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Park trees' health to get second opinion

Damian Sebouhian Reporter damian@willitsweekly.com

Persistent complaints from concerned Willits residents regarding removal of the City Park's original trees have resulted in City Manager Adrienne Moore deciding to seek a second opinion from a registered arborist.

"[Public Works Supervisor] Bill Wilson did some outreach to the City of Ukiah to talk to them about their tree program," Moore reported to the Willits City Council during last week's meeting. "This is something every city deals with."

Although the arborist, whose name is yet to be announced, will be conducting a thorough

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Local firefighters warn of 'extreme fire danger'

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Brooktrails firefighters are holding their collective breath and hoping township residents' efforts to create defensible space around their homes this year will help slow down any fires as wildfires continue to ravage other California counties. The Brooktrails Fire Department has not sent any strike teams or equipment to battle either the 4,000-acre Clayton fire near Lower Lake or the 30.000-acre Blue Cut fire in Cajon Pass in San Bernardino County, said Brooktrails Fire Chief Daryl Schoeppner. "We're kind of watching our own backyard."





A Garden Party Willits Educational Foundation's popular benefit for the schools is back

"A Garden Party" - a benefit for the Willits Unified School District – is coming back to Phil and Kathy Shuster's home on Saturday, Forrest Glyer 27,

August Reporter from 4 to 8 pm. forrest@willitsweekly.com Set in the idyllic

garden area, the event will feature live music from local favorites The Bassics. hearty appetizers including barbecued oysters and tri-tip steak, a Cosmo and Lemon Drop cocktail bar, local beer and wine, raffle ticket drawings, and bidding for silent and live auction items.

The event is organized by the Willits Educational Foundation in conjunction with the Willits Rotary Club. The money raised goes towards music, arts and libraries in district schools. After a year off, the party returns to the Shuster's garden at 1660 Center Valley Road, where they previously hosted the fundraiser for four successful years in a row.

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Above: A certificate of authenticity for the signed guitars. Below, left.

"Hanging" begonias on the patio. Below, right: Kathy Shuster's "spring

bulb" garden.

Five candidates to run for Willits City Council

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter jennifer@willitsweekly.com

City of Willits The Wednesday announced right after 5 pm that five candidates have filed to run for Willits City Council November. this Two incumbents, Mayor Bruce Burton and Councilwoman Madge Strong, are running reelection. for Three challengers, Realtor Bill Barksdale, Imagination Station owner and director Saprina Rodriguez, and current Willits Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez will also be running for the three seats up for election on the November 8 ballot.

Councilwoman Holly Madrigal, a three-term veteran of the city council, elected not to run again. As is the law when an incumbent does not file for reelection, the Friday, August 12 filing deadline was extended to 5 pm on Wednesday, August 17.

"I have loved serving on the city council these past 12 years," Madrigal said. "It has been a whole chapter of my life. I am not going anywhere, however, and will remain involved."

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Interim manager reports on animal shelter

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

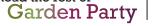
Mendocino County Animal Shelter Interim Manager Mary Jane Montana said Tuesday the shelter is on target to meet the array of goals she laid out at an April meeting of the board of supervisors.

"I think we're making significant progress," she said.

But Montana's report was dismissed by longtime shelter volunteer Mariah Montanos, who told supervisors Montana was

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A look at the cannabis Heritage Initiative

The Mendocino Heritage Initiative will now officially be on the ballot this November 8, enabling county voters to decide if they want to extensively change the way cannabis is regulated and taxed here.

After the requisite number of signatures were handed in, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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made Forrest Glyer official at an Reporter August forrest@willitsweekly.com

meeting that the initiative - now called Measure AF - will get its chance in November.

Measure AF will offer a multitude of different types of cannabis permits passed, covering cultivation, if manufacturing, testing, dispensaries, and transportation distribution businesses.

The cultivation permits would shift to a tiered system based on farm size, light usage, and whether operations are indoor or outdoor. Different sized parcels would have different farm-size restrictions on how much cannabis can be grown, ranging from 2,500 square feet up to one acre for parcels larger than 20 acres with the proper permits.

Measure AF will be competing against another cannabis tax measure, placed on the ballot by the board of supervisors, though both could come into play. Given that AF is broader in scope while the county measure primarily focuses on taxes, if both get more than 50 percent of the vote - but the county measure's percentage is higher – AF will still go into effect with the BOS measure's tax policies in place.

Both measures call for a 2.5 percent tax on gross receipts of medical cannabis cultivation, with the county allowing an increase of 2.5 percent per year - up to a total of 10 percent - starting in 2020, if the BOS chooses to do so.

Sarah Bodnar, campaign manager for the Heritage Initiative, said she and the organization that worked to put the measure on the ballot - the Mendocino Heritage Initiative Committee - believe Measure AF is the right policy for bringing Mendocino County's cannabis industry out of the shadows and into the open, where it can be regulated and taxed properly and fairly. They also believe a more extensive policy will reduce the legal gray areas so prevalent now.

"Without a comprehensive legal framework, it makes everything only 'kind of legal' that you do

regulate," she said. "If you're a Read the rest of farmer, you can't just farm your

crop and then not move your product, sell your product, process your product.... It doesn't make sense at all. Without all of the pieces, the whole industry can't really survive."

Some of the other important changes Measure AF proposes include moving the regulation of cannabis farms to the Department of Agriculture and away from reliance on law enforcement; allowing the transportation of goods from a permitted cultivator to another permitted entity; and setting up a regulatory framework that includes "robust environmental protection and occupational safety standards," according to the Heritage Initiative website, www.heritageinitiative.com.

Bodnar, who has worked with several small farm advocacy groups in Mendocino County over the last 10 years, said the environmental protection aspects of the Heritage Initiative were especially important to her.

"Policy sets the entire stage for how people live and work the land," she said. "We have an opportunity to do it right with cannabis - to protect the small farmer, to support health in medicine that is produced, and also

Heritage

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formula

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Supervisors on Tuesday unanimously approved a funding allocation table that will provide money to 22 county rural fire districts.

The allocation table was developed by members of the Mendocino County Association of Fire Districts, working with the board of supervisors' Criminal Justice standing committee.

Each of the 22 districts

Read the rest of Prop. 172 Over on Page 11

Main Street contractors hit unmarked electrical line

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The contractors working on the Main Street water line replacement project hit an unmarked abandoned gas line and a live electrical line around noon last Wednesday, August 10, City Manager Adrienne Moore reported to the Willits City Council during last week's meeting.

As a result of hitting the electrical line, the power went out at the Main Street Market gas station

Read the rest of Outage Over on Page 11

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Scam alert

To the Editor:

They're at it again.... A very nice guy called; he had been calling my mom but she wasn't happy with the way the call was going so she had him call me -- which she is what she is supposed to do. He was asking for her account number. following: He said, very plausibly, that California pays more for gas 1. Anchor Lodge, a two-night stay in Fort Bragg. (it was gas only) and so through PG&E a discount was being offered. But they needed her account number! Alert! Alert! I mentioned third-party suppliers, and he said, oh they're fine, just don't let anybody in your house. Excuse me, you're asking for my account number, you don't need to enter my house to do something I don't want you to do! (I would be interested: Is anybody dealing with those third- 6. Blue Ribbon Pets, all-year discount certificate party gas suppliers and happy with the way it is going? 7. 1st Nail Salon. My main hesitation has been that when they came door to door they were real amateurs, and inspired absolutely zip confidence!)

I didn't get a company name from the guy who called me, as he was acting as if he were PG&E, but he said his name was "Jay Martinez," operator #348, and he was calling from phone number 877-411-5809. And he sounded on so kosher. PG&E said it definitely was not them. Do not give your account number to anybody over the phone; if it's PG&E they already have it. if you need to get through to a human-person at PG&E (this works for a number of businesses), just keep hitting zero. You'll get one eventually. I'm sorry, I know there is a lot of ease and good to computers, but one fairly sad drawback as far as I'm concerned, has been that nobody is using people to take care of issues via the phone anymore! And when you To the Editor do get a people, they're apt to be ill-equipped!

A big thank you to Willits Weekly for doing what they do, so well. They are a great (award-winning!) part of our community.... And, they answer their phone! Yay, team, and yay, our small town!

Thanks from High Hopes

To the Editor:

I'm Sharron Kidd, co-captain with Liz Gardner of the High Hopes Team at Relay for Life, and our team members would like to thank our raffle prize donors, including the

2. Les Schwab, an emergency road kit

3. Two hand-crafted memory boxes from Jerry Saunders.

4. A movie and coffee baskets from Janine Holliman.

5. A child basket from Diana Mann

Thank you to our team members: Michelle Mothershed, Debby Yamagiwa, Fay Mok, Becca Gardner, Will Gardner and Josie Rivera, and to my family who came from Southern California: You all helped our Team High Hopes raise \$3,259.66.

Thank you all so much for supporting Relay For Life Willits and the American Cancer Society. I myself am still in three vears' remission from ovarian cancer.

Sharron Kidd and Liz Gardner, co-captains, Team High Hopes 2016

'The Nerd'

Laughing until your side aches is one sure way to experience the antics in "The Nerd," a comedic farce currently playing at the Willits Community Theatre through August 28. At a recent Saturday evening performance,

perfidious perfection by Christopher Martineau, convinces the other characters to shed their footwear and don paper bags on their heads for the serious fun of it all. The ensuing hilarity and consternation over this silly diversion becomes hilariously funny itself.

After the performance, Suzanne Bentley of Ukiah said of her experience, "I was laughing so hard I was crying." Jed Diamond of Willits said, "The play offers slapstick comedy in the context of relationships and surprises, and as such, it is well-crafted and very funny." Tamara Adams of Emandal Farm called the show: "Lovely, great fun. It is some experience."

Under the able direction of Jason Edington, the actors have found the core of their characters and deliver spot-on performances. The result is a show that offers both humor and genuine pathos. The "Nerd" invades the household of mild-manner architect Willum Cubbert, played by Ari Sunbeam, who ends up driven to furious frustration at the disruptions, and we genuinely feel for him. Damian Sebouhian puts in an impressive performance as Warnock Waldgrave, the stern businessman with no patience for the antics. Tami Potter is delightful as Warnock's wife, a nervous woman who has to shatter objects to maintain her sanity.

Nine-year-old Soren Pinelli makes his debut WCT appearance as Warnock's mischievous son. Jess Craighead anchors the role of Axel Hammond, the realistic observer who spills the wry one-liners. Blare Elliott delights as Tansy, the earnest love interest who comes up with warm water and cottage cheese as the ultimate ploy to rid everyone of the "Nerd."

There is a little something for everyone in this show. At the center of the action is Martineau, the socially inept intruder who persists at being so clueless and potent, it is no wonder that by the second act, his victims plot his departure. Unfortunately, their schemes are no less lame than the goofball they target. With everyone going bonkers, the play ends up in a hilarious and surprising denouement.

Steve Hellman, Willits

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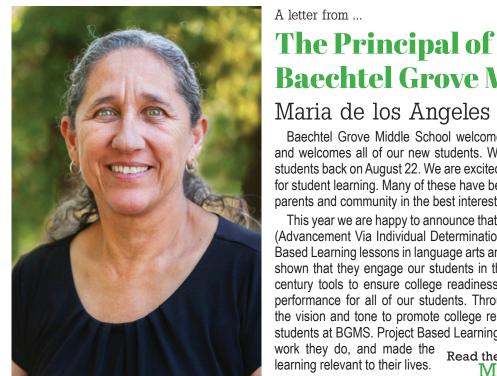
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The Principal of Brookside Elementary School

Kathy Crossman

The staff and faculty of Brookside Elementary School have been busy this summer preparing to welcome our students to another exciting year! Our returning team and new staff members will focus on teaching all learners to read and understand math at grade level and above, and will support our students to develop their love of learning. We are attending professional development, learning to teach our newly adopted language arts program, and have participated in a school clean-up day.

