The school year is about to begin, and Willits Unified is ready.

Superintendent Mark Winstead informed the school board at its August 2 meeting that the district was fully staffed, the high school pool was now functioning well after having a “ton of things” replaced, and work on areas in the front of the high school he described as “finer areas right now” should be completed by August 21, when school starts again.

The board of trustees is now fully staffed as well. Robert Colvig was named to fill the seat vacated by Georgetown Crosby’s appointment to the board of supervisors.

Three candidates for the position — Colvig, Frederick Branson, and Paula Nunez — were questioned by trustees for about two hours on a wide range of issues touching on experience, opinions, community involvement and priorities.

Answers to 11 questions were scored by each board member on a scale of 1 to 5 and totaled at the end of the meeting. The results were 124 for Branson, 165 for Nunez, and 172 for Colvig. Colvig was sworn in as a new trustee at the end of the meeting.

Supes revise cannabis rules
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The board of supervisors passed the county’s new medical cannabis cultivation ordinance at Tuesday’s meeting. In many cases, the revisions clarified or self-contradictory areas of the ordinance; in several cases, the revisions made the ordinance more accommodating to cannabis growers.

A few of the changes addressed the administrative bottleneck that has slowed the rate of permit issuance to a glacial pace, but it is not clear the proposed changes will do much to clear the bottleneck. However, some changes recommended by CEO Carmelo Angel may help significantly to speed up the time it takes for the county to issue its applications.

The agenda for the August 8 meeting contained only two items: the appointment of a new director to the Albion-Little River Fire District and a consideration of changes to the cannabis ordinance. The appointment of one of the new director took less than a minute; the consideration of revisions to the cannabis ordinance took about 7 minutes.

Read the rest of the featured story on Page 6.

Colvig appointed to school board
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Brooktrails opposes new state water bill
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Brooktrails directors approved sending a letter to the chairman of the California Assembly’s Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials opposing Senate Bill 623, which would create a Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.

The multibillion-dollar bill by state Senator William Monning (D-Carmel) establishes a state fund to "ensure provision of safe drinking water to disadvantaged communities [that] are unable to meet the requirements of [current] drinking water regulations and standards," Brooktrails General Manager Denise Rose explained in a memo to the township’s board of directors.

The measure also would provide those districts with the opportunity to obtain grant or loan funding if their residents’ median income is at or below 80 percent of the state’s median household income; and their drinking water has tested positive for one of more contaminants.

Read the rest of the story on Page 15.

Oh So Sunny

Bloys from 1,000 Sunflowers project add cheer to gardens around Willits

What started as several little, two-leafed sprouts have now fulfilled their destiny: turning into towering bloom-topped giant sunflowers.

Local businesses and community members were encouraged to pick up the free starts from the Willits Farmers Market earlier this summer as a part of the 1,000 Sunflowers project sponsored by the Willits Hub and WELL (Willits Economic Localization).

The project was started in an effort to help beautify Willits and it has certainly added a cheery visual to homes, gardens and planters around town and the valley.

Did you take sunflower starts home and plant them? Do you have other great garden results in this first summer after the drought? Willits Weekly wants you to see your blooms (or veggie!) Send in photos to willitsweekly@gmail.com for inclusion in an upcoming edition of WWWW.

— Maureen Moore

Supes compliance remains a snag for growers
Mike A’Dair
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One major barrier for cultivators, considering whether to seek a county permit to legally grow medical cannabis has been a determination by the Department of Planning and Building Services that buildings associated with pot cultivation are commercial, and must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In practice, this means the department has been telling growers they are required to install ADA-compliant access points (i.e. paved parking spaces) at grades or gently sloping routes to buildings associated with cannabis cultivation, such as greenhouses and drying and processing shops. The department has insisted ADA-compliant bathrooms must be installed in these buildings.

Local growers and small farmers have argued the requirement is unreasonable. Over time, the department has softened its position.

