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Residents of Willits trailer parks organize against changes

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About 75 residents of the Wagon Wheel and Valley Oaks mobile home parks gathered at the Willits Senior Center Wednesday at 5 pm for a meeting to discuss changes to the residential parks instituted by a new owner.

Priscilla Tarver of the Senior Center's Outreach Department, who helped organize the meeting, led the discussion, with the help of Willits City Mayor Gerry Gonzalez and city building inspector John Sherman and realtor Bill Barksdale.

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Supes appoint Alison Pernell to planning commission

Urban and regional planner Alison Pernell was named as the Third District's representative on the Mendocino County Planning Commission by the board of supervisors on Tuesday.

A Laytonville resident, Pernell works as a project manager at the Local Government Commission in Sacramento. Until recently, she was vice chairwoman of the Laytonville Municipal Advisory Committee.

In her 17-year professional career, Pernell has won two notable awards: in 2000, she was awarded the American Planning Association's first National Distinguished Leadership Award for a student planner. In 2015, she was presented with the

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Six escape serious injury in three-car pileup on Highway 20

Six people escaped without injury from a three-car pile-up Wednesday morning on Highway 20 west of Willits.

According to the California Highway Patrol, a 2017 Jeep Patriot driven by Russell Allen Hanchett of Lebanon, Indiana, was speeding east at about 8:45 am when Hanchett lost control of the vehicle on a curve, crossed into the westbound lane and struck a 2012 Brink's armored car driven by Samy A. Guizado of Petaluma head on.

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Photos by Maureen Moore



Above, from left: Just south of the Sherwood Road intersection, this Main Street building has been vacant for many years. The north-facing shops on the East Commercial side of the Van Hotel could make darling boutiques on Willits "main" intersection. A recent vacancy, the old Ardella's restaurant on the corner of East Mendocino, is ready and set for a new restaurant right away. Some of the Main Street-facing boutiques of the Van Hotel haven't seen inhabitants in many years.

Supes to revise cultivation ordinance

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In the face of a perfect storm of anger from both the left and the right, as well as evidence of what could be described as a total failure by county staff, the board of supervisors on Tuesday agreed to agendize a reconsideration of the county's medical cannabis cultivation ordinance.

The supes will discuss how to revise the ordinance at 1:30 pm at their July 18 meeting.

A discussion of problems with the ordinance, and also with the county's limited ability to issue permits in accordance with it, came in the wake

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Ready for New Business

While some recently filled, many storefronts still awaiting new lives

Starting a new business can be a huge leap into the unknown. Looking at the needs of a small community and aiming to fill a void can set a business up for long-lived success.

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Recently, several new businesses have popped up in post-bypass Willits, helping to fill the large number of empty storefronts – this business-focused edition of Willits Weekly features a few of those

new pioneers inside today's pages.

However, many empty storefronts still remain, many in prime locations; they just need the right idea and the right proprietor to make them flourish again.

In an effort to look at some of the gaps Willits shoppers face, Willits Weekly compiled a short list of just some of

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Second mental health initiative in the works for fall ballot

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Supervisors on Tuesday unanimously approved the formation of an ad hoc committee to advise and coordinate with a committee already created by Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman to develop and place a second mental health facilities sales tax initiative on the November 2017 ballot.

Supervisors John McCowen and Dan Hamburg – already members of the Allman committee -- will sit on the

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Pilot escapes unharmed in July 4 crash

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A Mountain View pilot escaped without injury just before 5 pm on July 4 when his Cessna 210 overran the southern end of the runway at Ells Field and plunged 40 feet down a slope into bushes.

The pilot "walked out to meet" arriving Brooktrails Fire Department Chief Daryl Schoeppner, said Willits Fire Chief Chris Wilkes.

He was later examined at Howard Memorial Hospital and released.

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Above, from left: the giant building on the northwest corner of Main Street and West Mendocino Avenue also offers off-street parking and floor-to-ceiling windows which would be perfect for the right business. The two southern shops of the block leading up to the Commercial Street intersection on the east side of Main Street have also been vacant for several years, but are in prime downtown locations.



Above: Lynn Richards, Shakeln Hill, Maxine Richards and Kiana Hill flash the "VI" – Virgin Islands – sign of welcome.

Caribbean Vybz

New island-themed vegan restaurant opens on Main Street

A new food paradigm has opened at 42 South Main Street. The small restaurant is called Caribbean Vybz and lives up to its name, with authentic tastes of the Virgin Islands, where the owner and her family are originally from. The food is vegan, based on the Ital Rastafarian tradition of clean eating, eschewing flesh, salt, sugar, chemicals and additives. The name "Ital" derives from the word for "vital food."

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Maxine Richards, along with her family members: husband, Sargie Cornelius; brother, King David; daughter, Lynn Richards; and step-daughters, Shakeln and Kiana Hill, have created an atmosphere of healthy eating in a bright, island-themed blue-and-white scheme.

The food is mostly served buffet-style. Many dishes include



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Photos by Mathew Caine

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Business loop

To the Editor:

I recently met a street artist in San Francisco, and we got to talking about the Willits Center for the Arts. She told me that the last time she drove north through our area, she got to Laytonville before realizing that she had missed Willits' freeway exits entirely. I'm sure lots of others have the same experience.

She suggested that we employ a sign that has worked for her in other areas – "Business Loop" – in both directions before the first exit. That way people understand that they can get off the freeway into the business district and then easily get back on the freeway to continue on their way.

I think it's a great idea that perhaps the City of Willits or the Chamber of Commerce could fund, if Caltrans doesn't cover it.

I suggest the City of Willits submit a formal request for these two signs to be installed.

Carole Aleshire, Willits

Customer appreciation

To the Editor:

There was clutter and clatter...

And continuous chatter.

The latest in news...

The latest in blues.

Friends fun and laughter...

Every Sunday at Ardella's.

Thank you Ladies...

Our prayers then and now!

David Pollin, Willits

Thank you from Sober Grad

To the Editor:

Once again a successful Sober Grad Party has taken place. Once again a life has been saved! That makes 31 years; 31 lives! And so the legacy continues! And once again the board members of Sober Grad would like to offer our thanks to this wonderful community that makes it happen every year!

Throughout the year as we put on our fundraisers we have thanked those businesses and individuals who have donated and supported our cause. Every year businesses, entities and individuals

dig deep and help us make the party even better by donating their time and/or an item and cash donations.

And so we wish to honor their support and offer our deepest thanks: Willits Furniture, Barbarie Gonzalez, Old Mission Pizza, Neil Orr, Ukiah Natural Foods, 101 Trailer and RV, Willits Mini Storage, Sparetime Supply, Mariposa Market, North Coast Drivers, dba Lucky Deuce, Tri-Counties Plumbing, Frank R. Howard Foundation, Savings Bank of Mendocino, Realty World – Selzer Realty, SHN Consulting Engineers and Geologists, Willits Rental Center, Round Tree Glass, Robin Goldner, Valley Paving, Ileya Stewart, DripWorks, T.R. Erikson Trust, Waters Construction, Caty's Meow, Alfred Kerr, Sanhedrin Nursery, Mendocino County District Attorney, Mendocino County Sheriff, Willits Police Department, Dr. and Mrs. William Bowen, Dr. and Mrs. Tedd Dawson, Ruth Weston, Willits Unified Methodist Church, Ponderosa and Sun Realty, ER Energy, Brewed Awakening, Earth's Treasures and Computer Works Unlimited, Olenik Fence Company, U.S. Army Recruiting Office in Ukiah, The Book Juggler, Patrona Restaurant, Yokum's Body Shop, Sheri and Steve Lovell, Willits Solid Waste, Metal Fx, City of Willits, and the Skunk Train.

Also many thanks to Coast Hardware, Kohl's and Best Buy for their generous discounts year after year! And we can't forget Trish Silva Brown for opening up her classrooms so we could work directly with the seniors, and Suzanne Kidwell for her computer expertise!

