

Thanks to Willits Furniture

To the Editor:
The Willits Educational Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful friends at Willits Furniture Center. Throughout our existence, our local furniture store has given our organization their loyal support!

This month, they have honored us with the wonderful billboards gracing Highway 101 at both the north and south entrances to Willits. They have dedicated their July promotion to raise funds that we, in turn, will use to help teachers and programs within our school district.

This is just one more thing that adds to the list of contributions that they quietly and unselfishly make to help people and organizations within our community.

There are so many other businesses that give generously to so many worthwhile fundraisers here in town, including WEF. Please remember that our businesses are all the heart of the town, and SHOP LOCAL!!!

Annette Pinon, president, Willits Educational Foundation

ATV Rodeo cancelled

To the Editor:
Due to unfortunate circumstances, the Safe Pathway ATV Rodeo and BBQ Cook-Off has been cancelled on August 22, 2015. This fundraiser was to support the Safe Pathway transition home we are planning to build in Willits in the near future.

We would like to thank all the people and businesses in our community who have pledged to sponsor this year's fundraising event: the Goss Family, Adam's Tire, Willits Furniture, Savings Bank, Sparetime Supply, Cantua Farmers Insurance of Willits, and thank you to the local businesses who were willing to donate raffle items. Thank you for all your consideration and support.

Bill Rutler, Willits

Looking for HUD housing

To the Editor:
Greetings and salutations. I was born in Ukiah nearly 40 years ago. I am now old enough to tell my own children, of which I have five, about how drastically things have changed in Mendocino County. Buildings and empty lots that have come and gone or have grown into exciting new things. The Fjords sign on the north end of Ukiah that is still standing. I can remember eating there as a kid. The south end of town, where the Skate City sign looked like a laced-up roller-skate.

Simple family history that gets more diminished as I get older and find myself remembering less. Trying to provide the very best for my children and give them an abundance more than what I had when I was a kid.

I went all four years of high school up in Willits. My, how much this little town has changed as well, in the last 20+ years since I graduated in '93. I have ridden the Skunk Train, and I remember when there were only two stoplights. I traveled out of state for college and started a family, but Mendocino County has always been my home.

I am a workaholic, but also have been incredibly blessed to be at home with my little ones when they were babes. I've utilized the Early Head Start program, WIC, food bank, local churches and Daily Bread when I've needed to. I was homeless in 1998 when I moved back to Willits.

Hard work and determination – with help from family and friends – this has been my home since then. Wanting to raise my kids in a small beautiful town full of opportunity and a wonderful community full of friends and family.

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Quite a few family members have passed in the last 10 years. My daddy was a truck driver in these parts for many years. My grandfather a postman in Ukiah and Talmage. My step-dad worked in numerous mills: Masonite, Retch, the mill in Calpella, Branscomb, and finally Microphor here in town. My big financial supporters all gone.

I'm now a single mom with five kids trying to find a 3+ bedroom house for myself and my children. I want to stay in Willits, because this has been home for so long now. Not just for myself, but for my children as well. Even though I was born and raised in Ukiah, Willits is where my heart is.

I've been waiting and trying for over seven years to get a voucher for HUD. I finally got my voucher last year and have been making ends meet on a little over \$600 a month. The owners where I now live no longer take HUD. I've been searching for months now and haven't been able to find anything. The HUD program is a GOOD program. It's guaranteed rent money each month. This can help my family and I finally get on our feet.

The trials and tribulations this year have been so much on my family. Three years ago I was homeless after my divorce, and it tore my family apart. My kids had to stay with friends and relatives.... It wasn't easy on any of us.

We were blessed with this HUD voucher, and have been all together as a family once again. Although now we're going to be torn apart once more. I need to find someone who is willing to rent to me and give my family a home.

I want to put baby pictures back up on the walls to embarrass my teenagers when they bring friends over. A yard for my toddlers to play with bugs, run through the grass, dig in the earth and find treasures. Plant a garden so we can eat fruits and veggies that we've grown ourselves.

I'm hoping someone will read this who has a place, or knows someone who has a home that my family can get into before the 5th of August. This is my last hope. Looking for a miracle....

Misty, Willits

Editor's Note: If you can help, please write Misty at P.O. Box 212, Willits, CA 95490.

Thank you

To the Editor:
On behalf of our staff and the families we serve, I want to thank all of you for your sponsorships and participation in the 17th Annual Phoenix Hospice / Rotary Golf Tournament. Our appreciation also goes out to all the auction item donors and those who lent a helping hand to make this all possible. Through the generosity of many, \$11,743 was raised for hospice. I feel very grateful to be a part of a community that supports the kind of compassionate care we all wish for and deserve. I would like to give a special thank you to: Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, Ukiah Valley Medical Center, Mendo Lake Home Respiratory Services, Verihealth, H & R Block / Lincoln Realty, Brooktrails Golf Course, Myers Medical Pharmacy, Super 8, Buckingham Golf Course, Little River Inn & Golf Course, Holy Child Residential Care Homes, Holy Spirit, Inc., Benbow Historic Inn, Old Mission Pizza, Gary L. Nix, Realtor, Handley Cellars, Dripworks, Redwood Meadows, Celtic Heritage Destinations, Harrah Industries, Body Works Gym, State Farm Insurance / Lisa Epstein, Sheriff Tom Allman, Earl T. Myers, OP, Willits Furniture, Kathy Smith, State Farm Insurance / Jerry Myer, Willits Redwood, SHN Engineering & Geologists, Ann Alumbaugh, Jim Angell & Son, John Cross Architects, Bear Kamoroff, Law Offices of John Smoot, Jerry Turner, Brad Walton, CPA, Bella Vita Hair Salon, Pizza To Go, Gunnink's Harley Davidson, Norge Cleaning & Laundry, Starchild Chocolate, Neary & O'Brien Attorneys at Law, Wowser, Gary Roussan, Pat Johnson, Browns Corner, Tri Counties Bank, Navarro Winery, Rio's Fish & Chips,

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Tammy Long, Marketing/Volunteer Services, Phoenix Certified Hospice

Cell use while driving

To the Editor:
The Office of Traffic Safety and the California Highway Patrol today released a new study showing a 39 percent increase in the percentage of California drivers seen using a cell phone while driving.

"It's shocking that nearly 10 percent of motorists were observed using their cell phones while driving a motor vehicle, a potentially lethal combination," said Office of Traffic Safety Director Ronda Craft. "We will continue our aggressive public outreach campaign and our partnership with law enforcement to educate the public about the dangers of those who drive distracted and put the lives of others at risk."

During the study, which was conducted by the Office of Traffic Safety and the University of California, Berkeley Safe Transportation Research and Education Center, researchers observed motorist behavior. This year, 9.2 percent of motorists were spotted using a cell phone while driving, up from 6.6 percent of drivers in 2014. The highest level recorded since research began was 10.8 percent of motorists using a cell phone in 2012.

During April's Distracted Driving Awareness Month, approximately 250 law enforcement agencies across California ticketed more than 46,000 drivers using a cell phone while driving – roughly double the number of tickets issued during the average month. Although there were fewer citations for hand-held talking on cell phones, law enforcement wrote 35 percent more tickets for texting-while-driving compared to 2014.

"Discouraging drivers from operating a vehicle while distracted is a challenge that law enforcement is faced with year-round," said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow. "By raising awareness through education and enforcement, we are working toward changing the dangerous behavior of using a cell phone while driving – and the purpose is to save lives."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 80 percent of vehicle crashes involve some sort of driver inattention and approximately 3,000 people were killed nationwide last year in collisions involving a distracted driver. Texting takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of five seconds – enough time to travel the length of a football field, essentially driving blindfolded for 120 yards.

A public awareness campaign, "Silence the Distraction," that emphasized how distracting talking or texting can be while driving, accompanied April's law enforcement effort. A tour of 11 community college campuses brought the message of traffic safety with interactive games, information booths and student engagement. The Office of Traffic Safety sponsors television advertisements illustrating how distracting text messages can make it seem like the car is full of demanding people screaming for a driver's attention. Caltrans is also supporting the public outreach efforts with changeable message signs warning about the dangers of texting or talking while driving.

For more information about the dangers of distracted driving, and the ongoing campaign to combat it in California, visit: www.ots.ca.gov/Media_and_Research/Campaigns/Distracted_Driving.asp. The full report can be found at "2015 Cell Phone Observational Survey."

California Office of Traffic Safety and California Highway Patrol, Sacramento HQs



*Bald eagle
Photos by Matt Holzauer*

Willits Wildlife

This bald eagle, above, was spotted south of the Willits city limits on Monday morning, July 20. Bald eagles primarily eat fish, carrion, smaller birds and rodents. This bird was most likely attracted to the area by road kill on US-101. While no other eagle was observed, bald eagles generally remain with each other until one mate dies, then the survivor finds another mate. Bald eagles don't get their distinctive white heads until they are between 4 and 5 years old!

This red-tailed hawk, below, was observed on the Willits grade, just north of Reeves Canyon Road, also on Monday. Redtails do not obtain their brick-red tail feathers until they mature into adults. They are the most widely distributed



Gray fox pup

This gray fox pup, right, was observed in southern Willits on Saturday, July 18. Their range extends from the southern regions of Canada all the way down to the northern parts of South America. The gray fox's ability to climb trees is only shared with one other canid, the Asian raccoon dog. In California, the gray fox primarily eats jackrabbits, rodents and even fruit.

– Matt Holzauer



Red-tailed hawk

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Victoria Hennessy's Summer Recipe:

San Marzano Angel Hair with zucchini and lobster tails

I was inspired to make this meal tonight because the other day was my grandparents' anniversary, and my grandma, who I take care of, was talking about their adventures in Italy and all the delicious food there. One of my favorite tomatoes to grow is the San Marzano, which is a small town near where they used to visit in Italy. And Gram loves seafood, so this is dedicated to their love of travel and food, that also burns deep within me.

