

opened to traffic on November 3 or 4.

Another bypass event being planned right now is a farm-to-table supper "celebrating the opening of the Willits bypass and our own Main Street homecoming," hosted by the Willits Chamber of Commerce. The "Supper on the Bypass" is set for Saturday afternoon, October 29, and will be held on the still-to-be-opened bypass itself.

The event committee is still working out details, but the chamber plans to sell 200 tickets at \$100 each. "We haven't really officially announced the supper," said Lynn Kennelly, executive director of the Willits Chamber of Commerce, "but we've already received 50 reservations, as people have found out via word of mouth. Word travels fast in Willits!"

This once-in-a-lifetime event will feature walk-around appetizers by local farmers and chefs, with Mendocino County wine from vintners located along historic Highway 101 and Mendocino County beer and hard cider. The menu for the multicourse sit-down dinner is being created by world-renowned chef John Ash, using recipes from his new book, "Cooking Wild" using local farm fresh produce, which will be served on two 100-foot-long farm tables set up on the bypass.

Kennelly said the chamber was discussing the possibility of organizing a farm to table dinner to commemorate the opening of the bypass, and chamber President Lisa Epstein said "let's do it on the bypass!" and everybody laughed and thought it was a great idea, and with the help of the committee members, they were able to make it happen.

"This will be a new era in Willits history," Kennelly said. "We're looking forward to what opportunities we'll have as a community. It's our town, our future that we're going to be celebrating. How are we going to make this a strong community, a destination – and not only for tourists, but for manufacturing? That's what this is about: What we're going to be here, after the bypass opens."

The chamber is taking reservations for the October 29 dinner at 459-7910.

Westberg, who moved from Michigan, where he worked as a school district superintendent for seven years, took over the duties for the WUSD in July.

Though this was his first public meeting, Westberg and the board did meet for a retreat on July 21, and Westberg said he was feeling very positive about the possibilities for the future.

"The leadership team and I met, they went through the improvement plan I gave the board at our retreat and I shared it with them – what's on my agenda, what I see us needing to do. I think there's a lot of ambitious stuff there, but everybody I've met has been very good, very supportive, and I think we're going to make good progress."

The WTA agreement was ratified on a 3-2 vote. However, some board members expressed disappointment there was no raise for starting teachers' salaries in the contract.

Trustee Alex Bowlds was particularly vocal about his displeasure with the lack of a pay raise, which he felt puts the WUSD at a disadvantage when seeking to hire new teachers.

"I'm deeply disappointed the WTA negotiators did not take steps to improve beginning teacher salaries," he said. "I think beginning teacher salaries are ridiculously low. It's been very clear this is a very serious issue for our district. I think it's serious not only to the board, but serious for the WTA. It sends the wrong message. I think it is a mistake to ignore this."

He added that while the district doesn't really have the money to give starting pay raises because it's operating at a deficit, the pay schedule could be restructured so any

Supes cool to Woodhouse call for tax-sharing ad hoc

A request by Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse to create an ad hoc committee to study the potential for a tax-sharing agreement between the county and the City of Willits was met with skepticism at the Tuesday, August 2, board meeting.

However, supervisors did agree to discuss the matter again, and to hear Woodhouse present the relevant facts in the matter.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen said, "Not only may it be premature, it may be the wrong approach to address whatever problems may exist."

McCowen, who sat for several years on a tax-sharing committee made up of representatives of the county and City of Ukiah, added, "I don't see the need, or even the conditions, that would cause us to have a tax-sharing ad hoc at this time."

In the case of Ukiah, the conditions sufficient to warrant formal discussions were: 1.) significant industrial and commercial development in unincorporated areas north of the City of Ukiah; 2.) the ability of the City of Ukiah to provide services such as water, sewer, fire and police protection to that area; 3.) the desire on the part of the City of Ukiah to annex that area into its city limits; and 4. the willingness on the part of the county to agree to that potential annexation in exchange for a percentage of the tax revenues.

The negotiations were unsuccessful, and no tax-sharing agreement exists between Ukiah and the county. The area

Correction: In Willits Weekly's August 4, 2016 story, "Relay for Life: American Cancer Society fundraiser raises \$31,500+," the name of the group doing a henna station for the Lady Bea's team should have been Hallowed Henna with Jessica Clark.

is still within the unincorporated part of the county.

Supervisor Carre Brown also seemed cool to the idea. "I'd like more information. Where are the city limits? Where is the sphere of influence? I just don't see this as the perfect time to move forward there."

Nevertheless, the board was willing to hear a more detailed presentation from the City of Willits and from Woodhouse. That presentation has yet to be scheduled.

Willits City Manager Adrienne Moore told Willits Weekly the proposal to explore the potential establishment of a tax-sharing agreement came at the suggestion of the county's Local Agency Formation Commission in response to City of Willits' inquiries about the possible annexation of certain neighborhoods, such as Della Avenue, for which Willits already provides water and sewer but which do not lie within the city limits.

"We'd like to have something in place that would capture areas where we are already providing water, sewer and police services, places like Della Avenue," Moore said.

For his part, Woodhouse tied it directly to the bypass and to development in those areas. "I am trying to come up with a compromise that will give us the growth we all need.

"The growth is going to come there," Woodhouse said. "We have to prepare for it."

Speaking of Willits' political leaders, Woodhouse said: "They are very motivated. Once the bypass comes, they are in a tailspin. They are already are in one."

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teacher's overall pay during their tenure would not be reduced.

Board President Chris Neary voted for the agreement, but echoed some of Bowld's sentiments.

"I think Alex has spoken for all of us in stating that," Neary said. "I do view this as a one-year contract. I am excited that we're getting contracts settled before the school year starts, but I would certainly support this being the No. 1 focus – whether it's through bargaining strategy or alternative strategies to get this fixed – so that next year when we're in the market, we're competitive. I'm prepared to support the master agreement with that reservation."

Westberg said he would guess WUSD lost at least seven qualified applicants to better offers from other districts during the hiring process. He said he had several ideas about how to approach the problem in the future "that don't include ratcheting everything up."

The CSEA agreement passed unanimously, although there were similar concerns expressed in discussion before the vote about how best to balance budget constraints with the need to attract quality workers.

Laura Sleeper, the WUSD human resources director, said the district was basically fully staffed and ready to go for the year. There were only openings left for a couple winter high school coaching spots (for volleyball and boys basketball), and for a school psychologist.

Neary remarked it was rare for the district to have the staffing nearly completed with so much time left before the school year starts. "It seems like the last several years, right before school we were still scrounging around to fill positions. It is impressive that we've done it a month ahead of time."

"I've had a lot of help," said Sleeper. "The administration staff has worked all summer."

Other concerns addressed by Westberg during the meeting included repairing district athletic facilities, and finding additional funding for athlet-

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Cleaning up Sherwood Road

To the Editor:

I am writing for the first time in hopes of bringing awareness to the issue of excessive trash along Sherwood Road. This trash has been accumulating all summer, with no apparent end in sight. In an effort to find out who may be responsible for maintenance and clean-up of this road, I have called the City of Willits, Brooktrails Township, and the County of Mendocino.

After calling the City of Willits, I was informed that Brooktrails Township is responsible for maintaining this road. An official from the Brooktrails office informed me that this is not the case, and that it was the responsibility of the county. An official from the county informed me that this is also not accurate, and that they are not responsible for its maintenance either. I was then directed back to Brooktrails.

In my quest for information, I have also contacted local political officials, and spoken with many local residents. Although all expressed that they also had concerns related to this issue, I was not able to obtain any concrete information regarding responsibility for the maintenance of this road. It seems that there is not currently any entity tasked with keeping this road clean, with the exception of occasional

cleaning of short stretches by volunteers.

The situation has devolved to the point that there are multiple storm drains blocked, and at the time of this letter being written, an entire fender on the side of the road near town. I am concerned about the impact of the trash on wildlife and property values. I have stopped, on occasion, and cleaned some of the most unsightly debris. However, this road does not have any real shoulders to park in and speeding is common, making this dangerous.

It is my opinion that the community needs to come together to discuss realistic, efficient, long-term solutions to this problem. It is beyond the scope of what a handful of volunteers can safely and effectively accomplish on an ongoing basis. I am not sure what the next step is, or how to organize this meeting of the minds; but am very open to suggestions or additional information regarding this issue.

I love living in this beautiful place, and I just want to keep it that way. It is my hope that this letter will motivate someone in a position to address this problem to take action. I am happy to help in any way that is within my power. Thank you very much.

Caroline Muller,
Brooktrails



Clockwise from top left: Caitlyn Forrester of the Willits FFA stands with Kaden Thurston, Kallen Thurston, Pracey Thurston and Trevor Thurston from Thurston Auto Plaza, which purchased her Grand Champion Market Steer. Morgan Riley of the Willits FFA stands with Tracy Hartge and Jason Hartge from Mendocino Roofing, which purchased her Grand Champion Market Goat. Stephany Brundage of the Willits 4-H stands with Tara Hatten and Donna Gradek from Savings Bank of Mendocino County, which purchased her Grand Champion Rabbit meat pen. Leviathan Bowes of Round Valley 4-H shows his hog in the ring. Auctioneer Drew McElfresh and official ring man Lee Persico take bids from the crowd. Hailey Riley of the Willits FFA shows her market lamb in the auction ring. Mason Kelly of Long Valley 4-H stands with Lacey Simpson and Brock McDowell from Willits Grocery Outlet, which purchased her Reserve Grand Champion Market goat. Claire Case-Brackett of Willits 4-H stands with Shanna Braught, Michael Braught and Mady Braught from Geiger's Long Valley Market, which purchased her Reserve Grand Champion Market steer. Sophia Scott of Willits 4-H stands with Heidi McDowell and Monty McDowell from Ukiah Grocery Outlet, which purchased her Reserve Grand Champion turkey.

Redwood Empire Fair 2016 Junior Livestock Auction earns \$720,808 for youth exhibitors

It was another record-breaking year for the Redwood Empire Fair and Junior Livestock Auction held Saturday, August 6 at the Ukiah Fairgrounds. A whopping \$720,808 was raised between the 272 lots entered this year. Many local business owners, community members, families and friends came to buy the animals at the auction and to support the aggie lifestyle of these young showmen and showwomen.

North county kids showed well this year, with six of the top 14 Grand Supreme and Reserve Grand Supreme Champion animals coming from the farms of Willits, Laytonville or Covelo exhibitors.

The Supreme Grand Champion Market Steer was won by Caitlyn Forrester of Willits FFA, who received \$12 per pound from Thurston Auto Plaza for her 1,221-pound market steer. Morgan Riley of the Willits FFA received \$38 per pound from Mendocino County Farm Supply for her 98-pound Supreme Grand Champion Market Goat. Stephany Brundage of Willits 4-H received \$2,100 from Savings Bank of Mendocino County for her Supreme Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen.

Claire Case Brackett of Willits 4-H received \$8.50 per pound from Geiger's Long Valley Market for her 1,278-pound Reserve Supreme Grand Champion Market Steer. Mason Kelly of the Long Valley 4-H received \$15 per pound from Willits Grocery Outlet for her 92-pound Reserve Supreme Grand Champion Market Goat. Sophia Scott of Willits 4-H received \$1,200 from Ukiah Grocery Outlet for her Reserve Supreme Grand Champion Market Turkey. Jasmine Mendoza of Willits FFA received \$18 per pound from

Thurston Auto Plaza for her 145-pound market lamb.

Taylor Quinliven of Willits 4-H received \$13.50 per pound from the Noyo Trawlers Association for her 144-pound market lamb. Madison Forrester of Willits 4-H received \$24 per pound from Geiger's Long Valley Market for her 98-pound market lamb. Joeye Thieman of Covelo FFA received \$6.25 per pound from Acme Rigging for her 1,326-pound market steer. Sakari Whipple of Round Valley 4-H received \$7.25 per pound from M&M Feed for her 273-pound market hog. Collin Spackman of Willits 4-H received \$8.50 per pound from A to Z Construction for his 259-pound market hog. Kaiden Britton of Round Valley 4-H received \$4.50 per pound from Acme Rigging for his 1,306-pound market steer.

Jacob Arms of Willits 4-H received \$7.50 per pound from Mendocino County Farm Supply for his 247-pound market hog. Faith Oliver of Round Valley 4-H received \$10.25 per pound from Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians for her 265-pound market hog. Ryan LaCount of Willits FFA received \$10 per pound from Rockin' B Meat Company for his 89-pound market goat. Connor Taylor of Long Valley 4-H received \$5.50 per pound from Weatherport Nursery for his 275-pound market hog. Austin Andrade of Willits FFA received \$8.50 per pound from Sparetime Supply for his 223-pound market hog.

Zoe Garcia Azbil of Round Valley 4-H received \$9 per pound from Keith's Family Food Store for her 246-pound market hog. Ian Seymour of Willits FFA received \$4 per pound from Mendo Mill for his 1,211-pound market steer. Antonia Whipple of Round Valley 4-H received \$8 per pound from Wylatti Resource Management

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- Islamic republic
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- Where you find corn
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- Score
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- Use it to clean
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- Surfboard fin
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- Existing everywhere
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- British hip hop artist

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Making a Square

Willits Frontier Twirlers looks to attract new dancers

Last Friday evening at the Willits Center for the Arts, the Willits Frontier Twirlers held what is called in the world of square dance lingo, "a one-night stand," a party where people who are assumed to know nothing about square dancing learn just enough calls to dance for one night.

Damian Sebouhian

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members of the Twirlers for many years.

The reason for holding the event as a beginners' night was to attract new faces, as the group will be holding weekly lessons in an effort to expand membership.

Johnstone, who lives in Ukiah, is one of about 22 professional callers in Northern California and he's been calling for 22 years. He calls for the Redwood Coasters in Fort Bragg, the Ukiah Promenaders, and the Singles and Pairs square dancing club in Santa Rosa.

"The caller is the one who controls the dance and tells

everyone what to do," Johnstone explained, adding that it's a much more difficult job than it appears. "I've been to two caller schools."

"I originally got into it because my parents square-danced and they wanted us to do it together as a family activity," Johnstone said. "It's a great family activity."

Johnstone explained that although square dancing as it is performed today originated in the United States in the late 1800s: "It's like the English language; it grabs bits and pieces from all over. There's French terminology [for the calls], some forms of English country dancing involved with the moves, Scottish influences, and much more."

Emmy Good, a long-time member of the Willits Frontier Twirlers, when asked what she gets most out of square dancing, laughed and said: "It gets you high. Your brain loves that kind of thing, because it's geometry in motion. Watching square dancing from above has got to be the best thing, because all of the geometric [patterning]."

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Clockwise from top left: Willits Frontier Twirler Emmy Good. Another Twirler, Betsy Bruneau. Dancer Stephanie guides Emily through a turn. Jenny and Dave Watts. Rick Hewett clasps his partner's hand. Dancing around to the left. Square dancers form an intricate pattern. Caller Lawrence Johnstone, at front, right, gets his dancers in order.