We also wish to thank the following individuals for helping set up/decorate, chaperone and/or help with cleanup: Peter Smith, Cathi Nicolous, Debbie Carrillo, Christina Hsieh, Dorothy Dalske, Mattie Owens, Miranda Musgrave, Kira Crely, Linda Matz, Diane Smalley, Todd Hollifield, Tom Woodhouse, Wayne Waters, Cynthia Carni, Pete Swanton, Dave Edgar, Tom Allman, Gerry Gonzalez, Dan and Annette Pinon, Olga O'Neill, Senora Marisela de Santa Ana, Melodie Sorace, Divora Stern, Megan Hall, Erin Fitzpatrick, Jon and Ann Maglente, Greg Atherton, Kari Rescina, Juanita and Rey Amador, Carmen Thomas, Johnnieann Johnstone, Amy Forrester, Lance & Rhonda Vannorsdel, Curtis Collicott, Trey and Mike Grant, Kristina Norton, Angelique Titus, Kohl's Cares Employees, Nicole Burke, Dan Drickman, Maureen Moore, Betty Meinecke, Doris Weir, Cathy Moorhead, Mike Horger, Nici Caldwell, Tatiana Cantrell, Ana Castillo, Rosie Cardona, Daisy Castillo, Nancy Christensen, Sheri Lovell, Heidi Anders, Officer Brandi Gamble, Officer Alex Kimball, Staff Sgt. Cameron Bornowski, and Staff Sgt. Kory Stachowski.

And thanks to the Class of 2017 parents for donating food and drinks. I hope I didn't miss anyone; if I did please know that we also thank you!

It definitely takes the whole community from Laytonville to Ukiah and beyond to give our graduates a fun and safe place to celebrate their accomplishments!

Thank you all!

Joyce Waters, secretary, Willits Sober Grad Party Planning Committee

Thank you

To the Editor:

On behalf of our staff and the families we serve, we want to thank all of you for your sponsorships and participation in the 19th Annual Willits Rotary / Phoenix Hospice Golf Tournament. Our appreciation also goes out to all the raffle item donors and those who lent a helping hand to make this all possible. Through the generosity of many, \$12,400 was raised for hospice. I feel very grateful to be a part of a community that supports the kind of compassionate care we all hope for and deserve.

I would like to give a special thanks to those individuals and businesses who partner with us on this goal: Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, Mendo-Lake Home Respiratory Services, Verihealth, Inc, Eversole Mortuary, Lincoln Realty/H&R Block, Friedman's Home Improvement, Empire Mortuary, DripWorks, Redwood Meadows, Willits Grocery Outlet, Collicott Construction, Super 8, Willits Furniture, Baechtel Creek Inn, Dickey Weinkle, Brown's Corner, Sparetime Supply, Printing Plus, Savings Bank of Mendocino, Willits Body Works Gym, Brooktrails Golf Course, Cory Brown Family, Mountain View Assisted Living, Holy Spirit, Inc., Harrah Industries, Tri-Counties Bank, Holy Child Residential Care Homes, John Cross Architects, Brad Walton CPA, State Farm Insurance - Jerry Myer, Frank R. Howard Foundation, SHN Engineers, Willits Redwood, Earl Myers, OD, Gary Roussan, Celtic Heritage Destinations, Shanachie Pub, Yokum's Body Shop, Glenmark Self Storage, Flowers by Annette, Mazahar, ER Energy Home & Comfort, Frank R. Howard Foundation, Celtic Heritage Destinations, Mutt Hutt, Black Oak Coffee, In N Out Burger, Willits Body Works Gym, Navarro Vineyards, Fetzer, Michelle Tobin McCoy, Unique Boutique, Northwest Sporting Goods, Mike Tobin, Jenny Senter, Jerry Turner, Jackie Beck, Mike Smith, Trudy Miller, Matt Hartke, Slam Dunk Pizza, Shear Envy, Crush Italian Steakhouse, Rebecca King, Walmart, 101 Donuts & Burgers, Photographer David Smith, Ukiah Speedway, La Siciliana Restaurant & Pizzeria, The Book Juggler, Jerry Turner, Noyo Theater, Little River Inn, Ukiah Valley Golf Course, Hospice Volunteers, Ukiah Co-op, Ann Alumbaugh, Lucky's Supermarket, Arabella Soap Company, Napa Auto Parts , House Doctor Paints, Pizza, Etc., and the Noyo Theatre. With much appreciation,

Tammy Long, Marketing/Hospice Volunteer Services, Phoenix Certified Hospice

The marijuana ordinance

To the Editor:

The marijuana industry has been a "fact of life" for many years in Mendocino County, and until recently, has pretty much carried on without constraints or regulations being imposed on it. Local jurisdictions were reluctant to adopt ordinances that regulated marijuana mostly because of the difficulty in enforcing them. But with the passage of the California Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act in 2015, we were presented with a foundation upon which to build controls.

There have been recent attempts in Willits to address marijuana: In February of 2017, the Willits City Council formed an ad hoc committee to develop a marijuana ordinance for Willits, but this wasn't the first time this happened: In March 2016, an ad hoc committee was created that came back with a recommendation to impose a total ban on marijuana

activities in Willits. It was not adopted, and another committee was created in August 2016, that held three committee meetings and two public workshops to lay the framework for a workable marijuana ordinance. The 2017 ad hoc committee began its work on the foundation that was laid by the earlier committee.

The one thing that was common to all of the committee meetings and public workshops was the absence of anyone at the meetings who opposed and spoke out against marijuana! This might lead one to conclude that everyone in Willits is totally in favor of marijuana and supports efforts to establish a legal marijuana industry in town.

However, anyone who has been paying attention knows that is not the case!

To put this in perspective, I will declare, to no one's surprise, that for a long time, I was against any form of marijuana activity in Willits, but in recent years I have changed my mind on the subject. I have come to realize that, like it or not, marijuana is an integral part of our local environment. This is not to be translated as my "capitulation to the inevitable." In fact, it is my way of "making lemonade out of lemons!" Or to use another worn out cliché: If you can't beat 'em, join 'em, or more precisely, if you can't stop them, take charge of it and turn it in to something we can all live with.

And that is the point of this letter: Many of us have been trying for years to shut down the marijuana industry in Mendocino County, but with no success. So instead of pushing against it, maybe we need to use its momentum to embrace it and maneuver and shape it the way we want it to be. And we can't do that if we step away from it and try to ignore it. Local government, in fact, is supposed to be the "adults in the room," and consider the industry and its ramifications from all possible angles, keeping a laser-like focus on developing something that will benefit the community as a whole.

Marijuana policy in Willits is currently being shaped by two forces: people who are part of the marijuana industry, joined by those who support a more permissive attitude toward marijuana, and a handful of city council members and city staff who are trying to find a middle ground between two extremes. There is another segment of the population that isn't taking a proactive role – those citizens who want no marijuana, period!

We are trying to deal with the issue, but it would be helpful if we could hear directly from those citizens who oppose marijuana and who have constructive ideas about how to deal with it. Many of those marijuana opponents make their feelings privately known to council members and city staff, and those opinions are passed on and considered during the council meetings. But after more than 10 years on the city council, I can assure you that having someone stand up in front of the council and speak with knowledge and conviction carries a lot more weight than hearing it secondhand.

We are close to crafting a final version of a marijuana ordinance, and I am pretty certain that it will be adopted. But citizens – no matter what their position is – should still take advantage of the opportunity to express their opinions in a public setting, if for no other reason than to help shape the discussion and influence the outcome. Your voices do count, and whatever comes out of this must represent all of us.

For those who haven't been keeping up, here's a brief synopsis of what's being considered: Permitted activities include: indoor (only) cultivation; manufacturing



Above, from left: The green on the ninth hole is well-maintained by Marcus Newby. This course visitor just gets to watch the games on the green. The Brooktrails Golf Course also hosts an 18-hole disc-golf course. The recognizable "Brooktrails" sign welcoming visitors to the golf course. The entrance to the course crosses Willits Creek and is surrounded by towering redwoods.

At right: Meet the new operators of the course: Jaclyn Christian, Marcus Newby, Riley and Donna Rice.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Tending the greens

Brooktrails Golf Course has a new, family team of operators

The Brooktrails Golf Course is under new management, and it's all in the family. Mike and Donna Rice, Marcus Newby and his fiancée, Jaclyn Christian (Donna's daughter), are the latest team in charge of the maintenance and promotion of the facility. They have taken over the duties from John and Anne Cederholm, who over the last two years, restored the course to its former playability.