– Victoria Hennessy, Leggett

- Ingredients:**
- 5 small garlic cloves (farmers market)
 - 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
 - Fresh herbs (from garden): rosemary, thyme, chive, oregano, cilantro
 - 1 stalk lemongrass (homegrown)
 - Old Bay Seasoning
 - 2 medium zucchini (homegrown)
 - Organic angel hair pasta
 - 6 - 8 San Marzano tomatoes, peeled (or one 28-oz can)
 - 1 stick of butter
 - 1/4 cup garlic balsamic (Mi Distinctive Tastes brand is made locally and available at the farmers market)
 - Salt and pepper
 - Small 3 ounce lobster tails (from Willits Safeway)
 - Parmesan cheese for garnish
 - Red chili flakes for garnish

San Marzano Sauce with Angel Hair Pasta:

Heat olive oil on medium heat for 5 minutes. Add garlic, whole rosemary sprigs, and the rest of the herbs (excluding the lemongrass), roughly chopped. Reserve small amount of mixed chopped herbs for herb butter. Turn off heat and let stand for 10 minutes to infuse flavors. Turn back on medium heat and add tomatoes and balsamic, and let simmer about 2 to 3 hours until reduced in volume and dark red in color. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add pasta plus 1/2 cup of pasta water. Garnish with Parmesan and red chili flakes if desired.

- Herb butter:**
- Melt stick of butter with chopped fresh herbs. Use to top zucchini and to brush finished lobsters.
- Zucchini:**
- Sauté in 1 tablespoon herb butter and a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil until it reaches desired texture and doneness.

Small lobster tails:

Season water with Old Bay Seasoning and stalk of lemongrass. Bring to a boil. Add thawed lobster tails and cook for 3 to 5 minutes (for 1- to 3-ounce tails), 5 to 7 minutes (for 4- to 6-ounce tails) or 10 to 12 minutes (for 10- to 12-ounce tails). When done, cut in half down the back with strong knife and add herb butter.

Do you have a homemade recipe you would like to submit to Willits Weekly? We love sharing delicious dishes from local cooks of all levels! Feel free to send us your favorite summer dish, along with a photo you took, to willitsweekly@gmail.com.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 9

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

Crossword Puzzle

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Stonestreet character
4. What part of (abbr.)
7. 4th Caliph of Islam
8. Boojum tree
10. Ancient Irish people
12. Civil Rights group
13. Celery (Spanish)
14. Ed Murrow's network
16. No (Scottish)
17. Classic dramatic music
19. Former OSS
20. Oven for ceramics
21. The Palmetto State
25. Rapid bustling movement
26. Mauna ____, volcano
27. Ridge of wind-blown sand
29. Brilliantly executed action
30. Alias
31. Head of a large company
32. Bill Nye
39. Sources of otaheite starch
41. Small amount
42. A flat or level surface
43. European cave salamander
44. Nickname for Robert
45. Syrian tablets from 3000 B.C.
46. Lasso
48. Fabrics of camel or goats
49. Old name for an area in Turkey
50. Shock therapy
51. UC Berkeley nickname
52. Partridge Family's Susan
14. Data executive
15. Hot air, trial or party
18. Exclamation of surprise
19. __-magnon - early humans
20. Crest of a hill
22. Two deck rummy game
23. Fruit drink suffix
24. Informal debt instrument
27. Dashes
28. Hawaiian guitar
29. Singer __ Lo Green
31. Spanish hero El __
32. Prima ballerina Karsavina
33. Taxi
34. "You're the Top" composer's initials
35. Colony founded by Xenophanes
36. Talked
37. Undo garment ties
38. Exuberantly creative
39. Meat from a pig (alt. sp.)
40. About illium
44. Blat
47. ' __ death do us part

CLUES DOWN

1. Cocoa beans
2. N.W. Syrian city
3. Environmental condition
4. Actress Zadora
6. Technology Information Center for Administrative Leadership (abbr.)
8. Central Nervous System
9. Not shut or closed
11. Legal action for damages

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Rotary Golf Tournament raises \$11,000+ for Phoenix Hospice

The Willits Rotary Club gave a "big" check for \$11,743.86 to the Phoenix Hospice at last week's Rotary luncheon meeting at the Country Skillet. These were the proceeds of the 17th annual Willits Rotary Golf Tournament, held June 1 at the Brooktrails Golf Course.

"This is the most money that we have ever earned at a golf tournament," said Tammy Long of Phoenix Hospice, who coordinates the event. There were 12 teams participating. The winning team was Willits Furniture's Mike Smith, Randy Weston, Scott Kopman and Ken Knight. In addition to funds the tournament itself raised, there was a silent auction that raised \$1,300, Long said.

But it is the inland Mendocino County families who are the real winners. All

of the \$11,743.86 will go directly to the families Phoenix Hospice serves "so we can give a complete range of care services," Long said. "None of these funds will go to general operating expenses."

Monies raised by this benefit are spent on "durable medical equipment, or medications that insurance companies are refusing to pick up or that are extremely expensive for the families, or for patients who do not have or are not able to qualify for insurance to cover their expenses," Long said. Funds also go toward the Phoenix Hospice's bereavement programs: one in Boonville and one in Ukiah, going on right now, and one in Willits that's ongoing.

"The bereavement program helps families with grief recovery," Long

said, and services are available to any family who has lost a loved one, "regardless of whether they've been on our Hospice program or not," Long said.

Long wanted to thank the Brooktrails Golf Course, which provided lunch, and all the businesses who helped out, including the three major sponsors for the event: Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, Mendo-Lake Home Respiratory Services, and VeriHealth, Inc. She is looking forward to planning for next year's 18th annual event.

For more information about Phoenix Hospice and the services they offer, visit www.adventisthealth.org/howard-memorial/pages/services/hospice-care.aspx or call 459-1818.



At top, left: Ukiah Valley Medical Center's golf team, from left to right: David Weiss, associate vice president of Operations; Scott Abildgaard, director of Perioperative Services; Aaron Vixie, regional director of Operations; and Luis Pastor, physical therapist at UVMC.

Howard Hospital's golf team, from left to right: Darcy de Leon, executive director of Human Resources; Dennis Long, Spiritual Care director; CEO Rick Bockmann, and Chris Sauder, vice president of Finance / CFO.

Jim Hardin, past president of the Willits Rotary Club, left, and Tom Herman, current Rotary president.

Above, left: Tom Herman, president of Willits Rotary, at left, and Dr. Charlie Hott, Phoenix Hospice medical director, and Tammy Long of the Phoenix Hospice, pose with the "big check" at last week's Rotary luncheon.

Above, right: Dr. Charlie Hott, medical director of Phoenix Hospice.



2015 teams and their activities at Relay for Life

- Team: Butterflies
- Team: Fruit Loops
- Activity: Fightback Booth including Pledge Cards
- Team: Geiger's Long Valley Market 1 & 2
- Team: Geiger's Long Valley Market, Inc. 2
- Team: HMH Jockeys
- Team: Lucky Birds
- Team: Me, Myself and I
- Team: Mendo 4 Life
- Activity: Fruit Salad and Lemonade
- Team: Miracles in Motion
- Activity: Raffles: Quilt, large Food Basket and Fabulous Performance of the Song "Miracles in Motion"

Join us at the family-friendly free event: Relay For Life of Willits, Saturday, July 25 through Sunday, July 26, in Recreation Grove.

The Opening Ceremony is set for 10 am on Saturday morning, followed by the Survivor Ceremony and the Survivor and Caregiver First Lap. This is the largest fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, with Relay events taking place around the world. Free to attend, but bring money to spend!

Some of the featured entertainment on stage will include:

- Cardio Music/Workout with Judy Coughlin

- Guided Meditation with Jennifer Miller
- Youth Group Singers performance with Nicolas Canaday
- Malakal Indie Music with Pan Flute and Guitar
- Sheriffs Activities League Karate Kids Martial Arts Kick-A-Thon
- Katie Mulhauser, Folk Guitar
- Karaoke
- Practical Self-Defense Instruction with Sensei Mike Tobin

Teams will also have a large variety of activities at their booths.

followed by a Silent Lap, as we remember and honor those we have lost and those who have survived cancer.

One way that our community benefits from the funds raised is the "Road to Recovery" program, which helps local patients get to treatment. There is a local program we would like to get going called "Look Good Feel Better," which works with women who have lost their hair through chemotherapy.

The American Cancer Society's 1-800-227-2345 line hooks people up with services and information.

The Luminaria Ceremony starts at 9 pm Saturday,

Relay For Life this weekend!

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The rest of Planters From Page 1

later, at 3:28 am, and "observed damage to potted plants and planter boxes" on Main Street, as well as "garbage cans knocked over down South Main Street to about the 400 block."

Officers continued searching for the reported suspect, and after finding a man matching the description near the railroad trestle behind Safeway, arrested him for outstanding warrants and unrelated open charges.

WPD Sgt. Jon Anderson told Willits Weekly that "important cooperation from business owners" as well as video from a community surveillance camera "led us to additional investigational leads" and the identification of a couple of additional victims on Main Street, beyond the immediate damage to planters. "The help we get from the community and the media is always appreciated," Sgt. Anderson said.

Officers cleaned up some of the mess in the dark, including picking up knocked-over patio furniture at It's Time and the knocked-over garbage cans.

Businesses whose planters were broken or damaged include Adam's Restaurant, Cat's Meow/Trillium, Mazahar and Nikos Gyro Shop.



Above, left: Adrian Fisher, who owns Niko's Gyro Shop with his wife, Evelyn, gives his official thumbs down to the Tuesday morning mess in front of the shop.

Above, right: Terra cotta planters in front of Mazahar were badly broken.

<p>57 East Commercial Street - Willits 707-459-NOYO (6696) www.noyotheatre.com</p> <p>Starts Friday, July 30th: Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation</p>	<p>PIXELS in 2D & 3D</p> <p>(PG 13) 1 hr 45 mins Daily-Thurs: (2D) 12:45 & 5:45pm (3D) 3:15 & 8:15pm</p>	<p>ANT-MAN in 2D</p> <p>(PG13) 1 hr 57 mins Daily-Thurs: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30 & 8:00pm</p>	<p>MINIONS in 2D</p> <p>(PG) 1 hr 31 mins Daily-Thurs: 12noon, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00pm</p>
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Movie Times for 7/24 thru 7/30 This Week's Tightwad Tuesday Titles are in RED - All tickets: \$5

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Thursday, July 23

Healthy Harvest Workshops: Fermentation: "Want to learn new ways to use local, seasonal ingredients? Have you always wondered how to ferment? Join Michelle Costa of Mendocino Fermented Foods, along with cook and gardener April Cunningham of North Coast Opportunities (NCO), for a Healthy Harvest Fermentation Workshop at the Little Lake Grange. Learn to make sauerkraut and beet kvass." 2 to 4 pm at the Little Lake Grange in Willits. Cost is \$20 to cover the cost of farmer's produce, including produce to take home; all other material provided. Ask about getting a special class together for your group or organization. Contact April Cunningham to register at acunningham@ncoinc.org or 707-467-3212.