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CDV-106 CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL LEARNING NEEDS	1060	F	9:00AM-12:10PM	MYKLEBUST M	3.0	HLH-200 HEALTH EDUCATION	0240	W	5:30PM-8:20PM	AGUIRRE L	3.0
CDV-135 SUPERVISION OF ADULTS IN CHILD DEV PRGM	1350	M	5:30PM-8:20PM	MYKLEBUST M	3.0	HST-208 WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY	2080	TTh	11:00AM-12:20PM	AGUIRRE N	3.0
CCS-60 COLLEGE SUCCESS	6000	T	9:00AM-11:50AM	SCHUMAN E	3.0	HST-222 NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY	1112	T	5:30PM-8:20PM	SILVA L	3.0
CCS-100 CAREER PLANNING SUCCESS	0043	F	9:55AM-12:15PM	VACCARO E	1.5	HUS-156 CASE MGMT. AND DOCUMENTATION	1506	W	5:30PM-8:20PM	KERRIGAN T	3.0
CCS-101 CAREER AND LIFE PLANNING	0148	MWTh	8:30AM-9:20AM	STAFF	3.0	MTH-40A MATHEMATICS LABORATORY A	4000	TW	4:00PM-5:20PM	AHEDERS H	0.5-1.0
CSC-20 BEGINNING COMPUTER SKILLS	0020	MW & MW	7:00PM-7:35PM 7:45PM-8:05PM	KIDWELL S	1.5	MTH-40B MATHEMATICS LABORATORY B	0087	TW	4:00PM-5:20PM	AHEDERS H	0.5-1.0
CSC-201 COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	1003	MWThF & MWThF	11:20AM-11:45AM 11:55AM-12:10PM	KIDWELL S	3.0	MTH-40C MATHEMATICS LABORATORY C	0088	TW	4:00PM-5:20PM	AHEDERS H	0.5-1.0
CEJ-500 COMPUTER LABORATORY	5500	TBA	3:30PM-4:50PM	BEALE E	0.0	MTH-40D MATHEMATICS LABORATORY D	0089	TW	4:00PM-5:20PM	AHEDERS H	0.5-1.0
CED-50 INTRODUCTION TO WORK EXPERIENCE	0005	TBA	9:30AM-9:20AM	JENKINS D	1.0-3.0	MTH-46 PRE-COLLEGE MATHEMATICS	4600	MW	10:00AM-12:20PM	BANTA L	5.0
CED-195 GENERAL WORK EXPER. EDUCATION	0912	TBA	11:00AM-12:20PM	SCHUMAN E	0.5-1.0	MTH-51 ALGEBRA AND LOGIC FOR STATISTICS	5100	MW	1:30PM-3:50PM	BANTA L	5.0
EAS-206 PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY	2061	T	5:30PM-8:20PM	BEALE E	4.0	MTH-60 BEG. ALGEBRA FOR STEM & BUSINESS	0600	TTh	5:30PM-7:50PM	RAHREZ-FUENTES	5.0
ENG-10 BASIC READING AND WRITING	1000	TTh	5:30PM-7:50PM	SCHUMAN E	5.0	MTH-220 STATISTICS	2200	MWThF	2:05PM-2:55PM	RENTZERS S	4.0
ENG-60 READING AND WRITING LABORATORY	0060	MW	11:00AM-12:20PM	SCHUMAN E	0.5-1.0	MTH-540 BASIC MATHEMATICS LABORATORY	5401	TW	4:00PM-5:20PM	AHEDERS H	0.0
	0061	MW	4:00PM-5:20PM	HULT A	0.5-1.0	MUS-230A BEGINNING VOICE	2300	T	2:30PM-2:50PM	SIMPSON M	1.0
						MUS-230B INTERMEDIATE VOICE	2301	T	3:00PM-4:20PM	SIMPSON M	1.0
						MUS-230C SINGERS' REPERTOIRE	2302	T	3:00PM-4:20PM	SIMPSON M	1.0
						POL-200 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	0021	W	5:30PM-8:20PM	ROHLICEK L	3.0
						PSY-205 INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY	2050	Th	9:00AM-11:50AM	RICH K	3.0
						SPN-100 CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH: LEVEL I	1001	MW	12:00PM-1:50PM	HANSON N	2.0
						1001 Short Term	1002	MW	12:00PM-1:50PM	HANSON N	2.0
						1002 Short Term	0017	Th	5:30PM-8:20PM	RAMMING T	3.0
						SPE-210 INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	0017	Th	5:30PM-5:50PM	METZLER S	2.0
						THE-238E JAZZ DANCE: BEGINNING	0264	TTh	6:00PM-7:20PM	METZLER S	2.0
						THE-238F JAZZ DANCE: ADVANCED BEGINNING	0265	TTh	5:30PM-5:50PM	METZLER S	2.0
						THE-238G JAZZ DANCE: INTERMEDIATE	0266	TTh	6:00PM-7:20PM	METZLER S	2.0
						THE-238H JAZZ DANCE: ADVANCED INTERMED.	0267	TTh	5:30PM-5:50PM	METZLER S	2.0

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Building results for north county exhibitors

Entrants from all over the county are welcome to showcase their skills by entering exhibits into any of the Redwood Empire Fair's department buildings for the public to enjoy. The Home Arts building displays entries like baked goods, tote paintings, collections, sewing and quilting projects, canned goods and more; the Fine Arts building showcases photography, paintings, drawings, jewelry, wood crafts and other quality art projects; and the Junior building is a main hub for all the youth 4-H, Future Farmer of America and independent exhibitors' entries, including everything from photography, table settings, fly tying, poetry, educational exhibits and much more.

The Floriculture building merged with the Horticulture and Agriculture building this year, and all the home-raised produce, herbs, flowers, fruits and veggies were all there on display. Cut flowers and floral arrangements also graced the walls. Outside, the gardens were displayed with planted flowers and decorations in vignettes for the public to enjoy.

Results for north county residents (Willits, Laytonville and Covelo) are listed below.

Willits

Grace Aguilar won two first-place awards in the Junior building for her collage and one-piece entry. Keely Ahders won six first-place awards and five second-place awards in the Junior building for her photography entries, including seascapes, animals, sunsets and flowers, and one for a baked cake entry. Samantha Arms won four first-place awards and one second-place award for her Junior building flower arrangements, including entries into the "Over The Top," "Floral Fantasy" and "Mini" categories.

Danielle Barry won a first-place award and three second-place awards for her Junior building floral arrangement entries, including entries into the "Flowers Say It Best" and "Mini" categories. Marie Blake won four first-place awards, four second-place awards and three third-place awards in the Junior building for her breeding, crayon, pencil and sculpture entries. Michele Briggs won three

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Andrew Hosford of Sparetime Supply poses with Danielle Barry of Willits 4-H. Hosford purchased Barry's market lamb this year.

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After breaking the group into squares of four couples each, Johnstone explained the basic calls and their accompanying moves. "The basic moves: Allele left, circle right, allemande left," said Johnstone. "Allemande comes from a French term that means 'by the hand.' You join left forearms with somebody and walk around in a circle."

As a modern square dance caller, rather than a traditionalist, Johnstone's music isn't limited to the basic country and western beats, but includes a wide range of genres including contemporary rock and roll.

"I take a piece of music that has a good beat, not necessarily a lot of melody to it, and I throw in square dance moves off the top of my head and maneuver the dancers around the room in geometric patterns."

Square dancing is an international phenomenon, with a universal language and standards practiced by a variety of cultures.

"If you were to go to a dance in Germany, they use the same calls," said Good. "Every once in a while, we'd have groups from around the world, and they'd come dance with us. They might not speak English, but they all dance to the same standard square-dancing calls."

The Willits Frontier Twirlers are hosting beginners' classes on Monday nights from 7 to 8 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, starting Monday, August 15. For more information, call 459-9526.

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for her 233-pound market hog. Kirsten Britton of Round Valley 4-H received \$5.50 per pound from Cold Creek Compost for her 1,106-pound market steer. Andre Oliver of Round Valley 4-H received \$8.50 per pound from Keith's Family Food Store for his 227-pound market hog. Taylor Drew of Willits 4-H received \$11 per pound from A to Z Construction for his 269-pound market hog. Christian Erickson of Willits 4-H received \$8 per pound from Cooley Logging for his 250-pound market hog. Liah Garman of Willits FFA received \$5 per pound from Weathertop Nursery for her 1,191-pound market steer. Tanner Heiken of Willits 4-H received \$8 per pound from Shuster's Transportation for his 242-pound market hog. Cruz Erickson of Willits 4-H received \$8 per pound from J.D. Redhouse & Co. for his 259-pound market hog. Nadia Davila of Round Valley 4-H received \$4.50 per pound from Round Valley Indian Health Center for her 1,336-pound market steer.

Alexis Reyes of Willits FFA received \$14 per pound from Safeway of Willits for her 86-pound market goat. Tatyana Guevara of Willits FFA received \$11 per pound from 707 Apparel and More for her 245-pound market hog. Leviathan Bowes of Round Valley 4-H received \$8 per pound from Wylatt Resource Management for his 271-pound market hog. Cole Moyle of Willits 4-H received \$8 per pound from Sparetime Supply for his 245-pound market hog. Cody Pedersen of Willits FFA received \$12 per pound from Petersen Tractor Service Department for his 99-pound market goat. Jared Williams of Round Valley 4-H received \$9 per pound from Round Tree Glass for his 258-pound market hog.

Hailey Riley of Willits FFA received \$16 per pound from Garman Family Land for her 145-pound market lamb. Danielle Barry of Willits 4-H received \$20 per pound from Sparetime Supply for her 136-pound market lamb. Ashton Weeks of Willits 4-H received \$7.50 per pound from Rocky Seaton Solid Waste for her 268-pound market hog. Jacob Compa from Willits 4-H received \$6 per pound from Shuster's Transportation for his 246-pound market hog. Ella Lane of Willits 4-H received \$6.25 per pound for her 240-pound market hog. Caleb Lovell of Willits 4-H received \$10 per pound from Floodgate H2O for his 255-pound market hog.

Grant Forrester of Willits 4-H received \$20 per pound from Anderson Logging for his 77-pound market goat. Bailey Ferguson of Willits FFA received \$5.75 per pound from Nor-Cal Recycled Rock & Aggregates for her 267-pound market hog. Karissa Cornwall of Willits FFA received \$8 per pound from Sparetime Supply for her 250-pound market hog. Mariah Ochoa of Willits 4-H received \$11 per pound from Sky Rock Ranch for her 99-pound goat. Lance Burgess of the Willits FFA received \$15 per pound from Grizzley Mountain Ranch for his 145-pound market lamb. Tanner Drew of Willits 4-H received \$11 per pound from Cooley Logging for his 156-pound market hog. Austin Willcutt of Willits FFA received \$12 per pound from Paul Riley Drywall for his 85-pound market goat.

Jaden Doak of Willits FFA received \$5.75 per pound from Loren Johnson Construction for her 1,229-pound market steer. Matt Edwards of Covelo FFA received \$10 per pound from Covelo Western Auto Inc. for his 231-pound market hog. Grace Aguilar of Willits 4-H received \$12 per pound from Rainbow Ag Services for her 139-pound market lamb. Lillian Lincoln of Round Valley 4-H received \$7 per pound from Uptown Mercantile for her 238-pound market hog. Katie Spackman of Willits 4-H received \$20 per pound from Nor-Cal Recycled Rock & Aggregates for her 78-pound market goat.

Gracie Bauer of Round Valley 4-H received \$5.50 per pound from Round Valley Indian Tribes Senior Center for her 1,136-pound market steer. Nolan Linares of Round Valley 4-H received

\$7.50 per pound from Round Valley Indian Tribes Senior Center for his 227-pound market hog.

Koden Fryman of Willits 4-H received \$7.50 per pound from Mendocino Construction for his 260-pound market hog. Grace Horgan of Willits FFA received \$5.50 per pound from Redwood Empire Title for her 1,300-pound market steer. Cassandra Bassler of Long Valley 4-H received \$15 per pound from Gravier's Chevron of Laytonville for her 92-pound market goat. Haley Whitcomb of Long Valley 4-H received \$5.25 per pound from Bodensteiner Medical Research for her 1,184-pound market steer. Brayden Polson of Long Valley 4-H received \$8.50 per pound from Laytonville Lumber & Wholesale for his 249-pound market hog.

Frankie Hoaglen of Round Valley 4-H received \$8.50 per pound from Round Valley Indian Tribes Senior Center for his 259-pound market hog. Sarah Compa of Willits FFA received \$7.25 per pound from Dr. Croskey, Dr. Jeremiah & Tedd Dawson for her 266-pound market hog. Bryna Garcia of Covelo FFA received \$5.75 per pound from The Pub Sports Bar for her 262-pound market hog. Benjamin Branscomb of Willits FFA received \$7.25 per pound from Les Schwab Willits for his 255-pound market hog. Octavien Smith of Willits FFA received \$7 per pound from M&M Feed for his 236-pound market hog. Kailea Nelson of Willits 4-H received \$8 per pound from Rescue Solutions for her 263-pound market hog. Taylor Buzzard of Willits FFA received \$9 per pound from Shuster's Transportation for her 230-pound market hog. Elizabeth Rountree of Willits FFA received \$5.25 per pound from Kurt Christiansen for her 1,160-pound steer. Aaron Griggs of Willits 4-H received \$12.50 per pound from Sparetime Supply for his 263-pound market hog. Samantha Arms of Willits 4-H received \$13.50 per pound from Friedman Brothers for her 143-pound market lamb.

Anthony Freeman of Round Valley 4-H received \$7.25 per pound from Round Valley Indian Health Center for his 254-pound market hog. Robert Whipple, Jr. received \$7 per pound from Hidden Oaks Casino for his 259-pound market hog. Grace Croskey of Willits 4-H received \$19.50 per pound from Geiger's Long Valley Market for her 86-pound market goat. Ava Mucke of Willits 4-H received \$12.50 per pound from Telecom Services Company for her 143-pound market lamb. Paige Whitcomb of Long Valley 4-H received \$6.50 per pound from Gravier's Chevron Laytonville for her 265-pound market hog. Jorge Carrillo of Willits FFA received \$7.50 per pound from Round Tree Glass for his 222-pound market hog. Jesse Arms of Willits 4-H received \$13 per pound from Mendocino County Farm Supply for his 125-pound market lamb. Connor Basler of Long Valley 4-H received \$8.50 per pound from Long Valley Auto Supply for his 247-pound market hog. James Brown of Willits FFA received \$6.25 per pound from Shuster's Transportation for his 276-pound market hog.

Taylor Brown of Willits FFA received \$5.25 per pound from Shuster's Transportation for her 261-pound market hog. Emma Garman of Willits 4-H received \$19 per pound from Northern Aggregates for her 138-pound market lamb. Elena Arkelian of Willits 4-H received \$21.50 per pound from Penofin for her 127-pound market lamb. Haily Findley of Willits FFA received \$5.50 per pound from Les Schwab Willits for her 222-pound market hog. Hunter Basler of Long Valley 4-H received \$8.50 per pound from the Law Office of Elina Agnoli for his 230-pound market hog. Kyleena Amador of Willits FFA received \$6.50 per pound from Sparetime Supply for her 271-pound market hog. Darrell Buzzard of Willits FFA received \$8 per pound from Paul Riley Drywall for his 260-pound market hog. Hazel Bowes of Round Valley 4-H received \$7 per pound

from Hidden Oaks Casino for her 266-pound market hog. Christopher Doak received \$7.25 per pound from Weathertop Nursery for his 224-pound market hog.