The transition took place in March, during the rains, and the new operators are approaching their peak season with great hopes and plans for the future. John Cederholm continues to mentor Newby on the care and maintenance of the course. In addition to the Rices, Newby and Christian (known as "sweetheart" to many of the golfers), are joined by Christian's niece, Naykaya, as well as Christian's two children, Riley, age 5, and Fay, soon to be 3. They have become the new face and personality of the facility.

In addition to the nine-hole golf course, there is an 18-hole disc-golf course that crisscrosses the "ball-golf" holes. "Disc golf is growing greatly – exploding" explained Donna Rice, "We've been told by several of the diskers who come from all over that we have one of the two best disc courses in California. We have a gentleman from the Bay Area who wants to put on a professional disc tournament here. Most disc-golf courses are not maintained well. The grass grows high. There's poison oak. People are really impressed by our layout and how well it is maintained."

There was some tension between the ball and disc golfers at first. However, they now co-exist amiably and politely. The



managers are considering promoting disc-golf tournaments in the future.

According to Newby, who has taken on the maintenance of the course: "The greens have come back with the work of John and Annie. They were just dirt and sand a couple years ago. John re-seeded everything and got it all to grow. Basically what I'm doing with the greens is making sure they don't die.

"I'm having to spike the greens every day. We're battling drought, bad soil, redwood droppings, the deer, the moles, diseases, the bugs, lack of sunlight. The deer dance on the greens, especially during mating season, and tear up the surface. The bucks come out and fight on the greens. It's really unnatural to have greens grow here," Newby said. "Basically, we have to force it to happen. The pocket moles are the worst. I had to set some traps out this morning."

Mike Rice has been trying to piece together the colorful history of the golf course: "Bob Harrah, and two other lumber barons owned a lot of this property. They wanted a nine-hole golf course they could play on. When it was an 18-hole course it had to go across Sherwood Road a couple

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Above: A map of disc and ball golf courses at the Brooktrails Golf Course. Far left: The Grill – open seven days a week – is also undergoing an upgrade. At left: One of the new operators of the course – Mike Rice. Below: An array of golf accessories and clothing are for sale at the clubhouse.



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At right: Customers at the Willits Garden Supply grand opening cool off with a fresh smoothie.

Far right: Laselle Spence takes an order from a customer.

Below: Laselle and Austin Spence, owners of the Pacific Quench smoothie and drink trailer.

At bottom: The Pacific Quench trailer: "Healing the Planet, One Drink at a Time."

At bottom, right: Laselle creates a delicious fruit smoothie blend.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Pacific Quench

'Healing the Planet, One Drink at a Time'

"We're just tiptoeing into this business," said Laselle Spence, who along with husband, Austin, is the creator of a new business, Pacific Quench. The couple is operating their smoothie, fresh lemonade, iced coffee, and ice-blended drink trailer – with the motto, "Healing the Planet, One Drink at a Time" – on a limited, event-driven basis, for now.

"We've been working on opening the business for the last year, jumping through the legalities, loopholes and other things to get everything going," Laselle said. "We didn't focus on this full-time at first due to our other businesses." Laselle owns Natural Radiance Skin Care, and Austin works as a musician – a vocalist with Embryonic Devourment – and a record producer with his own label. They are also the parents of a precocious young lady, Egypt Spence.

They were pleased to be a part of the opening day festivities for Willits Garden Supply. This is their first event, and judging from their success, Willits residents should be seeing more of this young business. Pacific Quench's next scheduled appearance will be at Metal Fest in Ukiah on August 19. "Come and get a cool drink, because it's going to be a pretty hot event," Laselle said. In the future, in addition to the aforementioned cool drinks, they plan to offer a limited array of panini sandwiches.

Laselle has been involved in the food service industry for several years and has gathered a number of smoothie and ice-blended recipes. "A lot of places are getting into the fruit puree stuff which is a fruit concentrate bottle or sugar and fruit something," she said. "They're not authentic true smoothies. We want to concentrate on creating smoothies with real fruit. We are at least 90 percent organic, and we buy local as much as possible."



At top, from left: The store sells many brands of soil and works with local companies like DripWorks when possible. Schindig – Malakai Schindig, Forrest Glycer, and Josh Swearingin – entertain at the store's opening. A wide range of gardening products are for sale. Above: Scott and Tume welcome customers to their new store, Willits Garden Supply. Below: Shoppers enjoy the grand opening of Willits Garden Supply on the south end of Willits.



Get Growing

Willits Garden Supply opens its doors on South Main Street

Scott Stanton, a local videographer, and his wife, Tumendelger (Tume), originally from Mongolia, have seen their dream of opening a garden supply store with a distinct personal and hands-on approach become a reality – although it took six years from concept to fruition. With Schindig – Malakai Schindig, Forrest Glycer and Josh Swearingin – playing in the parking lot and the Pacific Quench trailer dispensing smoothies, Willits Garden Supply opened its doors on June 25.

"We are willing to answer questions, and it's more service-oriented than a lot of the other stores," Stanton said. "We want to show people how things work and explain why they should be using certain products. We respect people's privacy and offer any kind of assistance people might need. We encourage people to try new products, and we'll show them how they work in their specific environment."

Willits Garden Supply works closely with local companies when possible. For instance, they have products from Sparetime Supply, DripWorks and Bountiful Gardens Seeds. They have a whole different take on things and aim to be a one-stop shop, selling all kinds of different packaging products and plastic bags, accessories, scales and mesh bags.

"It's not just growing supplies," said Stanton, "but we do have a wide range of gardening products available also. We are going to try and have available what is needed and popular for a particular season. We are really familiar with the local market. At this time of year we have tons of things like trellis netting and bamboo stakes and tomato cages. When winter comes, we plan to have a range of products like light-dep green houses."

Stanton hopes to help people take advantage of the space they have year-round by maximizing space and to help growers remain within the boundaries of legality.

WGS carries high-tech products like LED full-spectrum lights for indoor planting. They also carry double-ended high-pressure sodium lights with reflectors and ballasts in a kit as well as tube-type lights that are ventilated in a glass tube that hang vertically.

"We're trying to get everything that people want in here, so if there is something that you don't see in our store, please let us know," said Stanton. "We're making lists of items that people have suggested us to

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Lamprich Center Open House & Health Fair



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

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Movie Times for 7/14 thru 7/20 This Week's Tightwad Tuesday Titles are in RED - All tickets: \$5

Thursday, July 13

“The Cannabis Hour”: hosted by Jane Fletcher on KZYX Radio, Thursday’s program features Flow Kana, the SF-based cannabis business which owns the Fetzer family estate in Redwood Valley. Flow Kana founder Michael Steinmetz and Community Relations VP Amanda Reiman will share their plans for the historic Fetzer estate and share their vision for the cannabis industry’s future in our county. Also, they will suggest ways to speak with our kids about cannabis. 9 am; call-ins at 9:40 am, 707-895-2448. KZYX Radio, 91.5 FM, or stream live at kzyx.org. All programs archived at jakebox.kzyx.org.

Willits Reads: Every Thursday, our Library invites special guests from our community to find out what they are reading. The guest(s) will also kick off Story Hour by reading the first book. This week’s guest: Gary Martin from Willits Center for the Arts. Thursday, July 13, 10:30 to 11 am. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

WHS Booster Club Meeting: The monthly Willits High School Booster Club Meeting is set for 6 pm, Thursday, July 13 at the Willits High School Food Center. Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at WHS! The next Boosters fundraising event, the 4th annual Golf Tournament at Brooktrails Golf Course, set for Saturday, August 19.

Friday, July 14

Medicare Presentation: Diane Morales, California Healthcare Broker specializing in Medicare will talk about health care changes and Medicare, with a Q&A to follow. “Especially important to baby boomers.” Friday, July 14, 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Funkicillan: with Shanachie Pub’s own Cherie Sharrock, is getting it on with “originals and old school funk.” Friday, July 14, 9 pm. Boomers on Highway 101, Laytonville.