Community HU Song: "In our fast-paced world, are you looking to find more inner peace? Join us for a Community HU Song, Thursday, July 23, at 6 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street. HU (pronounced "hue") is a simple, uplifting prayer or mantra that can help you experience divine love and an inner calm. All faiths are welcome." Sponsored by Eckankar: Experience the Light & Sound of God. Information? Please call 972-2475 or visit www.miraclesinyourlife.org.

'Growing Grains in Mendocino County': Doug Mosel of the Mendocino Grain Project speaks at 8 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. "Doug is a dynamic speaker who will be talking about his project, the economics of grain production in Mendocino County, and the role of Grange Grains. There will be time for questions and conversation with Doug after the presentation. This event is free and open to the public." Visit <http://mendocinograin.net/> for more info.

Shanachie Pub: twice-monthly 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 24

Shanachie Pub: Scott Ireland of Bug Guts and Blue Sky Pie. 8 pm. No Cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Close-E-Nuf: "Come and get up close and personal with Clos-E-Nuf, at the Lodge Bar & Lounge, formerly Brooktrails Lodge, 24675 Birch Street. This collection of seasoned musicians will provide entertainment and a solid backdrop for any aspiring musician or vocalist to take the stage for a chance to be in the show! Sign ups begin at 7:30 pm."



Saturday, July 25

Weekend Plant Sale: to benefit the Willits Center for the Arts. Gardener Devi Chase will be offering 16 varieties of perennial flowers, 16 varieties of annual flowers, 12 varieties of herbs, and also lettuces. 363 Boscabelle Avenue, between San Francisco and East Valley. 10 am to 4 pm. Last two dates: Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26.

Relay for Life: Relay For Life Willits 2015 is set to start at 10 am Saturday, July 25, and will continue through 10 am Sunday, July 26, at Recreation Grove Park. Registration is free; the public is welcome, and "all cancer survivors are welcome as our honored guests." Booths, fun, entertainment, raffles, food and beverages. "Come by to be inspired and educated. Remember: Celebrate and fight back!" More info at www.relayforlife.org/willitsca. Or call 1 800-227-2345. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. See article on page 4 for more details about what activities the Relay teams are offering.

Free Bridge Lessons: Free bridge lessons at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Deadly Defense" for students with basic bridge skills. Learn strategies to defeat the opponents' contract. Saturdays through August 22; 10:15 am to 12:15 pm at the Library Conference Room. For more info call Donna, 459-9035.



NORTH COAST OPPORTUNITIES & GROWN LOCALS
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Healthy Harvest COMMUNITY COOKING WORKSHOPS

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FERMENTATION WORKSHOP with Michelle Costa of Mendocino Ferments

PLACE Little Lake Grange, Willits

DATE: Thursday, July 23rd

TIME: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

\$20 for produce, recipes and a bounty to take home. All other materials provided. SPACE IS LIMITED!!

Join Michelle Costa of Mendocino Ferments and April Cunningham

For more information and to reserve your spot today! acunningham@ncoinc.org or (707) 467-3212

FOOD PREP NCO NORTH COAST OPPORTUNITIES GROWN LOCAL

Free Summer Meals for Kids: A healthy breakfast and lunch are provided free to children 0-18 years old regardless of income. Available Monday to Friday, through August 14. Blosser Lane Elementary, 1275 Blosser Lane. 8 to 8:30 am for breakfast; 11:30-12 noon for lunch. Questions? Call Willits Unified School District Nutrition Services, 459-7700 ext. 1554.

Mendo-Lake Food Hub

North Coast Opportunities' new Mendo-Lake Food Hub is opening Thursday, July 23, with a ribbon cutting ceremony from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, at Wowser, 330 East Commercial Street. The community is invited to attend.

The Food Hub is accepting orders and delivering local produce to local restaurants, retailers and schools. The Food Hub manages aggregation, storage and distribution for local farms and connects producers with buyers. Local food producers upload the produce they have available for sale via a web-based system. Buyers select from the available crops and place their order. Farmers drop their produce at their closest available cold storage "node."

These refrigerated containers are strategically placed throughout Mendocino and Lake counties including locations in Ukiah, Willits, the Coast, Lakeport, and Anderson Valley. The Willits node will be stored in a secure location at Wowser. Mendocino Coast Produce will pick up the produce and distribute to buyers.

During the ribbon cutting ceremony, there will be short presentations from local farmers and buyers who are participating in the Food Hub. There will also be hors d'oeuvres available. Wowser's Espresso Yourself Café will be open and serving local coffee and tea.

If you're a farmer or a business looking for local produce, if you're interested in forming a buyer's club for personal use, or if you simply want to support these efforts, please come join in on the evening of July 23 at 330 East Commercial Street in Willits to celebrate building a resilient local economy.

Redwood Empire Fair

August 6 to 9 at Ukiah Fairgrounds

It's almost time for the 2015 Redwood Empire Fair, at 1055 North State Street in Ukiah, from August 6 through 9. Come see exhibits and entries from locals, ride carnival rides, and see the livestock. Family fun for all ages. This year's theme is Western Round-Up! Admission is \$9 for adults, and \$7 for children aged 6 to 12, for seniors 65 and over, and for parking. The fair is open 3 pm to midnight on Thursday and Friday, noon to midnight on Saturday, and noon to 11 pm on Sunday. More info: 462-FAIR.

Last Call for Volunteers for Reggae on the River 2015



CeCile and Katchafire, at right.

"There are a few positions left for Reggae on the River 2015, Thursday, July 30 through Sunday, August 2, but we are almost full! If you or your friends are interested in volunteering, please go to the website at www.mateel.org and fill out an online application. You can also contact Tanya Malley for more details at 707-923-3368 or email volunteers@mateel.org."

What's Happening Around Town

Close-E-Nuf

Shanachie Pub: Singer/Songwriter Ky Burt, 6 pm, and House of Wrongs DJ Night, featuring Podge and Friends, 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

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.

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 high-energy pure Scottish music, with world-class fiddling in combination with bagpipes, guitar, bodhran, and whistle. Their show marks the release of their second CD, "The Fire," which showcases their stylistic expertise, technical prowess, and musical passion. Advance tickets are \$15 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 available at the door until sold out.

Sunday, July 26

Relay for Life: Final hours this morning through 10 am, including Closing Ceremony, at Rec Grove Park. See Saturday, July 25 listing for details.

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: every fourth Sunday breakfast at the Little Lake Grange, 8 to 11 am. With live music! Come see the Grange's newly refinished floor! Choose Sourdough Wholegrain or Hank's Famous Buttermik Pancakes, Beeleer's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs made to order, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$7; \$6 seniors; \$4 under 10. Extra sides of organic fruit in season or Amish maple syrup. \$1. 291 School Street (two blocks south of Commercial, 1 block west of 101).

Weekend Plant Sale: to benefit Willits Center for the Arts, at 363 Boscabelle Avenue. See Saturday, July 25 listing for details.

Tuesday, July 28

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad Tuesday movies: "Ant-Man" (in 2D) and "Minions" (in 2D). For showtimes, visit: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Thursday, July 30

31st annual Reggae On The River: four-day festival starts today, featuring dozens of musical acts, more than 60 vending and non-profit booths, camping, and Kidlandia. Visit the festival website at <http://reggaeontheriver.com/> for the full schedule and music videos by performers. Headliners tonight are Fortunate Youth and King Jammy.

Shanachie Pub: Singer/Songwriter Night, with Dennis Chrisp & Friends. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, July 31

31st annual Reggae On The River: four-day festival features dozens of musical acts, more than 60 vending and non-profit booths, camping, and Kidlandia. Visit the festival website at <http://reggaeontheriver.com/> for the full schedule and music videos by performers. Headliners tonight are Protoje & The Indiggnation and Cham.



"A Rural Life": Last chance to see 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

Shanachie Pub: with Redbud, "Mendocino Homegrown Music: Original Rock, Blues, Pop, Reggae, Ska & more." 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, August 1

Book Signing and Poetry Reading: Liam UíCearbhaill's Poetry's Purpose: The poet will be reciting his verse and signing his new collection at 101 Donuts & Burgers. Donuts, Coffee, and Poetry! Saturday August 1, 2015 from 8:30 am to noon. 1661 South Main Street, #B.

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Sunday, August 2

31st annual Reggae On The River: closing day of the four-day festival featuring dozens of musical acts, more than 60 vending and non-profit booths, camping, and Kidlandia. Visit the festival website at <http://reggaeontheriver.com/> for the full schedule and music videos by performers. Headliners tonight are Nahko and Medicine For The People and Alborosie & Shengen Clan.



Claws for a Cause Saturday, September 5

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

A live Maine lobster and filet mignon dinner is planned for the evening of September 5, 2015. This event, a combined effort of the Ridgewood T.R.A.I.L. Riders Association, Willits Rotary Club and South Ukiah Rotary Club, will be an evening to remember. The evening will feature dinner, live music by "The Bassics," appetizers, local wines, beer, live and silent auctions, site tours and a heartwarming video. The setting is at the charming Charles Howard House lawn, with tables surrounding the life size bronze statue of the legendary racehorse, Seabiscuit. All proceeds will benefit T.R.A.I.L.

Tickets for this exceptional event are \$80 per person and are limited. Tickets are available at Willits Furniture Center, 775 Central Avenue in Willits, 707-459-4224, and at The Mendocino Book Company, 102 South School Street in Ukiah, 707-468-5940. If you would like to be an event sponsor or if you would like to make a donation, contact Willits Rotarian Mike Smith, 707-972-2471 or South Ukiah Rotarian Beth Schwarz, 707-391-7049.