Laney Hendry of Willits 4-H received \$10 per pound from the Mendocino County Farm Bureau for her 127-pound market lamb. Sierra Skinner of Willits FFA received \$6 per pound from Mark Davis Insurance for her 266-pound market hog. Sierra Mayfield of Willits 4-H received \$14 per pound from 707 Apparel and More for her 122-pound market lamb. Callie Brown of Willits 4-H received \$6.50 per pound from Daniel Steel & Machine for her 266-pound market hog. Aurora-belle David of Willits 4-H received \$550 from Weathertop Nursery for her market turkey. Jonah Lindsey of Covelo FFA received \$7.50 per pound from Round Tree Glass for his 247-pound market hog. Ethan Ferguson of Willits 4-H received \$6 per pound from Bud Garman Construction for his 264-pound market hog. Kristopher Novo of Willits FFA received \$6.50 per pound from Junior Bear Ranch for his 244-pound market hog. Walker Klea of Willits 4-H received \$13.50 from McCarty's Auto Body for his 252-pound market hog. Tyler Bruno of Round Valley 4-H received \$8 per pound from Mina Burgers for his 237-pound market hog. Jimmy Whitley of Long Valley 4-H received \$4.50 per pound from Gravier's Chevron Laytonville for his 1,258-pound market steer. Lacey Bettge of Round Valley 4-H received \$8.50 per pound from Uptown Mercantile for her 227-pound market hog. Jacobi Smith of Willits 4-H received \$8 per pound from Dennis Schrage for his 262-pound market hog.

Jay Griggs of Willits 4-H received \$13 per pound from Sparetime Supply for his 254-pound market hog. Lucas Branscomb of Willits 4-H received \$8.50 per pound from Willits Redwood Company for his 262-pound market lamb. Garrett Campbell of Long Valley 4-H received \$5 per pound from Rhodes & Sons Construction for his 1,313-pound market steer. Justin Verdort of Willits FFA received \$11 per pound from Sparetime Supply for his 261-pound market hog. Keegan Reed of Willits FFA received \$8 per pound from 101 Trailer & RV for his 243-pound market hog.

Honey Bienvenu of Round Valley 4-H received \$9.75 from Hidden Oaks Casino for her 227-pound market hog. Kayla Smith of Willits FFA received \$12 per pound from Mendo Mill for her 115-pound market lamb. Myaz Boarfield of Long Valley 4-H received \$8 per pound from Weathertop Nursery for his 258-pound market hog. David Mann of Willits 4-H received \$12 per pound from William Longier for his 266-pound market hog. Lawrence Taylor of Long Valley 4-H received \$7.50 per pound from Mark Lucchetti for his 230-pound market hog.

Carmen Davila of Round Valley 4-H received \$13.50 per pound from M&M Feed for her 90-pound market goat. Evan Flamer of Willits FFA received \$10 per pound from Brown's Corner for his 235-pound market hog. Bryna Bowes of Round Valley 4-H received \$14.50 per pound from Hidden Oaks Casino for her 64-pound market goat. Chase Tonne of Long Valley 4-H received \$5 per pound from B&B Industrial Hardware for his 270-pound market hog. Jordan Luna of Long Valley 4-H received \$7 per pound from Campbell Falling for her 269-pound market hog. Jessica Buzzard of Willits 4-H received \$10.25 per pound from Les Schwab of Willits for her 224-pound market hog. William England of Willits 4-H received \$14.50 per pound from Nor-Cal Recycled Rock & Aggregates for his 227-pound market hog.

Results compiled from information provided by the Redwood Empire Fair.



Above, left: The youngest 4-H members, Cloverbuds, pose with their leaders for a group photo. Sportsmanship award candidates, including Julie Brown of Potter Valley FFA, Cassidy Daniels, David Aban of Fort Bragg 4-H, Nora Martin, and Samantha Arms of Willits 4-H.

At far left: Bob Dempel holds a sample of the jacket the winning exhibitors will receive. At left: recipients of the Born and Raised in Mendocino County sheep group, who received checks Sunday.

Below: The 4-H Leader of the Year, Kristen Looney of Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H, received her award from Samantha Arms of Willits 4-H. At bottom: The winner of the 2016 Sportsmanship trophy, David Aban.

Photos by Maureen Moore



Redwood Empire Fair 2016 Youth Exhibitor Awards Ceremony

After the animals are loaded and before camps get broken down, the youth exhibitors come to the Redwood Empire Fair's Willow Tree Stage for the annual awards ceremony.

Future Farmers of America and 4-H members are honored for their efforts raising livestock, creating exhibits and showing their animals. The event's grand finale, the announcement of the winners of large and small animal Round Robin, is always an exciting highlight of the ceremony.

Katie Penry of Potter Valley 4-H and Keely Ahders of Willits 4-H emceed the event, which was chaired by Willits 4-H's Chris Ceresa. Penry and Ahders led the salute to the American flag, Ahders led the 4-H salute, and Ethan Reed led the FFA creed.

First and foremost, livestock auction checks were given out by a representative of the Savings Bank of Mendocino County to the group leaders. Leaders disperse the checks after a personal thank you card from each exhibitor is given.

Market animal class winners were next: Grand Champion winner receive trophies, and Reserve Grand Champion winners receive plaques. This year, the Grand Champion Market Steer went to Caitlyn Forrester of the Willits FFA. She received the John R. Hildebrand Memorial Trophy and cash award, which was presented by Sheryn Hildebrand. The Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer went to Claire Case-Brackett of the Willits FFA.

The Grand Champion Market Lamb went to Cassidy Daniels of Fort Bragg FFA. She received the Windswept Ranch Perpetual Trophy sponsored by Chuck Ream and a cash prize provided by George Weger. The Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb went to Hailey Seever of Ukiah Shamrock 4-H.

A special Randy Clark Memorial Award was given to Chancelyn Johnson of Potter Valley 4-H for her lamb. Johnson also received cash awards for her Supreme Champion Ram and Ewe from her sheep breeding project.

The Grand Champion Market Hog went to Russell Fansler of Potter Valley 4-H. He received the Jane Amundson Perpetual Trophy, which was presented by Susan Penry. The Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog went to Garrett Dailey of Potter Valley FFA.

The Grand Champion Market Goat went to Morgan Riley of the Willits FFA. She received the North Coast Meat Goat Junior Show Perpetual Trophy, which was presented by Shanna Braught. The Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat went to Mason Kelly of Long Valley 4-H.

The Grand Champion Market Poultry Meat Pen went to Hugo Chavez of Anderson Valley FFA and the Reserve Grand Champion Market Poultry Meat Pen went to Grant Keffeler of Ukiah Shamrock 4-H. The Grand Champion Market Rabbit Meat Pen went to Stephany Brundage of Willits 4-H. Reserve Grand Champion Market Rabbit Meat Pen went to Audrey Portlock of Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H. The Grand Champion Market Turkey went to Isaac Arnold of Fort Bragg FFA, and the Reserve Grand Champion Market Turkey went to Sophia Scott of Willits 4-H.

The fair also offers special recognition to exhibitors who buy and raise their animals in Mendocino and Lake counties, and rewards them with cash prizes for keeping the animals local. Stacy Anderson presented the beef awards, Susan Pierce presented the hog awards, and Jerry Nunn presented the sheep awards.

Sierra Mayfield of Willits 4-H received the Livestock

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Thursday, August 11

“The Cannabis Hour”: Host Jane Fitcher discusses the two cannabis measures that will be on the November ballot in Mendocino County with guest Swami Chaitanya, who helped write the cultivator-supported Heritage Initiative. Thursday, August 11 at 9 am on KZYX Radio, 91.5 FM in Willits Swami Chaitanya will “explain how the more far-reaching, locally grown cultivator-supported initiative differs from the Cannabis Tax Initiative written by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors with help from statewide tax consultants.”

WHS Booster Club Meeting: The monthly WHS Booster Club Meeting is set for 6 pm, Thursday, August 11, at the Willits High School Food Center. Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at WHS! The Booster Club has its upcoming 4th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 17 at the Brooktrails Golf Course, and is looking for hole sponsors and tournament participants. For information call Donna at: 459-2752.

Friday, August 12

“The Nerd”: Opening night at Willits Community Theatre for this “hilarious farce” by Larry Shue. 8 pm. “First premiered in 1981, ‘The Nerd’ has since been a Broadway hit and a top-grossing American play in London’s West End. It is a play for all ages, with its bright one-liners, indelible action, reliable pacing and hidden surprises.” Directed by Jason Edgington, with an all-star cast. Runs through August 28, with shows on Thursday at 7 pm for \$10, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm for \$15, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm for \$10 (August 21 and 28). Advance tickets are available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. An invitation-only Gala Reception for WCT donors will be held on Saturday, August 13 with a Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Kevin H.C. Moore. Tickets will be available to the public for the regular show that evening. Persons interested in donating to WCT and receiving a gala invitation can contact the office at 459-0895. A special benefit First Thursday performance will be hosted on August 18 by the Howard Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Tickets for the benefit performance are available only through Dianne Menzies at 707-354-1809.

ClosEnuf: live at the Brooktrails Lodge, 24675 Birch Street, every second Friday of the month; this

What's Happening Around Town

month, Friday, August 12 at 8 pm. “Come listen and jam with seasoned musicians who love to entertain with good classic rock ‘n’ roll.” Sign-ups at 7:30 pm for open mic jam. Info: www.brooktrailsodge.com or 459-1596.

Shanachie Pub: Wrongs Krew DJ Night moved to Friday night this month, with all forms of House Music from 1996 to the present concentrating on deep, funky & groovy tunes, with some Latin & Jazz undertones as well as Electro. Featuring guests artists from across the country and around the globe. Every first Saturday. 9 pm. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, August 13

“The Nerd”: 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, August 12 listing for more details.

Shanachie Pub: House of Mary, 9 pm. 3-piece Indie rock band. Their style is fun, flirty, clever, sexy, and unique. The band features locals Aubrie Arnoux - vocals, harmonica, and Blair Mullen - drums, with new transplant from Sacramento, Spencer Byrnes - guitar, backup vocals. Plus opening band from Sacramento. Visit www.facebook.com/Houseofmarymusic. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

World’s wisdom traditions,” on Monday, August 15. Room 4, The Grange, 291 School Street. 7 to 9 pm.

Tuesday, August 16

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

Wednesday, August 17

Safe Banking for Seniors: A “Bank Safe-tee Social,” Wednesday, August 17 at 10:30 am at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Identify and avoid scams! The American Bankers Association Foundation’s Safe Banking for Seniors campaign is a nationwide effort to help older customers and their financial caregivers understand the risks of fraud and financial abuse and how to protect themselves and their loved ones. Sponsored by Savings Bank of Mendocino County and Safe Banking for Seniors. For more information and other consumer resources,, visit aba.com/seniors.

Mendocino County Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting: BHAB meeting this month is in the north county: Set for Wednesday, August 17, at Laytonville Healthy Start Family Resource Center, Harwood Hall, 44400 Willits Avenue. 10 am to 2 pm. “The meeting is intended for members of the public interested in supporting their local mental health services system. Community members are encouraged to attend the meeting to ask questions, obtain information and provide feedback.” Agenda available at: www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hhsa/mh-board.htm. Info: Carolyn Peckham, 707-472-2310 or mhboard@co.mendocino.ca.us.

KLLG DJ Training: Willits Hometown Radio KLLG takes a step forward toward being on the air full-time as they hold a free class for prospective DJs and programmers on Wednesday, August 17. Cynthia Click, music director for KMUD-FM in Garberville, will offer a class on “Prerecording Shows” using GarageBand, a free audio editing program. The class will be from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Grange, 291 School Street, room 10. More information on KLLG-LP, 97.9 FM, is available online at KLLG.org.

Thursday, August 18

“The Nerd”: 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, August 12 listing for more details.

Friday, August 19

Senior Center Pulled Pork Drive-Thru: Willits Senior Center hosts a Pulled Pork Drive Thru Dinner fundraisers Friday, August 19 from 5:30 to 6 pm at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. \$10 per dinner. Info: 459-6826.

“The Nerd”: 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, August 12 listing for more details.

Saturday, August 20

Round Valley Blackberry Festival Footrace: Saturday August 20, at 8 am to benefit the Round Valley Public Library. 5K /10K / Walk. Registration Library Commons. \$15 day of race. 12 & under free. “A new course: flat and fast!”

Willits Youth Soccer Opening Day: The parade starts at 9 am on Saturday, August 20, and games will follow all throughout the day. With approximately 1,000 people expected to attend, parking will likely be a challenge. Allow yourself time to park. There’s additional parking at Recreation Grove. Concessions and restrooms will be open. Community groups that would like to set up a vendor or informational booth should

contact us by sending a private message to Willits Youth Soccer on Facebook.

WELL Efficient Living Tour: Visit and be inspired by local homes and businesses that save water, energy and money! Willits Economic Localization (WELL) is sponsoring this “first time in Willits” Efficient Living Tour on Saturday, August 20, from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Tour starts at 630 South Main Street (the Willits Environmental Center, two doors south of Mariposa). Cost \$15 includes

WELL membership and lunch. Free for current WELL members. “The goal is to increase our self-sufficiency at the local individual level. We’ll have a demonstration of a ‘blower test’ which determines where a building is leaking air; visit a property with a masonry heater and passive cooling, private water and septic system with rainwater collection and treatment system; visit Dripworks’ water-efficient demonstration garden; a straw bale structure; a state-of-the-art retrofit of an older home; and learn about grants and loans available to finance efficiency improvements. More info: Paul at 459-1418.

Free Summer Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop: Saturday August 20 from 10 am to noon at Sanhedrin Nursery, 1094 Locust Street. With Dave Watts and Richard Jeske. Info: 459-9009.

34th Annual Blackberry Festival: at the festival grounds in downtown Covelo. Saturday, August 20, 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, August 21, 10 am to 5 pm. Free admission. With MC Mickey the Clown, live music both days, arts & craft booths, blackberry delicacies, Mendocino County wines and a climbing wall. At 7 pm on Saturday there will be a square dance just outside the festival grounds. Sunday features “Vintage Wheels” motorcycle and antique car show. Info on car show: Sheila at 707-983-6159 or sheilamatthias@gmail.com. For general festival information, visit www.roundvalleyblackberryfestival.com.

79th annual Annual Old Timers Game: The tradition continues, with this Laytonville vs. Willits baseball game at Harwood Park in Laytonville. Old Timers Ceremony at noon; game starts around 1 pm. Info: visit “Annual Old Timers Game Laytonville vs. Willits” on Facebook or call 984-8089.

WHS Girls Soccer Tamale Fundraiser: Enjoy a dinner for four at 8 tamales, rice and beans, to benefit the Willits High School Girls Soccer team. Dinner pickup will be at WHS between 4 and 6 pm on Saturday, August 20. Tickets, \$40 for dinner for four, can be purchased through August 16 from any WHS girls soccer player, at J.D. Redhouse and Sherwood Market, or by calling Tatiana at 707-841-6027.

Just For Fun Choir: with Nancy New and friends, has a Birthday Concert Saturday, August 20 at 6 pm at the Willits United Methodist Church, on the corner of School and Pine streets. Donations at the door.

Movies in the Grove: Brooktrails Neighborhood Association presents free family movie night in Ohl Grove on Saturday, August 20 at 8 pm. For more details, visit the “BrooktrailsNeighborhood” page on Facebook.

“The Nerd”: 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, August 12 listing for more details.

Sunday, August 21

“The Nerd”: 2 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, August 12 listing for more details.