Read the rest of the story on Page 15.
Thank you for community involvement

To the Editor:

Seems like anyone a simple “Thank you” or a “Job well done” are things of the past. Many of our neighbors deserve recognition for their contributions to our community. Some are just people keeping their streets tidy, putting out weeds, or picking up litter while walking their dog, business owners sweating their storefronts, etc. I would like to thank “Jerry” from Solid Waste who goes beyond just dumping trash, by picking up around the streets on his own. Seeing these behaviors is a nice change and sets a great example of what people in our community can do.

Glen Hanstad, Willits

Newest mental health initiative

To the Editor:

On July 18, the board of supervisors unanimously approved placing a new and improved measure on the November 7 ballot. This measure, which includes a sales tax to fund mental health facilities, is important to be approved.

It has been repeatedly reported that our county has an immediate need to resolve the mental health crisis, and the mental health facility needs to be created, the facilities that have not been made aware of potential sites that have been identified and referred to determine if they are suitable or even available for the facility, and I don’t believe a budget to build the facility exists, except the amount of money that was raised, and unfortunately, the computations made were not as quick as people had hoped. There has been no clear statement that the project would be over the price tag, and even though the community likely knew a few of the names, some who bought have a long wait ahead of them.

Simply stated, the measure is asking the taxpayers to tax themselves to raise tens of millions of dollars with the promise that something will be done with the money at a future date. Again, this is not a matter of not trusting the people who are asking to do this to the right thing, but that this is an area that the public must be fully informed.

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Letter to the Editor:

I urge the board of supervisors and Sheriff Allman to get serious about the new county jail in town. We’ve been waiting for years for this to happen, and now it seems like it’s just going to be a drag. We need a new jail, and we need it now.

Let’s be clear: the work that has been done so far – to raise awareness and enthusiasm for the project – has been outstanding, but having been down this road many times, I really hate it when a good idea fails because it’s not developed. The public needs to be aware of the project goals and good intentions are never enough to succeed! I urge our board of supervisors and Sheriff Allman to get the project moving, to answer and clarify the many questions that exist, so the voters will have a clear idea of what is important, before the election.

Ron Chasteen, Willits

Brown Bag Lunch Program

To the Editor:

Iwao just 14 years ago, in June 2002, that the Brown Bag Lunch Program began. This has been quite a success story for this program, as it is a great supplement to what the Food Bag Lunch Program. The location of this free food distribution program is on the south side of City Hall, during rain or shine it will continue. The Brown Bag Lunch Program is open to all who wish to receive it, and there is no need to be a client of the program. The average number of hours provided has been over 30 per Saturday. This is a very important part of our community involvement.

The lunch is available to anyone who wants to eat, and it is a great way to help people who are hungry in Willits.

Jim Marzilli, director

Willits Community Services

What DO YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

A Garden Party

To the Editor:

I was so happy to see the article about the community garden. The garden is such a great way to bring people together. I really hope the board of supervisors will get behind this project.

With warm regards,

Kathy Smith

Newest mental health initiative

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As many of you know, I have been a Willits City Council member for more than 10 years, and during my tenure, I have been involved in many projects that required the expenditure of millions of dollars of taxpayer money. Prior to that, in another life, I spent over 20 years in the private sector as a project manager, creating and implementing projects that were also costly, and anyone who has been either of those positions understands that a project, such as a multi-million-dollar mental health facility, requires that a process is followed, and errors need to be avoided.

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What do YOU think?
Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku

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 numbers already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle.