WCT seeks scripts

Willits Community Theatre is seeking original, one-act play scripts for a festival of plays to be staged in December. Scripts should be around 10 minutes in running length and be original and un-produced. The play action must be set in or involve reference to the winter holiday or winter season. Minimal props will be allowed. The submission deadline for scripts is September 1. Directors will then select eight plays from those submitted for casting, production and staging on December 4, 5, 6, 10, 11 and 12. Electronic submissions are preferred. For further information or to submit a script, contact Jason Edington at jedington@outlook.com or Jason Edington at Willits Community Theatre, P.O. Box 80, Willits, CA 95490.

Farm to Table Benefit Dinner: The Lovin' Mama Farm to Table Benefit Dinner is set for Sunday, August 2 at 4:30 pm at the Frey Winery, 14000 Tomki Road in Redwood Valley. Enjoy a delicious, 100 percent Mendocino Farm to Table dinner created by Olan and Lia Cox of Mendough's Wood Fired Catering. Music by Way Out West (country swing and bluegrass). All proceeds to help Lovin' Mama Farm move to the Willits area. Tickets are available in Willits at Green Uprising Farm's stand at the Willits Farmers Market and at J.D. Redhouse. For more information, check www.lovingmamafarm.com.



The Lovin' Mama Farm Family

COLUMN | At the Movies



'Minions'

The Story: The Minions, being by nature minions, are in a desperate search for the ultimate bad guy to serve; they find Scarlet Overkill (excellently voiced by Sandra Bullock), and Things, as Things are wont to do, don't go smoothly ... all of which leads to a noisy tumult of explosions, shootings, toppling buildings and screeching disasters emulsified by a soundtrack of rock music drawn from the '60s.

My Thoughts: If this animated feature had never been made, the movie-going public probably wouldn't have lost much. But to its credit, "Minions" is quite funny, especially the peculiar pigeon English (?) that Minions chirp at each other.

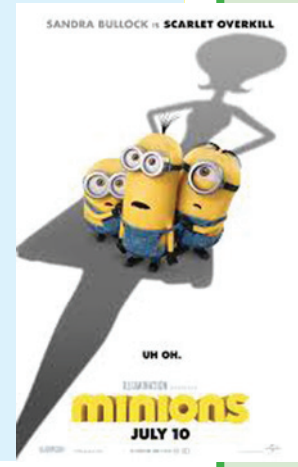
Also, the solid animation will smack you in the eyes. Though I did not see "Minions" in 3-D, I expect the visual humor would be even more startling.

Bottom line: It's funny, and every person that I've spoken to who has seen "Minions" has laughed and found the flick enjoyable.

Parents: Sure, why not ... the clumsy, but well-intentioned Minions are prone to exotic mishaps, a clumsiness with which growing children will identify and will find reassuring.

Notes: There is a review of "Minions" which criticizes Sandra Bullock, the very same Ms. Bullock whom I found extraordinarily fine ... go figure.

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



Harwood Memorial Park, Inc.
78th Annual

Old Timers Baseball Game
Saturday, August 15th, 2015
@ Harwood Park

Laytonville vs. Willits

BBQ @ 11:00 am
Chicken, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beans & Salads, Desserts and Drinks

Opening Ceremonies @ Noon
Community Member Awards

Baseball Game @ 1:00 pm
To Play Contact Deber Dodd in Laytonville & Steve Spackman in Willits

Old Timers Softball Game to follow
Contact Shannon Ford if interested

Ongoing Events

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 pm, with dancing to follow from 8 to 9 pm. Singles and couples and all ages are welcome. Caller/teacher Lawrence Johnson. Singles and couples and all ages are welcome. \$20/month (to help pay the caller), with young dancer scholarships available. Questions? Contact Emmy Good at Emmy@pacific.net or Jenny Watts at Wattsup@gmail.com.

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

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

Cards and Games at Willits Library: free games in the Willits Library's Community Room. Tuesday bridge sessions from 1:30 to 3:30 pm; Thursday bridge sessions from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Saturday free bridge classes, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm, for new and review students. New "Deadly Defense" free bridge classes for students with basic bridge skills. 10:15 am to 12:15 pm; Saturdays through August 22, starting July 18. Info on bridge: Donna at 459-9035. Chess: Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 pm; 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 HHM 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, Teens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

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

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

Laytonville Summer Farmers Market: Mondays from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Buy local: vegetables, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, crafts, hot soup, baked goods, and more.

Caltrans to host public meeting to discuss herbicide use

Thursday, August 13

Caltrans will host a public meeting to discuss the use of herbicides on the Willits Bypass mitigation parcels. The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street, tentatively from 6 pm to 8 pm. More meeting details will be provided over the next few weeks. Preliminary details of the need for herbicide use can be found in a previous blog post, "Eliminating invasive blackberry on Willits Bypass mitigation parcels." As they become available, more details will be posted on the project blog and on Facebook: <https://willitsbypass.wordpress.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/CaltransD1>

- Phil Frisbie, Jr., Caltrans public information officer for Lake and Mendocino counties

Senior Center Lunch

Week of July 27 through July 31

Monday: Tamale Pie
Tuesday: Hamburger on a Bun (Salad Bar available)
Wednesday: Roast Pork
Thursday: Cod (Salad Bar available)
Friday: Birthday Dinner, with Turkey, Gravy and Stuffing and Cake.
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, entrée, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.



It's been quite a year at the North Street Collective!

It's been a fantastic second year at the North Street Collective. Artists Nishanga, Nina, Mike, Lynea, Noel, Lane, Natasha, Tim, Duke, Robin, Alana, Lisa, Melany, Fernando, Whitney, and nearly 100 other volunteers, guests, friends and visitors worked and laughed and made music and talked and explored and gardened and gazed at the stars together here at 350 North Street in Willits.

Natasha Hoehn
Contributing Writer

North Street's mission is to provide creative people with time, space and inspiration to pursue their ideas. We offer a place to work creatively in a way that is informed by and responds to our local surroundings. Everyone involved at North Street comes from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines, or is working experimentally across several disciplines, including traditional visual and performing arts, social justice, agriculture, and science.

Our programs are designed to stimulate innovative exploration while providing a platform for local residents and visitors to engage with the art community and with each other. Our residencies, workshops, showcases and other programming offer multiple points of access into modes of expression and ideas.

As we explore sustainable economic, social and environmental practice through creative innovation, we

seek to contribute positive activity and economic development to the town and region. Over time, our vision is that the town of Willits, California thrives as a beacon of energy, ideas and opportunity, where creative thinkers have time to play, experiment, explore, research, develop, reflect, work, produce, recharge, see, grow, exchange and, simply, be.

Not a week went by... without a new idea or experience coming to life here at North Street this year (check the website www.northstreetcollective.org for more info about each of these projects):

Lynea imagined a new narrative between humans and trees.

Nishanga inspired a movement on peak eating experiences.

Nina watched the steam rise from the railroads and created a living mandala to local history.

Melanie memorialized living moments through botanical printmaking and choreographed the perfect winter garden.

Fernando asked us, "Why not just love?"

Duke and others built a legacy at the Kids Club.

Alana invented a new line of soaps and beard oils.

Noel asked, what can be made from a Douglas fir tree? Again and again and then again.

Natasha sought to listen to the voices of the present and of the past, and so we launched the North Street Podcast. (Posted July 1, "The Soul of Willits: A 'Conversation' with Grandma Mavis," a biographical narrative of the life of Willits' Grandma Mavis Bromaghin, who lived in the North Street home that is now North Street Collective.)

Tim made flutes and guitars. That's worth repeating: Tim made flutes and guitars.

Estok bought light into the house with suntubes and a firm commitment to sustainable and locally sourced building. Thanks to him, the gallery, bathrooms,

bedroom, and kitchen are a work of art in and of themselves – with more to come!

Eli offered deep words of wisdom while sourcing local woods.

Robin sat us in the garden and reminded us of the inter-connectivity of all things.

Students and community from around the county gathered for a design charrette to imagine the next phase of work here and offer their ideas and input.

Natasha flew to Omaha to learn from artist communities around the globe and bring new ideas back home.

We took a community field trip to the coast to visit the artisan village and local galleries on the other side of the county.

We planted and pickled and canned and pruned and harvested and served meal after meal made entirely from the garden, and the things growing kept on thriving, and the well kept on flowing – even in the face of the worst drought in memory.

Whitney tended the Annabelles, as they dutifully laid their eggs. Every day.

Mike hosted North Street's first movie nights, thoughtfully leading the discussions and making sure everyone had a taste of his signature popcorn.

New dad Ian Umeda showcased the artists and their work through a brand-new North Street website – just as his son was being born!

Lauren from Community Initiatives inspired us to take our conversations to social media platforms. So we did! #northstreetcollective



At top, left: Etta & Billie limited edition Douglas fir soap and beard oil – made in Willits.

Photo by Jennifer Poole

At top, right: Music at the Spring Showcase.

Photo by Rachel Kanonchoff

Above: Natasha Hoehn at the North Street Collective's Spring Showcase.

Below: Sawdust was available for use in garden beds.

Photos by Jennifer Poole



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Need help with your computer? I will come to your home or business. PC and Macintosh. Repairs and configuration \$35/hr. Tutoring \$15/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email macamergn@yahoo.com.

Community HU Song
In our fast-paced world, are you looking to find more inner peace? Join us for a Community HU Song, Thursday, July 23, at 6 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 E Commercial Street. HU (pronounced hue) is a simple, uplifting prayer and an inner calm. All faiths are welcome. Sponsored by Eckankar: Experience the Light & Sound of God. Information? Please call 972-2475 or visit www.miraclesinyourlife.org.

For Sale
For Sale: All items \$100. Black leather couch, Lazyboy recliner, washer & two dryers: 1 gas, 1 electric, dining table w/4 chairs, bar w/4 bar stools, C02 beer refrigerator, entertainment center, 42" flat screen TV, plus more. Call 354-5350 for more information.