Vintage Wheels
Cars & Motorcycles
34th Annual Round Valley Blackberry Festival - Car Show
Sunday, August 21st, 2016
Get your kicks on Covelo Road
Awards for People's Choice and through 3rd
For more information call Sheila at 707-983-6159
dcmatt@roundvalleyfestival.com
www.roundvalleyblackberryfestival.com

COLUMN | At the Movies



“Suicide Squad”

The Story: After thinking a bit, I realized that I did not watch “Suicide Squad” for the story. Basically, a bad cookie subterranean government bureaucrat scours top secret prisons for the baddest bad guys ever – bad guys with superior murder skills. These hooligans, this “suicide squad,” is sent after very very bad guys based on the principle that a very very bad guy is worse than our baddest bad guys. No really. That’s the operant principle ... that’s the movie.

My Thoughts: I totally loved “Suicide Squad.” I laughed at the reckless cheekiness of its characters. This flick depends more on its actors than on its story or special effects. I was persuaded by gifted performers with charisma and acting chops to sit through a two-hour movie and enjoy every minute. Margo Robbie is a new star. Like Jennifer Lawrence or Clara Bow, Miss Robbie possesses it! (An indefinable quality that seduces and hypnotizes an audience.) Also, special kudos to Will Smith who brings his own simpatico and low-key humor. Hee, too, has it! So screw the criticsasters* and bilge spewers at Rotten Tomatoes. This flick and these actors rock ... with exclamation points!!!

Parents: Rated PG. This flick is not for the little ones, though they will want to see it because of big brother or sister. I think parts of “Suicide Squad” are too manic, even crazily random, for young children’s dreams.

*Criticaster is your Word of the Day. It refers to noisy, second-rate, bad-tempered but self-important critics. You’re welcome.

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

Save the Date
Garden Party, August 27, Shuster’s Garden
Claws for a Cause, September 3, Ridgewood Ranch
SoHum Beer Fest & BBQ Smoke Off, September 4, Ridgewood Ranch

Harrah Senior Center BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner
Friday • Aug. 19, 2016
5 to 6:30 P.M.
\$10.00 for one Dinner
PRE-SALE TICKETS ONLY
(Purchase at the Center’s Front Desk.)
Menu: BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, and Cookie.
Pick up Dinner at the Senior Center: 1501 Baechtel Road • 707-459-6826

FISH Dinner
August 27th 6 - 7:30 PM
St. Francis Episcopal Church
1 N. MAIN STREET, Willits
\$25 advanced tickets at Cat’s Meow
\$30 at the door, \$10 for kids
Take home meals available
Fresh, local ling cod, caught and cooked by Dick and Ross

DEADLINE FOR WILLITS WEEKLY:
Monday prior to Thursday publication

Senior Center Lunch
Week of August 15 through August 19

Monday: Sloppy Joes
Tuesday: Lemon Tilapia/Dill Sauce
Wednesday: Chicken Pasta Salad
Thursday: Fruit Plate w/ Cottage Cheese
Friday: Pork Chop

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.

Sneak Peek Tour
Wednesday, August 31

The Willits Chamber of Commerce hosts a special sneak peek tour of the Jann Lamprich Medical Office Building at the Howard Hospital campus off East Hill Road, Wednesday, August 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. See the Howard Foundation offices, Howard Pharmacy (soon to open), Redwood Medical Clinic and Outpatient Rehabilitation. Tour the building and visit with the staff, providers and physicians.

Market Match

CalFresh benefits at the Willits Farmers Market
Regular visitors to the Willits Farmers Market know it is a feast for the senses, a great way to shop locally, and a pleasant social outing. Shopping at a farmers market can also be more expensive than a trip to the supermarket or discount store, though that’s not always the case. While this reflects the true cost of growing food, it can leave some of us with tighter budgets feeling cut off from this local treasure.

Good news: It doesn’t have to be that way. Market Match opens the farmers market up to the community in new and exciting ways!

Market Match is California’s healthy food incentive program for CalFresh/EBT (“food stamp”) benefits. The program successfully redirects subsidies away from large corporate ag and into the hands of our local farmers and local families. When you use your EBT card at the farmers’ market, you’ll be offered \$15 extra to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

The income limit to qualify for CalFresh/EBT is roughly 138 percent of the federal poverty level, or about \$2,000 per month for a household size of two, or \$2,900 per month for a family of four. CalFresh/EBT benefits are 100% federal funds – your tax dollars at work and coming back to our community.

Using your EBT card at the Willits Farmers Market is simple: go first to the information table at the market to swipe your card and get tokens for your EBT and Market Match incentives. Spend the tokens/script just like cash with vendors that sell the same items you can purchase with EBT at other stores.

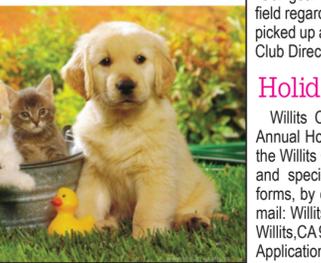
If you’re new to the program, start small and be fearless. Take \$5 and turn it into \$10 with Market Match. Walk around and see what appeals to you. Buy one thing you know you like and try one new thing for fun. Ask for recipe ideas, and use market ingredients in recipes you already know and love. Don’t be surprised if you love it and come back for more.

Visit http://grownlocalmendolake.com/ebt-match/ to watch a video and learn exactly how the program works. There’s a video in English and another in Spanish. You can also look for the “Willits Farmers Market” page on Facebook.

The Willits Farmers Market is on Thursdays from 3 to 6:30 pm at Willits City Park.

– Ian Fitzpatrick, for Grown Local

Rascal’s Rescue
Mobile Adoption Event
For The Humane Society of Inland Mendocino
Willits Power & Hardware
1600 South Main Street, Willits CA
August 20, 2016 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Bring a donation for the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino and get 10% off any one item (excluding power equipment) Adopt a pet and get a free bag of food.
Suggested Donations Are:
Canned Dog & Cat food, new or gently used collars and leashes, toys



Fish Dinner
Saturday, August 27

St. Francis Episcopal Church hosts a Fish Dinner on Saturday, August 27 from 6 to 7:30 pm, at the church, 1 North Main Street. Featuring fresh local ling cod, caught and cooked by Dick and Ross. Tickets are \$25 in advance (at Cat’s Meow); \$30 at the door; \$10 for kids. Take home meals available.

34th Annual Round Valley
BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL
Saturday 10am-6pm & Sunday 10am-5pm
August 20-21, 2016
Covelo, California
A fun-packed weekend for the entire family!

Willits Spartans Soccer Academy
September 3 to October 29

Willits Spartans FC hosts a soccer academy for players ages 3-12, on Saturdays from September 2 through October 29, at Blosser Lane Elementary School. For kids ages 3-12. Ages 3-4, 10 to 10:45 am, \$20. Ages 5-7, 10 to 11:30 am, \$30, includes T-shirt. Ages 8-10, 11 am to 12:30 pm (weekday practices TBA), \$25, includes T-shirt. Ages 11-12, 12 to 2 pm (weekday practices TBA), \$40, includes T-shirt). Registration closes on August 25. “Our goal is to get every child who wants to play soccer on the field regardless of their family’s ability to pay.” Applications can be picked up at Learning Roots and Room to Bloom preschools. Info: Club Director Tatiana Cantrell at 707-841-6027.

Holiday Crafts Fair Call for Artists

Willits Center for the Arts is accepting entries for the 30th Annual Holiday Craft Fair December 9, 10 and 11, to be held at the Willits Community Center. All interested artists, hand-crafters, and specialty foods entrepreneurs should request application forms, by e-mail to: Bonnie Belt at belt.bonnie@gmail.com or by mail: Willits Holiday Craft Fair c/o Bonnie Belt, 2291 Buckeye Dr. Willits, CA 95490 and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Applications will be e-mailed to all previous year’s applicants and new requests by August 31, 2016. Please note acceptance is subject to quality of work and earliest postmark date.

Laytonville Crawfish Boil
Sunday, August 28

The 10th annual Laytonville Crawfish Boil is set for Sunday, August 28 from 1 to 9 pm at the Laytonville Rodeo Grounds. “Amazing Louisiana cooking and four bands.” To benefit Laytonville’s local first responders and ambulance service. Tickets, \$100, are limited, and available at The Big Chief, Long Valley Feed, and Mendo Sun Market in Laytonville.

Enroll now for free Healthier Living Workshops

You can now enroll in the Healthier Living workshops sponsored by Avenues to Wellness that will start in September. Maintaining our health as we age may take additional management skills. Do you want more control in your life? Do you or does someone you know suffer from a chronic disease, such as diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, chronic pain, or depression? Are you a caregiver of someone that has a chronic illness? Avenues to Wellness offers a free, six-week, 2.5 hour Healthier Living Workshop series. These workshops are taught worldwide under the name of Chronic Disease Self-Management. Workshops are currently scheduled for Laytonville, Willits and Redwood Valley. Classes are facilitated by two leaders that attended a four-day, Stanford-approved training. Sessions focus on goal-setting, problem solving, and strategizing ways to reduce pain, fatigue, anxiety, and stress. Classes will also include tips to better manage your health, information on healthy eating, and how to incorporate physical activity into your daily routine.

To register for this local, free six-week workshop, call Doreen at Avenues to Wellness: 456-9676.

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Ongoing Events

Willits Summer Farmers Market: the Willits Farmers Market is now in Bud Snyder City Park, from 3 to 6:30 pm every Thursday afternoon. Veggies, strawberries, cherries, flowers, local meats and local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

“Dog Days of Summer”: Willits Center for the Arts August show features dog and dog-themed art in different media, by artists Teresa Robertson, Sandy Strong, Robert Permenter, Gene Avery North, Carolyn Carpenter, Morgan Rex, Mikela Cameron, Maureen Moore, Lisa Bowles, Kathryn Sterngold, Karen Gridley, June Ruckman, Jacqueline Standley and Brian Bowles. Runs through August 28. Gallery hours are now Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. More info: 459-1726 or www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

KLLG Radio Action Group: meets Mondays at 5:30 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 10. Learn about and participate in building Willits Hometown Radio. Volunteers needed. More information is available at www.KLLG.org or by calling Lanny Cotler at 367-1812.

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

‘Come and Play’: Grace Community Church at 25 Hazel Street is sponsoring a free play date every Thursday this summer from 11 am until noon, for kids through sixth grade. Children must be accompanied by a parent. An enclosed play yard for the little ones and various activities for older children. Call 459-3106 for additional information.

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

Drop-in Knitting Circle: 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.”

Willits Library Public Events: “Stories for Crawlers and Walkers,” Thursdays at 11 am. Technology group for help with hand-held devices, Fridays at 1 pm. Youth Game Night, ages 10-14, Fridays from 5 to 7:30 pm. 390 East Commercial Street. More info: 459-5908.

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

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

Volleyball Open Gym: at Baechtel Grove gym; Sundays and Tuesdays at 7 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

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

Free Sheriff’s Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 10 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

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

Karaoke Night at AI’s Redwood Room: Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street. Info: 459-2444.

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

'Personality' Pinky

Pinky is a 5-month-old female mixed-breed dog weighing 34.6 pounds. She is gorgeous, and she has a truly beautiful personality! Despite being young, she seems to have a calm about her, and while she loves play time, she also loves to just cuddle up and connect. Since she is a puppy, she will need guardians dedicated to training and socialization to ensure that she becomes her best grown-up self. She is smart and eager to please, so we think she'll be a quick learner!

Pinky loves everyone she meets, dogs or people, and would be a great addition to a family with kids. She has a playful but gentle nature that will make her a great friend. All of Pinky's adoption fees have been covered by a generous sponsor.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of more of the wonderful adoptable animals, please visit www.mendocinoshelter.com or visit the shelter. More info about adoptions: 467-6453.

Please join us the 2nd Saturday of every month. August 13 this month, for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk, and help us get every dog out for some exercise!

Smiley Guy

Smiley is a 5-year-old Shepherd mix and a volunteer favorite. Due to a history of neglect, Smiley is missing several of his front teeth, but that doesn't stop him from greeting everyone he meets with his signature grin! Smiley does well with other dogs after an introduction, and he loves kids. Come out and meet Smiley and his friends!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, where you can come visit, play with and/or adopt Gus or other dogs and cats, is open to prospective adopters from 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday, and from 11 am to 3 pm, on Saturday and Sunday. 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley (right down the street from the Broiler). Info: 707-485-0123 or hsimc@pacific.net or visit www.mendocinohumane.com.



Photo by Rod Coats



Saturday Soccer Tournament

Alumni Team Mighty Morphin takes home the 2016 trophy

The Willits High School soccer team kicked off its 2016/17 season with the annual Alumni Soccer Tournament on Saturday, with team Mighty Morphin taking home the championship trophy.

The tournament is held each year in August as a fundraiser to help pay expenses for both the girls and boys WHS soccer teams for the coming season.

Damian Sebouhian
Reporter
damian@willitsweekly.com

"We used to do one big game," said Noel Woodhouse, current boys' soccer coach for the Wolverines, as well as a WHS alumnus himself. "People really like the tournament format better. It's more games, and more people can play. We have two high school teams this year, so that's exciting."

Because there is no junior varsity squad at WHS, younger high school players rarely get the opportunity to play in regular

season games. So, the freshmen and sophomore players of both the boys and girls Wolverines squads formed their own teams, Willits Wolverines White and Willits Wolverines Green, for the tournament.

The other five teams consisted of Willits alumni, each player paying \$10 to participate in not only kicking goals, but also helping the Wolverines to reach their financial goals for the season.

Other supporters during the season include mothers such as "Team Mom" Jocelyn Miller, who goes to every game and provides water and transportation.

"I have a mini van, so I can take half the soccer team with me, so we don't have to spend additional money to rent a van," Miller said. "I'm hoping they're going to do really well [this season]. They've been playing together for

At top: Willits Wolverines White, Team Platypus, Team Damian, Willits Wolverines Green, 99 Problems and Team Mighty Morphin pose together. Above: Team Mighty Morphin, left, led by captain Uziel Macias, won the championship game versus 99 Problems led by Noel Woodhouse, right. Below: Action on the field. At bottom: Tournament directors and organizers Noel Woodhouse and Summer Manchester prepare for the tournament.

Photos by Mathew Cain



The rest of Awards From Page 7

Educational Display Award, \$50, from the fair for her efforts in creating and displaying her project in the Junior building. The Perpetual Sportsmanship Award was also presented during Sunday's ceremony. Vic and Maggie Weaver sponsor the plaque presented to the winner. Nora Martin, David Aban of Fort Bragg 4-H, Cassidy Daniels, Samantha Arms of Willits 4-H, and Julie Brown of Potter Valley FFA were up for the title, and David Aban took home the prize.

"David was unable to show or sell his steer for health reasons," said Ceresa. "However, each and every day David was in the beef barn cleaning stalls, sweeping aisle-ways, cleaning, and washing all day. He was super helpful and supportive during the show, never letting his loss bring him down."

Earlier in July, the horse show and horse showmanship events for the 2016 Redwood Empire Fair were held at the Willits Frontier Days rodeo grounds. Participants competed under saddle in English and Western classes, and completed the in-hand showmanship classes there, too. Winners were announced post-show for overall high point awards, but the showmanship awards were presented at Sunday's ceremony.

For 4-H novice, first place went to Hayden Hayes of Ukiah Shamrock 4-H. First place in 4-H intermediate went to Paige Whitcomb of Long Valley 4-H, and first place in 4-H advanced went to Gracie Silva of Long Valley 4-H. First place in Novice FFA went to Sierra Skinner of Willits FFA, and FFA advanced went to Jacob Crowhurst of Ukiah Shamrock 4-H.