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I am honored to be Brookside's new principal. As a former Ukiah High and Mendocino College alum, and principal in Point Arena, I'm excited to become an active member of the Willits community! Brookside has new teachers joining our staff: Please welcome Jennifer Nunez-Ward (former Brookside student and daughter of recently retired Brookside teacher, Paula Nunez), second grade; Lisa Bowles, second grade; Angela Hinojosa, first grade; Karen Bowles, kindergarten; and Laura Rowland: intervention and Read the rest of Over on Page 6 resource teacher. Crossman

The Superintendent of Willits Unified **School District**

As the new superintendent of Willits Unified School District, I am honored to serve you and I look forward to becoming part of the Willits community. I wish to thank the staff, the school board, and community members who I have met and who have welcomed me.

The goals I have set for our district are outlined

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A letter from .

Program

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New Horizons and

Robert Chavez

Sanhedrin High School

New Horizons Independent Study

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We are looking forward to a very exciting year as

the New Horizons Independent Study Program has

been moved to the Willits High School campus.

New Horizons offers a unique independent study

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Baechtel Grove Middle School

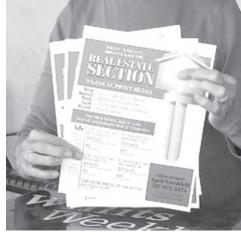
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Baechtel Grove Middle School welcomes back all of our returning students Mark Westerburg and welcomes all of our new students. We look forward to seeing each of our students back on August 22. We are excited about the programs we have in place for student learning. Many of these have been acquired through working with our parents and community in the best interest of our students.

This year we are happy to announce that we are expanding the use of our AVID Advancement Via Individual Determination) strategies school-wide and Project Based Learning lessons in language arts and social studies. AVID strategies have shown that they engage our students in their learning, through the use of 21st century tools to ensure college readiness, and they have improved academic Read the rest of performance for all of our students. Through the use of AVID we want to set the vision and tone to promote college readiness and high expectations for all students at BGMS. Project Based Learning has given students a purpose for the work they do, and made the Read the rest of Over on Page 6 learning relevant to their lives. Munquia

On Monday, August 22, students will begin the 2016-2017 school year. I am humbled and honored to be the principal of Sherwood School and Blosser Lane Elementary School. The staff and I are excited and looking forward to seeing your

Our custodians and groundskeepers have been working diligently all summer to ensure that classrooms have been cleaned and facilities ready for students on the first day. Varied activities are scheduled throughout the year for our students.



The Rules: LETTERS

Justin Stephens, webmaster

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Typed letters can be sent to Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490, but email is preferred. Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be considered.



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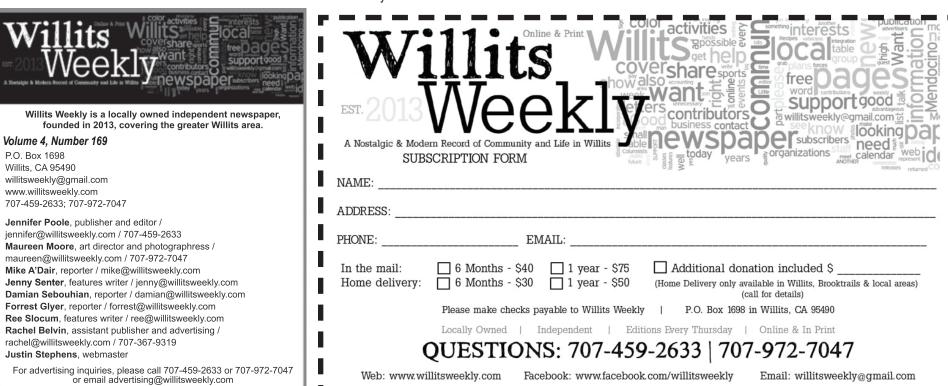
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Discounts are given for three-month commitments, and there's even a special open house ad rate for agents wanting to showcase listings. Encourage your agent to get your listing included! The deadline for the next edition will be Friday, August 26, and anyone interested is encouraged to call Willits

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TESTING



Well-wishes for a great year!

Send well-wishes, a sweet message, or words of encouragement to your new or returning students in next week's Education Edition #2, along with a photo. Sending in your photo is FREE! We will publish as many as we can in the August 25 edition of Willits Weekly (as we do every year: these are some of last year's featured back-to-school students). All you need to do is email your photo to willitsweekly@gmail.com with a caption.

Deadline for photos is end of day Monday, August 22. Questions? 707-972-7047.



Classes at Mendocino College's North County Center start August 22

Fall semester 2016 classes at Mendocino County. From a central location in beautiful College start on Monday, August 22, and downtown Willits, the college's faculty the North County Center in Willits has and staff serve the communities of Willits, dozens of classes lined up, from American Laytonville, Round Valley and Anderson Sign Language, elementary level, to the Valley. Theatre Arts department's selection of jazz

dance classes. The beautiful North County Center at 372 East Commercial Street opened in the fall of 2013, and offers educational opportunities for those seeking degrees as well as continuing education, improved job skills, or classes for enrichment.

The annual Community BBQ & Open House is set for Wednesday, August 31, center provides a friendly and accessible from 4 to 6 pm: All students, families and atmosphere for new or returning college the general public is welcome to come students. by and check out this exceptional highereducation facility.

facilities: at the Our Yoga Center, 1726 The Mendocino College North County South Main Street (Jazz Dance), the Center, part of the California Community College System, offers a small but healthy selection of community college classes, programs and services to the rural communities of inland Mendocino

Mendocino County Museum at 400 East Commercial Street (Painting - Watercolors, Read the rest of Over on Page 12 College

student services such as academic

counseling, student assessments,

financial aid information, tutoring, distance

Classes are also held in community



Outdoor family fun in Brooktrails won't stop at summer's end

Once a month, on a Saturday evening, vice president of the BNA, thought "Movies people are gathering in Ohl Grove under in the Grove" would be a great way to bring the stars, bringing Becky Button camp chairs and

Contributing Writer picnic blankets, sipping sodas, and eating popcorn while watching a movie on a 20-foot screen with over 150 of their friends and neighbors. The North County Center also provides

"It almost seems like we are all camping together under the redwoods and the stars," said one movie patron

education, and referrals to other services at The organizers of these free events are the main college campus in Ukiah. Unlike a group of Brooktrails parents, several of larger educational institutions, which are whom are on the board of the Brooktrails sometimes characterized by huge classes Neighborhood Association. Tara Simms, and impersonal services, Willits' small-town

Read the rest of Over on Page 13 Movies

the community together and provide fun,

"When I first moved to Brooktrails and

became involved with the neighborhood

association. I could tell there was a need

for these types of events; for families and

their neighborhood had to offer and meet

other families in the community," Simms

related. "Ukiah and Lakeport have outdoor

summer movies, but that means a 30- or

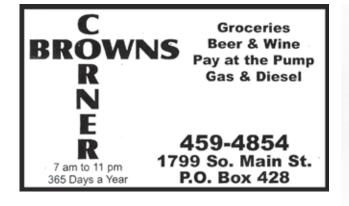
45-minute drive, and we thought Ohl Grove

young people to get out and enjoy what

family-friendly activities in Brooktrails.







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Big Jack

At 71.9 pounds, 3-year-old Jack is the definition of a gentle giant. He wants to play and cuddle, and doesn't know how big and strong he is. Given his size and strength, he can be hard to manage or walk on a leash, and Jack's guardians will need to be experienced working with larger dogs and willing to teach him training and manners. We think he will catch on quickly with consistency and love. Jack is sponsored! - \$73 of his adoption fees have been covered already 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.mendoanimalshelter.com or visit the shelter. More info about adoptions: 467-6453.

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.

mendohumanesociety.com.

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Mama Nellie

Nellie was found as a stray with four little kittens. All her babies have since been adopted, and now that she's done with the parenting life, Nellie's looking for her very own home! Sweet and petite, this girl loves human affection. While she may be able to live with another calm cat, Nellie would really prefer to be the only pet in the home.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, where you can come visit, play with and/or adopt Gus



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As part of our mission to improve the health of our community, we are excited to bring quality care closer to home. From the common cold to annual exams and vaccinations, your care team at the Redwood Medical Clinic is here for you.

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Dr. Glyer has been serving the Willits community for 37 years. Dr. Glyer also has a special interest in caring for patients in recovery from drugs and alcohol.

Andrea McCullough, MD

A board-certified family medicine

over 10 years of experience as an

emergency physician. She is also

specialist. Dr. McCullough has

Family Practice

fluent in Spanish.

Beverly Draudt, FNP-C **Family Practice** Ms. Draudt is a board-certified

family nurse practitioner and specializes in caring for patients





range of services including, sick

of all ages. She has many years of experience in women's health

management of chronic diseases.



nurse practitioner who treats many conditions and provides a wide-

Ms. Silva is a board-certified family

Redwood visits, annual physical exams and

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transitional kindergarten through
                                    Language Development teacher. A full
second-grade: Luna Valentic; third-
                                    range of special education services
grade through fifth-grade: Gina Hirsch;
                                    will continue to be offered, with one
and with office and administrative
                                    special day class teacher, one full-
support from Shauna Martin. All
                                    time resource teacher, one half-time
grades will be using our newly adopted
                                    resource teacher, and a speech and
Benchmark English Language Arts
                                    language teacher.
curriculum. We thank Marissa Greene
                                       Teachers for the new school year
and Brianna Schneider for their
                                     are: Third-grade teachers: Carrie
dedicated service and wish them all
                                     Bauer, Margaret Bender, Janice
the best as they move on to pursue
                                    Haschak, Jordan West, and Colleen
personal educational goals.
                                     Zak Haschak; fourth-grade teachers:
 At Blosser Lane Elementary, school Amy Grooms, Dianne McNeal, Lisa
                                    Mev. and Jennifer Valenzuela-Watkins:
begins each day at 8:15 am with
dismissal time at 2:55 pm, except
                                    fifth-arade
                                                teachers: Samantha
on Tuesdays when students are
                                    Arkelian, Marian Lohne, Amelia Moore,
dismissed at 1:35 pm. Due to the traffic
                                    and Eileen Travis; English language
on Highway 20 and Blosser Lane,
                                    development teacher: John Haschak;
bicycles, roller blades and shoes,
                                     special education teachers: Hopie
skates and scooters are not allowed at
                                    Wise, Debora Macy, Laura Rowland,
school, and walking students are not Rachelle Shockley, and Yvonne Winter.
allowed to cross Highway 20 at Blosser
                                      Parents and guardians are an
Lane. Bus transportation is provided
                                     important part of the educational
by the district before and after school.
                                     process, and we welcome your
  Blosser Lane wishes Kathy Tilton,
                                     participation and encourage input,
Laurie Smith and Jai Nelson all the best
                                    questions and ideas about our
in their retirement; they will be deeply
                                     school and our programs. Volunteers
missed. We have five third-grade
                                    are always needed to help in the
classes, four fourth-grade classes, four
                                    classrooms, and with class, grade-
fifth-grade classes and one English
                                    level, and school activities during the
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educational program that allows
                                    through an expanded art program and
students the advantage to choose to
                                    horticulture. The school is providing
participate in any and all educational
and or extracurricular activities offered
                                    with Mendocino College. The caring
at Willits High School.
 A student at New Horizons may
                                    to thrive towards a Sanhedrin High
be on independent study, attend an
advanced placement course and/or a
college course, play in the band, and
                                    will begin Monday, August 22 at 8:30
participate in football. A student can
potentially earn a high school diploma
and also complete an associate
degree during their four years at
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New Horizons. No limits at the New Horizons Independent Study Program! Please contact Janele Leal at 459-4801 for more information.

Sanhedrin High School

help of Laura Sleeper, director of Thank you for allowing me to serve Sanhedrin High School has Human Resources, we have recruited advanced the elective program an "all-star" staff: Jill Dorman, librarian; our beautiful community.

Willits Unified School District

college credit in the arts in conjunction

staff genuinely provides a different

climate and culture for our students

School diploma or to return to the

comprehensive high school. Classes

Go Wolverines! Willits High School

is reaching new heights. We had

a successful summer school, with

students earning a cumulative 150

credits towards graduation. With the

Willits High School

The Willits Unified School District serves 1,550 students in grades transitional kindergarten to 12th grade, from the City of Willits and surrounding areas. Committed to the small campus environment, WUSD is composed of four traditional schools: Brookside Elementary (TK-2), Blosser Lane Elementary (3-5), Baechtel Grove Middle School (6-8), and Willits High School (9-12). In addition to the traditional schools, alternative programs offer students a variety of choices within the WUSD's district's governance: Sherwood Elementary (K-5), Sanhedrin Continuation High (9-12), and New Horizons Independent Study (K-12).