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CHRYSANTHEMUM
DAFFODIL
DELPHINIUM
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HEATHER
HYACINTH
HIBISCUS
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LILAC
LILY
LUCUMIN
NARCISSE
VERONICA
VERONICA
WINDFLOWER

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

July 31 to August 6

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 224 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

July 31
12:51 am: PICKETT, Jason Edward (29) of Willits was contacted in the 2000 block of Blesse Road. He was arrested pursuant to a 10/2/2013 PC arrest warrant. 5/3/2013, 10:25 pm: POLLO, Kevin Michael (36) of Ukiah was contacted in the 200 block of Robinson Road and arrested on a 4/14/2015 warrant. 9/19 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious activity in the 1700 block of Railroad Avenue. 10:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of South Main Street. 10:47 am: Officers responded to a report of an unoccupied subject in the 1400 block of South Main Street. 1:52 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of North Main Street. 8:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 25000 block of Brown Road [8 Brooktrails]. 9:06 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of North Main Street. 11:43 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

August 1
1:45 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1200 block of Main Street. 5:40 pm: BETTS, Kevin (54) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to misdemeanor 11505 H&S (Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Substance). 4:22 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street. 7:58 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Holy City. 9:27 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of East Valley Street.

August 2
9:16 am: SHUVALIA, Iuri (41) of Ukiah was contacted in the 300 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on new charges of threats to commit a crime resulting in death or great bodily injury, assault with a deadly weapon other than firearm, and violation of probation. 9:10 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 300 block of South Main Street. 1:37 pm: Officers initiated an assault investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. 10:25 pm: NOBLE, Larissa Leanne (26) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. She was arrested in misdemeanor charges of possession of a drug paraphernalia.

August 3
12:58 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 700 block of South Main Street. 1:07 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of South Main Street. 8:28 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious subject in the 200 block of Blesse Road. 9:22 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 2000 block of Blesse Road. 11:56 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of North Main Street. 1:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of North Main Street. 3:29 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Manore Avenue. 3:30 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning. 4:24 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1600 block of South Main Street. 7:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of South Main Street. 7:46 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 300 block of Robert Drive. 8:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Madison Street. 8:43 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street. 9:38 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street. 11:58 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street.

August 4
12:31 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning. 3:01 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Kave Place. 8:33 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of East San Francisco Avenue. 1:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of the suspicious subject in the 400 block of East Hill Road. 2:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Madison Street. 3:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the interchange of Railroad Avenue and East San Francisco Avenue. 5:02 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Oak Avenue and issued a warning. 9:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of Railroad Avenue.

Read the rest of WPD

Little Lake Fire Protection District

FIRE CALLS

July 30 to August 7

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

07-30-17 (Quincy, CA)
Little Lake Fire sent Engine 5468 to Quincy as part of Strike Team XME2150C, 8/16/2017. This activity involved 1 engine, 1 captain and 1 firefighter.

07-30-17 (Cropley Lane / Robert Drive)
Vehicular fire reported next to the railroad tracks. Two engines from Little Lake and one engine from Brooktrails.Firefighters contained the fire to a 20 x 100 foot spot. 10 firefighters from Little Lake and 4 from Brooktrails responded for service.

08-02-17 (Highway 20, MM 20)
Traffic collision; three of the involved parties were cleaned by medical staff on scene. 8 firefighters responded for service.

08-04-17 (Evergreen Shopping Center)
Reported pole on fire; fire was extinguished. Cause of fire was from cigarette butts stuffed inside a portion of the wooden pole. 3 firefighters responded for service.

08-05-17 (South Main Street)
Responded to medical aid; patient was assessed by fire personnel and transported to Howard Hospital by the ambulance service. 2 firefighters responded for service.

08-07-17 (North Highway 101 / Ryan Creek Road)
Responded to reported vegetation fire. Upon arrival, firefighters battled a vegetation fire in the 500 block of Ryan Creek Road. 14 firefighters responded for service.

08-07-17 (Locust Street)
Responded to a reported gas leak at a residence. Upon arrival PG&E was at scene. Little Lake Fire and CaFire contained the fire in an eight of an acre. 14 firefighters responded for service.

A Garden Party

Annual fundraising event planned for Saturday, August 26

One of Willits favorite fundraising parties, “A Garden Party,” held in Phil and Kathy Schuster’s garden at 1600 Center Valley Road, will be coming up on Saturday, August 26 from 4 to 6 pm.