Winners of each species compete in the overall showmanship contest: Round Robin. This is divided into large and small animal groups, for FFA and 4-H. Winners of each species, and competitors in Round Robin included:

Small animals: Wyatt Gaskell of Lake County 4-H and Kayla Smith of Willits FFA for cavies; Emma Farrell of Cole Creek 4-H for dogs; Grace Croskey of Willits 4-H for pygmy goats; Stephany Brundage of Willits 4-H and Hugo Chavez of Anderson Valley FFA for poultry; Bryna Garcia of Covelo FFA and Keely Ahders of Willits 4-H for rabbits; and Aurora David of Willits 4-H and Isaac Arnold of Fort Bragg FFA for turkeys.

Large animals: Katie Brown of Potter Valley 4-H and Ian Seymour of Willits FFA for beef; Erica Ilg of Lake County Caprine Group and Jacob Crowhurst of Ukiah FFA for dairy goats; Morgan Riley of Willits FFA and Jimmy Whitley of Long Valley 4-H for dairy cattle; Keely Ahders of Willits 4-H and Caitlyn Forrester of Willits FFA for horses; Grant Forrester of Willits 4-H and Lucy Burris (independent) for meat goats; Chancelyn Johnson of Potter Valley 4-H and Madison Forrester of Willits FFA for sheep; and Grace Brazil of Potter Valley 4-H and Katie Penry of Potter Valley 4-H for hogs.

Bob Demple and his wife, Shirley, announced the winners of the Round Robin competition and showcased the jackets that will be presented to the first-place FFA and 4-H winners of both the small and large animal competitions. The Dempels and T.J. Nelson sponsor these awards.

Results of 4-H small animal Round Robin: first place Emma Farrell, second place Wyatt Gaskell, third place Keely Ahders, fourth place Grace Croskey, fifth place Stephany Brundage, and sixth place Aurora David. Results

for 4-H large animal Round Robin: First place Erica Ilg, second place Chancelyn Johnson, third place Keely Ahders, fourth place Katie Brown, fifth place Grace Brazil, sixth place Grant Forrester, and seventh place Jimmy Whitley.

Results for FFA small animal Round Robin: first place Kayla Smith, second place Isaac Arnold, third place Hugo Chavez, and fourth place Bryna Garcia. Results for FFA large animal Round Robin: first place Caitlyn Forrester, second place Jacob Crowhurst, third place Lucy Burris, fourth place Madison Forrester, fifth place Morgan Riley, sixth place Katie Penry, and seventh place Ian Seymour.

Three exhibitors were also presented with their envelopes at the awards ceremony. Madison Ellege and Nathan Yanes received the 2016 Mendocino County Junior Livestock Auction Committee Scholarships, and Shannon Whetzel of Ukiah Shamrock 4-H received the Dr. Russell Preston 4-H Scholarship.

Four 4-H leaders were nominated for the Leader of the Year award, including Alexis Rutherford, Briana Ramsey, Kristen Looney and Amy Forrester. The 2016 winner was Kristen Looney, leader of Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H.

Her nomination card noted: "She has always looked at the bright side of things and always has a solution. She is always there for us. She has been a leader for 13 years and our community leader for six of those years. She is always the first to congratulate and support us, no matter what we are doing, both inside and outside of 4-H. She is encouraging, sweet, funny, enthusiastic, generous, and so much more. She makes every activity fun, while still teaching us how to be good citizens and always trying to make the best better. She has given her life to the Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H group for years. Being a leader is a year-round job, and she balanced this while also having her own family business. She has had two children go through 4-H from a young age. She has also dedicated many summers to 4-H's annual 4-H Camp. She deserves this award."

Primary 4-H members, the littlet of the clubs, were also honored at the awards ceremony. They, along with the Clean Stall Award winners, were granted entry to the ice cream social hosted by Jay Epstein State Farm Insurance of Ukiah that was held just after the awards ceremony.

Clean Stall Award winners included Long Valley 4-H and Fort Bragg FFA for beef, Redwood Valley 4-H and Fort Bragg FFA for goats, Willits 4-H and Fort Bragg FFA for poultry, Willits 4-H for rabbits, Willits 4-H and Potter Valley FFA for sheep, and Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H and Anderson Valley FFA for hogs. The Outstanding Clean Stall Award went to the Willits 4-H Sheep Group. Winners will have their group names embroidered on the perpetual banners displayed at the fair.

"The Fair Awards Committee thanks the many businesses and individuals that made donations to our endeavor. We appreciate the support of the many clubs and chapters as well," said Penry. "We especially thank Jan Hoyman Studio, MacNab's Men's Wear, Mary Ann Underhill, Mendocino County Farm Supply, Rainbow Ag, Bob Gaston Farrier and Forge, and Ukiah Trophy for going the extra mile in assisting the committee in our award selections and purchases."

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first-place awards, four second-place awards and two third-place awards for her Horticulture building entries, including "Nature's Unique," "Produce Characters" and herb entries. Mary Brodien entered items into the Floriculture and Home Arts buildings and won three first-place awards for her African violets and embroidered Christmas item; three second-place awards for another African violet, a strawberry jam and advanced baby afghan; three third-place awards for yet another African violet, a collection, and jelly; and she also won a fourth-place award for a plum jam.

Stephany Brundage cleaned up at the Junior building with 30 first-place awards for her numerous entries spanning the categories of pen and ink, sculpture, charcoal, oils, photography and more. Brundage received another 12 second-place awards for her photography and haiku, jingles and other entries, and two third-place awards as well.

Judy Butow received two first-place awards from the Fine Arts building for her jewelry entries. Peter Byrne took home three first-place awards in the Floriculture building for his cut daisies, mixed roses and potted geraniums and four second-place awards for his hybrid tea roses in pink and red, another potted geranium, and an additional rose entry. Mikela Cameron won a first-place award in the Fine Arts building for her pencil drawing, Barbara Carlton won two awards in the Home Arts building, including a first-place award for a dress and a second-place award for an intermediate wall hanging.

Bonnie Cook won five awards in the Floriculture building, including two first-place awards for her hydrangea and "Most Unusual Cut Flower" entries, two second-place awards for her daisies and alstroemeria entries, and a third-place award for her perennial cut flower. Sarah Coon won three first-place awards in the Fine Arts building for her photography entries, and two second-place awards, one for photography and one for a pen and ink drawing. Coon also won five first-place awards in the Horticulture building for her rosemary, tomatoes, potatoes and blackberry entries, and three second-place awards for her zucchini, tomato and plum entries.

Danica Deck won a first-place award in the Junior building for her entry. Amy Elliott won a third-place award in the Home Arts building for her advanced quilt entry. Lisa Gamet won two second-place awards in the Home Arts building for her beginner quilting entries. Emma Garman won two first-place awards and one second-place award in the Junior building for her flower arrangements, including entries into the "Over The Top," "Flowers Say It Best" and "Mini" categories.

Gail Harrie won a second-place award in the Horticulture building and a first-place award in the Home Arts building for her collection entry. Katherine Houghtby won a first-place award and three second-place

awards for her Fine Arts building photography entries, including birds, pets, landscape and people entries. Suzen Ingle won six first-place awards in the Home Arts building for her quilts, crocheted item, green beans, barbecue sauce and spaghetti sauce. Ingle also won a second-place award for another quilted item and a third-place award for another barbecue sauce entry. Wayne Ingle won a second-place award in the Horticulture building for his red globe onion entry.

Elizabeth Janich won a first-place award in the Home Arts building for her advanced quilting entry. Mason Kelly won a first-place award in the Junior building for her 9 to 13 entry. Jacqui Kendall won a second-place and a third-place award in the Home Arts building for her quilted entries. Cookie Kittenger won a first-place award in the Home Arts building for her beginner quilt entry. Jeanne H. Koelle won four first-place awards for her watercolors and "Field of Poppies" entries in the Fine Arts building as well as three additional second-place awards and one third-place award for other watercolor entries.

Malayna Mari Lavendusky won a first-place award in the Juniors building for her entry. Betty Lemmer won a second-place award in the Home Arts building for her advanced quilting entry. Josephine Lockner won seven first-place awards, two in the Floriculture building for her dried arrangement in the fair theme, "Celebrating 80 Years of Reel Family Fun," and a collection of three succulents; four in the Home Arts building for her decorative paintings; and one in the Fine Arts building for her "From Drab to Fab" entry. She also received a second-place award for her broken pot container in the Floriculture building.

Rose Mann won two first-place awards and one second-place award in the Home Arts building for her drop, refrigerator and rolled cookie entries. Sierra Mayfield won four first-place awards and four second-place awards in the Junior building, several for her photography entries that included architecture, flowers, landscapes and selfies and some for her educational poster and welding entries. Artie McCann won a first-place award, two second-place awards and two third-place awards for beaded jewelry entries in the Fine Arts building. R.T. McCann won three first-place awards in the Fine Arts building for watercolor entries which included animals, architecture and landscape entries.

Gretchen Moore won three first-place awards and two third-place awards in the Home Arts building for her clothing, embroidery and wall hanging entries. Ava Mucke won two first-place awards in the Junior building. Kassidy Noonan won seven first-place awards and three second-place awards in the Junior building for her acrylics, petunia, vegetable, hydrangea and pansy entries. Jo Ann Pinkerton won a first-place award and a second-place award in the

Horticulture building for her pole bean and yellow crookneck squash entries.

Caroline T. Salcedo won a first-place award, two second-place awards and one third-place award in the Home Arts building for her quilted entries. The Girl Scout Troop of Willits won a fourth-place award in the Junior building for their window display. Pat Sprinkle won a first-place award and a second-place award in the Floriculture building for her potted plant and hanging basket entry, as well as a first-place award in the Horticulture building for her elephant garlic and a first-place award in the Home Arts building for her cookie entry. Jedediah Swearingin won three first-place awards in the Junior building for his pen and ink and watercolor entries. Jonas Swearingin won two first-place awards and one second-place award in the Junior building for his landscape, rock and vegetable entries. Chase Tonne won a first-place award in the Junior building for his entry.

Enzo Vaccaro won a second-place award and a third-place award in the Floriculture building for his "Favorite Movie" arrangement and broken pot container garden. Erin Vaccaro won two first-place awards in the Horticulture building for her herb entries and two first-place awards in the Floriculture building for her "Fair Theme" and "Pretty in Pink" arrangement entries. Sofia Vaccaro won a first-place award in the Junior building for her floral arrangement entered into the "Mini" category, as well as a second-place and third-place award in the Floriculture building for her "Favorite Movie" arrangement and broken pot container garden. Alexander Warrick won a second-place award in the Junior building for his "Fair Theme" entry. Ashtan Weeks won two first-place awards and three second-place awards in the Junior building for photography entries including animals, flowers, selfies and others.

Laytonville and Covelo

Quinten Cordova of Covelo won a first-place award in the Fine Arts building for a graffiti art rattle can entry. Aurora-Belle David of Laytonville won two first-place awards and two second-place awards in the Junior building for her photography and other entries. Namid David of Laytonville won a first-place award and three second-place awards in the Junior building for his photography and other entries. Hailey Musgrave won a first-place award in the Junior building for her club project. Davna Reynolds of Covelo won nine first-place awards in the Agriculture, Floriculture and Fine Arts buildings for her "Nature's Unique" entry, zinnias, floral arrangements, marigolds and a broken pot container garden. She also received two second-place awards in the Fine Arts and Floriculture buildings for her zinnias and sunrise/sunset entry and a third-place award for a special contest entry in the Floriculture building.

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WPD Activity Report

July 23 to August 5

Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

July 23
6:45 pm: WILLET, Donald (32) of Willits was contacted during a traffic stop in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a citation pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

July 25
1:30 pm: Officers responded to a hit and run collision in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
4:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism to a vehicle in the 800 block of South Main Street.
5:05 pm: VAN HORN,

J.D. (30) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a citation for an active Mendocino County warrant.

10 am: HALE, Oren (55) of Willits was contacted in the 500 block of South Main Street and issued a citation for an active Mendocino County warrant.

3:15 pm: GUERRERO, Chris (26) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane and issued a citation for an active Mendocino County warrant.

5 pm: Officers responded to a fight in the 10 block of West Van Lane. When they arrived, they contacted the victim, who reported being in an altercation with the suspect, PIKE, Darrell (21) of Hopland, because of a previously unreported theft. According to a second victim, Pike had also stolen a cell phone. Officers located

July 27
9:50 am: Officers initiated an investigation into harassing phone calls to a resident in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

12 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Sherwood Road and, as a result, contacted GROSSMAN, Samantha (29) of Willits. While speaking with Grossman, officers determined she was under the influence of a controlled substance and in violation of the terms of her probation. Grossman

was placed under arrest pursuant to 11550(a) HS (Drug Influence) and 1203.2(a) PC (Violation of Probation).

1:45 pm: Officers responded to a traffic collision in the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

5:15 pm: Officers responded to a traffic collision in the 300 block of North Main Street.

July 29
11 am: Officers responded to a traffic collision in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

July 30
7 am: SCHMIDT,

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Above: Willits Weekly crew members who attended Thursday night's Directors' Awards Dinner at the Redwood Empire Fair to receive the 2016 "Media of the Year" award. From left: Jennifer Poole, Maureen Moore, April Tweddell, Mike A'Dair, Jenny Senter, Matthew Caine, Rachel Belvin and Patsy Jordan. At right: All recipients of the 2016 awards at the Director's Awards Dinner, including Michael Braughton of Geiger's Long Valley Market, Andrew "Andy" Beckstoffer of Beckstoffer Vineyards, Mark Ruedrich of North Coast Brewing Company, Maureen Moore and Jennifer Poole of Willits Weekly, and Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster.

Redwood Empire Fair Awards

Willits Weekly: 2016 'Media of the Year'

Submitted by the Redwood Empire Fair

Willits Weekly is our 2016 Media of the Year Award recipient. Willits Weekly is a locally owned and independent newspaper co-founded by Jennifer Poole and Maureen Moore. Established May 2, 2013, Willits Weekly has a circulation of approximately 3,500, primarily in Willits, where you can pick up a copy from the counters of many of the local businesses, including cafes, restaurants, beauty salons, banks, and many retail stores. They also distribute through schools and municipal organizations, and partner with a newspaper delivery service to provide home delivery as well as distribution in Laytonville, Covelo and Ukiah.

Jennifer's and Maureen's vision was to produce a hometown newspaper with its own voice that truly reflected the news and community events of the area, with quality color photography, relevant articles and affordable advertising rates for local advertisers. In the day of digital media, print publication profit margins are slim, but with a supportive community and an excellent product, Willits Weekly has been a success. Just some of the praise from their readership includes: "I love your newspaper. I read it word for word every week." "Willits Weekly is the most informative newspaper in

Mendocino County." "Thank you so much for what you've done for the community."

Jennifer is editor and publisher of this weekly publication. Her newspaper publication career started in the Bay Area in the late 1970s, writing listings for "The East Bay Review of the Performing Arts." She subsequently did editorial and production work for numerous publications, including the San Francisco Bay Guardian and the San Jose Mercury News. She moved to Mendocino County in 1992, and worked at The Willits News and the Ukiah Daily Journal as a copy editor and as a reporter.