WUSD Administration Office	Sherwood Elementary School	Sanhedrin High School
1277 Blosser Lane	32600 Sherwood Road	120 North Main Street
459-5314; fax: 459-7862	984-6769 Fax: 459-7862	459-4801; fax: 459-6580
	Development Middle Oxford	





year. If you can spare any time during

the week to work with students, please

The School Site Council and PTO

are two important and fun ways for

parents to become involved. Elections

for seats on our Site Council will be

held during Back-to-School Night on

Tuesday, September 20. We would

like to hold our PTO meetings once a

The Blosser secretaries, Sharen

Reinier and Lesli Cooke, will be able to

provide you with information about our

school and to answer your questions.

The school office will be open between

All the staff members at Sherwood

School and at Blosser Lane Elementary

School are committed to providing a

safe, challenging and exciting program

for our students, and we are looking

If you have any questions about

Sherwood or Blosser Lane, please call

the school offices at 984-6769 or 459-

3232 (respectively) or drop by and see

us. I am looking forward to a wonderful

Jane Applebee, English; Mary Colvig

social science; Trisha Silva-Brown,

social science; Laurianne McLernon,

new superintendent, Mark Westerburg,

as he has eliminated the \$50 player

fee, and he will use district resources

to redirect the equivalent funds to the

individual sports programs. Classes at

Willits High School will begin Monday,

August 22 at 8 am.

Michael Colvig, administrator.

forward to a successful school year.

7:30 am and 4:30 pm.

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in all of these areas and below in order of priority. to reestablish pride in our 1. Create and maintain district and community. The a culture of learning and changes ahead may appear daunting, but we need to Raise student allow the staff and students achievement, kindergarten the opportunity to move through 12th grade. forward 3. Don't spend more Parents, it is important to than you take in. Although support your student(s) and the district is deficitour schools. We need you spending, we will start new as partners to provide the initiatives and reprioritize best education possible to our expenditures based on your child. Please volunteer, communicate with teachers,

4. Continue to hire great join us at school events, and show your child how you 5. Over-communicate, value our programs, schools i.e. website, Facebook, and staff members

newsletters and media. Again, thank you: It is my I am concerned about the honor and privilege to serve funding levels and offering you and become part of the of extracurricular activities, community. Together we will fine arts, and career and prepare our students for technical education. It is my the challenges in the world goal to improve participation today

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This year we are also adding an AVID elective at the sixthgrade level. The AVID elective supports underrepresented student populations to be prepared to attend a four-year university after high school. Students at the sixth-, seventhand eighth-grade level have applied and were selected to take the AVID elective this year, creating three full classes of students, who would otherwise not be preparing for college, Spanish; Lucy Kyne, counselor; and who are ready to learn the study skills necessary to prepare for college.

In collaboration with our friends at We will continue to involve students in fun and creative Mendocino College, we will be offering programs such as the Odyssey of the Mind competitions, five college courses throughout the mural painting projects, drama classes after school, and school year in five different disciplines. participation in the Science Fair to engage students in creative expression, as well as academic achievement. WHS extends a warm welcome to our

Baechtel Grove Middle School will once again be partnering with our community help organizations, and our businesses and local work world, to involve students in a Community Awareness Week, and a College and Career Week. The purpose of the Community Awareness Week is to bring social and societal awareness to students, using experts from organizations that work with social issues. Students culminate their week with learning from presentations by our community experts. The same format is used for the College and Career Week. Both weeks are encouraging and interactive for students, thanks to the help we are provided by the Willits community.

Due to parent requests and student need, intervention classes have been added to our master schedule so that students can receive the support they need with basic skills in areas that may be more challenging for them, including mathematics, reading and writing. The Kids Club afterschool program will also have a defined time for math help, and also homework help for everyone in the program.

In a vision for future years at Baechtel Grove Middle School, our new superintendent. Mark Westerberg, sees instructional time added to the core classes - language arts, social studies, science, and math - with a check-in and homework time at the end of the day for each student. His emphasis includes expanded exploratory choices at the middle school in years to come.



Back-to-school immunization clinics at Public Health

The start of the new school year is just around have insurance (including Medi-Cal) should contact the corner. This fall, all children entering public or their regular health care provider for any required private schools in California for the first time will be vaccines. required to have certain immunizations.

There is no longer a "personal belief exemption" for children entering kindergarten or seventh grade. As required by state law, children will not be admitted to school without current immunizations or available every day in Ukiah, at 1120 South Dora a medical exemption.

Many children qualify for free vaccinations. Please call the Mendocino County Public Health Children who are eligible for Medi-Cal or have no Immunization Program at 707-472-2600 or 1-800health insurance can obtain free vaccinations at 734-7793 for available dates and times and to Mendocino County Public Health. Children who schedule an appointment

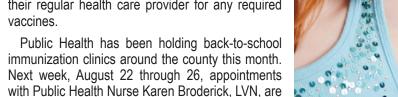
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Imagination Station

Preschool





Getting Ready

Volunteers help clean up Brookside Elementary campus

A few stalwart community volunteers joined weed the Brookside school garden and refresh new Brookside Elementary School Principal the raised beds with soil and amendments. Kathy Crossman and first-grade teacher Melissa readying them for fall planting by students, and Bergmann Sunday morning at a back-to-school sowing a few beet, broccoli and carrot seeds. clean-up. too.

Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse Willits Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez, Warren Lewis of the Willits Educational Foundation and former Brookside principal Olga O'Neill worked leaf blowers and brooms to spruce up the campus. A "mystery volunteer" had already come to

– Jennifer Poole

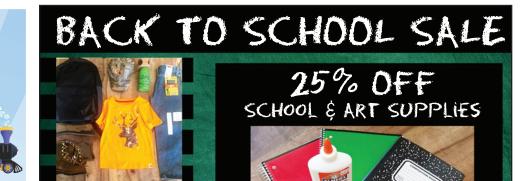
Principal Crossman is looking forward to

the start of the school year and is enjoying the

support for Brookside she's already experienced

from the community. "Our school is in good

hands," said O'Neill, who retired in 2015.





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Above, left Warren Lewis, Tom Woodhouse

and Gerry Gonzalez. Above, right: Kathy Crossman, Melissa Bergmann and Olga O'Neill. At right: The

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Once again this year we will be involving our incoming sixth-graders in the W.E.B. program thanks to funding from the Willits Police Department. W.E.B. is a transitions program at Baechtel Grove Middle School. As part of the program, new sixth-grade students are partnered in groups with two eighth-grade students for the entire year. The eighth-graders are trained to help their sixth-graders not only have a smooth transition into middle school, but also to coach them throughout the year on how to handle typical problems a sixth-grader might encounter. They help identify and address problems of harassment, bullying, isolation and exclusion.

We are looking forward to beginning classes at 8:25 am, on Monday, August 22. Student schedules will be available on the Parent Portal beginning Friday, August 19, and we will give students paper schedules beginning at 7:45 am, in the front of the school, on the first day of classes. Be prepared, you are about to have a great year! See you here!

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Brookside teachers Michelle Kluskiewicz and Julie Muzzy recently attended professional development, where they studied how to teach "The Daily 5," a literacy structure allowing teachers to differentiate instruction based on the specific needs of students, while also teaching students independence. They will share their learning with the Brookside faculty.

Teachers Cyndi Pfingsten and Ralanya Smith led staff in selecting "Benchmark Advance" as our board-adopted language arts curriculum. Teachers have busily studied the curriculum on their own, preparing for a publisher training for para-educators and teachers on August 17.

Six teachers who are piloting "Everyday Math," in consideration of adopting the program, attended a professional development from McGraw Hill. These teachers are Dawna Allen and Carol Brinkerhoff, kindergarten; Anne Hammond and Wesley Rea, first grade; and Sandy Lucier and Julie Muzzy, second grade.

First-grade teacher and project coordinator Melissa Bergmann invited all school and community members to Brookside on Sunday, August 14. We spiffed up the school, focusing on the school front, hallways, planters and garden. Brookside will shine when our students arrive on their first day of school, Monday, August 22 at 8:25 am!

Thank you for your continued support of our Brookside Bobcats! Our focus is student learning.

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Thursday, August 18

"The Nerd": 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre This "hilarious farce" by Larry Shue. "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 Edington, 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. 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.

Shanachie Pub: Chris Cichacki, 8 pm, solo show on 12-string guitar. Gypsy, folk, grass music he's written about his world experiences. 50 South Main Street, Info: 459-9194.

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 Thursday, August 18 listing for more details.

Shanachie Pub: 9 Humanistan, pm. "Electro-Folkloric" fun, groovy, dance music. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

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, at the ballfields on East Commercial Street, and games will follow all throughout the day on six fields. 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. With food vendors and concessions. "This year we have 306 players registered and growing, with 27 teams. We play locally and throughout Lake and Mendocino counties, with post-season competitive play throughout Northern California."

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,

What's Happening Around Town Main Street (the Willits Environmental Center, the paintings. Re-Evolution is a gallery and fair two doors south of Mariposa). Cost \$15 includes WELL membership and lunch. Free for current WELL members. "The goal is to increase our selfsufficiency 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 BULL RIDING learn about grants and loans Saturday, August 20th 2016 available to finance efficiency improvements. More info: Paul Free Summer Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop: Saturday, ALC: N August 20 from 10 am to noon at Sanhedrin Nursery, 1094 Locust Street. With Dave Watts and Richard Jeske. Info: 459-

Bull Riding in Covelo: Lions ADMISSION \$10.00 (6 & UNDER FREE) and Lionness Clubs present 7:00 PM AT THE ROUND VALLEY COMMUNITY PARK Bull Riding at the Round Valley COVELO, CA Community Park in Covelo, on

BUD LIGHT

34th Annual Blackberry Festival:

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 and full music lineup, United visit www.roundvalleyblackberryfesival.com.

Blackberry Festival

weekend. 7 pm.

\$10 admission; 6

and under free.

Entry info: Rod at

707-367-1408.

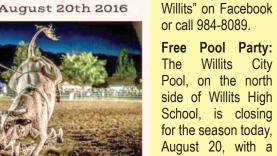
Rascal's Rescue Mobile Adoption Event: Saturday, August 20 from 11 am to 2 pm at Willits Power & Hardware, 1600 South Main Street, with the Humane Society of Inland Mendocino. Bring door. a donation for the Humane Society and get 10% Movies off any one item (excluding power equipment). Adopt a pet and get a free bag of food. Suggested donations are: canned dog & cat food, new or

gently used collars, and leashes and toys. Artist Nancy Adair at Re-Evolution: Nancy Adair is showing her paintings at the Re-Evolution gallery/shop through September. She will be at the gallery at noon on Saturday, August 20 and

trade clothing and accessories emporium located at 15 West Mendocino, 11 am to 6 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Call Re-Evolution at 234-0607 or Nancy Adair at 459-5239 for more information or to set a special time to meet the artist at the gallery.

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

pm. Info: visit Blackberry Festival Weekend "Annual Old Timers Game Laytonville vs.



4 to 7 pm, hosted by Community Calvary Chapel. "Come on in and take a swim."

ENTRY INFO - ROD (707) 367-1408

WHS Girls Soccer FREE CAMPING AVAILABLE - NO HOOKUPS SPONSORED BY : RV LIONS AND LIONESS CLUBS Tamale Fundraiser: Enjoy a dinner for

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four with 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

Birthday Concert at 6 pm at the Willits with The Just For Fun Choin Methodist Church, on the corner of School Saturday, August 20, 2016 and Pine streets. 6:00 PM Donations at the 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.