The Fruit Group
Pesticide-free fruit by the field lug.
Tomatoes, \$27
Yellow and white freestone peaches & nectarines, \$25
Next truck July 9, then every other week until fruit runs out. Order by the Sunday before.
Willits: Brenda, 459-9335
Ukiah, Potter & Redwood Valley: Deanna, 391-7736
Laytonville: Heather, 984-7430
Lakeport: Linda, 279-8840
Fort Bragg: Karen, 937-4664
Brooktrails: Toni & Rene, 513-3640
Covelo: Jennifer, 354-0579

Help Wanted
Seasonal Laborer – City of Fort Bragg
Performs semi-skilled tasks in construction, repair, installation and maintenance of City public works facilities, buildings and grounds. Temporary position. Applications available at City Hall, 416 N Franklin St, Fort Bragg, CA 95437 or online at <http://city.fortbragg.com/>. Filing Deadline: OPEN UNTIL FILLED. EOE/AA/ Drug Free Workplace.

Help Wanted
Administrative Assistant – Community Development
The City of Fort Bragg is accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant – Community Development. For job description, requirements & application, visit <http://city.fortbragg.com/>. Submit application & resume to City Hall, 416 N. Franklin Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437 (707) 984-6414; Laytonville Unified School District, PO Box 868, Laytonville, CA 95454.

Health Tech/Secretary Registrar: 6 hours per day, 5 days per week. Salary Range: \$11.26-15.57/hour. Application Deadline: Open Until Filled.

Indian Education Program Coordinator: Seeking a qualified individual for the 2015/16 school year to coordinate Native American cultural activities in the Laytonville Unified School District. This position involves working closely with the local Cahto Tribe and the school district. Certified teacher preferred, but not required. Stipend Position: \$2,000. Application Deadline: Open Until Filled.

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Help Wanted
Caretaker/handyman position available on 7 acre ranch in Laytonville. Work in exchange for rent and utilities. Housing provided-one bedroom mobile. Responsible, honest, self-starter needed. Love of animals a must! 707-353-0090, 9 am-6 pm.

Help Wanted
Two retail sales positions available now at Mazahar and The Goods Shoppe. Priority to long term, and experience a must! Apply with resume at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, Willits.

Housekeeper Wanted
Experienced housekeeper needed twice a month for a home with two residents. Must have references. Se habla español. Call Susan at 707 972-6422.

Piglets for Sale
Born middle of May. \$150 each. Sow for sale, 18 months old. Great breeder. \$350 / obo. Call Shelly: 972-6160.

RV/Trailer Space for Rent
Space for RV's and Trailers \$390 per month, includes water & garbage. Close to Safeway in Willits. Call Rhonda (707) 367-6178. See at <http://www.oakvine.net/lp/>

SEWING AND ALTERATIONS
Seamstress and Sewing Teacher Barbara Carlson
Visit my webpage: Zibergirl.com
707-367-6182, Willits

Volunteers Wanted
Frank Howard Memorial Hospital is looking for positive members of the community to volunteer in various departments of the hospital. Hours: flexible and can include weekends. More info? Call 456-3245.

Volunteers Wanted
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Team: Northbrook Healthcare
Activity: Bra Pong, Henna Tattoos, a Raffle, Face Painting, Dessert after Dinner and Late Night Hot Dogs

Team: Oldies But Goodies
Activity: 50/50 Raffle with great handmade items and Rubber Ducky Dime Toss

Team: Team England
Activity: Handsome, hand-made Redwood Table up for ????

Team: Team High Hopes:
Activity: Survivor Booth and Raffles of some fabulous items, Survivor Brunch

Team: Team Lady Bea's:
Activity: Luminaria Booth and Raffles

Team: The Bead Ladies
Team: Walking in Faith For A Cure UPC
Team: Willits Lion's Club

Activity: Hot Cocoa and Coffee for nighttime walkers and the famous Lions Club Breakfast – free for registered participants and survivors, slight charge for observers.

Team: Willits Body Works Gym Team 1 & 2
Activity: Hot Dog Lunch, Handmade Stuffed Bears for silent auction, Splatter word posters and a Karate Kick-A-Thon

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The rest of **Collective** | From Page 8

Together, we celebrated creativity at Spark, North Street's first fundraiser and community party.

Lane imagined a new arbor over the pond, then serenaded us with live music from the heart. Acoustic guitars in the gallery is one of the sweetest sounds we know!

Looking ahead
We are busy planning for an exciting year ahead. Two main questions drive our work for the next 12 months, in 2015-2016:

- A core of sustainability: How can we use what's already right here around us to create and build our mission and support each other's work?

- A sense of belonging: what does a vibrant, creative community look like, and what does it need to thrive?

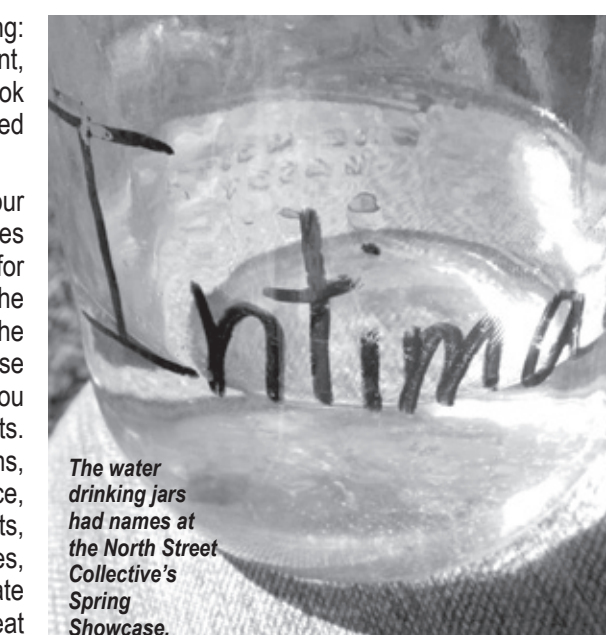
We'll be launching our first long-term residencies this fall. Stay tuned for information about the application process in the coming months, and please spread the word should you know of interested artists.

With all our programs, residency, apprentice, affiliated artist, events, workshops and classes, our goals are to create compelling work, bring great people together to do the work and learn from each other, and document this work to share with others and inspire new ideas, new questions, new action.

So far, the 2015-2016 calendar is shaping up to look something like this:

- Midsummer Workshop: August
- Mendocino Craft Week Events: October 2-11
- Winter Showcase: December
- Winter Workshop: March
- Spring Showcase: May

We'll also be scheduling solo shows for our resident artists, movie nights, dinners, pop-up classes and other events, so please



The water drinking jars had names at the North Street Collective's Spring Showcase.

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negotiate a different timeframe, given that the leaky water line needed to be replaced before any new paving was put down.

The Della project "is going pretty well," Wilburn said. "It has not been without its challenges. We're replacing old 4 inch steel line that's many years past its design life – it's rusted – with 5 inch PVC plastic piping. We've encountered probably about five leaks where the existing line is leaking. We've had to fix leaks as we go along, and as we fix them, more leaks spring up next to our repairs. On Wednesday night [last week] we had to have two guys come out at 1 am to fix a really severe leak." The existing line must be kept in usable shape until the plastic pipe is all installed and tested, "so everybody still has water," Wilburn said.

The \$400,000 Della project is mostly being done in-house: "We have people from the water department, sewer department, and the public works maintenance crew out here working together to get this project done," Wilburn said. Mendocino Construction Services and Wipf Construction have also helped out.

Force account projects are usually limited to \$40,000: "For a while I didn't think [the Della project] was going to happen: You don't just put together a \$400,000 project in that amount of time," Wilburn said, "but given the job conditions, it turned into essentially an emergency: We needed to get in there to fix it before they paved it."

In April, city crews replaced the water line from Commercial Street to State Street, and saved about \$125,000 by doing the job in-house.

Is this a trend toward in-house work by the City of Willits? "It's been a matter of some discussion over the last six months, realizing, 'hey you know what, we can do some of these things ourselves,'" Wilburn said. "We can get quite a lot of work done with \$45,000."

But one big upcoming project, the Main Street water line project, which is set to be done during this fiscal year, "we won't be taking on," Wilburn said. "It's a million dollar project. We might be able to get it done for less," he said, "but that's a project that an outside contractor will have to come in and do."

The Main Street water line is "a big 12 inch ductile iron pipe," and traffic control on Main Street is a big issue, too. That project must be finished before Caltrans relinquishes the highway to the City of Willits. "We don't want to be running behind on that one," Wilburn said. "I'm thinking it'll go out to bid, for construction, starting next spring."

The Humboldt repaving job is being done by RAO Construction Co. out of Eureka, and involves "mostly new pavement, and new sidewalk and gutter," Wilburn said. The engineering for the Humboldt improvements was done by Jeremy Ronco, engineering tech III with the City of Willits, who is also the city's inspector for the project.

Wilburn was complimentary to his crew and co-workers, for the hard work they've been putting in on all the public works projects, but particularly the water project.

"Everybody's been willing to work hard, and put in extra hours, trying to finish the emergency water supply project," he said. "We have the rest of our public works crew over there. We're doing a lot of that force account as well. Except for the building, which Jim Schulz put in for us; we did the foundation, we did all the plumbing inside, all the piping outside, and all the underground work.

"Weeks Drilling did the well for us," Wilburn said. "They said it's an amazing well."

"Right now, the Chamberlain Creek crew is over there today, loading the media and their filters, and we're pressure-testing the new well, to double-check everything. That project's coming down to the wire."

"That doesn't mean it's going to be immediately connected to our water system and supply a secondary source," Wilburn said. "We're going to have water from the well treated at the new treatment center, and available in case of emergency."

Andrea Trincado has been "kinda managing the emergency water supply project," Wilburn said, "and Scott Herman is the go-to guy on the emergency project and Della Avenue." Wilburn also wanted to commend Tom Bond and Sean Payne for the work they've done on the water supply project, "to get it to darn near completion," he said.

"I think it's pretty impressive: this last week, to get everything on line, and in the last couple of months, guys have been working on the weekends. I think Monday night they worked until 10 pm, and were back on the job at 5 am to try to get ready for the water filter supplier: This is after working Saturday and Sunday too! They've really stepped up," he said.

Wilburn became City of Willits public works director in May 2014, after the city had gone without a public works director since Dave Madrigal retired in 2009.



Gates-Flatiron West: A Joint Venture" – for four "serious" violations. Those July 16, 2015, citations were for: failure to properly inspect the falsework; failure to make a thorough survey of the conditions of the site to determine "predictable hazards" to employees; failure to ensure vertical supports were erected on a "properly compacted and reasonably level" base; and failure to ensure the falsework was designed and erected to "assure its ability to withstand all intended loads."