Maureen is art director and chief photographer. She was born and raised in Willits, and was interested in photography from an early age. Maureen honed her skills working at The Willits News as a photographer and reporter, and eventually started up her own portrait and lifestyle photography business, Mphotography. Her clients include Willits Frontier Days, Howard Memorial Hospital, Ukiah Valley Medical Center and, of course, our very Redwood Empire Fair.

This is the first award – of what we at the Redwood Empire Fair predict will be many – for Willits Weekly.



A lifeline for Brooktrails utility users

Brooktrails residents who have fallen behind on their utility bills may be eligible for some financial relief, following action at Tuesday's meeting of the township's board of directors.

Directors approved changes to the township's utility code that would allow them to abate accrued interest on a customer's utility account, provided they have paid all the arrears in their bill except for the penalties.

Before they could make a plea to directors for relief, however, customers would have to submit documentation to General Manager Denise Rose explaining the circumstances

behind their difficulties. Rose would pass their application for relief on to the board, which would then approve or reject the plea based on whether or not there were extenuating circumstances as to why the customer could not pay their utility bill during successive billing periods, whether the applicant is currently in compliance with all district ordinances (including all other utility code provisions), and whether directors consider it "in the public interest" to abate the penalties.

The board's ruling will be final. If penalties are abated, the township will issue a "satisfaction of lien," if a lien has been recorded. The ordinance will become effective in 30 days.

County asks to join energy consortium

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously at their August 2 meeting to petition Sonoma Clean Power Authority to grant the county membership in its organization.

The energy consortium buys energy independently of PG&E, but uses PG&E infrastructure to deliver energy to homes that have requested that service. It was formed in June 2013 under the provisions of Assembly Bill 117, a law approved by the California Legislature in 2002. Energy consortiums operating under the 2002 legislation are referred to as community choice aggregations, or CCAs.

CCAs can provide energy cheaper than for-profit corporations because CCAs don't have to return a profit to shareholders. Nor do they have to pay for upkeep and repair of extensive energy generation and delivery infrastructure.

In addition, CCAs have the option of offering a "cleaner, greener" mix of energy sources than large energy corporations. Over the past year and a half, county supervisors have had numerous conversations with representatives from various CCAs, including Sonoma Clean Power, California Clean Power and Marin Clean Energy. Over the past few months, Sonoma Clean Power has emerged as the county's preferred option, in part because it seemed most willing to respond positively to the county's various requests.

Deputy CEO Chris Shaver told supervisors at the August 2 meeting that the Sonoma Clean Power Authority board of directors voted on June 7 to offer membership in its CCA to the County of Mendocino and the cities of Point Arena, Fort Bragg and Willits. The City of Ukiah was not offered membership, because it's part of a publicly owned power consortium, the Northern California Power Authority.

An information sheet provided by Sonoma Clean Power compared rates and energy sources for itself and PG&E. The information was based on published rates for PG&E for March 24, 2016, and Sonoma

Clean Power for July 1, 2016.

The document compares rates between two options for PG&E and two options for Sonoma Clean Power. The first PG&E option is its "regular mix" of energy sources. An average PG&E bill for a typical house during the February-March period of time was \$120.39. The source mix for the energy was 30 percent renewable energy, 6 percent large hydroelectric, 25 percent natural gas, 23 percent nuclear, and 17 percent unspecified.

The comparable energy option from Sonoma Clean Power is its "Clean Start" program, composed of energy made up of 37 percent renewables (consisting of 28 percent wind energy and 9 percent geothermal energy), 41 percent large hydroelectric energy, and 22 percent unspecified.

For the two sources above, "unspecified" means energy that is purchased on the energy market, the source of which cannot be traced. The Sonoma Clean Power information sheet claims some part of the unspecified types of energy may be renewable energy, but it is impossible to say how much.

The totally clean PG&E option is its solar mix, which consists of energy generated exclusively from solar sources. A typical homeowner using a baseline amount of energy in February and March 2016 in Sonoma County would have paid \$138.65 for that energy.

The comparable Sonoma Clean Power program is its EverGreen program, which provides energy generated 100 percent from geothermal sources. The typical homeowner who used the baseline amount of energy during the June 2016 period would have paid \$131.28 for that month's supply of clean, renewable energy.

When Mendocino County is formally accepted by Sonoma Clean Power as a member, which is anticipated to occur in September, individual local ratepayers will have an opportunity sometime next year to choose whether they want to participate in the program.

Pike in the 21000 block of Meadowbrook Avenue, and after speaking with him, determined he was under the influence of a controlled substance. In addition, Pike was in violation of the terms of his California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation parole. Officers arrested Pike pursuant to 11550(a) HS (Drug Influence) and 3056 PC (Parole Hold).

July 31

3 pm: SCHULER, Jake (28) of Willits was contacted during a traffic stop in the 21000 block of Pineview Drive and arrested pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

7:30 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation from the 10 block of Creekside Court.

8:10 pm: Officers initiated an assault investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

11:30 pm: Officers responded to a reported gas siphoning from a vehicle in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

11:55 pm: Officers responded to a residence in the 300 block of Creekside Drive. They arrived and contacted the victim and KNIGHT, Keegan (25) of Willits. During an investigation, it was alleged that what began as a verbal altercation escalated to a physical altercation during which the victim sustained visible injuries. Knight was subsequently placed under arrest pursuant to 273.5 PC (Domestic Violence w/ Injury).

August 1

4:45 am: Officers were dispatched to a disturbance in the 400 block of Cropley Lane. Upon arrival they contacted FABELA, Michelle (32) of Willits and placed her under arrest pursuant to an active Lake County warrant.

8 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

2:20 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 10 block of West Commercial Street.

3:15 pm: THRILLKILL, Mikayla (18) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of Shell Lane and issued a citation for an active Mendocino County warrant.

August 2

4:45 am: A Solid Waste refuse driver contacted the Willits Police Department to report himself the victim of an attempted robbery. According to the driver, while on his route, and stopped in the 300 block of Railroad Avenue, a subject entered his truck through the passenger's door, brandished a handgun

toward the driver, and demanded his wallet. After learning the driver had no valuables with him, the suspect exited the truck and fled southbound on Railroad Avenue.

8 am: PICKETT, Jason (38) of Willits was contacted in the 24000 block of Sherwood Road and arrested pursuant to 11550(a) HS (Drug Influence) and 1203.2(a) PC (Violation of Probation).

9 am: Officers were dispatched to a fight in the 1500 block of South Main Street and, as a result, contacted WISLON, Sean (44) of Willits. Wilson was arrested pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

2:30 pm: TILLMAN, Tashina (33) of Oroville was contacted in the 500 block of South Main Street and arrested pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

9 pm: Officers assisted CPS with a child abuse investigation at a residence in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

August 3

10:40 am: Officers initiated an illegal dumping investigation in the 100 block of Gregory Lane.

11:50 am: Officers initiated a mental health commitment in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

August 4

3:30 pm: Roll-over vehicle collision in the 100 block of North Main Street.

7 pm: Officers initiated an assault investigation in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

7:30 pm: Officers were dispatched to the 1400 block of Baechtel Road to contact a subject who was causing a disturbance. Upon arrival, they contacted DURAN, John (80) of Willits. Officers determined Duran was unable to provide for his own care due to his level of intoxication and placed him under arrest pursuant to 647(f) PC.

August 5

11:40 am: Officers responded to a report of a man down in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road, and subsequently contacted ESQUIVEL, Edward (53) of Willits. Officers determined Esquivel was under the influence of a controlled substance and in violation of the terms of his probation, and placed him under arrest pursuant to 11550(a) HS (Drug Influence) and 1203.2(a) PC (Violation of Probation).

8:50 pm: Officers initiated a mental health commitment in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

Attempted robbery

On August 2, 2016 at about 4:30 am, a Solid Waste refuse driver contacted the Willits Police Department to report himself the victim of an attempted robbery. According to the driver, while on his route, and stopped in the 300 block of Railroad Avenue, a subject entered his truck through the passenger's door, brandished a handgun toward the driver, and demanded his wallet. After learning the driver had no valuables with him, the suspect exited the truck and fled southbound on Railroad Avenue.

According to the victim, the suspect was described as wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt, dark sunglasses, and had a bandana covering his face. The incident is currently under investigation, and anyone with additional information is urged to contact the Willits Police Department at 459-6122.

Golf cart theft, attempted escape

On August 9, 2016 at about 1:45 am, Willits Police Department officers stopped Diego Spaggiari, 22, of Willits as he was driving a golf cart in the 500 block of East Commercial Street. During a subsequent investigation, officers learned the golf cart had been stolen from a residence in the 400 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

Spaggiari was ultimately secured in handcuffs and placed under arrest pursuant to 496d(a) PC (Possession of a Stolen Vehicle).

While seated in the backseat of the patrol vehicle, Spaggiari slipped his handcuffs from the front. When an attempt was made to secure the handcuffs, Spaggiari ran from the officers. After a short foot pursuit, Spaggiari was caught, taken into custody, and booked into the Mendocino County Jail for additional charges of 836.6(b) PC (Escape), and 148(a)(1) PC (Resisting Arrest).

This report was based on press releases from the Willits Police Department.



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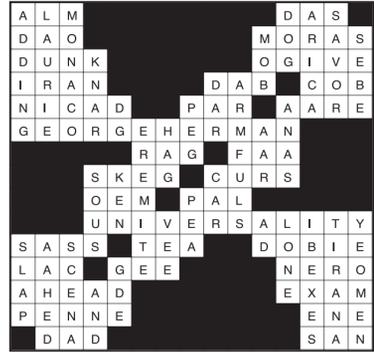
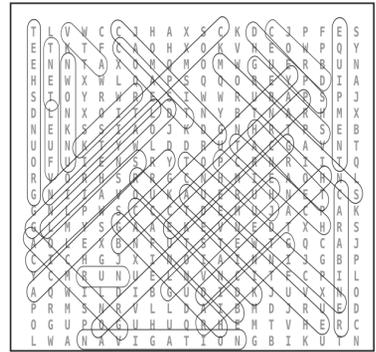
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Herbal drinks for summer

Donna d'Terra
Columnist

With all of this hot weather, it's important to drink more liquids in order to stay hydrated. Herbal drinks are easy to make, nutritive, refreshing, and a healthy replacement for sodas. Below are a few recipes to try.

Peppermint / Apple Juice Tea

Put 2 heaping tablespoons dried peppermint leaves in a pot. Pour 2 cups boiling water over, and let steep, covered, for one hour. Strain out herbs. Add an equal amount of apple juice. Chill.

Ruby Tea

In 2 quarts of water, simmer, in a covered pot, 2 inches of fresh ginger root, for 10 minutes. Turn off heat, and add 1 tablespoon chamomile, 1 tablespoon red raspberry leaf, and 1 tablespoon hibiscus flowers. Steep, covered, for 10 minutes. Strain out herbs. Chill.

Herbal Electrolyte Drink

Mix equal parts nettle, milky oat, red clover, rosehips and alfalfa. Put 1 cup of this mixture in a quart jar. Fill the jar with boiling water, put a lid on, let steep 4 hours, strain out herbs, and chill.

A few more ideas to try:

If you are making a large amount of iced tea to serve to a group, fill a 1 cup container with the brewed tea and freeze it. When it is time to serve your tea, empty the frozen tea into your tea server. This will keep the tea cold without diluting it.

Herbal Juicesicles

Use any of the above recipes to make tea. Add an equal amount of fruit juice that does not contain added sugar. Pour into popsicle makers and freeze.

Borage Flower Ice Cubes

Pick borage flowers when fully open. Fill an ice cube tray with water and add a single borage flower to each section. (Using tweezers can make the flowers easier to handle.)

Herbal Waters

To your glass or portable water bottle filled with water, add one of the following, to give the water a subtle flavor that may encourage you to drink more water throughout the day: Slices of fresh lemon, ginger, cucumber, orange or lime; a dry sprig of lavender; or a fresh sprig of cilantro, lemon balm or basil.

Happy summer!

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

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Artists, back row: Gene North, Robert Permenter, Carolyn Carpenter and Morgan Rex. Front row: Teresa Robertson, Karen Gridley, Mikela Cameron, and Jacqueline Standley.



At top: Stay and Play Dog Care owner Donna Blake also stopped by to enjoy the art. Above: Willits High School art teacher Carolyn Bakewell checks in at the opening of the WCA's August show.

Dog Days

A festive opening night at the Willits Art Center

Live dogs and dog-themed food added a festive atmosphere at the opening of the Willits Center for the Arts August show, "Dog Days of Summer," on Saturday night. The evening was pleasant and not too much like the dog days of August, much to the relief of those in attendance.

This show is very diverse, even though it has the central theme of dogs. It was interesting to see the different interpretations of man's best friend. On display are sculptures, handcrafted wooden pieces from reclaimed wood, jewelry from reclaimed copper and aluminum, photography, colored pencil art, paintings, wire sculptures, and fabric art.

Teresa Robertson, organizer of the show, said it was a labor of love putting together the venue for herself and other artists to display their dog-focused art. Teresa said her husband, Dan Lowden, "who is incredibly level-headed," helped set the show. She credits him for making sure all the paintings, quilts and photos were level and grouped pleasantly. Lowden was also instrumental in making sure each of their family's own bull terriers visited to see the show.

Adri Vega of the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County was on hand early in the evening to offer dogs for adoption. This turned out to be a popular stopping-off point before patrons came into the show. One male Chihuahua was placed on hold and will be adopted once he is neutered. Smiley, a 6-year-old mixed breed with few teeth – a rescue dog

from another shelter – basked in all of the love and attention she received.

Willits resident Kim Bancroft, a dog owner, spoke for many in attendance when she said she found it fascinating to see the ways the different artists represented the roles that dogs play in their lives.

Carolyn Bakewell, Willits High School art teacher, came to support the arts and to see the art of her fellow colleague from Laytonville High School, "retired" art teacher Carolyn Carpenter. Carpenter said she likes to "stay involved" and volunteers a couple of days a week during the school year to teach art at Laytonville High.

Not all of the artists in the show could attend the opening, but Mikela Cameron, Teresa Robertson, Carolyn Carpenter, Brian and Lisa Bowles, Robert Permenter, Morgan Rex, Sandy Strong, Karen Gridley, and Gene North were present to greet guests. The guests enjoyed hearing about the artists' techniques and discussing their love for dogs with the artists.

The theme of dogs carried over to the food offered for the opening. There were barbecued hot dogs, dogs in a blanket, white and dark chocolate "bark," and other delicious treats! There were even dog biscuits for the four-legged art patrons.

Don't despair if you missed the opening reception, the show will run through Sunday, August 28. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. For more information on the WCA, visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org or call 459-1726.



At top: "Farewell Luna" by Loraine Toth. Above: Teresa Robertson's colored pencil drawing, "Knot Head."



Above, left: Adri Vega and Sebastian man the pet adoption table for the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County. Above, right: Karen Gridley's quilted textiles and Kathryn Sterngold's "Dog Day Afternoon" pillow and bucket bag, behind, were great additions to the show. At right: Longtime friends Yoli Rose (lead singer for Redbud) and artist Gene North share a laugh in front of North's paintings.



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Sgt. Jake Donohue of the Willits Police Department told Willits Weekly that both Wilcox and the driver of the pickup, 55-year-old Ryan Grable of Willits, were heading south in the middle turn lane when the accident occurred.

"It's under investigation right now [as] to who occupied the lane first," Donohue said. "[Wilcox] was in the center left turn lane headed southbound. We're looking at how long [Grable] was occupying that same lane.