Shanachie Pub Fire Party: Commemorate the 1-year anniversary of the fire at Shanachie Pub with local boot stompin', heel clickin', and top tappin' favorites Pick & Pull playing Old Time High Octane Acoustic Hillbilly Dance Music. 9 pm. Featuring Fred, upright bass fiddle; Keith, guitar, mandolin, banjo, vocals; and Scotty- harmonica, washboard guitar, vocals. Visit https://www.facebook.com/ pickpullmusic. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-

Sunday, August 21

"Vintage Wheels": The car & motorcycle show at the 34th annual Round Valley Blackberry Festival. Sunday, August 21. "Get your kicks on Covelo Road!" Info: Sheila at 707-983-6159 or sheilamatthiasptl@gmail.com "The Nerd": 2 pm at Willits Community Theatre.

See Thursday, August 18 listing for more details.

Monday, August 22

Parkinson's Discussion & Support Group: 2nd Free Pool Party from and 4th Mondays at Harrah Senior Center, Monday, August 8, 10:30 to 11:30 am. 1501 Baechtel Road. With Linda Posner as facilitator. Info: 459-1941.

Tuesday, August 23 Main pool number:

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Novo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. Call the theater for this week's Tightwad movies. For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Library Coloring Club: Want a little color in your life? Then by all means, come to the library! Starting on Tuesday, August 23, the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, is hosting a Library Coloring Club, every Tuesday at 6:30 pm for ages 14 and up.

"We've got the crayons and the paper – you bring the imagination."

Wednesday, August 24 "Stand Up, Together": Sanders Meet Up at the Willits Center for the

(at Cat's Meow); \$30 at the door; \$10 for kids to age 12. Take home meals Sanders about his new available. Funds raised by this dinner will be used to support several local charities. hotdogs and veggie "notdogs." "We'll watch the

broadcast and have a moderated discussion on our Four on the Floor at Brickhouse: Ar thoughts and opinions about the broadcast and the evening of acoustic music from local Sanders campaign, and how to take action locally." musicians of the Willits Farmers Market

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Bernie

features Richard "Tootreese" Jeske, on guitar and vocals; Loren Herz-O'Brien, Willits High student Thursday, August 25

and landscaping throughout downtown. Info:

Contact Dusty Duley, city planner, at planning@

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"The Nerd": 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre.

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Shanachie Pub: classic rock and blues cover

willitscity.com.

Friday, August 26

Main Street, Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, August 27

who plays a fantastic flute; Dennis Hadley, pumping out amazing accordion sounds, and Yanahay City Streets & Alleys Workshop #2: The City of Willits holds a second community workshop Hooper, brilliant acoustic bass. Limited seating. Come early or bring your own chair! to hear your feedback on the revised conceptual designs for the Downtown Willits Streets and Alleys "The Nerd": 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre.

Connectivity Study. Please attend this workshop to See Thursday, August 18 listing for more details. share your thoughts on the preferred concepts. 5:30 Shanachie Pub: J & J Jazz, 9 pm. J. Funk on keys, to 7:30 pm; presentation starts at 6 pm. Willits City and Joyce Funk on vocals, featuring Todd Brayton Hall, 111 East Commercial Street. The Downtown of the Stone House Band on drums, performing Willits Streets and Alleys Connectivity Study jazz standards and original jazz music. 50 South seeks to achieve the following goals: Beautify and Main Street, Info: 459-9194. enhance downtown; provide better accessibility for

Johnny Sketch & the Dirty Notes: classically pedestrians and bicyclists; maintain parking and trained New Orleans band visits Laytonville, to play provide loading zones for downtown merchants; at the Crawfish Boil on August 28 (see listing) and encourage local and regional bicycle and pedestrian at Boomers Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, on August mobility; improve public gathering spaces in 27, with Rory Danger & the Danger Dangers and the downtown; improve traffic safety and visibility for Wild Mendohoulas. JSDN's "irreverent funk is cut motorists; and improve lighting, wayfinding signage



guitar band, Stone House Band, formerly known as ectric cello, and lead vocals: Busta Gnutt on Black Iris Band. 9 pm. featuring veteran players bass and backing vocals; Dirty Johnny on drums Todd Brayton, lead vocal, drums; John Coughlin, and backing vocals; Johnny Rico on trumpet and lead guitar, vocals; John Chambers, bass guitar, flugelhorn; and Sage Rouge on saxophones. 9:30 backing vocals; and Joe Munch, guitar. 50 South pm. No cover. Tickets at The Big Chief, Mendo Sun Market, and The Feed Store. Visit www. johnnysketch.com for more.

Mariposa Market 37th Anniversary Party: starts at Sunday, August 28

11 am on Saturday, August 27 at Mariposa Market, 10th annual Laytonville Crawfish Boil: The 500 South Main Street. "Join us in celebrating 37 10th annual Laytonville Crawfish Boil is set for years of bringing great food to Willits. We will have Sunday, August 28 from 1 to 9 pm at the Laytonville special discounts at the register, product demos, Rodeo Grounds. "Amazing Louisiana cooking food demos, music, and raffle items all day long.' and four bands." To benefit Laytonville's local first Fresh Local Ling Cod Dinner: St. Francis responders and ambulance service. Tickets, \$100,



Four on the Floor, left to right: Yanahay Hooper, Loren Herz-O'Brien, Richard "Tootreese" Jeske, and Dennis Hadley.

Band, Saturday, August 27, at Brickhouse Coffee, Valley Feed, and Mendo Sun Market in Laytonville. on the corner of Main and Commercial in Willits. "The Nerd": Closing show: a 2 pm matinee at Willits One night only! Doors open at 7 pm; show starts Community Theatre. See Thursday, August 18 at 7:30. \$5 cover. This group, "Four on the Floor," listing for more details.

COLUMN | At the Movies



'Pete's Dragon

The Story: For six years, little Peter is a lost boy in the great forests of the north. He's lost, but he has a dragon – a large furry

Daniel Essman green dragon named Elliot. Columnist Little Peter and Elliot are having a darn good time

being buddies in the wilderness - they love each other. Then (wouldn't you know it?) other people (adults) show up. And spoil everything...

My Thoughts: Grown-ups spoil everything. They even clear cut forests. Love of and for the natural world is an explicit theme of "Pete's Dragon," and though a preachy love of nature is clearly stated, it is not hammered nor heavy-handed. This is a feelgood family flick that felt good to me. The movie is well made, smartly paced (but not frenetic).... It is an old-fashioned

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friends, orphan wild boys, and for nature Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.

Save the Date

Claws for a Cause, September 3, Ridgewood Ranch

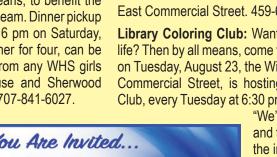
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September 10 and 11

Got Fruit or Veggies

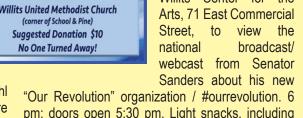
The Grateful Gleaners are looking for gardeners who have more produce than they can use. We harvest your excess and deliver the bounty to Willits Community Services & Food Bank, Willits Daily Bread, the Kids Clubs, Nuestra Allianza and other local agencies that serve our community

Please call 367-9759 and leave a message with your name, phone number, the types of fruit, vegetables or nuts you have and when you think they will be ready (or if it needs to be picked right away). Thank you to our generous growers and our volunteer gleaners who have helped distribute literally tons of healthy food for more than a decade. You have made a positive difference in people's lives!



You Are Invited... Nancy New's

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"The Nerd": 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Tour starts at 630 South Saturday, September 10 to talk with visitors about See Thursday, August 18 listing for more details.



Four on the Floor at Brickhouse

Saturday, August 27

An evening of acoustic music from local musicians of the Willits Farmers Market Band, Saturday, August 27, at Brickhouse Coffee, on the corner of Main and Commercial in Willits. One night only! Doors open at 7 pm; show Street

starts at 7:30. \$5 cover.

This group, "Four on the Floor," features Richard "Tootreese" Jeske, on guitar and vocals; Loren Herz-O'Brien, Willits High student who plays a fantastic flute; Dennis Hadley, pumping out amazing accordion sounds, and Yanahay Hooper, brilliant acoustic bass. Limited seating. Come early or bring your own chair!

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.

Roots of Motive Power Steam-Up

September 10 and 11

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Roots of Motive Power their big once-a-year steam up weekend, starting on Saturday, September 10 at 10 am and ending on Sunday, September 11 at 4 pm. At the Roots facility, 420 East Commercial

"If you only come to one of our events, this is the

one. We have everything that runs fired up for the weekend. Our big Bucyrus Erie steam shovel will be out back digging on the dirt pile along with the bulldozers. The Heisler locomotive will be pulling the riding cars and giving rides to the public."

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.

Willits Summer Farmers Market: the Willits Farmers Market is now in Bud Snyder City Park, from 3 to 6:30 pm

3106 for additional information every Thursday afternoon. Veggies.

strawberries, cherries, flowers, local meats Al-Anon Meeting: Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village and local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new Community Room (behind Rite-Aid at the edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Evergreen Shopping Center. Saturdays

at 10 am at St. Francis Episcopal Church "Dog Days of Summer": Willits Center for Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street. the Arts August show features dog and dog-"Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship themed art in different media, by artists Teresa of relatives and friends of alcoholics who Robertson, Sandy Strong, Robert Permenter, share their experience strength and hope to Gene Avery North, Carolyn Carpenter, Morgan solve their common problems. We believe Rex, Mikela Cameron, Maureen Moore, Lisa that alcoholism is a family illness and that Bowles, Kathryn Sterngold, Karen Gridley, changed attitudes can aid recovery." June Ruckman, Jacqueline Standley and

Brian Bowles. Runs through August 28. Drop-in Knitting Circle: Due to popular Gallery hours are now Wednesday through demand, the Willits Library is holding the Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. More info: 459-1726 drop-in knitting circle every Saturday of the or www.willitscenterforthearts.org. month, from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch

Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring KLLG Radio Action Group: meets your projects to share and show off! We Mondays at 5:30 pm at Little Lake Grange, will have expert knitters on board who can 291 School Street, Room 10. Learn about solve any problems and teach everyone to and participate in building Willits Hometown knit! Bring your own projects - we'll supply Radio. Volunteers needed. More information the coffee! Sign-ups are not necessary is available at www.KLLG.org or by calling Lanny Cotler at 367-1812. everyone is welcome to drop in."

Willits Library Public Events: "Stories for Tuesday Night Potluck Bingo: Potluck Crawlers and Walkers," Thursdays at 11 am. dinner and bingo every Tuesday at the Harrah Technology group for help with hand-held Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road." Be sure devices, Fridays at 1 pm. Youth Game Night, to bring a dish to share!" 5 to 7 pm; \$5 buy-in; ages 10-14, Fridays from 5 to 7:30 pm. 390 50 cents per card. Info: 459-6826. East Commercial Street. More info: 459-5908. 'Come and Play': Grace Community Church

Soroptimists International of Willits: at 25 Hazel Street is sponsoring a free play Women's service club aimed at the date every Thursday this summer from 11 betterment of girls and women. Meets second am until noon, for kids through sixth grade. Children must be accompanied by a parent. and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 An enclosed play yard for the little ones and pm, at Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main various activities for older children. Call 459-Street, in the back room. Women interested in



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Ongoing Events 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

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 HMH Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome

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

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 Al'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 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, garden bouquets, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.

'One, Two, Three Senior Center - Dance!' at WCT Lunch

Sunday, September 4

Week of August 22 "One, Two, Three – Dance!," a presentation through August 26 of contemporary dance, is coming to the Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, September 4 at 7 Monday: Baked Code

Tuesday: Egg, Sausage "The show is an intimate evening of contemporary Potato Bake dance solos, duets and trios," said Willits dancer and Wednesday: Baked businesswoman Eryn Schon-Brunner. Schon-Brunner Chicken has invited critically acclaimed choreographer/ dancers Rebecca Levy (artistic director, Jacksonville Thursday: Shrimp Salad Dance Theatre), Kara Starkweather (Mendocino Friday: Birthday Lunch w/ Dance Project), Jenn Logan (Jenn Logan Dance, Los Turkey and Gravy Angeles), Tara Ford (Willits Dance Academy), Carly Harrah Senior Center Taylor and Malanie Katz to share the stage with other serves lunch five days per local dancers in a vibrant display of movement.

week from 11:45 am to 1 The artists' work will explore issues ranging from pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 drought to relationships, from primal yearnings to per meal; under 55: \$7 alter egos, from surviving trauma to cultivating a per meal. Includes soup, creative habit, and more. "Dancers employ movement entrée, vegetable, bread, to deepen understanding, entertain and tell stories of dessert, and drink. 1501 cultural relevance," said Schon-Brunner. "One, Two, Baechtel Road. Info: 459-Three – Dance!" will include choreographic debuts 6826 and old favorites. The stage will be alive with kinetic emotion, grace and style. BROOKTRAILS

Tickets for "One, Two, Three - Dance!" are \$15 and are available three ways: in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street in Willits, on line at brownpapertickets.

