 18.30, 1967: Joan Scholegel and third place went to Tea Greene of 1968: Clydeen Smith Dick Ukiah with a time of 18.42. 1969: Mousey Clatty There were no qualifying bull rides. 1970: Kam Maize LaLaguna - Maureen Moore 1971: Margaret Smith



Willits Frontier Days Special **Sweethearts by the year** 1972: Paulette Wilcott Somdahl

1973: Jann Clatty Rickey 1974: Kathy Persico Graves 1975: Lorraine Soulliere Crabtree 1976: Tami Tharp Romberg Mayfield 1977: Kelly Bielenberg Eoff 1978: Julie Canepa Belvin 1979: Liz Persico Day 1980: Cindy Kostanecki Kelly 1981: Stacey Blalack McKinley 1982: Caroline Kostanecki Durupt 1983: Saundra DuCross Norman 1984: Chrissy Kostanecki 1985: Tracey Ford Moody 1986: Kristine McBride Tyrrell 1987: Kim Colwell Lebo 1988: Nicole Persico Kunka 1989: Dina Pinon Parker 1990: Melanie Ulvila 1991: Lanae Shuster Lamkin 1992: Amanda Hiatt Hower 1993: Amy Ford 1994: Marta Trevey 1995: Tori Nunnemaker Minton 1996: Georgeanne Dawson Crosky 1997: Patricia Garrity 1998: Ileah Leone 1999: Mary Garrity Fonsen 2000: Olivia Grupp 2001: Katherine Whitby 2002: Sandi Short 2003: Mattie Pinon 2004: Tina Holguin 2005: Ashtan Bloomquist 2006: Darcy Ford 2007: Courtney Figg-Hoblyn 2008: McKenzie Barlow 2009: Lindsey Bowlds 2010: Stephanie Standley 2011: Riata King

2012: Rachel Belvin

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showcased their skills in the arena and on the backs of livestock

to the gathered crowd during the CCPRA Rodeos held July 3

Cowgirls and cowboys competed in several events, all hoping

Competitors come from all over the state to compete in barrel

Results provided by CCPRA are as follows for the two-day

Barrel racing: first place Kaillee McNelis of Los Molinas with a

time of 17.29; second to Hayle Gibson of Redcrest with a time

of 17.71; and third place was a tie between Ronan Angelini of

Fortuna and Shanna Gayski of Willits both with a time of 17.78.

Fifth place went to Reiny Hatch of Ukiah with a time of 17.80;

sixth place was a tie between Cathey Vallerga of Lower Lake and

Lacey Lockard of Atascadero with a time of 17.86; and eighth

Breakaway roping: First place went to Suzanne Williams of

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Gerber with a time of 3.0; second to Lucy Lawson of Yorkville

CCPRA

place went to Leslie Moore of Bridgeville with a time of 18.04.

racing, breakaway roping, tie down roping, team roping, steer

wrestling, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and steer riding.

Willits Frontier Days Special: **CCPRA Rodeo** Members of the California Cowboys Pro Rodeo Association

and July 4.

rodeo

Above: A cowboy lands in the arena after being bucked from a saddle bronc horse during the July 4 CCPRA rodeo.

At right, top: Willits' Brandi to earn points and combine totals to win the coveted All-Around Gamble competes in the award. This year, Cash Robinson of Hollister took the title and barrel racing event during silver belt buckle sponsored by Hollifield Construction. the July 3 rodeo.

At right, above: In addition to the CCPRA events, a local team roping was also held during the rodeo. Joe Dennis and Kelly Fonsen won the top local header and healer awards, engraved belt buckles sponsored by Garman **Construction and 101** Trailer and RV. Taco Bell sponsored the award for the local barrel racing event which was won by Libby Edgar of Ukiah.

Right: West Coast Rodeo pick-up men help a cowboy off his bucking bronco

during the July 3 rodeo. Photos by Maureen Moore

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CLASSIFIEDS budgeted \$4.8 million.

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The items produced a lively exchange between supervisors and Stacey Cryer, director of the county's Health and Human Services Agency.