"Essentially there was a collision between those two [at about 3:30 pm], and it caused her [vehicle] to flip."

John Kvasnicka, co-owner of Scoops Deli, and Mike Giles, owner of The Purple Moose, helped to remove Wilcox from her overturned car. Although Kvasnicka didn't see the actual collision, he spoke to Wilcox about it.

"The truck sped out in front of her, and she didn't see him," Kvasnicka said. "He kind of broadsided her. She must have hit that car just right. Her tires must have hit the tires of the other vehicle, and it catapulted her up and over. You couldn't make that happened again if you tried."

According to Kvasnicka, this isn't the first time he and Wilcox have met under similar circumstances.

"That same lady was rear-ended in that same spot six months ago," Kvasnicka said. "And it totaled her car. I helped her that time, too. She said, 'I remember you, you're the one that helped me last time.'"

Below: Julia Wilcox's silver Toyota, after overturning on Highway 101 last week.



Photo by John Kvasnicka

The rest of Soccer From Page 10

a really long time; they're family."

Coach Woodhouse expressed cautious optimism regarding the 2016 season for his boys' team.

"A lot of good seniors will be playing their last year; I'm really excited for them," Woodhouse said. "We planned a nice long schedule; we'll be playing 23 games or so. Every one of those games will be hard, because the league is so competitive, from top to bottom."

For the tournament on Saturday, the field of play was shortened to roughly half its normal size, with teams fielding seven players each, including the goalie. Each team was required to play at least three females, and a goal scored by a female was worth two points, while a male's was worth one point.

"I think the girls are just as good as the boys," said Miller. "So I don't like that rule, myself."

The Golden Boot was awarded to a male and female for most goals scored throughout the tournament. Winners for the boys were Juan Jacinto and Damian Rodriguez, with five goals each. Stephanie Macias won the boot for the girls, with six total goals.

Team "99 Problems," named after the year the team's players graduated, came in second, falling to Mighty Morphin by two goals.

The Wolverine seniors came in third, and Team Damian came in fourth.

The "Battle of the Bad" trophy was won by team Platypus who defeated the younger Wolverine squad.

The Wolverine soccer team will host its first regular season game next Friday, August 15, against Anderson Valley. The game starts at 4 pm at Willits High School.

The rest of Measure V From Page 1

(1) states, "No agricultural activity, operation, or facility, or apurtenances thereof, conducted or maintained for commercial purposes, and in a manner consistent with proper and accepted customs and standards, as established and followed by similar agricultural operations in the same locality, shall be or become a nuisance, private or public, due to any changed condition in or about the locality, after it has been in operation for more than three years, if it was not a nuisance at the time it began."

The letter goes on to expressly include forestry as one of those protected agricultural operations. Section 3482.5 (e) states, in part: "For purposes of this section, the term 'agricultural activity, operation or facility, or apurtenances thereof,' shall include, but not be limited to, the cultivation and tillage of the soil, dairying, the production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural commodity, including timber ... and any practices performed by a farmer or on a farm as incident to or in conjunction with, those farming operations."

The letter from MRC quotes chapter and verse, asserting state law takes precedence over any local law to the contrary. "Section 3482.5 (d) states, 'This section shall prevail over any contrary provision of any ordinance or regulation of any city, county, city and county, or other political subdivision of the state.'"

The letter also claims Mendocino County has provisions within its county code that say the same thing. Based on the provisions of the state and of the county, MRC's Thibeault asserted MRC is exempt from the provisions of Measure V. "State and county laws have been enacted to specifically limit future attempts to declare timber operations a public nuisance. For these reasons we conclude the specific silvicultural treatment referred to as 'hack and squirt' and 'frilling' is exempt from a public nuisance determination and the county lacks independent authority to adopt any ordinance restricting its practice."

John Anderson, director of forest practices for MRC, clarified that MRC qualifies for protection under state law because it has been hacking and squirting since the company was founded in 1998.

"Our reading of the law is that someone who has not previously used hack and squirt, and then who starts doing it, on that, someone could sue, maybe. But since we've

The rest of Prop. 172 From Page 1

supervisors had supported Little Lake and other fire districts getting Proposition 172 money.

"The county states that fire [services] are not a function or responsibility of the county, but they realize that EMS [emergency medical services] is," said Magann. "Countywide, approximately 70 percent of the fire calls are calls that are EMS-related, but the county is still reluctant to identify fire for accounting purposes for the 172 [funds]."

This has been an ongoing issue with allocating Proposition 172 funds, a one-half-cent state sales tax passed in 1993 to benefit local public safety activities. Originally, the measure was thought to include fire departments, but they have been largely cut out.

"The thing with [Proposition] 172 is that fire was dumped out of recognition on that," said Magann. "The county proposed to recognize that fire was an important element of Mendocino County, and now it seems like somewhere there's some reluctance."

Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse attended Tuesday's fire board meeting, and said he still expected LFLD to receive a portion of 172 funds in the near future.

"It's on the agenda, and we're going to slug it out," he said, "and it's a pretty ridiculous thing to say [fire rescue] is not an emergency response. So I'm expecting it to go through; it's just what we call it."

The fire board directors and Woodhouse also discussed the likelihood that local fire districts, including Little Lake, would receive funds if the county's Cannabis Business License Tax passes in November.

Magann relayed that at an August 2 board of supervisors meeting, supervisors "advised that fire and EMS would receive priority consideration for funding from the November ballot initiative." This was after Magann presented supervisors with a letter from the Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Association requesting such consideration.

No specific percentage has been designated for fire department funding yet, although Woodhouse did note supervisors indicated there were four areas they'd like to spend 50 percent of the initiative's tax windfall on if the measure passes: fire departments/EMS; staffing the new mental health facility (if the November sales tax measure passes to build it); road maintenance; and environmental cleanup of illegal cannabis operations.

Directors also discussed LFLD's role – along with several other county fire departments – in helping fight the Soberanes Fire near Monterey in recent weeks. As of Wednesday, it was reported the fire had burned some 69,000 acres in 20 days and was only 50 percent contained. Little Lake sent five firefighters and one engine, and logged 270 hours of work time at the blaze. Hopland, Ukiah, Anderson Valley, and Redwood Coast fire districts also sent engines and firefighters.

Magann said it was the first time since he joined the department that Little Lake firefighting assets had been called out of county in July. Those callouts, he said, generally came in late August and September. Out-of-county wildland blazes give firefighters experience and teach lessons not often learned during in-county calls.

"We talk during our wildland training, about the effects of fire and fire behavior. But to see what's going on out there and witness it and experience it, it really opens the eyes," Magann said.

He also noted that LFLD continues to receive a high volume of emergency calls in general, significantly more than last year. As of Tuesday, some 344 calls had been received for the year, about 60 more than at the same time last year.

The rest of Golf From Page 1

is seeking "qualified and recognized golf management firms or an individual" to manage "all aspects" of the course. That includes, Rose states in a request for proposals, maintaining the course and facilities, and "investing in infrastructure."

The successful proposer, she says, "is expected to provide a golf course with a level of service that will exceed the expectations of the community and its guests."

The nine-hole ball and disc golf course was established in the mid-1960s, and the Cedarholms have poured a lot of work into fairway grasses and greens over the past 18 months. However, Rose concedes, "a few areas on some of the greens have suffered either fungus or shade and tree root shade problems."

During the last 15 years, the course's redwoods and other established trees "have not been well-maintained," and currently there is no walking path along the course's outer perimeter.

Whoever wins the contract to manage the course will be "expected to provide all staffing, equipment, amenities, marketing, routine maintenance and repairs, and services for the complete operations and maintenance of the property." That includes maintaining the course's aging, leaky irrigation system, one factor in the Cedarholms' decision to leave.

In return, the new management will receive all the course-generated greens fees and annual membership fees collected during the lifetime of the contract, as well as all pro shop sales receipts.

It's a big job, especially because the golf course faces "some serious questions regarding cohesion, investment and long-term management and operation," according to the report by Andy Staples, of Scottsdale, Arizona-based Staples Golf Design, which was distributed to Brooktrails directors at their May 10 meeting.

It's a problem common to most golf courses, says Staples, a member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects. "Nationwide, courses are looking for reasons to invest," and most haven't found them, "due to a lack of support for allocating budget dollars towards an amenity that loses money."

A typical golf facility, he says, is "traditionally utilized by only 10 percent of the community." As a result, most courses "are left to support themselves on the merits of their design, unique attributes of location and property, or pricing structure."

That means most municipal courses "end up breaking even at best, or more often, end up losing money."

In the case of the Brooktrails course, those problems are compounded by the fact that "the overall health of the golf course – and entire greenbelt – is

been doing it for more than three years, it can't be deemed a nuisance, under state law."

Anderson added the company has been waiting for a response from the county to its July 6 letter, but has yet to receive one.

Contacted Monday, Mendocino County Counsel Katharine Elliott declined to comment on the county's attitude toward the claims in MRC's July 6 letter.

On Tuesday, Albion-Little River Fire Protection District Fire Chief Ted Williams of Citizens for Fire Safe Forests, the citizens group which put Measure V on the ballot, at first declined to comment on what he termed "brewing litigation," but then commented anyway.

"Challenging Measure V, an ordinance passed by an overwhelming majority of voters, shows great disrespect for the people of Mendocino County," Williams said. "This move is a reversal of MRC's previously advertised 'restoration of public trust' approach to engagement," Williams added.

Measure V provides that any tree intentionally killed and left standing in the forest for more than 90 days shall be declared a public nuisance. It also declares any landowner who leaves intentionally killed trees standing for more than 90 days, when personal or property damage is caused by said tree or trees, shall be held liable for those damages.

Measure V, however, did not include provisions for enforcement.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen recently confirmed the county does not presently have staff to enforce a public nuisance ordinance on Mendocino County's 1 million acres of privately owned timberlands.

Mendocino Redwood Company has been using the "hack-and-squirt" or "frill" treatment to kill tan oak trees on its 225,000 acres of property since 1998. The company estimates it has treated some 97,633 acres of its forestland. Critics of the practice allege company employees have killed a million trees a year that way, or 18 million trees.

Company officials say the practice is necessary to encourage the growth of redwood trees. Since 1998, the company claims to have added more than a billion board feet of conifer biomass to its timber inventory.

deteriorating quickly," Staples says in his assessment. "This can be seen in the regressing amounts and conditions of the turf, the increased stiffening of the course due to redwood overgrowth, and some of the outdated structures throughout the greenbelt, including the bridges on the golf course, the kitchen in the pro shop, and the playground and par course equipment."

Most, if not all, of those items "will have to be addressed at some point," he argues, "and by addressing them now, priorities can be set and [benefits] can be maximized as economically and effectively as possible."

In his report, Staples advises Brooktrails directors to draw up a comprehensive master plan that would make the golf course the centerpiece of an outdoor activity hub "residents will view as a significant benefit to living in or near Brooktrails."

It's a suggestion Rose and her staff heartily endorse, and Tuesday they were given the green light to proceed with the project.

Rose is calling for a two-pronged approach, an overall grand plan of what the entire parkland will look like, "including its ties with the entire greenbelt, to create a full vision for the future."

The master plan will focus on "park planning ... and create a phased plan for future development."

The plan also will focus on "the specifics of the golf course, adjoining trail and uses in and around the clubhouse." This would allow the board of directors to "determine the future of the golf course and set realistic goals for its possible improvement," and allow the board and the community to determine "how it fits into a larger plan for leisure services."

In his needs assessment report, Staples recommended Brooktrails form "focus groups" of both golfers and non-golfers to investigate how to link Lake Emily, Ohl Grove, the community garden, playground, par course and other areas, using a "system of trails and clearly defined circulation paths" that would make the clubhouse "the main trail head or meeting place for the entire greenbelt."

He also suggested including all the ideas currently under discussion for the greenbelt, such as a dog park and amphitheater, that would "increase the overall enjoyment" of residents and promote "health-oriented activities."

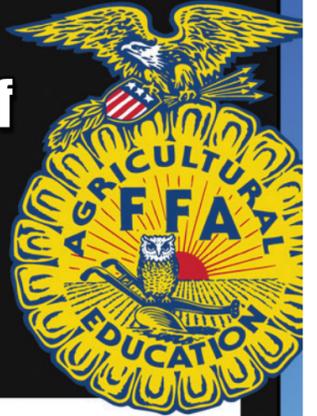
Rose says her staff is planning townhall-type meetings and charrettes "to identify levels of support for investing in the golf course and trail system" and to "create a vision statement for the golf course and clubhouse area," to ensure that "if the board moves forward, the work will have positive long-term effect."

The plan also will address preliminary cost estimates and an implementation plan.

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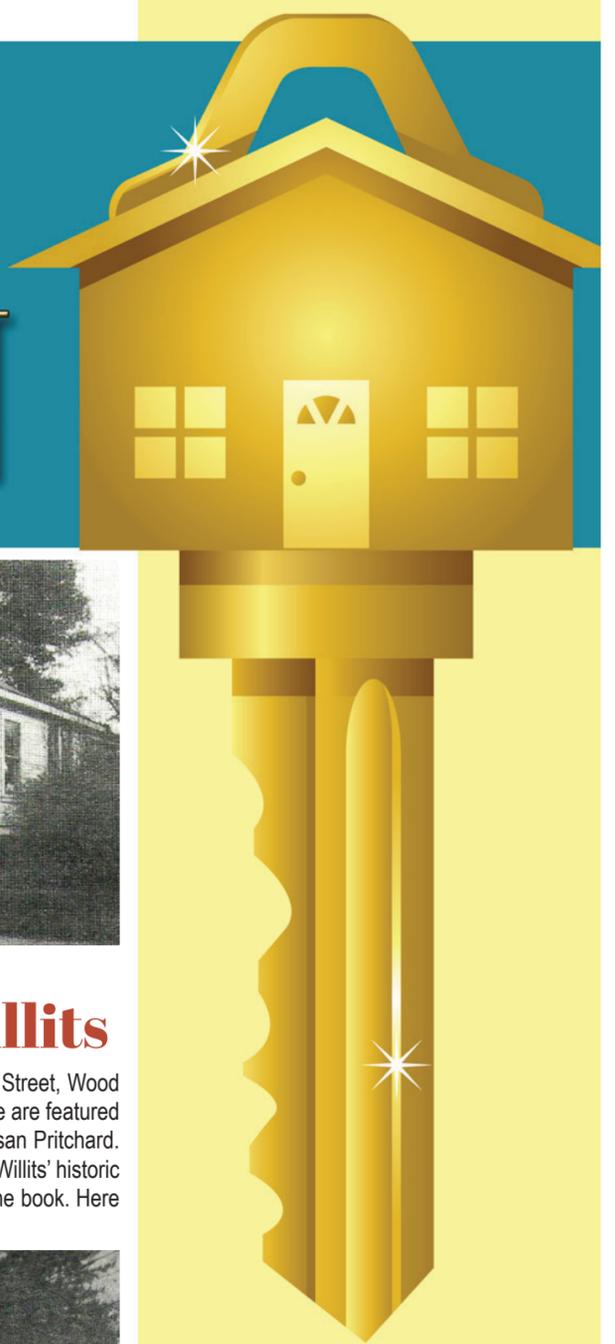
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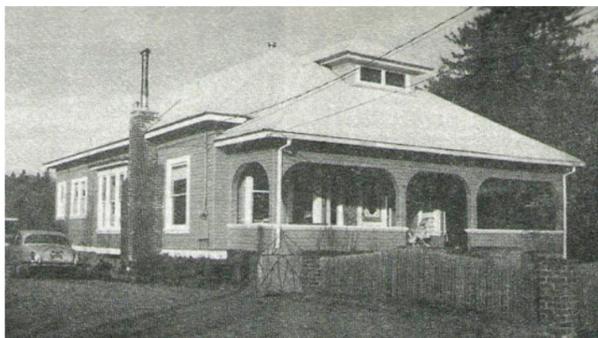
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169 Wood Street, Queen Anne-style cottage, built in 1905. First owners: F. W. Collett.