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

Saturday, July 15

ERRP Fish Watching Field Trip: Eel River Recovery Project hosts a field trip on Saturday, July 15 to the main Eel River at Hearst and Emandal to observe and enumerate the non-native Sacramento

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pikeminnow, led by fish biologist Pat Higgins, ERRP Managing Director. Leaves 9:30 am from the Willits Hub, 630 South Main Street. Pack a lunch, swim gear, a towel and sunscreen. Snorkels and masks will be provided. Call Robin Leler about transport planning and car-pooling or Higgins for details about the fish dive census at 223-7200.

1st Annual Scavenger Hunt Ride: Register for the Willits Wild Bunch Scavenger Run, get a chance to win \$100. Registration: 9 to 10:30 am. BBQ & Games. DJ Mikey T on stage. Admission \$20 and an article of quality children’s clothing to benefit Foster Youth Outfitters. Saturday, July 15, 9 am to 3 pm. Recreation Grove Park. Commercial Street. (See article elsewhere on Calendar page.)

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

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

2nd Annual DripFest: “Enjoy games, activities for kids, live music, merchant booths and great food at DripWorks, Willits’ purveyor of drip irrigation systems and supplies.” Today, 20% discount on drip irrigation products. Willits Lions Club hosts the Beer and

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

Audition at WCT: Three actors, 2 men age 20-35, 1 woman age 20-35 for Ken Ludwig’s classic screwball comedy “Moon Over Buffalo.” This is the 2nd audition. Saturday, July 15 at 3 pm. Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane. Info: Bill Barksdale 459-1200, 489-2322. (See article elsewhere on Calendar page for details.)

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

Sunday, July 16

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

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about the services offered, meet staff, and receive free health screenings for diabetes, blood pressure, body composition, balance assessment. CHP will perform Car Seat Safety checks while Mendocino County Public Health will be giving away free bike helmets to children and information about the Safe Routes to School program. Also, face-painting, balloon animals, raffles and giveaways. Sunday, July 16, 10 am to 2 pm. Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital Lamprich Center, 3 Marcela Drive.

Monday, July 17

CALFRESH Program (food stamps): Outreach workers will be available for information and to supply CALFRESH applications every third Monday. July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 18.) Please: Bring ID and proof of income. Program starts Monday, July 17, 9 am to 4 pm. Willits Seniors Inc. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: Richard Baker 459-6826.

Tuesday, July 18

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week’s Tightwad movies: “Spider-Man: Homecoming,” and “Despicable Me 3.” For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-6696.

Thursday, July 20

Willits Reads: Every Thursday, our Library invites special guests from our community to find out what they are reading. The guest(s) will also kick off Story Hour by reading the first book. This week’s guest is James Bording from the School of Adaptive Agriculture. Thursday, July 20, 10:30 to 11 am. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

Hot Topics in Diabetes: Howard Hospital Director of Physical Therapy Julie Garcia will speak on “Exercise and Diabetes.” Thursday, July 20, 6:30

to 7:30 pm. Seabiscuit Conference Room, Howard Memorial Hospital, 1 Marcela Drive. RSVP: Dietitian’s Office: 456-3132.

Saturday, July 22

Monologue Show at WCT: “Speakeasy IV – An Evening of Original Monologues” written and performed by local Willitsians. Saturday, July 22 at 8 pm and Sunday, July 23 at 2 pm. Willits Community Theater, 37 West Van Lane. Tickets: \$10, available in person at Mazahar; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. (See article elsewhere on Calendar page.)

Sunday, July 23

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am, Sunday, March 26. “Join your friends at the Grange breakfast! \$8 buys you a plate of the best ‘scratch’ pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods....” Choose soughdough wholegrain, Hank’s Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or gluten-free, Beeler’s Quality Bacon, organic eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Extra: sides of organic fruit and Amish organic maple syrup. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial, 1 block west of 101). Info: 459-9716.

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July Activities at Willits Senior Center

- Monday**
Stretch & Strength, Dining Room, 9-10 am
- Tuesday**
Stretch & Strength, Dining Room, 9-10 am
Bible Class, Lunch: 11:45 am, Conference Room until 1:30 pm
Computer Help Lab, Lab open, 2-4 pm
Tuesday Bingo, Potluck, 5 pm; Game 5:30 pm; 2nd & 4th Tuesdays for the summer
- Wednesday**
Stretch & Strength, Dining Room, 9-10 am
Life Changes Group, Conference Room 10-11 am
Ukulele Group, Sunshine Room, 1-2 pm

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‘Spider-Man: Homecoming’

The Story: An action-filled, seriously funny Spider-Man movie. The so-called evil doers (starring Michael Keaton) are bitter working men who salvage alien technology from flying saucers wrecked by the Avengers. Peter Parker (aka Spider-Man, aka “Spidey”) wants to take lovely, high school classmate Liz to the homecoming dance, but wouldn’t you know it, the evil doers intervene with their criminal plottings. The success of this high school love affair/crush hangs by a thread. Then, by of course, there are the (not entirely unsympathetic) bad guys with plans detrimental to the well-being of us all.

My Thoughts: Much of the suspense in the movie comes from the interrupted high school kiss. At last, and faithful to his Marvel Comics origin, the “... Homecoming.” Parker has been resurrected as the teenager with superpowers who is struggling for “identity.” He’s depressed. He whines. He is the real and true Spidey. This is a great action flick. A very funny flick. A romance. Audiences all over the country love it. And bless their rabid hearts, so do “The Critics.” Children will even look up from their cellphones.



Parents: Babies will be offended by the noise and explosions which means: No babies! The movie, unlike most flicks being made, repeatedly takes a strong stand against killing. Feel free to send your kids – the youngsters will see a movie about being mature and doing the right thing.

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

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

Soroptimists International of Willits: (On summer break until September 12). Women’s service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

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

Volleyball Open Gym: at new location for the summer. Willits High School, Sundays 7 to 9 pm, and Tuesdays at 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

Smoking Cessation Program: Free “Freedom from Smoking” class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the HHM Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 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: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5 pm to 6 pm; Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 pm to 7 pm; Tweens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 pm to 8:30 pm. All SAIL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

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

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

Save the Date:
Relay for Life, July 29, Rec Grove Park
Celtic and World Music, August 1, Willits Library
Willits Boosters 5th Annual Golf Tournament, August 19, Brooktrails Golf Course
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Wednesday: Lamb Chops

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

This Week at KLLG
Station IDs from the Girl Scouts and community members from the Hometown Celebration can now be heard on “The Mixx” - our memorable music blend that airs throughout the week. New show: “Treat Yourself” - politics, music, and jokes with Michael Stark. Mondays, 9:30 to 11 am.
- Michelle Cummings, KLLG

San Francisco Mime Troupe in Ukiah

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

Lamprich Center Open House & Health Fair

Sunday, July 16
Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital has opened a new and expanded facility, the Lamprich Center, designed to complement hospital services and become a place for everything our community needs to stay healthy. This new facility, which opened a year ago, combines vital services such as the Redwood Medical Clinic (primary care, with 16 private exam rooms); Outpatient Rehabilitation which provides physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy; and Howard Pharmacy (committed to providing expanded services, including home delivery).
The Lamprich Center invites the public to the Open House & Health Fair on Sunday, July 16 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital Lamprich Center, 3 Marcela Drive. Meet the staff, tour the facilities, and learn more about the services offered. A representative from the California Highway Patrol will perform Car Seat Safety checks, and Mendocino County Public Health will be giving away free bike helmets to children as well as information about the Safe Routes to School program. Saving Lives Mendocino will teach attendees how to save lives with hand-only CPR, while Avenues to Wellness, part of the Howard Healthcare Foundation, will also be on hand to offer information about their programs. There will be free health screenings and tests which include: diabetes, blood pressure, body composition, balance assessment. And just for fun there will be face-painting, balloon animals, raffles and giveaways. For more information: 459-6801.

First Annual Scavenger Hunt Ride

Saturday, July 15
From 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, July 15 at Recreation Grove Park, the Willits Wild Bunch is inviting everybody to “Ride the highways and back roads of Mendocino County ... navigate carefully ... follow clues ... learn answers to secret questions ... and if you answer them all correctly, be entered in a drawing for the \$100 grand prize.” Registration: 9 to 10:30 am. Enjoy the BBQ & games. Pickle Bite Contest. Listen and dance to DJ Mikey T on stage. Admission to participate: quality children’s clothing of all ages plus a \$20 donation. Proceeds to benefit the Foster Youth Outfitters Program, which provides clothing to children in foster care.