The party always features delectable (and hearty) appetizers and drink – wine from Handley Cellars of Philo will be in the spotlight this year, as well as live music from The Basics and the beautiful surroundings of the Willits valley garden.

The Willits Rotary Club and the Willits Educational Foundation raised a grant total last year of $38,790 from ticket sales, the cash bar, price drawings, and a live and silent auction – all funds went to the Willits Unified School District for art, music and library programs at the local schools.

Party tickets, $20, are presale – only drink and raffle tickets will be sold at the gate. Get your tickets at Willits Furniture, Cat’s Mews, Mazabra or by calling Kathy Schuster at 459-2659, John Cross at 445-2274, or Warren Lewis at 459-4423.

Jennifer Pools

Cougaring pride at the gym

Four years ago the Baechtel Grove Middle School Gymnasium, which is co-owned by the city of Willits and the Willits Unified School District, was dedicated to a beloved teacher, Tom Tolton. This summer, Willits City Councilwoman Saprina Rodriguez has undertaken a project to repair the gym’s sadly neglected interior. The unattractive cracks and holes from years of hard play have left the interior of this public space looking worn out — but well-loved. Now the gym is getting some much needed aesthetic repairs.

The project began earlier this summer when Rodriguez realized the gym was in desperate need of some TLC. She has been coaching and running an indoor soccer program there for at least 15 years, “One day I was sitting there watching the kids play, and I thought that something had to be done about this,” she said. She certainly wasn’t expecting to spend her summer in a middle school gym doing this kind of work. All she explained, “You can choose to either be a part of the solution or complicate the problem.”

Phase one was repairing the sheetrock covering the majority of the gym wall. Phase two was painting the walls and adding new trim boards. Finally, phase three, which was the painting of the school’s mascot, a cougar, onto the gym’s freshly repaired and painted walls.

Drywall contractors Josh Potter of Potter Construction and Gabe Svendsen tackled phase one. Both men donated half of their time for this project, working long hours for half-pay. The repairs to the sheetrock were expected to take one week, however, as work progressed, Rodriguez and the contractors realized more “proactive measures” needed to be put in place for the walls. It was decided that above the 8’ feet of paneling already in place, they would need to install additional plywood above that to protect the walls from further damage. Even with the added time and labor, the crew stuck with it.

“I really appreciate what Josh [Potter] is doing when we realize it would be much more than sheetrock, he didn’t abandon the project, he stuck with me... I really appreciate his dedication to the community,” Rodriguez said.

Read the rest of Cougars
Willits man arrested for child pornography

Steven Vincent Hoag, 58, of Willits was arrested Tuesday by Willits Police Department officers on felony child pornography charges.

According to a press release from the Ukiah Police Department, in January and February of 2017, UPD received information that images had been uploaded to the internet from a specific address in Willits. UPD officers obtained a search warrant for the Coast Street residence. UPD, with the assistance of the Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Task Force, the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office, and RCPA served the search warrant on the 400 block of Coast Street in February of 2017.

Evidence, including multiple computers, was seized at the residence. The Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Task Force forensically analyzed the computers and located more contraband (pornographic images). UPD submitted a report to the Mendocino County District Attorney’s Office in May of 2017. The DA’s office issued a complaint for Stephen Vincent Hoag’s arrest on suspicion of 311.11a (PC), possession or control of child pornography, and 311.26(a)(2) (PC), production, distribution, or exhibition of obscene matter.

On August 8, 2017, WPD located and arrested Hoag for his warrant, and Hoag was transported to the Mendocino County Jail, where he is being held on $50,000 bail.

Any information about this investigation is encouraged to be contacted the Ukiah Police Department at 707-463-6262.

This report was based on a press release from the Ukiah Police Department.

Caltrans seeks public input on Senate Bill 1 Planning Grants Guides

SACRAMENTO – Caltrans is on a fast track to launch new grant funding from Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, releasing for public review and comment on August 3 the final drafts of the SB 1 Sustainable Communities and Adapration Planning Grant Guides. SB 1 will provide more than $270 million in planning grants for local communities in California.