Appreciating the Architecture of Willits

Several neighborhoods of Willits feature the architecture of years gone by, including Redwood Avenue, Pearl Street, Wood Street, School Street, and State Street, with their Queen Anne cottages and Craftsman bungalows. Many of these are featured in the historic book "The Architectural Heritage of Willits" which was published in 1988 by Nelson Streib and Susan Pritchard. The book was commissioned by the City of Willits and includes invaluable information on the heritage of many of Willits' historic homes and commercial buildings. The Willits branch of the Mendocino County Library has a reference copy of the book. Here are a few "now and then" photos of some homes featured in the book to enjoy.



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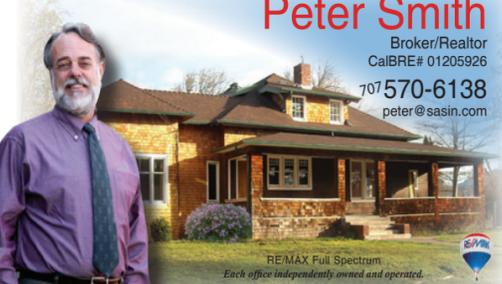
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Fall semester classes at Mendocino College start on August 22. Real estate classes are offered at the Ukiah campus, located at 1000 Hensley Creek Road.

Required real estate classes for the real estate certificate that are being offered this fall include two regular classes: "Real Estate Principles," taught by Nash Gonzalez on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:20 pm; and "Legal Aspects of Real Estate," taught by Frank Zotter on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:20 pm.

Mendocino College also offers two required short-term classes this fall. The first is "Fundamentals of Home Inspections," taught by Nash Gonzalez, on Friday nights, from 6 to 9:50 pm, from August 26 through September 23.

The second short-term class is a Friday/Saturday class, "Real Estate Practices," taught by Nash Gonzalez, which meets on Friday, November 4 from 8 to 11:50 am and Saturday, November 5 from 12:30 to 6 pm; on Friday, November 18 from 8 to 11:50 am and Saturday, November 19 from 12:30 to 6 pm; and on Saturday, December 2 from 12:30 to 6 pm.

The two required business classes are also being offered this fall. One section of the required "Introduction to Business" class, taught by Walter Waterbury, is set for Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:50 pm. There are two other "Introduction to Business" sections taught as online classes this fall (log in on August 22), and one online "Introduction to Marketing" class, too (log in on August 22).

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Hot, Hot, Hot

Willits real estate market is back up again

The real estate market in Willits is definitely hot right now – as Dick Selzer says in his column this month. Locals have seen For Sale signs go up and come down much faster than a few years ago. Prices, says Jennifer Poole, Editor & Reporter at Jennifer@willitsweekly.com, have gone up, and there's not a lot of real deals out there. Sometimes there are, especially if you're willing to do the work." Barksdale also noted that one of the reasons rentals are scarce in Willits right now is the Caltrans workers working on the bypass. "When the bypass is complete," he said, "those workers will be pulling up stakes," which is likely to loosen up the rental market a bit.

"Prices started going up," Barksdale said, "and then we took quite a jump at the end of last year, in sold prices, and at the beginning of the year, January and February, we saw a substantial increase in prices, too. Everybody started piling their places on the market, and then prices got a little too high.

"A three-bedroom, two-bath home is expected to sell at \$260,000 to \$290,000, and some have gone into the \$320,000 range," Barksdale said. "There's a couple of nice vintage houses in town that recently sold for \$320,000 – houses that were old but charming."

"There's almost nothing in Willits under \$200,000 anymore," agreed Peter Smith, Realtor at RE/MAX Full Spectrum Realty in Ukiah and Peter Smith Realty in Willits. "And nothing in Ukiah is under \$300,000. Drop down to Sonoma County, you can't find anything under \$500,000. In Cloverdale, you might be able to find something in the 'fours' range."

Smith looked up the statistics: On Monday afternoon, there were 57 residential units for sale in the Willits area – most of them in Brooktrails. "Only 24 of them are not in Brooktrails," Smith said. About half of these 57 homes already had offers – in some cases multiple offers. Smith said his rough estimate is about a third of real estate offers "fall out" without a deal being made.

"Most of the inventory is in Brooktrails," agreed Barksdale. "Most of the rentals, too. But there's not a huge inventory right now: There's more demand than there is inventory, and because prices went up so rapidly here, some people got priced out again. Affordable houses are getting sold rather quickly. A lot of people want over \$300,000 or close to it, and those houses are not moving quite so rapidly."

The rental market is tight, too. "There are no rentals," Smith said. "The reality is, even though the market is tight, it is easier to buy a house than to find one to rent, and the payment is the same. The issue is the down payment. And what I'm all of a sudden finding is that there seem to be some great down-payment assistance programs for people who make less than \$80,000." These programs are for people with a good credit score and a decent household income for Mendocino County, but "who just don't have the ability to save up to 20 percent down – or even 5 percent down. These programs are a great opportunity." Some the programs, Smith said, stipulate that if you live in the house for five years, the down payment loan is forgiven.

So, given how hard it is to find a place to rent right now in the Willits area, is it a

good time to buy rental property?

"There's not a lot of rental property for sale out there," Barksdale said. "Prices have gone up, and there's not a lot of real deals out there. Sometimes there are, especially if you're willing to do the work." Barksdale also noted that one of the reasons rentals are scarce in Willits right now is the Caltrans workers working on the bypass. "When the bypass is complete," he said, "those workers will be pulling up stakes," which is likely to loosen up the rental market a bit.

Smith said he's getting two or three calls a day from people looking for a place to rent. "Landlords get to be pretty picky right now if they want," he said. As far as buying rental property: "People are buying everything that would have a cash flow," Smith said. "You watch: One comes on the market, and it's bid on right away; four or five people are bidding the price up. That's the way it's happening, and the price point that it comes on the market – a price where an investor could make a return – it's gone."

Smith said what limited multi-unit properties are for sale in the area are also desirable now: "A couple of years ago, duplexes weren't worth much, but that has changed."

Back in 2004, faced with a state housing mandate, Willits City Council adopted a "goal" of adding 436 new housing units to Willits by 2008. Nobody really thought it was possible at the time, and with the economic crash in 2007 – bringing housing prices in Willits down by 50 percent – and then the drought, discussion about building so many new residential units dropped by the wayside.

"We don't have many apartments or condominiums," Smith said, "and maybe that's where the city could encourage low-income housing, with condos or cooperative housing. Places with 15 housing units on a couple of acres, like the senior center. Nobody has the property to build subdivisions. Maybe the city could get very liberal with people converting garages to granny units. That's what we need: one-bedroom and small units."

Both Barksdale and Smith said many of the potential buyers they are seeing are locals, some of them from the "back to the land" generation looking to move to town from rural acreage outside of Willits. "They want to be able to walk to the store," Smith said. "They don't want to have to walk a water line to see where a bear chewed through it. There's a lot of people moving down to town, especially on the west side."



Peter Smith



Bill Barksdale

"Some people are coming for the new hospital," Smith said, "and I'm getting a fair amount of people cashing out of the Bay Area. They are hitting their 60s, taking some equity out of their \$2 million tract home in Cupertino, and saying 'Let's put \$500,000 in a Willits home we can rent out until we retire.' They're looking in their retirement property. Everyone is afraid things could cost a lot more in the future. And where else to put your money? Put it in the stock market, in gold or silver, commodities? Nothing is stable. In real estate, we took

the big bath, so things should basically be pretty stable now, with prices still pushing back up again, as long as they don't start making crazy loans again."

"The real estate market," Barksdale said, "is probably the biggest foundation in our economy, the biggest cornerstone. When real estate prices go crashing down, everything goes crashing down. Everything is tied to it: How you shop, where you buy, not only the local lumberyard, but supplies that you buy for fixing your house, furniture, carpets and floor coverings, and lawns and lawn care and gardening. All of these things are tied to job creation, and all are tied to the real estate foundation."

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Restoring Willits' Historic Homes

Steve Marston works his way down West Commercial



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It's been three years since Willits Weekly checked in with Steve Marston, the local contractor who has made a mission of helping restore the historic homes around Willits, and especially on his home street: West Commercial.

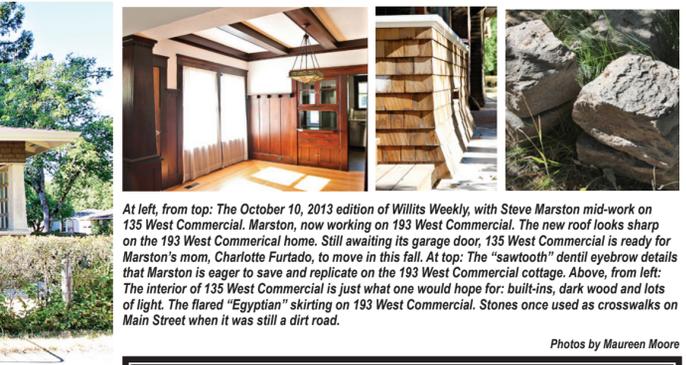
Marston started his West Commercial renovations 40 years ago when he purchased 126 West Commercial, where he still resides today. Next came 138 West Commercial, and then 135 West Commercial across the street. Willits Weekly reported on Marston's mid-way progress on the 135 West Commercial Craftsman bungalow in our October 10, 2013 edition.

The Benjamin Moore "Flora" light blue

paint has since dried, the porch sanded, and the garage (which Marston jokingly calls "mini me") is almost complete. The rooms have also been readied for the arrival of home's newest tenant: Marston's 80-plus-year-old mother, Charlotte Furtado. She plans to move from Florida to Willits this fall to live in the bungalow and, of course, be close to Marston ... literally just across the street!

With 135 West Commercial in the bag, Marston has now turned his attention to 193 West Commercial, the home that sits on the inside corner of the Commercial and North Street intersections. This home is owned by Jim Siebert, who has lived there since 1943.

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Growing up in the home and being a part of the Baechtel family, Siebert wanted to ensure the heritage of the home and the longevity of his part in Willits' history, and asked Marston to help with renovations. The house was originally called the Landcaster House after the first family who owned it.

New windows have been installed, a foundation was poured – the home had originally sat on redwood sleepers – and a new roof was installed. Marston noted this particular home is a pyramid Craftsman bungalow, which features many elements that pay homage to the interest in Egyptian life and style during the turn-of-the-century era when the home was built. Flared skirt siding, unique gables and other architectural details can still be seen that showcase the "pyramid" classification.

"I really try to keep a very close eye on any and all the details the original builders made," said Marston. "When we completed the roof we were able to mirror the gable's shape, and I've been adding the 'dentil' details over the windows and doors and really trying to make the work blend in with the originals."

The dentil details are the little sawtooth-shaped trim that is showcased all over the house. Marston calls the pieces over the windows "eyebrows," since the shape of the dentil not only graduates from small to large and back to small again as it spans across the window's header, but also literally arcs away from the house in the center, creating a 3-D effect. Marston is replicating that same design over all the new window and door work.

Many treasures have also been found in the spaces in and around the house and yard. Several of the original redwood shingles Marston needed for repair were found and reinstalled on the siding, and old boards were found and reused throughout the home, too. Marston noted that new lumber isn't milled in the same dimensions as old wood and that old wood – as long as termites or water haven't gotten to it – is really better wood anyway.

Another find was a pile of cut stones that were used as the crosswalks when Main Street was still a dirt road. A few dozen of the foot-plus-long stones – once used to keep feet clean when crossing the muddy road – were found.

Plans to complete 193 West Commercial are in place, with a goal of getting paint on and dried in time for the winter rains this year.

"Renovating these old homes really adds to the town, and when we are able to bring these old girls back to life, we're really helping give the town an identity and saving our history," explained Marston. "We can keep the same style but upgrade them to be safe and modern for today's lifestyle. We don't have to make them museums; we can make them enjoyable and livable for another 100 years."

At right: The sheathing seen on the underside of the roof at 193 West Commercial Street is made of re-used boards. At far right: Marston shows off the original pull-chain light fixture on the fireplace surround at 135 West Commercial Street.

Photos by Maureen Moore



The Queen Anne Victorian at 166 School Street.

Photo by Maureen Moore

Queen Anne Victorian gets new lease on life, looks for new guardians for next 100 years

Originally a home built for Mrs. Margaret J. Willits, widow of Hiram Willits, the town's founder, the Queen Anne Victorian atop the hill at 166 School Street has always been a visual representation of Willits' architecture of the past.

Built in 1901, the home features three prominent gables with decorative spindles and star bursts and decorative gingerbread throughout. Over the years the home was converted from a single-family residence into a duplex, as it remains today.

In 2010 Willits real estate aficionado Alan Grossman purchased the home, which had fallen into disrepair.

"I had to remove four layers of carpet and sub floor to get back to the original hardwood fir floors beneath," reminisced Grossman.

The house also had survived an attic fire and years of tenant wear and tear. Grossman cleaned and refurbished the interior, and got to work on the outside with paint and details.

"Some of the gingerbread in the front gable was missing," explained Grossman. "Luckily we were able to find some of it in a wood pile that was outside. We used everything we could, and then made what was still needed. Of the 30 percent that was missing, we were able to find about 80 percent of those missing pieces."

Blair Rowland of Blair Rowland Painting made the outside shine with new coats of white, maroon and gold.

"I wanted something that would be different from the other houses, but still look vintage, yet contemporary," explained Grossman.

The original front door, complete with a dial doorbell, still hangs on the home, and a plaque was installed on the front bay commemorating the home's heritage and story in Willits.

Now, Grossman is ready to pass the stewardship of the home to a new party who will keep the story of Mrs. Willits' home alive for years to come. For information: 354-3874.

– Maureen Moore

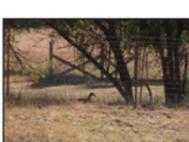




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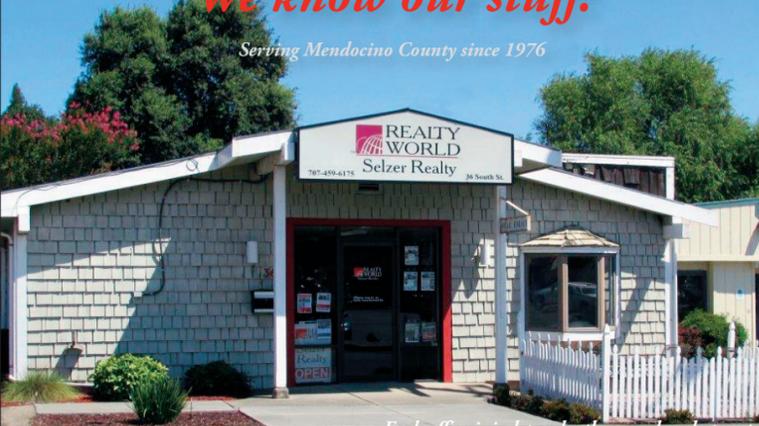
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