As in the past, Cryer decried the condition of the county's mental health system, while reminding the board it was similar to mental health departments all over the state and the country, noting, however, things had improved over the past two years.

Two years ago, the county privatized mental health services; Ortner and Redwood began service delivery for the county on July 1, 2013.

"Criticism of mental health is a given," Cryer said. "There was criticism 20 years ago, there was criticism five years ago, and there is criticism today. I think everyone involved is trying to provide services the best way they can."

Cryer added the budget for mental health services is roughly half of what had been stated in previous county budgets

"It has been said the budget for mental health is \$20 million," Cryer said. "You have seen that in the press. That's wrong. All the money for mental health services – all the money that we have to pay our providers – is right here in these items. That's about \$10 million."

Cryer detailed how mental health services are paid for. She said the county first raises a "base match" from its own funds and provides that money to Ortner and Redwood. The companies provide services and submits reports to the county. The county then prepares bills based on those reports and submits the bills to the state. The state then reimburses the county.

If the county has submitted the bills using an incorrect methodology, the state can come back with an audit exception, asking the county to repay some or all of the funds the state has already reimbursed to the county. This process can take three to five years, but it has happened to the county nearly every year going back to at least 2000, or perhaps earlier. This year the state issued audit exceptions to the county for the years 2007-2010, totaling \$3.9 million. Supervisor Tom Woodhouse asked Crver if perhaps the

county would do a better job if it had more employees in the mental health department. "Are we running too tight a ship?" Woodhouse asked. "If we had more employees, would we be in better shape than now, when we are running around for money at the end?"

Cryer replied more employees wouldn't make things better. "Adding staff does not generate revenue," she noted. A member of the mental health board asked supervisors, if mental health is doing so well, why was Cryer cutting

providers by \$7 million? Cryer denied cutting \$7 million out of the allotments for Ortner and Redwood.

"I think I know what [is being talked] about," Cryer said. "Last year we budgeted more money than we had, in order to meet the requests [of Ortner and Redwood]. I am not going to do that again this year, that's for sure.'

Conversation shifted to the Mental Health Services Act annual report, which the board was being asked to approve. Cryer said the state would be auditing the annual report, a regular activity the state undertakes on a three-year cycle. "I take it we've failed that in the past," Woodhouse said. "Are we going to fail again?"

Cryer denied the county has failed the audit of the Mental Health Services Act annual report.

Tom Pinnizatto, assistant director of the HHSA and director of the county's Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

The rest of From Page 1 Injury

She was treated at Howard Hospital for "a laceration and bruising to the chest" and released, the press release stated. The press release did not give specific information about what kind of projectile was found, but said the WPD was "conducting an investigation into the incident with the

cooperation of the Black Bart Gunfighters. "The investigation hopes to determine the origin of the projectile and determine what caused the incident," the press release continued. "Of particular assistance to this investigation is review of available parade video during the Black Bart Gunfighter performance in front of the Chase Bank parking lot as this appears to coincide with the time line of the incident."

Anyone with video from this event or additional information is urged to contact the Willits Police Department at 459-6122.

The Black Bart Gunfighters had finished their last performance on Main Street - in the general area of Diggers, one of the members told Willits Weekly - when they were approached by the police. "They told us they needed to get statements from everybody, and needed to look at our guns," the member (who requested that his name not be used) said. "Everybody was cool with that."

The group of performers waited on the highway at Valley Street for at least 15 minutes before the victim walked into the back of an ambulance, and the parade resumed.

The antique guns used in the performance were taken by WPD for examination, then released later that afternoon. " got a call about 4:30 pm," the member said, "saying the firearms were cleared and we could come pick them up."

The planned 3 pm Black Bart Gunfighters performance at the Rec Grove Saturday was cancelled. "We didn't have the guns, and you can't have a shootout without the guns." the gunfighter said.

But a performance this weekend at the Willits KOA is going on as planned: "The police department has released us to go ahead and do our performances," the gunfighter said. "We're just as concerned as anybody about how that incident could've happened. We have no clue about where that projectile would've come from - all our ammunition is blanks - and we're just as concerned as the rest of the public about the safety of our Willits residents and just as anxious as anybody to find out what happened."