“I encourage the public and our stakeholder partners to provide their feedback to help shape how these grants will be allocated to communities around the state,” said Caltrans Director, Doug, “These grants will provide much needed funding to support the efforts of local and regional agencies to improve transportation in their communities.”

These Grant Application Guides for the new SB 1 planning grant funds encompass the following transportation planning:

- Soft Angel
- Sleek Sasha

Soft Angel

Angel is the sweetest, most lovable kitty ever! She is also a soft as a cloud. Of course you will have plenty of pets lying around, but Angel is the best part.

She needs to be indoors only, because cats may see birds fly through the window and become afraid of heights. She doesn’t like being walked, either.

She’s a beautiful girl, and you won’t have to worry about her being boring. You can take her on walks, and she’ll follow you around like a good cat.

For more information or Angel or other adoptable pets, call the Ukiah Humane Society at 707-467-6453, check their website at http://www.mendohumanesociety.org, or visit the shelter at 3100 China Drive in Redwood Valley.

Sleek Sasha

Sashia is a 2-year-old spayed female who weighs 89 pounds. She is very sweet and likes to be with people. She is a bit of a Diva and will need a lot of attention. She is great with other cats and dogs.

She is very friendly and loves to be around people. She is also very active and loves to play. She is very happy with her new family.

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See you at the garage sale weekend

Young Agrarians Club holds garage sale to benefit planned community center, care facility

There’s something happening on the Ridge Summit, in the complex of buildings where the old Fiesta Mexicana restaurant and White Deer Lodge did business. If all goes according to plan, the complex at the summit will be transformed into a thriving community center for the promotion of an agrarian lifestyle, as well as a live-in palliative care facility.

Palliative care is a new and growing field of specialized medical care for people with serious illnesses,” according to Ucsf.com. “The type of care is focused on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of a serious illness. The goal is to improve quality of life for both the patient and the family.”

This section of the complex will be administered by a company from Humboldt called Resolution Care. They have formed a new entity, Mendocino Care Network, and will take up official residence beginning October 1, 2017. The in-house care facility will be created in the old White Deer Lodge.

The reason of the behavior, which has been recently reformatted by The Golden Rule Church (Christ Church of the Golden Rule) will be administered by a recently formed group of Ridgeback Ranch residents known as The Young Agrarians Club. In order to “create a space where we can collectively empower, promote and sustain a new agrarian lifestyle, invested in resiliency and adaptability. We strive to be a service for our community, to support, to educate, and to make connections, providing healthy foods while bringing joy and energy to the work we do.” Through this project we can create a hub that provides a living example of responsible food production, commercial lifestyle, and a truly local economy. We are working together with the strength of our food systems – from the farmer to the consumer – bringing us a step closer to self-sufficiency and our manifest ideals.

It is with this goal in mind the group held their first event to raise awareness and seek money for the next, bigger event, with an eye to raising enough money ultimately to make their dreams a reality. The garage sale held at the abandoned garage and service station at the summit brought in approximately $1,500 from the sale of donated items as well as from donations of cashes to inform the public of their nascent plans.

The Young Agrarians Club is chaired by Renata Abbade, a young mother who “is the only member who does not have a full-time job.” She spoke with this reporter about the club’s vision for a thriving multi-use, multi-purpose center that can benefit all persons of the Willits and Ukiah area, being central to both. “We’re looking to sell local produce to support the local farmers that are here,” Abbade said. “There will be groceries and prepared foods. There will also be workshops of local artists. We are looking for artists to participate, arts and crafts, we’re looking also for makers, woodworkers. Any of those people could talk to us. We have an email, youngagrariansclub@gmail.com.”