In addition to the "findings" quoted above, Cal/OSHA's "Conclusion" says: "Multiple problems with missing and improperly installed components and the loss of support at a double-sill arrangement that did not have a double-cap restraint system installed was the root cause of the collapse. Unstable ground is still being investigated. The potential initiators of the double-sill failure were identified as improper cable tensions due to settlements and excessive joint take-up and an eccentric load induced into the falsework."

Phil Frisbie, spokesman for Caltrans District 1, forwarded this formal statement from Caltrans Wednesday afternoon: "Safety remains Caltrans' top priority, and we will continue to work with Cal/OSHA and our contractors to ensure the safest workplace possible while we move forward on this critical project. The Willits bypass will ease congestion and improve air quality in the region for years to come."

Caltrans has been fined \$5,400 for each violation, a total of \$21,600. De Silva Gates-Flatiron West: A Joint Venture has been fined a total of \$49,500. Flatiron West, Inc. has been fined a total of \$93,900.

Willits Weekly asked Cal/OSHA spokesman Peter Melton about the phrase: "Unstable ground is still being investigated."

Was it Cal/OSHA who was still investigating this issue? Melton said it was not: "Our investigation is finished," he said. Melton did not know which agency or company was being referred to as "still" investigating.

Frisbie was not able to answer questions about the "Unstable ground is still being investigated" sentence, but when asked if the current work on drainage improvements that has closed Valley Street was abatement for the citation about failure to thoroughly survey or failure to ensure the base was "properly compacted," he said the drainage work was "part of the bypass project."

"Since the fill of the bypass south of the viaduct might alter drainage patterns, we are adding culverts next to the existing

Above: Workers scoop dirt Tuesday afternoon into a waiting truck on the east side of the bypass on East Valley Street.

Below: East Valley Street is closed to traffic. A Caltrans sign flashes "Full Closure," "No Thru Traffic," "E Valley Rd at Shusters" and "7/31/15 to 7/31/15."



Photos by Maureen Moore

bridge to improve high water flows," Frisbie said.

He also said "any future ground settlement" of the flood plain area where the bypass viaduct crosses Haehl Creek "will have no effect on the viaduct because of the deep steel piles which support the columns."

The three workers "seriously injured" in the January 22 bypass falsework collapse were: Phillip Lappe, 31, who was treated at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital for a crushed pelvis, and Fermin Jaramillo, 52, and Julian Lamas, 57, who were both treated at Howard Hospital in Willits for multiple fractures. "All will be off work for several months," the undated investigation summary states. Several other workers were treated and released.

"The project had more than 150 feet of falsework collapse during a concrete pour," the investigation summary states. "The falsework failed at less than 50 percent of its design capacity and fell more than 25 feet with multiple [employees] working on the top of the structure and one [employee] ... an environmental engineer working under the structure."

Coding on the investigation summary document indicates that "insufficient or lack of engineering controls" was a "human factor" contributing to the accident.

The accident occurred on January 22 of this year at 2:18 pm, the narrative's "Introduction" says, "and was reported to the Sacramento District Office on the same day by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and the employer."

The only other section of the narrative is an "Accident Description" paragraph: "On arrival to site the following morning there was just a huge pile of steel, lumber and concrete all collapsed on the ground. With Cal/OSHA oversight, Caltrans assembled a team of bridge structure engineers to separate materials and perform a failure analysis."

Frisbie said Wednesday the "failure analysis" report was still not ready to be released to the public, but said it would be released "as soon as it is done."

Frisbie also said the cost of rebuilding the falsework "has been directly paid by the contractor's insurance. There have been minimal costs to the state due to inspections that were performed twice."

Flatiron West, Inc. has additionally been cited by Cal/OSHA for a "general" failure to "establish, implement and maintain an effective injury and illness prevention program."

assaults increased 2.4 percent last year to 91,681.

More than 1,212,840 people were arrested in the state in 2014. Sound like a lot? Harris says it's the lowest number of arrests made since 1969.

Last year also marked the first time the California Department of Justice began collecting rape data, utilizing the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program's revised definition of rape. "Under previous crime reports, data was only collected and reported on 'forcible rape,'" Harris said, "which did not account for all instances of rape, including those committed against male victims."

In 2013, the FBI revised the definition from 'forcible rape' to 'rape,' defined as penetration without the consent of the victim. "Since an updated definition was adopted this year, 2014 data is not comparable to data reported in previous years," Harris said.

Some 9,397 rapes were reported statewide in 2014.

All police agencies and district attorney's offices in California submit crime statistics to the California Department of Justice, which is then compiled into a yearly report. These rates are calculated to describe the number of crimes reported for every 100,000 persons within a population.

According to the recommended budget for Mendocino County, approved in June, the county finished the 2014-15 fiscal year with a budget carry forward of \$6.2 million.

The contract restores half of the cut willingly accepted by SEIU county employees in 2010, when the effects of the 2008 stock market crash brought the county to the brink of fiscal insolvency. At that time, all county employees, including SEIU employees, accepted a 10 percent pay cut. SEIU employees have been requesting the restoration of that 10 percent cut since 2012.

Helen Michael, Mendocino County chapter president of SEIU Local 1021, said the agreement showed some positive signs. "Although it's not everything that we wanted for our members, this contract is a step in the right direction. It shows that when both parties are willing to compromise, we can reach an agreement that can work."

Board of supervisors chair Carre Brown also had positive things to say: "As the county continues to slowly recover financially from the economic downturn, so must our employees. The county values their dedication and their contributions at all levels of the organization."

As of June 2015 there were 748 SEIU employees. In addition there were some 280 non-SEIU employees for a total of approximately 1,028 county employees.

Nelson has assigned Public Defender Linda Thompson to represent Barton at the 1:30 pm hearing.

In the meantime, Barton is being held without bail in Mendocino County Jail.

Seventeen-year-old Teo Palmieri, and his father, 52-year-old Coleman Palmieri, were stabbed to death shortly after midnight Saturday. Palmieri's wife, Laytonville physician Cindy Norvell, 54, and her brother, 52-year-old Theodore Norvell, who was visiting with his 15-year-old from their home in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, were reportedly in critical but stable condition after being stabbed numerous times in the chest and neck.

Dr. Norvell is being treated at Mercy Hospital in Redding; her brother is recovering at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Norvell's 14-year-old daughter and her niece escaped unharmed, but reportedly suffered severe psychological trauma, according to sheriff's Lt. Shannon Barney.

Sheriff's deputies were alerted to the tragedy by a 12:46 am 911 call made by one of the girls, Barney said. However, Barton took over the phone and during a lengthy conversation with the dispatcher "admitted to stabbing four people in the home, with two of these persons being deceased and the other two needing medical aid for life-threatening wounds," Barney said. The dispatcher obtained driving directions and, as "deputies arrived, talked the suspect into placing down the knife [used in the killings] and exiting the residence [in the 46000 block of Meadow Lane in Laytonville] where he surrendered without incident."

Deputies discovered Dr. Norvell, her brother, and the two teenagers downstairs. Upstairs, they found the bodies of Teo Palmieri and his father.

According to Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman, the motive for the killings remains unknown, although "at least one person, maybe two, have said in the past several weeks [Barton] had been mentioning killing people," Barney said.

What is known, Allman said, is that Barton, who had been living at the Norvell residence for more than a year, got up around midnight Saturday, went to the kitchen, selected a knife with a 12-inch-long blade, then climbed

Compared to California's urban areas, Mendocino County contributed a paltry six murders to state homicide statistics. Willits did even better. There was only one murder reported within city limits last year. Fort Bragg also reported one killing.

The Sheriff's Office noted 11 robberies, 189 assaults, two kidnappings and two arsons during the past year, but no rapes. Willits noted one robbery, 20 assaults, and no kidnappings, arsons or rapes during 2014.

According to crime statistics, the number of murders occurring in Mendocino County remained about the same: four to five per year. The county hit its murder-high in 2014, when 10 homicides took place; 2007 marked the nadir for murders, with only three.

Countywide, including all the law enforcement agencies, rape arrests dropped from a high of 11 in 2006 to only one in 2014; robberies declined from a 2007 high of 42 to 22 last year; assaults declined from a 2006 high of 429 to 364 in 2014; kidnappings became less common, with the 2008 high of nine dropping to only four last year; and arsons fell from a high of 11 in 2010 to 4 in 2014.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office investigated six

interest, into a coordinated effort that promotes the county as a whole.

In 2006, while Schneider was executive director of the Mendocino County Lodging Association, the county board of supervisors created a countywide Business Improvement District. The BID became the means to implement Schneider's vision for a unified promotional front, and Schneider worked to bring together disparate interests that would benefit from a unified approach to tourism and promotions.

In terms of money, his efforts were quite successful. In 2012, the tourism industry brought in a total of \$328 million to Mendocino County.

However, some members of the lodging community were unhappy with Schneider's approach, and in 2014, their unhappiness reached a boiling point. In August of 2014 the board of directors of the Mendocino County Lodging Association voted to reject marketing recommendations laid out in a study, and in September 2014 that board voted to terminate its contract with Schneider's organization, VMC.

The board of supervisors intervened and entered into a six-month period of consultation and negotiation with board representatives from the three major tourist organizations

murders in 2014, compared to one in 2008. Rape arrests, however, fell from a high of five in 2010 to none last year. The 11 robberies last year were a far cry from 2008's high of 19, while kidnappings hit their high in 2007, with six. Arson also reached its zenith in 2008 and 2013 when the Sheriff's Office reported six, compared to last year's two.

Even drug offenses dropped: from a high of 274 in 2009 to 185 last year.

Willits remained murder-free most years, recording only one in 2007, 2008, and 2010, in addition to last year's. Robberies hit their high-water mark in town in 2011, with five, compared to the one this year; rapes reached their zenith in 2007, with two.

Kidnappings remained rare, with only one reported in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Arson, on the other hand, while rare, enjoyed a brief revival, with two each year in 2005, 2010 and 2013, and one each in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2012.

Drug offenses in Willits dropped from a high of 100 in 2009 to 41 last year.

in the county. The result was a new business plan for the BID, which will create a single governing body for it, the Mendocino County Tourism Commission, which itself will be a continuation and transformation of VMC.