A statement posted on the Black Bart Gunfighters page Saturday night reads: "The local constabulary did an admirable job of rationally looking at facts and details and returning belongings super quickly on a very busy day. We

all await the final results of the investigation. And that's all I/ we know. Anything else is speculation."

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The city was working with the California Department of Transportation, well-driller Weeks Drilling, and bypass mitigation contractor Hanford ARC to place transducers in adjacent wells for a drawdown test, Wilburn stated.

"But right now it is a pretty significant well as far as volume goes," said Wilburn, who was waiting for more test results to make a statement on the well's capacity.

A building to house the system's treatment operation for well water is also expected to be completed by the end of the month.

Wilburn was addressing members of the city council during time allotted for reports on the city's public works projects at a June 24 meeting.

Councilwoman Madge Strong asked Wilburn what the schedule is to initiate a California Environmental Quality Act process for the emergency project to be an ongoing supplemental water source. Wilburn replied the city wants to finish what it started so there is a second source if a critical situation arises. He added there are no plans this fiscal year to undertake a CEQA analysis. "If we were in a dire situation and did not have water to meet the city's needs, we would certainly look close at those CEQA exemptions," City Attorney James Lance said. Willits water supply holdings include a watershed covering 3,712 acres, two reservoirs, and a water treatment plant southeast of Willits. If there is another water emergency, or the city needs to replace a 3-million-gallon tank in its system, could the city use the well then?" Strong wanted to know. "If we are in a water emergency, we are going to use our emergency water supply - that is why we built it," Mayor Bruce Burton said.

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TUESDAY **EVENING CLINICS**

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From Page 12 CCPRA with a time of 3.4; and third place was a tie between Lizzy Cupples of Turlock and Stephanie Williamson of Ukiah with a time of 3.6. Tie down roping: First place went to Caden Farquer of Oakdale with a

time of 9.9; second to John McGill of LeGrand with a time of 10.1; third place to C.J. Deforest of Susanville with a time of 11.3; and fourth place went to J. Cody Jones of Ukiah with a time of 12.9. Team roping: First place went to the team of Corey and Adam Fitze of Hydesville with a time of 9.4; second

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"There are 200 or 300 items on it," Pinnizatto said. "We've had our issues in the past. We had our last review in 2012. We will have the next review in October of this year. We've made significant progress since then."

Supervisors talked for an hour and a half about mental health issues, a decision that put them well behind schedule for much of the afternoon session. Board Chairwoman Carre Brown said she wanted more

discussion on mental health issues. "I'd like to have more dialog on this, maybe within a month," Brown said.

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Saddle bronc riding: First place team of Dan Williams of Gerber went to George Veater of Coarsegold and Dusty Bravos of Anderson with a with a score of 73; second place went time of 12.6; and fourth place went to to Cameron Messier of Herald with a the team of Lane Lowrey of San Luis score of 71; third place went to Cash Obispo and Case Hirdes of Turlock with Robinson of Hollister with a score of 63; and fourth place went to Cameron Buckingham of Brentwood with a score Steer wrestling: First place went to of 58. Brushton Minton of Witter Springs with a time of 5.8; second to J. Cody Jones Bull riding: First place went to Keith Roquemore of Cottonwood with a score of Ukiah with a time of 7.5; and third

of 73: second place went to Colby Demo of Gerber with a score of 68; and third place went to Cash Robinson of Bareback riding: First place went to Hollister with a score of 66. Samuel Oliver of Minden, Nevada with - Maureen Moore a score of 57; and second place went

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Wilburn said the city may use the new system for up to 25 days in an emergency

The city has about 2,422 water connections. A document examining the city's municipal services released earlier this year stated that 79 percent (or 1,914) of those connections are classified as single-family residential homes.

Since October, Willits residents remain in a state of Stage l water rationing, meaning the city is asking for voluntary 20 percent cutbacks.