“We want to turn this into a unique hub,” Abbade continued. “For the locals we want it to be a community hub where people can come and hang out and have a coffee and learn things about our local farms. We want to supply stuff for the local farmers. There’s going to be a tool library where people can take tools on loan that they can’t afford to buy for their garden projects, or even car repairs. We want to do workshops to teach people skills along simple things.”

“Our main goal is to have a really resilient community.” The Young Agrarians Club’s primary focus will be on transforming the old service station into the central hub of their vision and possibly adding the Fiesta Mexicana commercial kitchen, so they can sell prepared food. They see the farm as operationally as a unique real step up, with farmers and travelers can obtain organic food, local art and vehicle recharging (currently in talks with Tesla).

“We want to create a space that is lively and always open. In Willits, we never know if any of the hangout places are going to be open. We want it to always be there that people can count on. A place where people can go and get eggs, coffee, books, seeds, potting soil. There’s a huge list of ideas.”

“We’re doing a series of events with which this is the first. We’re going to do lunches and workshops because we want to get to know our local customers and are what they need, also our vendors. There’s a lot of people in Mendocino who don’t have an outlet to sell their stuff. We want to supply that need of a constant year-round sale for farmers and makers of Mendocino County.”

It is an ambitious undertaking, but perhaps if the Young Agrarians Club’s mission was possible, a reality of Mendocino and especially the Willits area, will benefit from the efforts of these bold dreamers. Stay tuned.

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Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos of some of the other wonderful dogs and cats at the shelter please visit yokumbodyshop.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453.}

Above: Left: Era King of the Young Agrarians Club shows off some of the donated items for sale. Above: A few cars were being planned for the blockbuster that just moved the Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant and the White Deer Lodge. Above: Rachel Britton, Pamela Anderson, Renata Abbade, chairperson of the Young Agrarians Club, and Larry Kramer. 

Above: Furniture at the garage sale. Below: The future offices of the Mendocino Care Network. palliative care project, which is planned to open October 1.

Below: The old Fiesta Boulevard restaurant is a part of the new project the Young Agrarians Club is planning for the Ridge Summit.
**What’s Happening Around Town**

**Monday, August 14**
- **The Art of Interview:** Sharpen “on air” interview skills. Barry Vogel, hostproducer of “Radio Real,” will share knowledge gained from years of experience doing on-air interviews. Free, to KLLG radio members and programs. Suggested donation $10 to $20. general public. Join KLLG students and seniors $20.00; $35.00. August 16; 8 to 10 pm, KLLG Studio, Little Lake Orange, 391 School Street, Willits, CA. Info: 459-2995.

**Tuesday, August 15**
- **Liberty 50th Anniversary Event:** “Essential Oils” with Amber Pingrey. Learn how essential oils can support and enhance your daily routine. Free. Top 10 most popular ages 10 years and up. Tuesday, August 15; 6 to 8 pm, Willits Library, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-6826.

**Saturday, August 19**
- **“Little Lake Blues & Brews”:** Second day of this new, family-friendly two-day Willits music festival. Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20. Free all day and night in the Rec Grove Park on East Commercial Street. To benefit the Willie Food Bank. The festival features musicians Roy Rogers & the Delta Devils, The Rhythm Kings (Saturday headliners), Papa Mali & The Rhythm Kings (Sunday headliners), Meme & Friends, Tomareo & the Country Gentlemen and more. Info: 459-3404.

**Monday, August 21**
- **Long Valley Outdoor Quiz Show:** August 27. The Long Valley Quilters annual free outdoor quiz show in Laytonville at the Summer Fest. Open to all. Free. 200 questions in ten categories. Information and tickets: Jene Jean. 204-5475; Kathy Shriver 498-8869.

**Tuesday, August 22**
- **Free Hospice Training:** Starts August 16

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**Friday, August 25**
- **“Dunkirk”**

The Story: World War II. The Battle of France. 330,000 British, French and Belgian soldiers have been driven back by the German Army and are trapped in the town of Dunkirk. Their only escape route is held by the French Navy. The Allied advance starts to falter as the Dunkirk evacuation begins. The British Prime Minister has decided to send the RAF to bomb and destroy key French military targets. So many British soldiers have no cover and thus compel a British surrender. Such a military disaster would have changed the history of WWII and perhaps the final outcome. That’s “Dunkirk.”