However, that part of the tourism community which did not want to be subsumed by VMC and the new tourism commission rebelled, submitting a protest vote which came within a hair of removing the hotels, motels, inns and other hospitality establishments located within the City of Fort Bragg from the BID. That vote, which was at one time declared valid and legally binding, was later found to have failed by the narrowest of margins. Supervisor Dan Gjerde announced the protest vote had failed on July 7. Schneider made his resignation public on July 14.

Schneider has announced he's taking a new job as administrative services director for the City of Fort Bragg, starting July 27. Schneider has lived in Fort Bragg for the past 15 years.

"I look forward to assisting VMC's staff and leadership with the transition to a new board of directors over the next few months while settling into my new position with the city," Schneider recently said. "I care deeply for VMC and the promotional efforts of this county and will help in any way I can to orient the new board and to help find a new leader for the organization."

in Laytonville with his older brother in the care of a legal guardian. For the last two years, however, he'd lived with the Norvell family.

"That family wanted so much to help Talen get on his feet, get him through high school, get into college," Denise Shields – who for 10 years raised Barton and his older brother at her home in Laytonville – told Press Democrat reporter Glenda Anderson.

It was Teo Palmieri, Shields said, who talked his parents into taking the troubled teen into their home after Barton moved out of Shield's home.

That occurred in January 2013 while Barton was a junior at Laytonville High School. Shields claimed the teen threatened her with a 15-pound hand weight. He was arrested and later convicted of a lesser charge – vandalism – for putting a hole in a door with the weight.

During a Sunday afternoon press conference, Allman acknowledged there had been a 2013 incident involving Barton, but declined to give details since Barton was a juvenile at the time.

Throughout subsequent proceedings, the Norvells stood by Barton, attending court hearings and working with Shields to transition him into their home.

Under questioning, Barton admitted to being a heavy marijuana user, but denied using any other controlled substances. "He stayed high," Allman said. "If he wasn't asleep, he was high."

No other controlled substances found at the crime scene.

"This is the first homicide in Laytonville in several years," the sheriff added.

The investigation is continuing, Barney said, and the Sheriff's Office is requesting anyone with pertinent information to contact the detectives division at 463-4111 or the tip line at 234-2100.

A gofundme page, the "Norvell/Palmieri Healing Fund," has been set up by a friend of the family and has raised \$28,570 as of press time, with contributions from 256 people over the last two days. Those wishing to contribute can visit: www.gofundme.com/zsrw2a4.

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Leadership Training Class Postponed
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Riding since she was only about 4 years old, Arms started out with a pony named Mudpie and has since graduated to her 14-year-old paint mare, Callie, who she frequently rides in gymkhanas, horse shows and rodeos in the local area.

"I love Callie!" Arms laughed.

She recently attended the Equestrian Arts Summer Horse Camp, where she worked on her riding and horsemanship skills.

Those skills will come in handy, as part of the contest for Junior Sweetheart is to ride a horsemanship pattern, as well as giving a speech during the poise and personality contest and, of course, selling tickets.

Encouraged by family and friends who have run and won, including the 2015 Laytonville Rodeo Queen, Carolyn Simpson (who also happens to be Arm's cousin), Arms is looking forward to the contest.

"It really seemed like a fun challenge," she said. "I've been told that I'm a good salesman, too, so I'm hoping I win!"

Along with running for the title, Arms also will be readying for life as a seventh-grader at Baechtel Grove Middle School and showing her sheep at the Redwood Empire Fair at the Ukiah Fairgrounds, August 6 to 8. She



Left: Samantha Arms and her girl, Callie.

Above: Samantha Arms holds the tickets she's selling for the Junior Rodeo, ATV Rodeo and raffle.

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Photos by Maureen Moore

Community Heros

Willits Library's Summer Reading Program gives kids hands-on fire truck fun

Sitting in the front seat of a fire truck? That's not something just anyone gets to experience, but the lucky 50 kids who attended the July 16 Summer Reading Program event were able to do just that.

Little Lake Fire Department's Training Officer Chris Wilkes brought Rescue Engine 5430 and parked it behind the Willits Library for all the attendees to explore and enjoy. Kids climbed into the back seats, pushed the pedals and "steered" the truck for some 30 minutes following the in-library presentation.

"We love to do this sort of thing," explained Wilkes. "We received a call to come and talk with the kids and give them a chance to check out the engine."

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property during the 45-minute flyover.

Before taking off, Wood was treated to a quick tutorial on MRC's "hack-and-squirt" practices by local environmentalists, including Els Cooperrider, Linda Perkins and Marggie Chandler.

Hack-and-squirt, called "frill treatment" by MRC, is a method of eliminating non-commercial trees like tanoaks on timberlands by injecting them with herbicides.

Upon landing, Wood said he was impressed with what he saw, but wasn't prepared to state exactly what that meant or what he planned to do about it.

"There are a lot of trees out there that are dead or dying," Wood said. "If you didn't know why, you'd think it was due to forest fires."

When asked if he felt moved to initiate some kind of legislative action, Wood said, "Honestly, I am just trying to gather some information here and to see what's going on."

Albion-Little River Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ted Williams asked Wood if he could imagine that forest conditions on MRC lands might make a fire chief reluctant to send volunteer



Assemblyman Jim Wood after taking an aerial cruise of Mendocino Redwood Company timberlands on Wednesday morning.

Photo by Mike Adair

firefighters into those woods to fight a wildfire, but Wood answered carefully: "What firefighters do is already hazardous," he said. "I have no idea - I am not a firefighter. I can see why you would be concerned."

Els Cooperrider brought up two points during her portion of the tutorial. She noted her husband, Allen Cooperrider, a semi-retired conservation biologist, had recently written that the massive killing off of tanoak trees on MRC lands was a bad idea from an ecological point of view. Since Allen Cooperrider was not at the pre-flyover talk, his wife read what he had written.

According to Allen Cooperrider: "When redwood forests are over cut, tanoaks increase in density and abundance. This is a natural process of what ecologists call 'secondary succession' where, after disturbance, the forest goes through a succession of species that eventually replace each other and are eventually replaced by a forest dominated by redwoods.

"The successional species are important because they prepare the site for the return of the redwoods by stabilizing soils, replenishing soil nutrients, providing shade and other ecological functions.

"Shortcutting this process by poisoning important successional species such as tanoak is a risky way of regenerating a severely damaged redwood forest ecosystem," Allen Cooperrider wrote.

Els Cooperrider also read a brief statement on the importance of fog drip - the ability of redwood trees and other trees to catch fog from the air, turn it into water, and let it fall to the ground as rain. Cooperrider said a 100-foot-tall redwood can strip 4 inches of rain out of the fog in a single evening. Old growth stands have been known to condense 80 inches of rain out of the fog-laden air during the months of July, August and September, and fog drip can account for more than half the moisture that redwood forests receive throughout the year.

"Fog drip rain is directly proportional to the amount of needles and leaves intercepting it," Cooperrider said. "Where there are no trees, there is no fog drip. Dead trees do not strip fog, and dead trees cannot hold moisture."

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will also be participating in the Redwood Empire Fair's Horse Show this weekend at the Willits Rodeo Grounds. Arms is a member of the Willits Junior Horsemen and the Willits 4-H club.

Since she will be spending a lot of time in the ring, Arms encourages anyone interested in purchasing tickets to contact her at 459-1681 or by email at samforsweetheart@yahoo.com, and she can deliver tickets directly to interested persons. Both the ATV Rodeo and Junior Rodeo events are \$5 for adults, and kids under 12 are free. The cash-back 50/30/20 raffle tickets are \$1 each.

The Laytonville Junior Rodeo will start with a Grand Entry at 10 am on Saturday, August 22, and the ATV Rodeo will start with Grand Entry at 11 am on Sunday, August 23. Sweetheart contestants will participate in their horsemanship contest at 4 pm on Friday August 21, which will be followed by dinner and speeches at 6 pm.

Entries are still available for anyone wishing to participate in the events; deadline to enter into the Junior Rodeo is August 12 and deadline to enter the ATV Rodeo is August 23 at 9:30 am. Entries for both events are available online at www.facebook.com/laytonvilleroodeo.gymkhana.

For questions about entering or about official Laytonville rodeo events, contact Regina Dickson at 272-0278.

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Wilkes noted he focused on speaking with the kids about the importance of prevention.

"Prevent the accident, prevent the fire, prevent the hazard!" Wilkes said.

The kids also viewed a short video about fire safety and practiced the time-honored chant: "STOP! DROP! and ROLL!"

The youngsters also received plastic fire hats to get them in the spirit.

All of the Summer Reading Program events are totally free to attend and no reservations are required. Come to one, or come to all!

Upcoming events include:

Community Heroes Storytime on Thursday, July 30, from 11 am to noon at the Willits Library. Attendees are welcome to come and appreciate all the people who make society a better place, from family to firefighters. Enjoy a puppet show, some stories, and a craft, too. Plans include a visit from Brooktrails Fire Department's Fire Chief Darryl Shoepner and Ashes the K-9 Arson dog, and storytelling by Emmy Good.

Tall Tales will be held on Thursday, August 6, from 11 am to noon at the Willits Library. Professional storyteller John Weaver will come to present legends and tall tales. Prepare to be amazed!

Nikola Clay will be back again this year to put on the Dance Around The World! program that will be held on Thursday, August 13 from 11 am to noon at the Willits Library. Get moving with this awesome program and explore the dances and music of many lands and cultures.

The program will conclude with the Summer Reading Awards and Party on Saturday, August 15 from 11 am to noon, where attendees can come pick up their certificate, enjoy a sweet treat to eat, and receive a free book from the Friends of the Willits Library.

The Friends of the Willits Library group is also sponsoring the prizes, snacks and crafts that will be offered at the party, and Branch Librarian Jill Dorman noted her appreciation of FOWL as well as the other many volunteers who help put on the events, and of course to all the kids and their parents who attend.

"We want to encourage anyone interested in participating in our program to just drop in to any event," explained Dorman. "This is a totally free program, and we want to encourage everyone to read and have fun at our programs."

For more information on the Summer Reading Program, contact the Willits Library at 459-5908 or stop by the library, located at 390 East Commercial Street.