Rules under Stage 1 call for irrigating during morning and evening hours, inspection of leaks, and installation of efficient fixtures

The city's Stage 1 policy allows for car washing, but it must be done using a bucket with a quick rinse from a hose equipped with a shut-off device.

The rest of From Page 7 WCA

Scoops kept busy keeping the guests happy with appetizers and cold infused water and sparkling juice.

Moving the reception opening time back to 4 pm was a hit for those who like an early evening or for those who planned on attending the rodeo later in the evening. Also popular was the decision to open the art center on July 4th from 10 am to 2 pm. Artist and art center volunteer June Ruckman and her husband, Jerry Albright, were on hand to greet those looking for a cool place and beautiful art before the parade started.

If you are interested in helping out at the Willits Center for the Arts (no art experience necessary to volunteer), please contact Nancy Nazarian Reed at 459-1239.

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'Grow Food, Not Lawns'

Replacing a lawn with edible landscaping

This spring, my friends Don Willis foot or so to keep it secure. and Dobbe Wattenberg removed their For the large squash plants, 16' x 16' front lawn. They enriched we also added some one the underlying gallon emitters at the ends Jerry Jordan soil by digging of the 1/4" dripline to provide for their greater moisture Contributing Reporter in compost and This vegetable manure and then needs. planted a "Three Sisters" vegetable garden system will run about 10 minutes twice a day, and garden. they'll observe to see if the Native American farmers considered irrigation is adequate.

In 10' of 1/4" inch dripline

(with inline emitters every 9")

psi. Measure the total length

of tubing and add in water

used by any extra emitters

estimate the water use at

about 20 gallons per day. The

compost and manure in the

soil will help retain moisture,

The edible landscape is just one

option for replacing a lawn. I've seen

many nice native and drought-tolerant

plantings in yards around town. Native

grasses and ground covers use a

fraction of the water of a standard lawn.

Other common grass replacements

are wood chip mulch or artificial turf.

Creative hardscaping with permeable

rice straw for their mulch.

corn, beans, and squash the essential three sisters that grow and thrive best when planted together. This is still recognized as a sustainable system for roughly 6.5 gallons of water long-term soil fertility with a harvest of per hour are emitted at 20 high nutritional value. Now that the plants are getting established, Don and Dobbe decided to calculate daily water use. to hook up a drip irrigation system In this vegetable garden, we that would give the garden consistent amounts of water on a schedule. The other factor in their irrigation design was a row of well-established roses that they wanted to keep in front of as will a layer of mulch on the the house. Together, we came up with top. Don and Dobbe chose a simple system to meet the different watering needs of the two areas.

I've talked before about hydrozones, or plant groupings with similar watering and care needs. We chose a dual wind-up timer to tailor a watering schedule for each of their zones. Since roses prefer deep and less frequent watering than vegetables, we ran one piece of mainline tubing behind the roses and chose to put one gallon, pressure-compensating emitters on either side of each plant. We calculated that a reasonable amount of water for mature rose bushes was 5 to 6 gallons per week. So, twice a week, that timer can be set for 75 to 90 minutes.

For the vegetable system, we attached a pressure regulator after the timer, and ran rows of 1/4" dripline field of water conservation for over 30 (this is tubing with inline emitters every years. He and his wife, Cheryl, have 6, 9 or 12") off the 1/2" mainline. For a Facebook page called "Driplines: this area, we chose the 9" spacing. It Adventures with Drip Irrigation," where was easy to weave the tubing around they regularly share information about the plantings, and stake it down every *water-wise gardening*.

pavers, rocks and sparse plantings gives a minimalist look that can be verv attractive, too. However, the "Grow Food, Not Lawns" movement is gaining popularity around the country as a way to get the most value out of urban landscaping. Jerry Jordan has been working in the



Above: Don Willis and Dobbe Wattenberg, in

front of their new "Three Sisters" garden in town. The garden, about a month old, is thriving. "Everybody comes by to check out the progress,' Willis said. "It's very much a community stopping point." The kabocha squash (and a few sunflowers) were grown from saved seeds. and the scarlet runner beans and Anasazi corn - the corn plants are set to act as a support system for the beans – were grown from seeds from Bountiful Gardens.