**Monday, August 28**
- **Pennies for Patients:** Willits Rotary Club is hosting “Pennies for Patients.” Free admission. “Try Your Luck” in carnival games like “ring toss,” “bali ball,” “walk the planks,” “toss the bean bag,” “throw the dart” and more! Admission, $3.00 kids 5 and under, $5.00 adults. Willits Rec. Grove Park, August 26-27. Proceeds benefit the hospital. For information: 354-2182.

**Wednesday, August 30**
- **Open Mic Night:** Willits Library. 7 to 10 pm at the Harwood Park Ball Field, Willits. **FestiFools:** Willits downtown area. September 1. Free admission. Willits Library Conference Room, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-6826.

**Thursday, August 31**
- **Willits Rotary Club’s BBQ Dinner:** August 31. Willits Rotary Club and the Willits Rotary Club Educational Foundation invite the public to “Willits Garden,” on Saturday, August 26 from 4 to 8 pm. The annual dinner dance will feature traditional music by The Basics, hearty appetizers, wine tasting with Sutter Cellars, beer and other beverages for a cash bar, silent auction and prize drawings. Tickets are $45.00 per person and will be available at Willits Furniture, Cafe, Moze, and Hopkins. For information and tickets: Jene Jean. 204-5475; Kathy Shriver 498-8869; John Cross 498-2874; Lorraine Baker 498-8889.

**Monday, September 4**
- **Free Sheriff’s Activity League programs:** For more information or to register Call: 459-2995.

**Tuesday, September 5**
- **Dine and Donate:** Willits High School’s Booster Club is inviting local restaurants to donate their meals and beverages for a $5.00 charge. To register or for more info, call Tammy Long at 459-2444.

**Thursday, September 7**
- **“Round Valley Black Forest Festival”**: Sunday, August 20. Open Mic Night will be at 8 pm. Round Valley Black Forest Festival: Sunday, August 20. 4 pm-8 pm. Willits Library, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-6826.

**Saturday, September 9**
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**Monday, September 11**

**Thursday, September 14**
- **“Willits High School Booster Club Meeting”**: Monday, August 14 at 7 pm at the Workshop Café, 1501 Beachel Road. Info: 459-9194.

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**Saturday, September 23**
- **Willits Farmers Market:** Outdoor market Thursdays at the Rec Grove Park on East Commercial Street. Free admission. Willits Farmers Market is a true community event with a previously scheduled event at the Rec Grove.

**Tuesday, September 26**
- **Twice-Monthly Parkinson’s Discussion and Support Group:** The North Bay Parkinson’s Center will host their twice-monthly Parkinson’s Discussion and Support Group meeting at 11:00 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center. 505 South Main Street. Info: 459-6826.

**Thursday, September 28**
- **Tibetan Buddhism meditation group:** meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 10 am, in the back room of Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street. “Al-Anon Fellowship Hall,” 66 East Commercial Street. “Al-Anon” 7:30 PM. Info: 459-6826.

**Friday, September 29**
- **Willits Center for the Arts Autumn Exhibit:** The exhibit opens at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street is “In the Realm of the Spirit.” Artists participating are: Deborah VanMeter and Marco Donner. Call Marco Donner at 459-3404 or e-mail: marco@willitscenterforthearts.org. Info: 459-6826.

**Saturday, September 30**
- **Willits Library Activities:** Wednesdays: 11:10 am “Story Time,” 11:10 am “Story Time,” 1:30 pm “Saturday Story Time,” 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Events: 3:00 pm. For information: 459-6826.

**Monday, October 2**
- **Willits Weekly Readers Group:** Meet to discuss “The Iliad” by Homer. Meets the first Monday of each month at 10 am at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-6826. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4502.