> com and by telephone any brooktrailsgolfcourse@gmail.com time at 1-800- 838-3006. The Willits Golf Course Hours: Community Theatre Playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane, just one block Weekly Schedule: of Adam's west Mondays & Fridays Restaurant and Nikos Gyro Shop in downtown Willits. 8am Wednesdays 18 Holes Golf -Fun Day All Wecome Dancer Natalie

Meuniot. Photo by Eryn Schon-Brunner

For more information about our volunteer program, please call the above number. It's fun and rewarding!

Please note that we only take produce that is not sprayed with pesticides or herbicides. Dormant oil sprays and other non-toxic pest and weed control substances are okay.

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

Emandal Chorale starting

a new season

All are invited to sing with the Emandal Chorale this year Wednesdays from 5 to 7 at the Little Lake Grange. The Emandal Chorale is a community chorus of 60+ singers; no auditions are required. Everyone can sing, and everyone feels better by singing. If you are curious, take the plunge and try it out!



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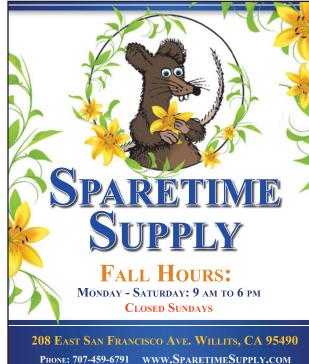
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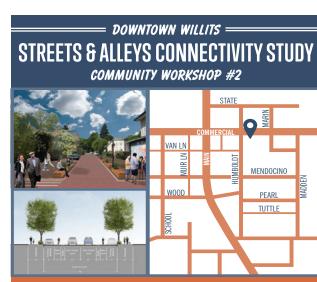
Bordo Scramble

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Disc Golf Club







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FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT: Dusty Duley, City Planner / planning@willitscity.com



A visit to the shelter

Mendocino County Animal Wellness Center welcomes visitors looking for a new pet

Things were calm and quiet on Thursday, August 4 when a tour on foster care can provide a situation where the dog photographer Mathew Caine and I visited the Mendocino can heal while protecting other dogs who are not sick. County Animal Wellness Center, aka the Plant Road shelter, in Ukiah.

room, the cat room, the barn cat room, the cat isolation room, the Mike A'Dair clinic, and both the indoor and the Reporter nike@willitsweekly.com outdoor dog kennels.

On that day, the kennel was near capacity. There were 84 dogs and 103 cats there. Conditions had improved somewhat from what they had been just prior to Saturday, July 22, when the kennel participated in a national "Clear the Shelter" day. On that day, most adoption fees were waived, and the shelter found homes for 17 dogs and 28 cats

"The number of cats is slowly going down," Montana said.

There were several volunteers busily working in the facility. We saw volunteers walking dogs, playing with dogs, and playing with cats. Shelter employee Shepherd Bliss and an assistant were in the clinic, inspecting a cat that had a sore on its neck

"We probably have more volunteers, for the size of where we are, than I've seen," Montana said. "I'd like to use them better. But, all in all, I think we have a pretty good system. It's working." Montana said the main jobs for volunteers are walking dogs and cuddling the cats. "We have to be careful on that. We can't give volunteers jobs that a regular staff person normally does. That's part of the contract that we have with our employees."

One part of the shelter program that was not visible on our visit to the shelter is the foster program, which is being coordinated by shelter Supervisor Sage Mountainfire. On the day I spoke to Mountainfire, the shelter had eight adult dogs, one adult cat, and 37 kittens placed in a foster situation. That's roughly 10 percent of the dogs and 35 percent of the cats that are in the shelter.

The foster program is important for a number of reasons. For adult dogs, it provides the animals with a break from

The foster program is also valuable for kittens. It gives them an opportunity to learn how to relate to humans. Interim Shelter Manager Mary Jane Montana showed us Mountainfire said kittens are susceptible to diseases the entire facility, including the intake room, the adoption that are common in shelters, and so going out to a foster program, even temporarily, can safeguard the kitten and give it an opportunity to safely reach an age and size where it can be vaccinated, spayed or neutered, and put

> up for adoption. Mountainfire also mentioned two other shelter programs. One is, the "Empty the Shelter" pack walk, a group dog hike held on the second Saturday of every month at 9 am. (September 10 next month). In the pack walk, every dog in the shelter is given a human, and the dogs take the humans out for a walk. The dogs find it is useful for the humans to get together and go out walking as a group. The dogs also enjoy it. Mountainfire said the monthly hike is being conducted in the memory of Nancy Commons, a Ukiah woman who volunteered at the shelter four days a week, every week, for nine years. Mountainfire said people who would like to take a dog out in the pack walk should arrive at the shelter at 8:45 am.

Mountainfire also mentioned the shelter can arrange for a short-term fostering situation called a "pajama party." This is generally a two- or three-day commitment, again, allowing the dog or cat a break from shelter life and a chance for uninterrupted interaction with humans. Mountainfire said the pajama party program is also useful as a way for shelter personnel to get more information about individual animals. "We can learn more about the animal," she said. "People take these animals home with them, and spend two or three days. When they come back, they tell us about their experiences and what they've observed. It helps us understand the animal, really, and that ultimately helps us place the animal in a good home.'

People who would like to inquire about fostering or adoption opportunities may call 467-6453 or visit the shelter website at www.mendoanimalshelter.com. People wishing to volunteer at the shelter may call 463-4427. The Mendocino County Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road at the southern end of Ukiah and is open Tuesdays

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From Page 1 was allotted a base donation of \$7,960. Funds were added to that subtotal based on the number of people served by the district. Funding allocations are as follows (in the following, the initials "FPD" stand for fire protection district and the initials "CSD" stand for community services district): Ukiah Valley FPD: \$79,621; Fort Bragg Rural Fire Protection District: \$43,816; Redwood Valley CSD: \$33,475; Little Lake Volunteer FPD: \$22,815; Brooktrails CSD: \$20,464; Anderson Valley CSD: \$19,411; Mendocino FPD: \$18,185; Covelo FPD: \$17,832; Laytonville FPD: \$17,201; Potter Valley CSD: \$15,074; Hopland FPD: \$15,014; South Coast FPD: \$14,339; Albion/ Little River FPD: \$13,154; Redwood Coast FPD: \$12,704; Comptche CSD: \$9,830; Leggett FPD: \$9,613; Ek CSD: \$9,360; Westport Fire Protection Company: \$8,957; Whale Gulch Fire Protection Company: \$8,706; and Piercy FPD: \$8,430. The funds total \$398,000.	From Page 1 located at the Sherwood Road intersection. Amy Foster, who was working at Main Street Market during the power outage, described the situation to Willits Weekly. "The construction workers had hit our power lines because PG&E didn't mark the street indicating a power line existed beneath," Foster said. "So we called PG&E, and they showed up about 45 minutes later; we told them to come over and shut our main power breakers off so they wouldn't blow anything. They didn't listen to us. They fixed the power, but with all our electronics and gas pumps and everything we have, it was too much power all at once. It messed up our pumps, our computer systems, and our inventory."	the health of the soil." The language in Measure AF largely reflects that of the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (a state measure passed in 2016 that goes into effect in 2018), which was the Heritage team's intention. Bodnar explained without something like Measure AF, MCRSA wouldn't go into effect in the county at all. "To be eligible for a state license, your county has to make that same permit available on the county level The state has really put down the roadwork for regulation, and the counties can choose to go along with that or counties can choose to be more restrictive." She said while there was a "hugely varied response" from county to county, those at Heritage felt the best approach for Mendocino was to adopt into the initiative most of what MCRSA laid out. "The goal in drafting the Heritage Initiative was to be in concert with state policy as well as the county general plan. For this policy to be viable, we knew it would need to be compatible with both. So it's meant to be a blueprint for moving the industry forward in a way that just matches how the conversation around cannabis is changing at a state level." There are some additions Measure AF would enact that aren't in MCRSA. For example, there would have to show proof they've been a resident here for at least two years.	
formula and allocations, Second District Supervisor John McCowen said he wanted fire officials to understand that, from his perspective, this was a one-time commitment because the fire districts are not part of county government. "We are giving funding to you now, and we are glad to do it," McCowen said. "But if we have	until the computer system and gas pumps were restored the following Friday afternoon. "It was PG&E's fault, and their supervisor agreed that it was their fault," Masad said. The PG&E supervisor gave Masad some claim forms to fill out and return to the company for	"The intention behind the residency requirement was to protect small farms," said Bodnar, "and to focus on supporting the small farmer in Mendocino County that has always been the heart of the cannabis industry. And to prevent large business interests from coming into the county." There has been some criticism of the Heritage Initiative in the community. At the August 2 BOS meeting, former Third District Supervisor Hal	
another downturn like we had a few years ago, we will have to cut, and the first thing to go will have to be those expenditures for organizations that are not part of the county system."	compensation, which according to Masad, is a hefty amount. "We have losses of [cold and frozen] products, the cost of the electricity fix, but the loss in sales is the most," said Masad. "I	Wagenet, speaking on behalf of the Mendocino Blacktail Association, said the initiative's loosening of zoning restrictions would make it out of line with the county general plan, and should have required further environmental review before being allowed on the ballot.	
"We've created a funding formula which, absent action by the board of supervisors, will carry forward from year to year," Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde said.	have to figure it all out and fill out the forms." "It was a pretty hectic three days," Foster said. "By the second day we were able to	Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority General Manager Mike Sweeney went so far as to call the initiative "The Marijuana Takeover Act," also citing loose zoning restrictions and potential social impact. Bodnar responded there may be some	
McCowen then summed up his position. "I think this should be reviewed every year when we look at the budget. This is not an ongoing commitment, from year to year."	use the registers, but they were running slow; we could only take cash, so we were losing EBT, credit card and gas sales. We had to turn a lot of people away; EBT is big here."	misunderstanding out there regarding cannabis regulation, restrictions and compliance under Measure AF, which she says are similar to those of other types of agriculture. "I think some of the response coming from the	
Supervisors also seemed ready to approve assigning ongoing negotiations with the fire district association to the board's Criminal Justice standing committee, which consists of supervisors Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse and	Other council business Willits City Council chambers have received a makeover, with new, comfortable connecting chairs replacing the old, less	community is coming from a place of reactivity to what the past of the cannabis industry has looked like. And there's a lot of fear around what moving forward could mean." Water use on cannabis farms, she pointed out, would be well-regulated under Measure AF, with a	
Fifth District Supervisor Hamburg. Supervisors also wanted to change the name of the committee to the Public Safety standing committee.	comfortable ones. Along with the new chairs, Moore told the council she has made "an internal policy decision" to no	"very intensive certification process" by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board to ensure no water is being illegally diverted or causing erosion or contaminated runoff. She noted these kinds of environmental enforcements have been	

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misreporting the facts. "A lot of the claims that are flects that marked 'complete' are not completed," Montanos nd Safety said. She urged the board to continue to focus on the that goes shelter and improve the lives of the animals.

Montana told supervisors the shelter had received ething like 1,298 animals since January 1. The shelter has a fect in the "live release" rate of 95 percent for dogs, she said, and 85 percent for cats, for a combined rate of 90 county has percent. That's down from earlier numbers Montana he county presented to supervisors reporting a live release rate roadwork of 94 percent.

> Montana said the lower rate was the result of a variety of diseases that had attacked the cats, which resulted in a number of them being euthanized by shelter staff

> According to statistics provided by Montana to Willits Weekly, the shelter received 722 dogs and 374 cats from January 1 through June 30. Of those, 34 dogs had either died or been euthanized; 48 cats had met a similar fate. Some 348 dogs and cats had been adopted.