Left: Don and Dobbe with one of the beautiful "old roses" and the new corn stalks and bean plants in their garden. Photos by Jennifer Poole



From Page 3

The rest of

nine grandchildren.

Dinner

branding events of Frontier Days past, and

now enjoy being timers at the Junior Rodeo.

Mary moved to Willits in the 1970s and raised

her two kids, Robert and Nikki, who also still

living in Willits. She now has three grandkids.

Diane moved to Willits in the 1950s, met and

married her high school sweetheart and raised

three daughters, Deena (currently in Alaska),

and Tracey and Tia, who both reside here in

Willits. She is also the proud grandmother of

All who attended enjoyed a country-themed

meal to correlate with the "Hee Haw Revisited"





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President Marcy Barry, left, stands with Heritage award 2014 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Haley Schuck.

cooking crews. Major event sponsors were honored with plaques of appreciation including Budweiser, City of Willits, Garton Tractor, Geiger's Long Valley Market, Grocery Outlet, Howard Memorial Hospital, Dr. Alfred Kerr, Les Schwab, Lithia Dodge, Mendo Mill, Metal Fx, Nor-Cal Recycled Rock and Aggregates, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Selzer

Realty, Sherwood Valley Casino, Sparetime Supply, Tri Counties Bank, Willits Power and theme. Cornbread, ribs, pork, green salad, Hardware, and Yokums Body Shop.



biscuits were served, and for dessert: cobbler from Kemmy's Pies. The meal winners Mary Burgess (left) and was headed up by June Sizemore, also Diane Ford (right) and outgoing the Willits Frontier Days treasurer, with the help of many other volunteers, servers and Below: The Schmidbauer family gathered around Grand Marshal

> Eddie, in front. Family includes, back row: Hardy, Clayton, Sadie, Andrea, Britt, Lance, Lynda, Ryan, Lilli, Stetson, Lisa and Kelsey. Middle row: Sam, Cooper, Courtney, Cassie, and Mariah (in front). Center: Eddie and Erlyne. Front row: Dean and

Wyatt. Photos by Maureen Moore



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Southwick family reunion draws 140 to Willits



Left: Young fans enjoy the traditional music offered up during Saturday's BBQ.



Down in the shady groves of the Rec Grove, the annual Willits Frontier Days BBQ Saturday featured reunions this year: the 1955 class reunion, the 1995 class reunion, and a reunion that drew 140 members of the Southwick family.

The Southwicks, clad in red and white "Southwick" T-shirts, were seen all around town throughout the Frontier Days Celebration. Twenty-five of them were Willits High School graduates, said local Bill Southwick. The furthest flung descendant of Elmer and Gertie Southwick came all the way from Singapore; others came from Virginia, Utah, Oreon, Nevada, Texas and Washington state.

Elmer and Gertie moved to Willits in 1957, Bill Southwick said, and remained here until their deaths (Elmler in 197 and Gertie in 1997). They raised seven children. Visitors enjoyed meeting up at the WHS pool, at the WHS ball fields, at the Mormon Chapel and at the WFD BBQ for lunch and a free Roots train ride around the loop after that. "They love it," Bill Southwick said, when asked if everybody was enjoying the 4th of July festivities in Willits.

– Jennifer Poole



At top, left: Southwicks, young and old, enjoyed their visit to Willits. At top, right: Waiting in line for Saturday's BBQ, served by members of the Willits Rotary Club. At left, above: Willits resident Bill Southwick, at left, surrounded by Southwick family members.

Above, left: One of the contestants in Saturday's horseshoes competition, which benefitted the Willits High School baseball program. Above, right: from left to right: Chelsea Rule, Megan Wolf and Stacy Turner after riding the free Roots train on Saturday. Below, left: Some of the motorcycles ridden in the parade Saturday displayed at the Rec Grove. Below, right: Mayor Bruce Burton gives











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