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Relay for Life Saturday, July 29

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

If you would like to put together a team and fund-raise before or during the event, go to relay.acsevents.org and enter “Willits” into the “Relay events near you” field to get started. It’s easy! You can put together your own fundraising and activity booth on the day of the event, and help us fight all night. For information: Amanda 972-4038, or amandainman89@gmail.com. Thank you from all of us at Relay for Life of Mendocino County!

- Amanda Inman, Relay for Life

Department notified National Transportation Safety Board officials of the accident "by phone and by email," Wilkes said, and "stabilized the aircraft" to ensure there were no fuel leaks or danger of electric sparks from the plane's engine and equipment.

"The NTSB released the plane to the owner while we were there," he added.

The accident closed the airfield, otherwise known as the Willits Municipal Airport, for about two hours, according to airport manager Dan Ramsey

Eleven Little Lake Fire Department personnel, as well as Brooktrails Fire Department units and two Willits police officers responded to the accident.

The Brink's truck then spun out of control and collided with a 2015 Toyota Scion driven by Don Luis Vanmeter, Jr., of Fort Bragg, which was heading east behind the Patriot.

A passenger in the Patriot, Liesel Magnonson of Lebanon, and the driver of the Scion were taken to Howard Memorial Hospital complaining of pain, but were not believed to be seriously injured, the CHP said.

Hanchett, Patricia Vanmeter of Fort Bragg, a passenger in the Scion, Guizado, and Santa Rosan Raul Hernandez, a passenger in the armored car, escaped injury.

This report based on a press release from the California Highway Patrol, Ukiah.

Award of Merit in transportation planning for the Northern California section of the American Planning Association, for her work in designing the City of Fortuna's John Campbell Memorial Greenway and Strong's Creek Master Plan.

Pernell also has worked on the Willits Main Street and Highway 101 Corridor Plan (2015-16), the Covelo/Round Valley Non-Motorized Needs Assessment and Engineered Feasibility Study (2014), the Fort Bragg and South Fort Bragg Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Plan (2010), and the Plan for State Route 96 and Downtown Hoopa (2003).

The plan that she wrote for the Hoopa Indian Reservation was funded by Caltrans in what was described in her resume as "the first grant of its type awarded by Caltrans to a Native American tribe in California. Ms. Pernell helped negotiate precedent-setting language that recognized Hoopa Valley Tribe sovereignty in its contractual relationship with the state."

Pernell's appointment to the planning commission was recommended by Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey. She replaces longtime planning commissioner Jim Little, who retired in June.

Croskey said Pernell recently resigned from the Laytonville Municipal Advisory Committee so she could accept appointment to the planning commission.



New Third District Planning Commissioner Alison Pernell.

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At left: New Fire Chief Chris Wilkes with his family, from left: Kacey Tyler, Kara Wilkes, George Wilkes, Chief Chris Wilkes and his wife, Jaime Wilkes, Debbie Bixler, Kamryn Wilkes, and Cooper Wilkes.

Below: New Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes getting sworn in Tuesday night.

Photos by Roni McFadden

New Willits fire chief sworn in

New Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes was formally sworn in at Tuesday night's Little Lake Fire Protection District board meeting. Wilkes assumed his new position as of July 1, after the retirement of former Fire Chief Carl Magann.

"It is an honor," said Chief Wilkes. "I was born and raised here, I grew up here, and it's my goal to protect the community that I love." Wilkes has worked at the Little Lake Fire Department for 20 years, 15 years as a volunteer firefighter and six years as paid staff.

"[Former Fire Chief] Jeff Smith was like a hero to me," Wilkes said, "and Carl is one of the best firefighters I have ever worked with, and did a wonderful job with the department. I cut my teeth with an amazing group," Wilkes said. "It makes it a lot easier to transition, when you've been in the same system, and the system is good."

Wilkes also praised his "incredible support staff," the and the board of directors, too. "The board and Carl and the previous chiefs before him developed a great strategic plan, and my job is to keep things going as they are. No big changes in store - basically just keeping on moving the fire department into the future."

Little Lake Fire is known around the county for the fast and strong response by Willits volunteer firefighters. "It's pretty rare, even in the county, what we get for a response. That isn't just a tribute to the volunteers, and their time and effort, but it's also a tribute to the businesses that allow their employees to leave to respond to emergencies.

"I think that any small volunteer fire department would love to have the response we have," he said, "and we don't take it for granted."



Weston Riley of Covelo.

Deputies seek Covelo gunman

Police are seeking a 22-year-old Covelo man who allegedly fired shots at two men attempting to help the caretaker of a home in the 23700 Block of Hopper Lane in Round Valley.

Sheriff's Lt. Shannon Barney says the incident began at about 2 am Tuesday when Weston Riley, the son of property owner Monelle

Riley, arrived at the house and demanded the woman caretaking the property while Monelle was out of state caring for a sick relative turn over a vehicle he felt belonged to him.

The caretaker refused to give the younger Riley the keys to the vehicle, Barney says, and he left.

Just before 4 pm, however, Riley returned, again demanding the keys to the vehicle and cursing the caretaker while banging on the front door to the home.

Becoming concerned for her safety, the caretaker telephoned two male friends, ages 65 and 53, who came to her assistance and tried to convince Weston he needed to leave the property.

Weston became angry with the men, Barney said, "produced a small handgun and fired two shots at them. He then ran into a nearby shed and emerged carrying a long rifle."

While the two men were running to their vehicle to leave, Weston reportedly fired two rounds from the rifle at them before the weapon malfunctioned. They fled the property without injury, as did the

Ron Orenstein, Willits



using only non-volatile solvents; a limited number of dispensaries; laboratories and research facilities; distribution facilities; and transportation operations. Only medical marijuana operations will be permitted, and strict operating conditions will be imposed, including the requirement that buildings that house marijuana activities will be totally enclosed and secure, and no odors, noise or objectionable activities will be detectable outside of the building. There must be no impact on the general public. The ordinance includes procedures by which a company will receive an operating license, as well as a process that will revoke a license if any of the conditions of operation are violated.

The next time the city council will have a public discussion of the marijuana ordinance will probably be at the next council meeting on July 26. Be there, or don't complain about the outcome!

of a progress report by Department of Agriculture staff person Jennifer Krauss, who told the supervisors that, as of Monday, July 10, her department had received 580 applications for a permit but had issued only one. In addition, her department had denied 15 applications for a permit.

None of the supervisors asked Krauss why only one permit has so far been issued, and Krauss did not volunteer that information. Krauss was sitting in for Interim Commissioner of Agriculture Diane Curry, who was absent from the meeting due to an urgent family matter. Up until the July 11 meeting, Curry had given the permit program status reports to the board of supervisors.

Pressure from all quarters

After Krauss gave her report, board Chair John McCowen opened up the meeting to public comment. A group of people from the Woody Glen neighborhood, adjacent to Robinson Creek Road to the southwest of Ukiah, came to the podium to decry what they termed an illegal, unpermitted grow that, they alleged, was ruining their community.

The Woody Glen folks named several pending issues they were extremely unhappy with, including increased traffic on their otherwise quiet rural road, the thought that soon the pleasant, forest-fresh odors of their bucolic neighborhood would be laden with the reek of cannabis, and declining property values, as the values that led them to purchase the property in that neighborhood would, they claimed, soon be eroded.

Each of the eight Woody Glen residents who addressed the supervisors asked them to shut down that particular cannabis operation.

After the people from Woody Glen spoke, 10 county residents, most of whom appeared to be cannabis growers or advisors to the cannabis industry, told the supervisors of their unhappiness with the process. One of the speakers was local journalist and, until lately, cannabis farmer Jane Fitcher, who enumerated the many reasons that she and her wife recently decided to leave the cannabis industry.

"Was it learning two months ago, despite four inspections last year - one by the sheriff's department and three by a third-party inspector - that our garage, a perfect drying area, fully insulated and plumbed, would not be usable this year because it is attached to, but not accessible from - our home?"