Montana said of the 1.298 animals that have come rward in a on around into the shelter since the beginning of 2016, 318 have been returned to their owners and 350 have been AF would sent to rescue organizations for long-term housing.

The shelter has acted to better protect cats, she ple, there ent in the added. County work crews have installed a separate bis permit entrance into the "cat isolation room," so cats being resident brought into the shelter for the first time can be held and examined without giving them an opportunity to guirement infect the shelter's cat population

r, "and to Montana said there have been two meetings between shelter staff and volunteers, and a blackand-white version of the volunteer handbook has been printed. A full-color versions of the handbook will be printed soon.

> Long-term statistics provided by Montana indicate the shelter has made considerable progress over the past two years in improving its "live release" rate. In 2010, the live release rate was 77 percent; in 2011, 78 percent; in 2012, 77 percent; 2013: 68 percent; 2014: 71 percent; 2015: 80 percent and, currently, through the first half of 2016: 90 percent.

The Ukiah shelter's live release rate is still below Authority that of Petaluma Animal Services, the organization far as to that had applied to manage the Ukiah Animal Act," also Shelter in 2015 but whose offer was rejected by tial social county administration as lacking sufficient supporting documentation.

A February 2016 letter from CEO Carmel Angelo cannabis to the Petaluma nonprofit referenced the "lack of a ce under cost plan, an organizational plan, a staffing plan, o those of clear policies and protocols, among other concerns. At the time, county Deputy CEO Alan Flora said the from the Petaluma Animal Services' proposal would have cost activity to "at least several hundreds of thousands of dollars" as looked more than the current system.

> Proponents of Petaluma Animal Services have estimated its live release rate at 98 percent.

> Recently, former shelter Supervisor Sage Mountainfire returned to work at the shelter after having been on administrative leave since January

Second District Supervisor John McCowen wanted to know how management duties have been divided up between Montana and Mountainfire, but Montana severely lacking in the underground market model replied she and Mountainfire have not yet done that. "We are trying to put protocols in place," she She also pointed out there will be a clear distinction told McCowen. "We're still evaluating. That's part of When asked if Mountainfire has anyone reporting "For people who are not involved in the permit directly to her, Montana said that, currently, no one program, when there are violations, they can be is, and that all "nine to 10" shelter employees report directly to Montana.

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shelter life. It can also help to socialize them. For some through Saturdays, 10 am to 4:30 pm. On Wednesdays, dogs who have special medical needs, such as heartworm, the shelter is open until 6:30 pm.

Above, left: The outside doggie play yard at the shelter. Above, right: The Mendocino County Animal Wellness Center, otherwise known as the Plant Road shelter. Below, left: One of the pups available for adoption at the shelter. Below, right: An assistant helps Bliss Seiferd, right, examine a cat with a sore. Bottom, right: A tabby kitty at the shelter awaits a new home



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Public Safety standing committee. longer rent out the chamber County CEO Carmel Angelo said space to the public. the board could not do that, because "[The space] takes too much the name change was not on the of a beating," Moore explained. board's agenda. Angelo suggested "We don't want to invest what we the board consider changing the have and then turn around and name next January, when the have things not cared for. We supervisors name a new chairman do have the community center and make committee assignments. available. So far we've been

The board agreed with Angelo's able to accommodate everyone that's been looking for space." suggestion

Funds for the fire district are Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez mostly derived from Proposition 172 reminded the council and the public that as a result of school funds. Prop. 172 was a statewide starting up again soon, the ballot initiative approved by voters in November 1993. It instituted a school grounds will be subject to permanent half-cent sales tax with some preparatory cleaning. the provision that funds raised would "Our public works staff will be go to the counties to be earmarked doing some clean-up around the for public safety. Since 1994, school area starting on August Mendocino County had divided 21 and 22." Gonzalez said. up Prop. 172 funds among the "Watch for the kids. Folks who

district attorney, and the probation to slow down." department. City Planner Dusty Duley In 2015, the fire districts formed reported to the council that the Mendocino County Association housing consultants are planning of Fire Districts in order to gain a on attending the September 14 piece of the county's Prop. 172 city council meeting, "to give funds. They wrote a ballot initiative, feedback on any concerns or which recommended 30 percent thoughts you have on providing of Prop. 172 funds go to the fire housing for all income groups, districts Duley said. "[To discuss] any

county sheriff's office, the jail, the

Mendocino County challenged tools that you'd like to see the initiative in court, alleging it was incorporated in the housing unconstitutional because it infringed development update." on the board's right to supervise Duley reminded everyone that county spending, which County the Downtown Willits Streets Counsel Katharine Elliott argued & Alleys Connectivity Study was the prerogative of the board project will be holding a second of supervisors only. Superior Court community workshop on August Judge Jeanine Nadel agreed with Elliott, and the fire district's ballot initiative was removed from the June

25 at the Community Center, from 5:30 to 7 pm. 2016 ballot. "Staff has been working In June, the county's executive diligently with the consultants office estimated Mendocino County along with our community stood to take in \$7.1 million in Prop. members to come up with a

172 funds. The \$398,000 directed to plan to hopefully present to the the fire districts is just 5.6 percent of the estimated \$7.1 million. September," Duley said.

kinds of environmental enforcements have been of recent years. between those cultivators who are permitted and what's taking a lot of time." those who are not.

subject to enforcement by law enforcement," she warned. This as contrasted to the graduating fines and penalties under civil code for those with permits. "So it distinguishes the people who are interested

in coming into compliance and puts them on a path where they can do so under civil code, and draws a clear line between the unregulated part of the industry and the regulated part of the industry.

In addition, if Measure AF passes, supervisors will have the ability to amend it in 2018 if they deem it necessary for any reason, including environmental. This is unique to AF; normally another voter measure would be required for changes.

Bodnar noted that putting this kind of flexibility into the language of the initiative was important, given the shifting landscape of cannabis culture in the county and beyond. Another example of this flexibility is that, while AF

calls for a 2.5 percent tax on medical cannabis, it states that "non-medical" cannabis cultivators would developing reports." be taxed at 5 percent - if Proposition 64, the "Adult Use of Marijuana Act" on the November 8 ballot, or another similar statewide measure, passes and

legalizes cannabis for recreational adult use. Bodnar said it's understandable there would be disagreements in the community while attempting to newly regulate something as large as Mendocino's cannabis industry. And while the Mendocino Heritage Initiative Committee's mission is to get the measure passed, another important goal is to stimulate locals having an open and real conversation about the future of the industry.

"Our campaign strategy for the next three months involves expanding the dialogue into every part of our community," she said, "and raising the question: 'What could a regulated cannabis industry look like?' Because we've never seen it, and we don't know. It's about moving past our feelings about the past cannabis industry and having a conversation

about what the future of regulation could mean council at the second meeting in for the community. And that's a conversation that everyone has a stake in."

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are driving should be prepared

Deputy CEO Flora told supervisors the county intends to recruit for a full-time, permanent shelter manager soon.

The county has proposed a two-tier management structure for the shelter, in which there will be both a manager and a supervisor. The supervisor will work under the manager. According to the current job description, the manager will "manage, organize and coordinate the programmatic, administrative and operational activities of the Animal Care and Control Division, including long- and short-range planning, policy development and staff management.'

The job description calls for the supervisor to "supervise and perform a variety of complex administrative and technical functions which include coordinating the work processes for the unit or division, training employees, appraising employee performance, overseeing the care of the animals housed, managing the dog licensing program and

The salary range for a supervisor is \$35,700 to \$43,400; for a manager, it is \$67,700 to \$82,260.

Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg asked Angelo if there was any movement on an earlier proposal to start up an animal shelter in Fort Bragg Angelo said negotiations were ongoing with the Coast Humane Society, but it was too soon to make any kind of announcement.

"We'll know more about that soon, and I am hoping to make an announcement about that when we have our meeting in Fort Bragg in September," Angelo said. "I am very hopeful that we will be able to open that

Angelo is trying to put an agreement in place in which personnel from the Coast Humane Society will staff the old Fort Bragg Animal Shelter and the county will provide the building and what Flora called "a set amount" of funding to help with operational costs of the shelter.

"If we can do that, that will take a lot of pressure off of the Ukiah shelter," Angelo said

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home."

would be the perfect setting close to

"It's a way for Brooktrails to shine and

show everyone how special it is as a

home to so many of us who love nature

- and the movies!" said Christa Nunez,

Movies in the grove aren't the only

free community events the BNA has

been putting on. The group wants to

make Brooktrails a regular destination

"We threw a couple of events like the

"Great Pumpkin Hunt" last October and

an Easter Egg hunt this spring," Simms

said. "I was excited to see how much

fun the kids had running around and

mother of two and BNA member.

for all kinds of festive occasions.

exploring the redwoods."

WPD Activity Report

August 6 to August 12 Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue

The officers of the Willits Police of Windsor was contacted during a Department handled 213 incidents in traffic stop in the 1500 block of South Main Street and arrested pursuant

this seven-day reporting period. to 23152 VC (DUI). During the Summary of Active Investigations arrest, McArther was found to be in and Arrests

August 6

possession of a personal amount of methamphetamine (11377(a) HS) for which she was also arrested. 11:40 am: Officers were dispatched

to a disturbance in the 10 block of West August 10 Van Lane. During their investigation, it 9:10 am: Officers initiated a theft was alleged that BATES, Macee (26) investigation from the 1500 block of of Willits punched the victim during Baechtel Road. an argument. Bates was arrested pursuant to 243(e)(1) PC (Domestic 10 am: Officers initiated a missing

person investigation from the 1400 Battery) block of South Main Street. 3:15 pm: GUERRERO, Chris (26) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane and issued in the intersection of Highway 20 and

Mendocino County warrant.

12:10 pm: Subsequent to the earlier

the 1500 block of South Main Street

and determined he was also under the

influence of a controlled substance

a citation for an active Mendocino The plan was to do one movie each County warrant. month during the summer and, if that 8:45 pm: HOPKINS, Sammy (48) was a success, keep them going as of Willits was contacted in the 100 long as the weather cooperates. Locals block of East Commercial Street can expect a back-to-school movie and arrested pursuant to an active in September and something a little

spookier in October. August 7 Usually, moviegoers begin arriving an hour or so before showtime, and there 8:35 am: Officers initiated a stolen vehicle investigation in the 1500 block are games and activities for the kids, of South Main Street. as well as the fun of exploring several acres of redwood groves. The July 7:05 am: Officers responded to a reported hit and run collision in the movie was the Robin Williams classic, 300 block of Fort Bragg Road. "Hook," so there was a pirate treasure hunt, a game of Pin-the-Eyepatch-on-August 8 the-Pirate, a hook-handed ring toss, 10:35 am: Officers assisted with and Ye Olde Tattoo Parlour, where an arson investigation regarding young sailors and merfolk could apply a vegetation fire in the creek bed temporary tattoos and decide on their paralleling the 1300 block of South pirate names. Main Street. "We look forward to movies in 11:20 am: SWINNEY, Justin (46) of the park each month," said Amber Willits was issued a citation for a Fish Coupland, a mother of two girls who and Game Code violation in the 1300 moved to Brooktrails earlier this year. block of South Main Street. "My family and I are new in town, so I've 11:45 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1200 block of

been able to meet other moms and build new relationships at these events. Plus, South Main Street. my kids are having such a great time playing before the movie that they even arson investigation, CARRIGG, Sono sleep in the next morning!" (52) of Willits was identified as the suspect. Officers located Carrigg in Movie organizers are also committed

to keeping Ohl Grove clean and pristine. For each event, everything from the movie screen to the popcorn maker is for which he was placed under arrest, packed in and packed out. but subsequently resisted their efforts to place him into custody. Carrigg was "After the first movie, we showed up

Course playground.

a few.