- Maureen Moore

Covelo woman arrested after allegedly shooting ex-boyfriend

A Covelo woman was arrested early Monday for allegedly shooting her ex-boyfriend following an argument about splitting the profits from their illegal marijuana garden.

Anna Roseberry, 32, was taken to county jail on suspicion of assault with a firearm, spousal battery with injury, being armed in commission of a felony, and maintaining a place of distribution of a controlled substance.

Sheriff's deputies were notified of the shooting at around 12:01 am, according to sheriff's Lt. Shannon Barney, after receiving an anonymous call reporting a gunshot "followed by a female screaming for someone to 'get off my property.'"

At 12:47, a second call made from the 75900 block of Highway 162 alerted police a man had been shot.

This was followed by a 1:22 am call of an unwanted subject.

Investigating deputies learned that earlier in the evening Roseberry and her former 38-year-old boyfriend had been arguing about how to split the profits from their joint marijuana garden at Roseberry's home in the 23700 block of Charlie Hurt Highway.

As time passed, the argument became more heated, Barney said, "with the male

making demands to receive payment for his working in the marijuana garden."

Shortly after midnight, he said, "the two parties were arguing near their residence when [Roseberry] produced a .38 caliber revolver and shot the victim one time in the groin."

The man fled, making his way to a phone where he called for medical aid. In the meantime, Roseberry reportedly sent several associates into the woods "looking for the victim," but they could not find him.

The victim was airlifted to Mercy Trauma Center in Redding, where he is expected to make a full recovery, Barney said.

Roseberry allegedly told deputies she shot her ex-boyfriend in self-defense, claiming the man carried a knife. However, she allegedly conceded "he did not brandish the knife, nor did he threaten her with it," Barney said.

Two firearms were located at the scene, including the .38 caliber revolver, believed to be the weapon used in the shooting, Barney said. Some 200 growing marijuana plants also were found, as well as several pounds of marijuana being processed.

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



Laytonville Bike Show at Harwood Park last weekend

Laytonville residents had a chance to showcase their bikes during the first annual Bike Show, held at Harwood Park during last weekend's Festival in the Park.

Bicycle champion Holly Madrigal was invited to hold the event in conjunction with the festivities following the Willits show, held earlier this summer. Madrigal was happy to expand to Laytonville, and hopes this show will be the first of many annual events.

"There appears to be a lot of bike enthusiasts in Laytonville, and this was a great way to let them show off their rides!" said Madrigal.

Results included: Best in Show: Rolo Spence, with his Unga Bunga tiki bike.

Best Kids Bike and People's Choice: Alison Pernell and Bridget, with their Lemon Lime Xtra Cycle.

Best Vintage: Jere Kirkpatrick's 1970 Schwinn Cruiser.

Best Beater: Dennis Hogan's bike Annabelle, which also came in second for People's Choice.

Madrigal also noted appreciation to Neil Davis and Walk and Bike Mendocino for donating bike lights for the Bicycle Show.

- Maureen Moore

At top: Bicycles on display at the Laytonville show. At left, above: The bike-powered blender was a fun experience for kids of all ages. At left, above: Rolo Spence proudly displays his "Best in Show" shirt. Below: Holly tries out the blender bike as her husband, Gabe Madrigal, smiles. Photos courtesy of Holly Madrigal



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Nadine Clatty

Nadine Jean Clatty was born in Crescent City, California, on March 22, 1929 and passed away July 16, 2015 at Holy Spirit Residential Care Home in Willits. Nadine grew up and lived in northwest California logging camps the first 30 years of her life and spent the last 55 years as a resident of Willits. She worked at Star Super Market and Safeway as a meat wrapper, worked at Kimberly Jewelry, and was most proud of working 20 years at Howard Memorial Hospital as a dietician. Most recently, she

volunteered at Willits Senior Center and enjoyed the time spent there with her friends.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Carl Russell Clatty; daughters: Sherry (Joe) Yampaglia of Millville, New Jersey, Debbie (Gary) Clark of Vancouver, Washington; son, Richard (Sue) Bloomquist of Scappoose, Oregon; step-children: Sonja (Mike) Williams and Craig (Joy) Clatty, all of Willits; grandchildren: Brian Shuster, Keith Shuster, Ivan Bloomquist, Sara Bergamo, Daniel Williams, Jennifer Clatty, and Lisa Clark; and also, seven great-grandchildren and her faithful dog, Rosey.

A message to Mom, Grammie, and Gram from her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: If we had a single flower for each thought of you, we would walk in our garden forever.

Memorial Services were held at Anker-Lucier Mortuary, on Sunday, July 19, 2015.

COLUMN | The Medicine Chest Garden

Lavender

Lavandula angustifolia

Because of its many uses, Lavender has been called "The Swiss army knife of herbs."

Medicinally, Lavender boosts the immune system, fights infections, acts as a tonic to the nervous system, and is generally relaxing and uplifting. There are many types of Lavender, but here I will be referring to *Lavandula angustifolia*.



Donna d'Terra
Columnist

Here are a few simple ways to use the flowers, once they have been stripped off the stem. Put flowers in a jar and cover with apple cider vinegar. Put wax paper under the lid before closing. Let sit two weeks, shaking the jar occasionally. Strain out the flowers and use the vinegar directly on bug bites, stings, sunburn, or, use as a hair rinse.

Fill a small muslin bag with the flowers. Use the bag's drawstring to slip over the tub faucet so water will run through it as the tub fills. You can also put the flower-filled muslin bag inside your pillowcase to help you sleep soundly, or tuck it into a drawer to scent your clothes and repel moths.

To make Lavender butter: Cream 4 tablespoons butter with 2 teaspoons each of fresh minced Lavender flowers and Rosemary leaves. Try this butter with fish or corn on the cob.

[This information is not intended to diagnose, prescribe or replace the advice of a qualified health professional.]

Donna d'Terra is a Willits area herbalist who has been teaching herb classes for 25 years.



Grilled Eggplant with Spicy Soba Noodles and Sesame Seeds

Grilling can be a easy way to prepare summer meals, and having a grill pan on your stove can extend summer flavors into winter, or offer a more fire-safe meal during these dry summer months. Spicy eggplant paired with cold noodles and crunchy seeds makes this a fabulous anytime dish.

- 1 eggplant, sliced into rounds
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 1 to 4 (+?) tablespoons hot sauce (Sriracha is my favorite)
- 1 package soba buckwheat noodles
- Sesame seeds for sprinkling

First, set your grill or heat your grill pan and let it get nice and hot. This will help with sticking and those oh-so-restaurant grill marks.

Slice eggplant into rounds about 1/4-inch wide. Place them into a zip top bag or shallow dish and cover with marinade made of the minced garlic, soy sauce, rice wine vinegar, sesame oil and hot sauce.

Let marinate at room temperature while you boil a pot of water for the noodles. Once boiling, add the soba noodles and cook until tender. Drain the pasta and rinse under cold water. Set aside and allow to drain.

Once pan is nice and hot, place eggplant slices onto the grill and do not move for at least three to five minutes. Slices will be ready to flip when they are relatively easy to remove with a flat spatula. If they stick, they're not ready to flip. Grill each slice on opposite side until also easily removable from the pan. Once cooked, remove slices, place onto a plate and sauce with leftover marinade. Since there were only raw veggies in the marinade pre-cook, it is safe to use afterwards, too.

Scoop cold noodles into the bowl, and top with re-sauced eggplant slices. Sprinkle with toasted sesame seeds and more hot sauce, if desired.

— Maureen Moore

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Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Mighty Tyson

Is there anything in the world as cute as the face of a Boxer? We think not. Tyson is a 2-year-old male Boxer who currently weighs 60 pounds. We know Tyson has lived with children and other dogs, and has done well with both. In his past home Tyson decided he liked to go hang out with the neighbors' sheep, so his new home and surrounding area needs to be livestock-free. Tyson comes with AKC papers.

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

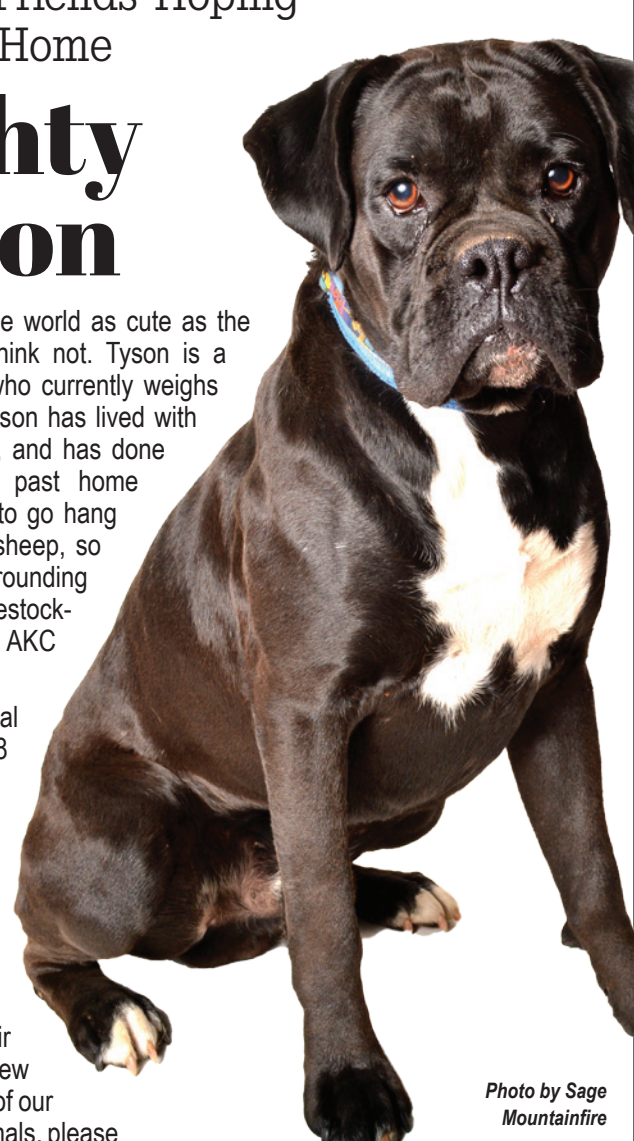


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