"Was it the news that we could not let two young volunteers help us for the summer if we did not buy worker's comp insurance for them? Was it learning that the county would require us to provide a wheelchair-accessible restroom with septic and paved parking area for our volunteers? Was it the complexity of the bookkeeping required to track and trace every plant and all expenses and amendments and sprays applied from seed to processed bud to sale to a distributor?"

"Was it the excise tax and the plummeting price of cannabis making the costs of cultivation and permitting seem untenable? Was it a local bank canceling our account because we had a legal cannabis garden? Or was it that you, the board of supervisors, told us that no matter how meticulous we farmers were with our operations and applications, you could not protect us from the federal government should they decide to raid us?"

Fitcher said she and her wife had recently decided to abandon efforts to become legal, permitted cannabis growers. "We were out. We simply did not have the mental, physical and emotional resources to jump through all the hoops," Fitcher said.

Chris Gurr, who described himself as a former Hewlett-Packard sales executive who has spent nearly a million dollars on getting land, equipment, buildings and associated permits to grow cannabis, told the supes he had not yet gotten a permit from the county because the various county departments he has worked with have different philosophies and approaches to meeting the required standards.

"It seems like the Department of Agriculture really wants to issue permits, and they want to do

everything they can to help me get that permit," Gurr said. "Whereas the other agencies seem to be - not so much. They try to find reasons not to give you that permit. There seems to be this disconnect there between the Department of Agriculture, the Sheriff's Office, Planning and Building, and Code Enforcement, where some see it as their responsibility to not issue a permit."

Anna Farnam said that cannabis farmers were being held to a higher standard than other farmers.

"My main concern today is the requirement to have the drying and processing of cannabis take place in commercial facilities," Farnam said. "I believe it is unrealistic and unfeasible to require compliance with these regulations by this fall. Assuming the building department can process 598 applications by this fall, and that the 598 farmers had enough money saved up to suddenly build all these commercial facilities, I don't believe there are enough contractors and builders in the county to have these buildings ready before the crops are ready to be harvested in September," she said.

Farnam used the number 598, because she was applicant number 598: 580 applications pending, 15 permits denied, one permit issued, someone else who submitted an application on Monday morning, and Farnam, who was applicant number 598.

Same old can of worms

After the public spoke, the dialog went back to the board. Supervisor Carre Brown said she was "very disappointed in the process. Three weeks ago we heard there was one permit. That's not fair. That's not right. That's not the way we want the program to be operated."

Brown's feelings were echoed by Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey. "I think we have to change what we are doing. There are more people who are being denied a permit, than have gotten a permit. I think it's time to open our ordinance back up and start making some changes," Croskey said.

After hearing from each of the supervisors, board Chair John McCowen said the time had come to take another look at the ordinance in public session.

McCowen said he wanted to get each of the departments involved with cannabis permitting together to discuss and clarify criteria for approval or denial of permits. He wants to reach clarity on the county's interpretation of Americans with Disabilities Act requirements regarding accessible bathrooms, paved parking spaces and wheelchair-accessible walkways for greenhouses, hoop houses and drying sheds. Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde said it might be time for the board to consider creating a cannabis citizens advisory committee. McCowen said the board would also consider a cannabis-related recommendation announced earlier that day by county CEO Carmel Angelo.

According to Angelo's July 11 CEO Report: "The CEO discussed that cannabis program management with [Interim Director of Planning and Building] Nash Gonzalez, [Interim Commissioner of Agriculture] Diane Curry and [Interim Manager of Planning and Building's Code Enforcement Division] Trent Taylor. After multiple discussions, the CEO plans to present an item to the board of supervisors recommending hiring a cannabis manager and to place the cannabis program in a stand-alone unit."

Angelo's report continues: "The request for proposals for a contractor to develop a cannabis zoning exemption/overlay closed on May 2, 2017. The RFP is currently pending, with intent to award. The executive office is currently in negotiations and will bring the final contract to the board of supervisors."

Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg did not participate in the discussion. Hamburg, who lives across the road from the Woody Glen subdivision, recused himself from the agenda item due to an FPPC opinion that he may have a conflict of interest when the board discusses the medical cannabis ordinance.

board's ad hoc committee.

According to Allman, the initiative will be an improved version of the two initiatives that failed to gain approval by a super-majority of Mendocino County voters in the November 2016 election.

Measure AG, which would have added a half-percent sales tax onto local purchases for five years, would have raised about \$40 million to build a one-stop, all-in-one mental health facility at a yet undecided location in the county. That measure gained 66.22 percent of the vote. It needed 66.66 percent (and one vote) to pass.

A companion measure, Measure AH, consisted of legally required language enabling the California Board of Equalization to collect the higher sales tax and to send the revenue back to Mendocino County.

That language should have been part of Measure AG, but was not. Supervisor John McCowen, who on August 2, 2016 made the motion to put the enabling measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot as a separate ballot measure, called the fact that it had not been incorporated into Measure AG a "glitch."

Measure AH did win a 63.95 percent "yes" vote; however, like Measure AG, it needed a "yes" vote of 66.66 percent (and one vote) to pass, and so it, too, failed by a narrow margin.

Another problem with measures AG and AH was an apparent lack of coordination between Allman and his group and the board of supervisors and the rest of the county's human services and mental health infrastructure.

An executive office report presented to supervisors in July 2016 found that, while the tax would have raised enough money to build a facility, there would be no tax money available to staff the facility, and the county might have to pick up the tab - some \$4.85 million a year - in perpetuity.

After the executive office made its report, Allman accused the county of trying to torpedo the initiative.

According to Allman, the second version of the measure will be one ballot initiative, not two. In addition, it will contain a provision to raise money to pay for staffing.

"The biggest problem of Measure AG was, there was money for infrastructure but no money for staffing," Allman said in a separate conversation with Willits Weekly. "So, in this measure, there will be a half-cent sales tax for five years. Then, after five years, three-eighths of a percent goes away, leaving a one-eighth percent sales tax, added to our regular sales tax, that will remain in perpetuity. That one-eighth of a cent sales tax will be for staffing the mental health facility."

Allman told Willits Weekly he has already been meeting with a hand-chosen committee to lay out the parameters of the initiative and test the winds to see if it will fly. Committee members, according to Allman, include McCowen and Hamburg, employees of the county's mental health division, and a representative of the National Alliance for the Mentally III.

During discussion on Tuesday, Hamburg, who was a critic of Measure AG the last time around, spoke in support of the as-yet-unnamed ballot measure.

"I do personally feel this is a somewhat better measure," he said. "In particular, I feel good that the Health and Human Services Agency has been involved in drafting it, and I think overall the language is somewhat more permissive in terms of the flexibility it will allow from the advisory committee and the board of supervisors.

"We will be presenting it to a much different electorate, and a much smaller electorate than we had in the November 2016 election, but I think we have a much stronger measure and I'm hoping that it will meet with their approval," Hamburg said.

Timelines for county action to place the measure on the November ballot are tight. A resolution including ballot measure language needs to be read by the board twice, at two separate meetings. The board has scheduled board meetings on July 18 and on August 1. After the second reading, the measure needs to be adopted by supervisors and submitted to the county Elections Office by August 11, a Friday.

McCowen said it was likely the initiative would be placed on the supes' agenda for a first reading on the July 18 meeting.

Tarver started the conversation by stating - as confirmed by Gonzalez and Sherman - that neither the City of Willits or Mendocino County has any regulatory authority over mobile home parks, which are regulated by the state of California.

Who the new owner actually is is not clear; all residents' contacts have been with a management company called BoaVida Communities out of San Clemente which announced, via an April 27 letter, that they were "thrilled to inform you that as of April 27 2017, BoaVida Communities has assumed management of your park community."

Residents have received letters announcing a \$60 per month rent increase as of November - and Tarver told attendees Wednesday that a BoaVida representative had told her residents should expect a rent increase every year. In addition, the \$50 monthly "yard discount" that some residents were getting has been eliminated.

Many residents of both mobile home parks are low-income families, seniors or people with disabilities.

Residents are also upset about letters dated July 5 listing alleged violations of the "Park Rules and Regulations" and giving 14 days to "remedy all violations."

"Failure to do so," the letter continues "will result in fines and/or legal action."

"On June 21, 2017, I completed my follow-up inspection," said the letters alleging violations, "and sadly you failed to maintain your home site pursuant to the Park Rules and Regulations."