arrested pursuant to 451 PC (Arson) the next morning to clean up, and it was 11550(a) HS (Drug Use), and 148(a) almost like it never happened. If you (1) PC (Resisting Arrest). hadn't been there the night before you 5:30 pm: Officers initiated a hit and never would have imagined the grove run collision investigation in the 1700 was packed with people," said BNA board member Ashley Sherf, "All we found the next day were a few handfuls

block of South Main Street. August 9

of Willits was in a physical altercation of popcorn and a toddler's sock." 8:30 am: HARBOUR, Clint (53) with the 16-year-old victim. Following 3 bedroom, 1 bath home. All donations and money made from the altercation, Morales reportedly of Willits was contacted in the 100 Fenced yard, garage, block of East Commercial Street threw a 2.5 pound weight at the the sale of concessions goes back into beautiful country setting. No smoking. \$1,400/ month, \$2,800 deposit. victim, striking the victim in the chin. and arrested pursuant to an active putting on more community movies Mendocino County warrant. Morales was placed under arrest and facilitating another BNA project 707-984-6479. pursuant to 245(a)(1) PC (Assault 9 am: Officers initiated a theft - renovating and improving the Par with a Deadly Weapon) and 273(a) investigation from the 1700 block of FREE PC (Child Abuse). South Main Street. The next "Movies in the Grove" event Firewood! 3:30 pm: Officers initiated a missing 2 pm: MORRIS, Dena (54) of will be this Saturday, August 20 at 8 Needs to be split. person report in the 300 block of Willits was contacted in the 700 block 707-459-3702 pm in Ohl Grove, featuring "The LEGO Creekside Drive. of South Main Street and issued a Movie." To build some buzz around citation pursuant to 1203.2(a) PC 4 pm: Officers contacted MORRIS, Help Wanted the event and get kids excited, BNA Dena (54) of Willits in the 1000 block (Violation of Probation) Executive Director organizers have invited local parents to of South Main Street. Following an West Company - a non-2:30 pm: RODRIGUEZ, Christane post their children's LEGO creations on profit. See http://www. investigation, officers determined (30) of Willits was contacted in westcompany.org/join-ourtheir Facebook page: www.facebook. Morris was under the influence of the 1200 block of Blosser Lane eam/ for more information com/BrooktrailsNeighborhood. Awards drugs and alcohol, in violation of the and issued a citation for an active will be given before the movie to the terms of her probation, and placed her Mendocino County warrant. best "Brickmasters of Brooktrails." under arrest pursuant to 1203.2(a) 2:55 pm: Officers initiated a burglary PC (Violation of Probation) Of course, like many free events investigation from a business in the Get your 5 pm: Officers were dispatched to 1200 block of Blosser Lane. in the Willits area, none of this would contact a subject who was causing a ad included have been possible without the help 3:10 pm: BETTS, Jeannine (40) of disturbance in the 300 block of East Willits was contacted in the 700 block of this amazing community. The BNA Commercial Street. Upon arrival, of Coast Street and arrested pursuant appreciates all of the other generous next week! they contacted BAILEY, Skyler (21) to an active Mendocino County businesses and groups that have of Willits. Officers determined Bailey provided support or donated materials to Email your was under the influence of a controlled 8 pm: Officers initiated an make "Movies in the Grove" a success substance and in possession of investigation of criminal threats in the Printing Plus, Willits Power & Hardware, a concealed weapon. Bailey was ad to: 100 block of East Commercial Street. KHUBA International, the Brooktrails placed under arrest pursuant to 8:10 pm: Traffic collision reported in Township, Mendocino Music Recyclers, 11550(a) HS (Drug Use) and 21310 and Grace Community Church, to name the 1600 block of South Main Street. PC (Possession of Concealed Dirk/ 11 pm: MCARTHER, Halyn (62) Dagger)

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4:10 pm: Traffic collision reported

10:20 pm: Officers contacted

WOOD, Donald (51) of Visalia

during a traffic stop in the 800 block

of South Main Street. During an

investigation, Wood was determined

to be under the influence of alcohol

and subsequently arrested pursuant

to 23152 VC (DUI). During the arrest,

officers discovered Wood was in

possession of a loaded .22 caliber

revolver in violation of 29800(a)(1)

PC (Ex-Felon with a Firearm) and

30305(a)(1) PC (Prohibited Person

8 am: Officers initiated a mental

8:30 am: Officers initiated a

burglary investigation at a business in

9:45 am: Officers responded to a

vehicle versus pedestrian collision in

5:40 pm: Officers responded to

11 pm: Officers contacted

SANDERS, Thomas (54) of Willits in

the 800 block of South Main Street

and determined he was unable to

provide for his own care due to his

level of intoxication, and in violation

of the terms of his probation, and

placed him under arrest pursuant to

647(f) PC (Public Intoxication) and

1203.2(a) PC (Violation of Probation).

10:30 am: Officers responded to a

domestic disturbance at a residence in

the 700 block of Coast Street. During

the course of their investigation it was

alleged that MORALES, Steven (46)

a traffic collision in the 100 block of

East Commercial Street.

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the 300 block of South Main Street.

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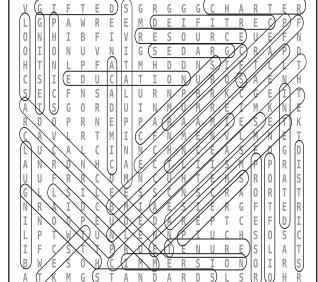
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with her work at Re-Evolution.

Paintings by Nancy Adair

Nancy Adair is showing her paintings at the Re-Evolution gallery/shop through September. She will be at the gallery at I've worked security there over the years, but noon on Saturday, August 20 and Saturday, September 10 to found my place and family in the wonderful talk with visitors about the paintings. Re-Evolution is a gallery and fair trade clothing and accessories emporium located at 15 through 7, was a nice mix of roots and West Mendocino, 11 am to 6 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Call Re-Evolution at 234-0607 or Nancy Adair at 459-5239 for more information or to set a special time to meet the artist at the gallery.



Redwood Meadows is an active independent senior community featuring 101 apartment apartments which are single story 4-plex landscaping.





Reggae on the River 2016

I've been going to Reggae on the River on and off since age 15. Each year is a unique experience. backstage crew. This year, August 4 dance hall that satisfied all reggae lovers old and young. My

favorite moment has to be seeing Sizzla, one of the first artists that made me fall in love with reggae music. – Victoria Hennessy

Above, left: Reggae sensation Anthonv B. Reggae at on the River 2016. Above, right: The greatly anticipated Sizzla At right, top: The massive crowd in the packed bowl at Reggae on the River. At right: Shade tarps

catch the light and make an impressive "ceiling" for the outdoor venue.



Isabella Rose Hopper-Cavanaugh was born July 22, 2016 at 9:50 pm to proud parents Sierra Hays and Andrew Hopper-Cavanaugh. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Isabella is also welcomed by grandparents: Rod and Karen Cavanaugh, Jeff Hopper, Jennifer Hayes and Timmy Gregory; great-grandparents: the late Helen McPhillips-Cavanaugh, Nancy Syvertsen, Lloyd and Sandy Hopper, Leland and Janice Houck, and Darlene

The rest of From Page 1 Trees

study of each and every tree in the park, according to Wilson, during his initial observations, the arborist strongly urged removal of the silver maples closest to the playground. Heeding the arborist's advice, Wilson and his crew removed the maple closest to the playground Tuesday afternoon

The silver maples occupying the park's interior, as one year. well as the elms occupying the outside perimeter, were planted almost 100 years ago during the park's origins, and according to Wilson and others, represent an immediate hazard.

"[The arborist] told me he wouldn't let his kids under these trees." Wilson said. "It's just not safe."

Many of the complaints from residents concern the fact the city was making the decision to remove all the original trees based, in part, on a study conducted in 1991 by certified arborist John Phillips; some feel a new study should be conducted before more trees are taken.

The Phillips report had recommended removal of only six one year," Woodhouse said. to 10 trees, rather than taking all of them, although Phillips concluded not one of the trees was without significant damage. He recommended careful pruning and mulching practices to protect them from further damage, and blamed past over-pruning for the trees' problems.

"There were some issues with pruning back in the 1960s," said Moore. "They were using concrete to fill in where the trees were rotting."

While Wilson's crew was taking down the silver maple. he pointed out obvious concrete patches used to fill several hollows of other trees

"You can see the cement mortar in these trees," Wilson said. "Everything below that is rotten."

Reported statements by Councilwoman Holly Madrigal during last week's council meeting that the trees were to construct a store in downtown Redwood hollow caused one resident, who lives near the park, to Valley. The application was approved by the take pictures of what appear to be healthy trunks of elms county because the stated use - commercial taken last month.

"Except for one spot on one stump, all four stumps show attorneys agreed with the claim made by healthy wood, solid and rot-free," said park neighbor Bear Dollar General's attorneys that denial of the Kamoroff. "The tops of the trees were green all the way to building permit in an appropriately zoned way from hollow, but they sure are irreparably dead now."

While the trunks may give the impression of a healthy tree, it's the rot around the tree hollows and at the branch bases that are a cause for concern. Wilson said. "What's rotten in the middle, is rotten, and it's not going to be getting any better."

The city is currently working with Dave Watts of Sanhedrin Nursery to find adequate replacement trees, and Wilson and Watts are working together to design a new layout for them.

As part of the new designs, Wilson said there is a plan to put in a new irrigation system and to protect the trees from arass.

"You want a good six-foot circle around the tree so it's just bark and fiber," Wilson said. "That's all the food they need. You don't The rest of see grass in the Buses forest. From Page 12 takes the food

away. I'm trying to Shimmins Ridge Rd. 3:49 2:28 go for a grant to 3:55 2:34 Covelo Road get this done." North ent. to Hwy. 101 4:05 2:44

Supes extend formula business moratorium

Supervisors agreed Tuesday to extend the moratorium on "formula businesses" in the

District Third Mike A'Dair Supervisor Tom Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com Woodhouse cast the

lone dissenting vote. the first moratorium in September 2015, said because it was for one year.

"I'm not trying to be a bother, but I just don't

Mendocino County Deputy Counsel Matt Kiedrowski told supervisors he was requesting the one-year extension on the moratorium because the planning commission would be reviewing the proposed ordinance on August 18, and that a certain amount of time would be necessary to refine the ordinance. Kiedrowski

said the new ordinance would likely be in effect by December of this year.

The moratorium on formula businesses came after area residents last year objected to a request by convenience chain store

company Dollar General for a building permit

- fit the zoning, and because the county's

county was unlikely to win. That approval sparked a minor revolution among Redwood Valley residents (2010 population: 1,729), with more than 1,700 people signing a petition opposing the project. Opponents to the store said opening and running a Dollar General store would be against the flavor, tone and community values of Redwood Valley, and would hurt business

at the Redwood Valley Market, the largest grocery store in the small community. After approving the building permit for

Dollar General, supervisors decided to create an ordinance to regulate how chain businesses like Dollar General would be permitted in Mendocino County in the future. Grass The proposed ordinance addresses "formula" businesses, because chain businesses are built and operated according to a formula,

which is repeated the same way across the country and beyond.

Covelo pot investigation nabs three

Investigation into the May death of a 27-year-old Rohnert Park man has resulted in the arrests of a 28-year-old Covelo man and his parents on suspicion of cultivating and possessing marijuana for sale.

The saga began when sheriff's detectives found a white 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe belonging to Timothy Williams Sweeting abandoned unincorporated part of Mendocino County for on Mendocino Pass Road about a mile from where eyewitnesses said he was attacked with a blunt object by Joshua Richard Ruoff, who was later arrested in New Hampshire after fleeing Round Valley in a U-Haul truck.

> Mendocino County detectives had contacted the New Hampshire State Police Major Crimes Unit for assistance in running Ruoff to earth.

While speaking with the New Hampshire State Police Narcotics Woodhouse, who voted against approving Investigations Unit, sheriff's detectives learned their colleagues had intercepted marijuana being shipped to Katherine Overend in Francistown. he was voting against the extension, in part, New Hampshire. The marijuana allegedly was being shipped by her son, John Overend of Covelo, according to sheriff's Sgt. Andrew Porter.

To assist the New Hampshire State Police's marijuana distribution support this, particularly with the extension of investigation, investigators, assisted by the County of Mendocino Marijuana Eradication Team, Mendocino County Major Crimes Task Force, Ukiah Police Department, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and CalFire, served a Mendocino County Superior Court search warrant at 23501 Charlie Hurt Highway at 7 am on August 11.