**Tuesday, October 3**
- **Willits Library Activities:** Tuesdays: 7:00 PM “Poetry Night,” 7:00 PM “Poetry Night,” 7:00 PM “Poetry Night.” 459-6826. For more information: 459-6826.

**Saturday, October 7**
- **Harrah Senior Center:** 1501 Beachel Rd, Willits, CA 95490

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Above, from left: Kenzie Kornegay, left, and Julie Brown, right, pose with FFA Leader of the Year Sadie DeMarta, center. Above: Representatives from all the recipients of this year’s clean stall awards smile.

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Redwood Empire Fair

announces VIP award winners

Every year the Redwood Empire Fair rewards individuals and businesses that exemplify the spirit of community and the embodiment of outstanding success.

This year’s seven award-winners were honored at a VIP gala during the fair.

The Little River Inn was named Business of the Year. The inn has been acclaimed as one of the best hotels on the California coast. Fifth-generation innkeeper Cally Dym, the great-great-granddaughter of the inn’s founders, has continued the tradition of serving guests with a touch of hospitality.

Mendocino County’s Business of the Year is the cavernous Tree House Restaurant, whose owners have been building relationships with local businesses for many years.

The winner of the Spirit Award is a group of local artists who have created a mural project in downtown Willits.

The winner of the Volunteer of the Year Award is a hard-working group of volunteers who have been providing services to the community for over 30 years.

The winner of the Environmental Award is a local farm that has been implementing sustainable practices for several years.

The winner of the Education Award is a local school district that has been providing excellent education to its students for many years.

The winner of the Sports Award is a local sports team that has been making a significant impact on the community.

The winner of the Arts Award is a local artist who has been creating beautiful works of art for many years.

The Redwood Empire Fair is an annual event that celebrates the spirit of community and the embodiment of outstanding success. This year’s VIP award winners were selected based on their contributions to the community and their dedication to the spirit of the fair.

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“Mental Health: Up Close and Personal” is the first of a series of discussions on mental health issues in the Willits community. The column is a platform for people to share their experiences with mental illness and to discuss how they are giving back to the community.

The Frank R. Howard Foundation and Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital invite the public to the dedication of the Norman John Jann Lamprich Plaza, which will take place on August 19 at 10 a.m. The plaza is dedicated in honor of Jann Lamprich, a long-time employee of the hospital.

Jann Lamprich began her career with HMH in 1952 when she was 16 years old. She worked in the hospital’s radiology department and later became the secretary to the hospital’s administrator. In 1987, Lamprich became an employee of the foundation at the request of Bob Harrah, who had an amazing career that spanned 45 years with HMH and the Howard Foundation.

The dedication of the plaza is part of the hospital’s ongoing effort to recognize the contributions of its employees and volunteers. The hospital has been working closely with the hospital’s board of directors, the foundation, and the community to ensure that the plaza is a fitting tribute to Jann Lamprich.

The plaza will be located on the hospital’s campus, and it will feature a statue of Jann Lamprich as well as a plaque recognizing her contributions to the hospital and the community. The dedication ceremony will include speeches from hospital and foundation officials, as well as a reception for guests.

The hospital and the foundation are proud to honor Jann Lamprich for her dedication and hard work. She is a true example of the commitment and excellence that the hospital and the foundation strive for every day.

To learn more about the dedication ceremony and the plaza, please visit the hospital’s website or contact the hospital’s communications department.

The dedication ceremony is free and open to the public. The hospital asks that everyone wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

The hospital and the foundation extend a special thank you to Jann Lamprich for her contributions to the hospital and the community. She will be missed, but her legacy will live on through the dedication of the plaza and the memories of her colleagues and friends.

The hospital and the foundation hope that the plaza will be a source of inspiration and motivation for all who visit the hospital. It is a reminder of the importance of giving back to the community and of the impact that one person can make.

The hospital and the foundation are grateful for the support of the community and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the Willits and surrounding areas.
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