Residents have been told they can't have child's toys or play stations like swing sets in the front yard unless they take them inside every night; they can't park in the street (or their vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense), and if they weren't keeping their lawns properly mowed, management would charge them "\$300 or \$400" to have a service do it. They've been told they can't have furniture or a kitchen table on their front porch; they must paint their trailers; they must water their lawns to keep them green all summer; they can't have empty planters in their front yard; and they must clear up "clutter" (a mop or broom or tools on the porch for one example) or "non-permitted items."

When Tarver asked the BoaVida Communities representative Drita Bronka on the phone Wednesday morning what "non-permitted items" were, Bronka told her "you ought to know what that is" and "does Mendocino County not understand what a clean community is?" Tarver said there were four others in the room who heard the conversation.

Bronka told Tarver that after the 15-day notice, there would be an additional seven-day notice, and after that, "if you do not comply, you will receive an eviction notice."

When Tarver suggested it would be difficult for trailer park residents to immediately comply because of financial restraints and because, in the Willits area, "painters are booked solid" though the summer, Bronka said she'd be willing to wait to issue an eviction notice if she saw evidence that residents were making "progress" on remedying the alleged violations.

Audience members told stories - in English and in Spanish - about their own predicaments or their neighbors' issues - one said the \$60 rent increase would leave her senior neighbor with "only \$75 for groceries" every month - and they asked questions about things they'd been told. One attendee said she'd received a follow-up notice, but had never received an original notice. Another said the "Park Rules and Regulations" said maintaining the trees was the residents' responsibility - which Tarver, reading from state law governing mobile home parks - said was not true. One resident said she'd gotten a notice about her "overgrown lawn" when her lot was all rock.

Tarver said she'd been told some people had been asked for their Social Security numbers: "That's illegal," she said. "Don't give them your SSN - they have no reason to ask for that, if they're going by your lease."

One attendee asked if the City of Willits could pass a rent control ordinance. Mayor Gonzalez replied that they could, but he didn't know what the "will of the council" would be on that matter. "There are two schools of thought on that," he said. "Some investors won't invest in a town where there is rent control. We need housing, and I will tell you, the government isn't going to build any housing; we need private developers to do that."

City building inspector Sherman told the crowd that, reading one of the letters about alleged violations, he didn't see any citations of regulations or previous agreements that tenants may have signed. When the City of Willits sent letters to residents advising of violations, he said, they cited specific regulations that had been broken.

"Quite frankly," Sherman continued, "I think they're simply trying to bully you - trying to intimidate you into doing something without citing any regulations." Sherman suggested the group should seek legal advice.

Tarver said she was gathering information and documentation and planned to talk to a Legal Aid representative and a disability attorney, as well as making a presentation - hopefully to the new park owners - about the average income levels of the current residents. She also told attendees she was hoping to get help for residents to do some of the repairs and improvements now being required.

Realtor Barksdale stood up to advise residents - since the parks were regulated by the state - to contact Assemblyman Jim Wood and state Senator Mike McGuire, and also to take notes of the date and content of every conversation they had with park representatives, and to look for copies of their rental agreements.

"Is it wrong to tell you to clean up?" Gonzalez asked rhetorically. "No, but to give you such a short time that most people will not be able to comply.... Some of what they're asking may be fair and legal, and some of it may not."

Several commenters stressed the need for solidarity among park residents: "If you stick together, something is going to get done," one woman said. "If you separate into ones and twos, they will blow you off."



HMH's Lamprich Center invites community to Open House and Health Fair this Sunday

By Cici Winiger, HMH

Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital opened a new and expanded facility designed to complement hospital services and become a one-stop shop for everything the community needs to stay healthy. The new facility, the Lamprich Center, which opened a year ago, combines vital services such as Redwood Medical Clinic (primary care), Outpatient Rehabilitation and Howard Pharmacy. The community is invited to an open house and health fair scheduled for Sunday, July 16, where they can meet providers and staff and learn about available health resources right here close to home.

The Lamprich Center, located at 3 Marcela Drive in front of the new hospital, includes an expanded Redwood Medical Clinic, which offers primary care services with 16 private exam rooms and a spacious and comfortable lobby. The bigger space allows for more providers and specialists to see more patients.

Right next to the clinic is Howard Pharmacy, a new community pharmacy that recently opened. Howard Pharmacy is committed to providing exceptional service and expanded services, including home delivery.

"We're so glad to be here to provide a much-needed service," shares Carri Winter, retail pharmacist. "It's great to see familiar faces and know that we are making a difference."

Also located in the Lamprich Center is Outpatient Rehabilitation, which provides physical therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy. Previously located at 88 Madrone Street, the new space offers a bigger gym, state-of-the-art equipment, private rooms, and a comfortable and

spacious lobby. Staff from Outpatient Rehabilitation will be available at the event to provide information about their services, show off their new space and answer any questions from the public. Nancy Molanien, speech therapist, will also offer tips for parents to encourage language development. Rehab staff will also perform free balance assessments to check those that may be at risk for falls.

Physical therapist Julie Garcia says the new space brings many benefits not only to staff but more importantly for patients. "Over the past year, we have been actively expanding our services to meet the growing demands of our community, including hiring a new physical therapist who specializes in pediatric rehabilitation," she adds.

"Our goal has always been to provide the very best care to our friends and neighbors," said Jason Wells, HMH president and CEO, "and we continue to find ways to make that happen. We are excited to be able to offer enhanced services to help our community on their journey to optimum health all in a convenient, single campus location and close to home."

The family-friendly event will also offer health information and screenings for the community. A representative from



Far left: Community members will get a chance to meet and chat with providers and physicians, including, from left: Kim Stevert, FNP, Andrea McCullough, MD, John Glycer, MD and Bev Draudt, FNP at Redwood Medical Clinic during the open house on Sunday.

At left: Makaila Gray, receptionist at the Redwood Medical Clinic, checks in a patient.

Below: The Lamprich Center, located just next door to Howard Memorial Hospital.

Photos by Maureen Moore



the California Highway Patrol will perform Car Seat Safety checks while Mendocino County Public Health will be giving away free bike helmets to children and information about the Safe Routes to School program. Saving Lives Mendocino will teach attendees how to save lives with hand-only CPR, while Avenues to Wellness, part of the Howard Healthcare Foundation, will also be on hand to offer information about their programs.

Participants can pick up a "Passport to Health," fill it with stickers by visiting booths, and enter to win prizes. The Open House and Health Fair is on Sunday, July 16, from 10 am to 2 pm at 3 Marcela Drive in Willits. Parking will be available in the Lamprich Center and in the main hospital parking lot. To learn more about the event or about services offered, please call 459-6801.

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times. Must have been a real workout for the golfers. Was clear out by Lake Emily, on the other side of Lake Emily to Fairbanks near Madrone Drive.

"This whole flat used to be dammed up for a log pond," he explained. "A narrow-gauge railroad used to run through here to transport the logs. Of course, this was originally Pomoland. We still find arrowheads on the course. On July 21, 1962, the course was dedicated to Ray L. Wilson ... still trying to find out who that was. In 1974, the course was designed by Robert Muir Graves, who is quite notable in golf course design and architecture. I believe the course began in 1962, and in 1974, they decided to close the back nine because it was difficult to maintain and being so far away, anyone could just walk on and start to play. So I'm theorizing that back in '74 they hired Robert Muir Graves to redesign it as a nine-hole."

The Grill – open seven days a week, 8 am to 5 pm in the summer, 9 am to 3 pm in the winter – is also undergoing an upgrade. The restaurant offers John Ford Beef and other quality ingredients. They can even make up vegetarian choices upon request.

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Brooktrails Golf Course is located next to the Fire Department and Brooktrails Township Offices at 24860 Birch Street. Call 459-6761, or email brooktrailsgolcourse@gmail.com for more information.

The rest of **Garden** | From Page 5

get, and we're going to try and stock everything that people want and we're going to match the prices of other stores."

According to Tume, Willits Garden Supply will work with local innovative suppliers like Dr. Zymes, an all-woman company from Laytonville. "Their product, Eliminator, helps with mites and other bugs without the use of harmful chemicals. It is totally natural and can be used the day before harvesting."