> They discovered 190 growing marijuana plants, which they subsequently eradicated, Porter said, and also seized five pounds of processed marijuana, found alongside shipping materials, as well as "a large sum of U.S. currency."

"There was no evidence the marijuana was being grown for medicinal purposes," Porter noted.

Further investigation revealed 66-year-old Robert Overend and 67-year-old Katherine Overend "had purchased the property so their son, John Overend, could operate a commercial marijuana growing operation" and his parents "had received financial profits from Itheir son's] commercial growing operation."

Police also found at least one firearm at the location, Porter added.

The Overends were arrested and booked into Mendocino County Jail for cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale, and being armed during the commission of a felony.

All three were held in lieu of \$50,000 bail

the crown, no signs of die-back. These trees were a long parcel of land would prompt a lawsuit the This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

Covelo man held for resisting arrest

A 26-year-old Covelo man was arrested August 10 after sheriff's deputies found him walking into oncoming traffic in the 76700 block of Highway 162.

Earlier deputies had been called to an area home after receiving a report that Adam Gabriel Azbill was drunk and had been threatening family members.

Responding deputies "were advised by multiple passing motorists of a male subject walking on Highway 162 who matched Azbill's description,' according to sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer.

They found Azbill walking into oncoming traffic, and determined he was ntoxicated to a state where he was unable to care for his own safety.

Azbill "was placed under arrest for public intoxication," Cromer said, but while being taken to county jail in Ukiah. "repeatedly threatened the arresting deputies and spat on them numerous times."

Azbill was also booked for threatening or resisting an officer.

He was being held in lieu of \$15,000 bail

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





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Bus 10 pm South East & Center Valley Area / Walker Rd. White Deer	Schoeppner said "the window of opportunity is wide open" for a disastrous wildfire to occur in Brooktrails. The terrain	along Sherwood Road. Arriving at the scene, a Brooktrails Fire Department duty officer took action to keep the fire confined to the	Fire Department sent one engine to Lake County to help "hold the fire line and mop up," Chief Magann said.
Center Valley Area / Walker Rd. White Deer Reg Tue Brookside 2:48 1:26 Penn St. 2:53 1:31 Boscabelle 2:56 1:34 Alameda & Central St. 2:59 1:37 Blosser Lane 3:04 1:42 Elm & Manor 3:07 1:47 Manor Way 3:08 1:48 Little Lake Auto 3:10 1:50 WHS 3:15 1:55 Baechtel Grove 3:20 2:00 Elm & Manor 3:25 2:05 Manor Way 3:27 2:07 South Hollands 3:30 2:10 20208 Hollands 3:32 2:12 North Hollands 3:34 2:14 EZ Living Trailer Park 3:45 2:25 White Deer Lodge 3:55 2:35 Berry Hill Court 4:05 2:45 Margie & Bonnie 4:08 2:48 Alice 4:10 2:50 11	opportunity is wide open" for a disastrous	a Brooktrails Fire Department duty officer	County to help "hold the fire line and mop up," Chief Magann said. On Monday, Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency in Lake County to help expedite aid to those affected by the fire. Pashilk has been arrested more than 20 times throughout Northern California during the last two decades, a law enforcement source told the Los Angeles Times. He was arrested at least a dozen times in Lake County for a variety of offenses, according to the Lake County Sheriff's Department. Last year, Lake County was devastated by the Rocky, Jerusalem and Valley fires, which burned more than 170,000 acres and destroyed more than 1,000 homes. The Valley fire killed four people. The Clayton fire is burning in an area between those major fires. The Clayton fire was preceded this summer by a rash of fires near highways around Clearlake that destroyed some homes, caused power outages and subjected residents to repeated evacuation orders, according to the Times. Firefighters were able to douse those fires before they blossomed into full-fledged wildfires. Three of the fires were last week; two of those were reported within minutes of each other. According to a Wednesday evening incident update from CalFire, San Bernardino County's Blue Cut fire, which erupted
2210 Center Valley 4:36 3:16 1800 Center Valley 4:38 3:17 Valley Oaks Trailer Park 4:43 3:22 22401 Eastside 4:46 3:24	CalFire also responded to the blaze. At 9:50 am on Tuesday, Brooktrails	<i>Damin Pashilk.</i> <i>Damin Pashilk.</i> their homes, and a Methodist Church, were	Tuesday in El Cajon Pass, is being fought by 1,584 firefighters, 10 air tankers, two VLATs ("very large air tankers"), and 17 helicopters, including night flying helicopters, with more
Live Oak Road 4:48 3:26 This bus schedule information was provided by the Willits Unified	Fire dispatched units to the 3700 block of Primrose Drive for a reported attic fire. The fire, in a utility closet, was out when firefighters arrived.	destroyed. As of CalFire's Wednesday evening incident update, the Clayton Fire is now	firefighters and equipment on the way. More than 80,000 residents have been forced from their homes.
School District; for any questions, call the WUSD District Office at 459- 5314.	And at around 2 pm on August 14, Brooktrails and CalFire firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in the driveway of a home	50 percent contained, but more than 2,300 firefighters are still battling the flames, including 340 inmate firefighters. Little Lake	As of its Wednesday evening update, Calfire reported that the Blue Cut Fire was 4 percent contained.
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Locals and businesses have generously donated several high-value items for the raffle and auction, and 34 businesses are sponsoring the event to make it happen, including 17 new sponsors. Kathy Shuster said that in addition to Phil and herself, there have also been many others who are dedicating time and energy to prepare and set up the event.

"This community, time and time again, they just give so generously," she said, "and not just to this, but to everything in town. I think almost every fundraiser in this town is successful because of the generosity of this community, especially for the schools."

The oysters and tri-tip have been a mainstay of "A Garden Party" over the years, and Kathy said they've always been a big hit.

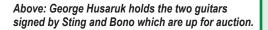
Among the live auction prizes will be two guitars donated by George Husaruk, one signed by Sting and the other by Bono of U2, both certified as genuine. Husaruk taught band along with several other subjects at Baechtel Grove Middle School since 1998, before retiring this year.

Husaruk said the music department at Baechtel Grove "could not have survived" over the years he taught there without the fundraising efforts of students and organizations like WEF.

"The WEF has been very, very generous," he said. "It really provides to teachers who have needs in the classroom."

Husaruk got the two guitars through a former student whose dad worked at MGM Grand in Las Vegas and would get guitars signed by musicians coming through to perform. He originally had four signed guitars, but already donated two for another band program fundraiser raffle.

Other prizes and auction items at "A Garden



"We're a really small organization," said Lewis, "but the support out there is really tremendous, especially for the Garden Party."

Husaruk will be playing flute with The Bassics, led by bassist Bear Kamoroff; he's played with the band at every "A Garden Party" since its inception.

He says he's going to miss teaching music at Baechtel Grove, but still plans on staying in the area and staying involved with community activities like the WEF.

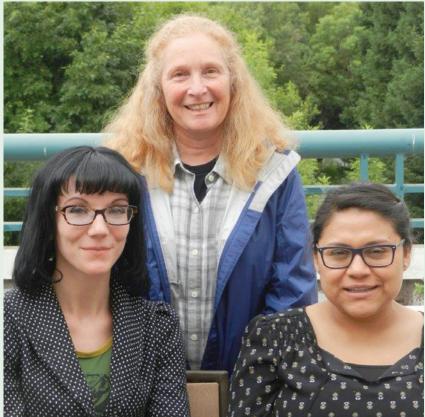
"The things I'll miss the most are seeing students just learning how to read music, how to play their instruments, starting from zero ... and by December they're playing songs ... and then to see them - if they stick with it - to see them progress to play some pretty challenging music. It's amazing. It's a really great thing."

Husaruk continues to be very involved in music projects, including fronting his own band, becoming band director at the United Methodist Church in Ukiah, being a member of the Mendocino College Symphonic Band, and looking to go back to school to continue his study of music.

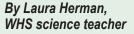
Husaruk was "the best band teacher Willits could ever have," said WEF member Jennifer Drew, a phys ed teacher at Blosser Lane whose kids were both in Husaruk's classes, "and he will be missed greatly."

Lewis also had high praise for Husaruk, saying, "George has been an amazing fixture at Baechtel Grove Middle School for so long, and because of him we have had a wonderful band program to feed into the high school program."

Also returning to festivities at "A Garden Party" this year will be Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman, doing the auctioneering along with Rachel Britten.

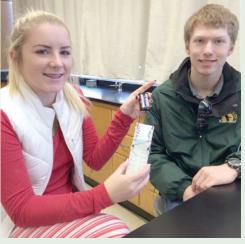


STEM course offered at Willits High School



class in computer Α programming, circuit building and problem solving is being offered at Willits High School this fall. There is still room in the class. Please contact science teacher Laura Herman at lauraherman@willitsunified. com if you're a Willits High School student and you want to sign up, or if you have more questions.

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and math. By integrating these four topics, students will be learning and developing in the same way that computer scientists and engineers create things in our world right now. Have you ever wondered how your cell phone works or how you can design

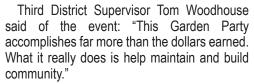




At top: WHS STEM instructors, from left: Amanda Samana, Laura Herman and Susana Ramirez.

Party" include a three-night stay for six people at Seahorse Cove Retreat at Big Lagoon; a getaway to a lakeside vacation home with a fishing trip included in Lake County; a week's stay in a large timeshare home at Sedona Summit in Sedona, Arizona; a \$300 wok barbecue from Willits Power; 18 holes of golf at the Little River Inn; and gift certificates for car detailing, local dining establishments, spas, fitness and much more.

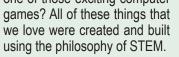
The last "A Garden Party" event two years ago raised around \$22,000 for WUSD schools, and over the last six years, the WEF has raised around \$120,000 total for schools, between the party and its other charity activities, according to WEF member Kathleen Lewis.



Tickets are \$20 in advance, available at Willits Furniture, Mazahar and Cat's Meow in Willits, or are \$25 at the door.

For info or to reserve tickets, call Kathy Shuster at 459-2659.

Below, left: A happy bee collects nectar from a coreopsis flower. Below: Kathy Shuster holds the signed guitars while wearing her tromboncino squash as a stylish necklace.



one of those exciting computer Above, center: Kaylan Stone and Izak Walker show games? All of these things that a circuit board they have built. Above: Nick Hebel we love were created and built as "The PBJ Robot." Below: A student-built circuit board.

In this class, students will learn three computer programming languages. Each pair of students will work on a laptop built for computer programming. They will learn about electrical circuits, and they will wire breadboards. Then they put it all together and write programs that will run their circuit boards. One of the great things about this class is it shows students the connection between math and science. Students would come back from their math classes saying "So now I get why this is important." Students may miss the fact that math is the language of science.

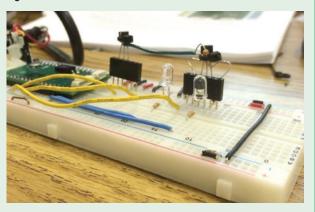
Students will be working with science labs where they program the computer to run the lab, collect and display the data. This is very sophisticated and unusual for a high school class. Usually students use programs to create things or they learn computer programming, but in this class they also build circuit boards, as well. In other words they are learning about software and hardware at the same time. And they apply these skills to science experiments.

This class was developed by astrophysicists at Sonoma State University. The program is called "Learning by Making." Willits High teachers Laura Herman, Susana Ramirez and Amanda Samana spent a week this summer rewriting the curriculum. They worked with other Mendocino County teachers from Anderson Valley, Point Arena, Ukiah, Round Valley, and Laytonville. It was exciting to collaborate with other high school teachers and scientists from Sonoma State.

STEM learning is about doing things, not just memorizing disconnected collections of facts. These practices are evaluated through performance

expectations. Students are expected to understand the work they are doing, and to demonstrate their understanding by explaining their work to others (including their peers) and completing tasks associated with designing, building and running experiments.

With current technology, students are learning in new ways. "Learning by Making" is a perfect match for today's students. Together we are offering students a wide variety of experiences that they can take with them as they transition from high school to the world of work and higher education.



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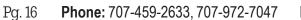
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