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Willits Garden Supply, 1569 South Main Street, is open daily from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm. Contact them at 707-956-9382. They hope to have their website, www.willitsgardensupply.com, up and running soon.

The rest of **Businesses** | From Page 1

items purchased recently, that were unable to be found in the 95490.

The list below was created with the idea of, "I have \$100 to spend on [widget], and I wanted to spend that locally, but was unable to find [widget] locally so I ended up buying it online or out of the area" instead.

Perhaps this list could help inspire a new shop idea or be considered by current businesses to include in their inventories. If some of these items are available in Willits, local businesses need to get the word out better on their offerings to help keep local dollars in the town.

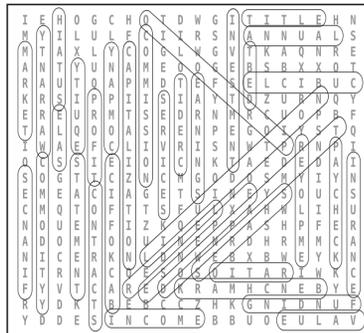
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WW118
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2017-F0457
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Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on June 7, 2017.
s/Macaela Steeles
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WW119
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Willits City Council will conduct a Public Hearing at the Willits City Council Chambers, located at 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, California, on the following matter:

To conduct a review of the proposed increase to water and sewer rates, in compliance with Article XIII D of the California State Constitution and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act.

Information concerning the proposed rates may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk during normal business hours at Willits City Hall, 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, California.

All interested persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.

s/Cathy Moorhead, City Clerk

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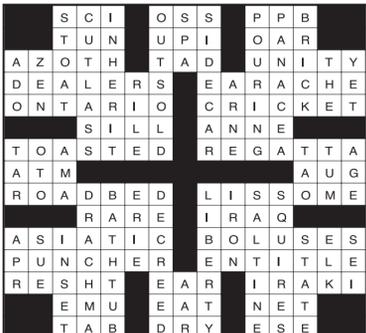
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"Speakeasy IV" at the Willits Community Theatre includes original monologues by Emma Jean Good, Peter Winslow, Bruce Andich, Steve Hellman, Jane Camp, Annie Samson, Peter Smith, Divora Stern and Don Samson.

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Speakeasy IV

Original Monologues Show at WCT July 22 and 23

Back by popular demand, "Speakeasy IV – An Evening of Original Monologues" will be presented in two shows at Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, July 22 at 8 pm and Sunday, July 23 at 2 pm. The original monologues are performed on stage by local people who wrote them.

Coordinator Don Samson says of the "Speakeasy" show, now in its fourth year: "The bold energy generated between the performers and the audience is special. It's amateurs who give it a special spin, people who don't normally perform in front of an audience, so it's dangerous and courageous. The audience encourages the performances. Overall, there's a genuine boldness to it." The monologues presented this year are funny, touching, honest, playful, engaging and often moving. Jane Camp has the most hilarious python story. Peter Smith is offering up a bucket list trip to Nepal he took with his aging father. Divora Stern returns to when she was 16 and escaping from Cleveland on a road in a series of untrustworthy used cars. Steve Hellman recalls how his deceased younger brother was crazy-sweet. Bruce Andich ruins Jim Carrey's acting career. Emma Jean Good wants you to have a piece of her mind, if you don't mind. Peter Winslow looks back through the eyes of a child at the inconsistencies in adult thinking. Maria Gilardin is chasing a story for radio across Nevada in a beat-up old RV – when the story turns and starts chasing her.

Also appearing in the show are Mary Burns, William Walls, Don Samson, and Jed Diamond.

Due to the overwhelming ticket demand for shows the past three years, advance tickets are recommended. Tickets are \$10 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out.

– submitted by Willits Community Theatre

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Coldwell Banker holds Humane Society Pet Adoption Day

The Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County held one of its Willits Pet Adoption Days on Saturday, July 8, at the Coldwell Banker Mendocino Realty parking lot. The volunteers were friendly and excited to be a part of helping pets find new families. All of the dogs and cats were very friendly and sociable – ready to be adopted by good families.

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Two kittens found new homes, and a few people expressed serious interest in some of the dogs, however, none were adopted that day. Bill Barksdale, local Coldwell Banker agent and one of the organizers of the event, commented: "Many families come and see the animals and often go to the shelter a week or so later to adopt

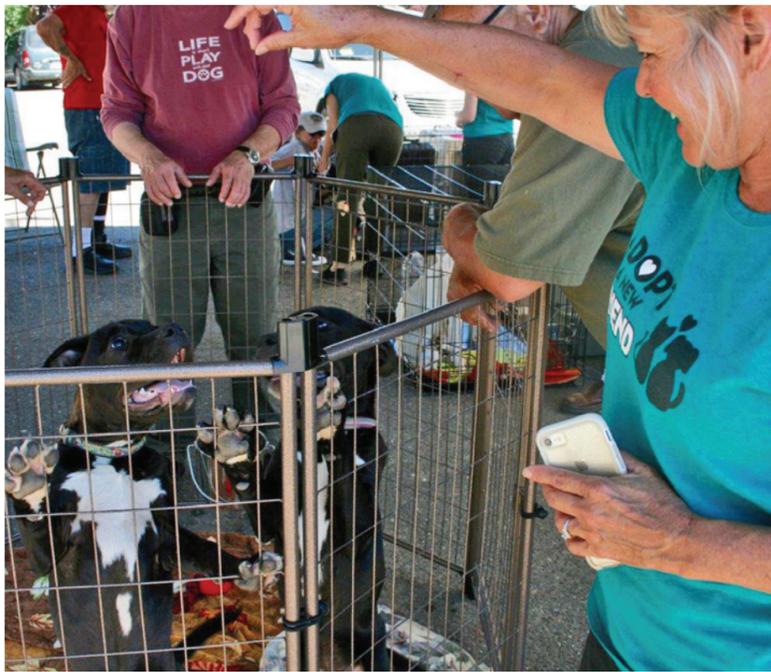
a pet they saw and liked." Maggie Weaver, the HSIMC board president, also confirmed that often the dogs and cats are later adopted at the shelter and not always at the adoption-day event itself. But this event gives local families an opportunity to see some of the sweet animals looking for families, and that is why they do it.

HSIMC is holding a raffle with dozens of prizes, with all proceeds to support the Humane Society. The drawing will be held at their annual Supporter Appreciation Day, featuring a barbeque and open house, on Sunday, July 16 at 1:30 pm, 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Raffle tickets are available for purchase up until the raffle drawing at 3 pm.

Above: The wonderful volunteers who helped make the event happen: from left, Maggie Weaver, Kathy Shipley, Joe Dowling, Mac McAlister, Bill Barksdale, Monica Carnahan, Georgina Guardado and Denise Mattos.

At right: Maggie Weaver plays with brothers Grover and Gus, two pit bull/cattle dog puppies. These two sweet dogs are still looking for a family!

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Furry Friends



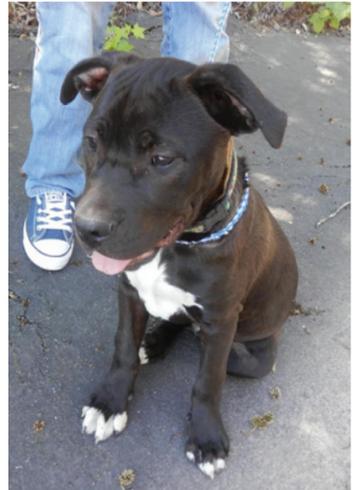
Social Spotty

Spotty is a 3-year-old neutered male, hound-sporting breed dog who weighs 58 pounds. He appeared at a person's house a few months ago, and when they could not find his family, they had him neutered, and he became a member of the household. But he was not a match for them, as he chased their cats and he escaped their fencing! They reported he did very well in their multi-dog household and was house-trained. Like most houndy dogs, Spotty loves to run and get lots of exercise. The family he lived with described him as a "social butterfly."

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

Mellow Gus

Gus is a 5-month-old cattle dog mix who is ready to find his new home. This young man is super sweet and mellow with kisses galore! He and his one remaining littermate, Grover, are handsome, loving and playful. Any family would be lucky to have this dog become a cherished member. He has had all of his shots and is ready to go now! Why put it off any longer?



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

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