

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. He said, very plausibly, that California pays more for gas (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-party gas suppliers and happy with the way it is going? 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 oh 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 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!

Lucy Shido, Willits

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 following:

1. Anchor Lodge, a two-night stay in Fort Bragg.
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
6. Blue Ribbon Pets, all-year discount certificate
7. 1st Nail Salon.

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 years' remission from ovarian cancer.

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

"The Nerd"

To the Editor:

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, one audience member said she was laughing so hard she started crying. It was probably during the "shoes and socks" routine, when the annoying "Nerd," played to

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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NEW BOXES at Mendo Mill, the senior center and Grocery Outlet in Willits, Geiger's in Laytonville, and the Post Office in Talmage.



Get Ready for Real Estate

Willits Weekly brings back the stand-alone Real Estate Section

Remember the days of a full real estate section in the local paper? Well, Willits Weekly has brought that back, starting with the inaugural edition on August 11. We're now ready to do our second edition on September 8.

Ads from local real estate offices, agents, industry-supporting businesses and more are featured alongside relevant, custom content from local contributors and industry professionals.

The sections come out once a month. They are inserted into Willits Weekly, but are also designed as stand-alone pieces that can remain on counters and office tables for several weeks.

If you are interested in being included, there are several choices, from business card ads to half-page ads. 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 Weekly's ad rep April Tweddell at 972-2475 or to email her at april@willitsweekly.com.

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A letter from ...

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.

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 resource teacher.

Read the rest of **Crossman** | Over on Page 6



A letter from ...

The Principal of Baechtel Grove Middle School

Maria de los Angeles Munguia

Baechtel Grove Middle School welcomes back all of our returning students 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 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 learning relevant to their lives.

Read the rest of **Munguia** | Over on Page 6



Photos by Ree Slocum

A letter from ...

The Principal of Blosser Lane Elementary School and Sherwood School

Nancy Runberg

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 wonderful children!

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. Awards assemblies, cultural assemblies, student performances, academic challenges, theme days, field trips, and other activities will continue to be an integral part of our programs.

At Sherwood School, school begins at 8:30 am. Children will continue to receive their engaging instruction in multi-grade classrooms:

Read the rest of **Runberg** | Over on Page 6

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Crossword
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Sudoku

4x4 grid with numbers 1-9 for a crossword puzzle.



How To Sudoku:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

10x10 grid for a crossword puzzle.

ACADEMIC WORD SEARCH

Vertical word search grid containing various academic terms.

- ACADEMIC, ACHIEVEMENT, ADVANCEMENT, ASSESSMENT, BENCHMARKS, BILINGUAL, CAMPUS, CERTIFIED, CHARTER, CREDENTIALS, CURRICULUM, DISTRICTS
- EDUCATION, ENRICHMENT, GIFTED, GRADES, GROWTH, IMMERSION, INCLUSION, INTEGRATED, MANIPULATIVES, PEERS, PERFORMANCE, PHONICS
- PLACEMENT, PORTFOLIO, PROFESSOR, PUPIL, RESOURCE, RUBRIC, SCHOOL, STAFF, STANDARDS, TENURE, TEST, TESTING

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Employee stock ownership plan
5. Teaspoon
8. Type of IRA
11. Restore courage
13. Pet Detective Ventura
14. Discount
15. Where rockers play
16. Light Armored Reconnaissance (abbr.)
17. Computer manufacturer
18. Nomadic people
20. Liquefied natural gas
21. Steps leading to a river
22. Benign tumors
25. In an early way
30. Type of wall
31. Pop folk singer Williams
32. Greek Titaness
33. Expresses purpose
38. Type of school
41. Least true
43. Delighted
45. Church building
47. Replacement worker
49. A sign of assent
50. Semitic gods

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Major division of time
2. Withered
3. Portends good or evil
4. Single sheet of glass
5. More long-legged
6. Scrutinized
7. Archway in a park
8. Oliver __, author
9. Ancient Greek City
10. Type of shampoo
12. __ King Cole
14. Adventure story
19. Satisfy
23. Disappointment
25. Evergreen shrub
25. Parts per

- thousand (abbr.)
26. Young snob (Brit.)
27. Midway between northeast and east
28. Chinese surname
29. Poplar trees (Spanish)
34. Electron scanning microscope
35. Actor DiCaprio
36. Equal (prefix)
37. Cartoon Network
39. Revealed
40. Remove lice
41. Supervises interstate commerce
42. Whale ship captain
44. Baited
45. Bleated
46. Swedish rock group
47. Air pollution
48. Carbonated drink
51. Swiss river
52. Ottoman military commanders
53. Type of job
54. One point east of southeast
58. Sex Pistols bassist
Vicious



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.

Education Edition collage featuring photos of students and their families.

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

Fall semester 2016 classes at Mendocino College start on Monday, August 22, and the North County Center in Willits has dozens of classes lined up, from American Sign Language, elementary level, to the 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, from 4 to 6 pm: All students, families and the general public is welcome to come by and check out this exceptional higher-education facility.

The Mendocino College North County 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 County.

Read the rest of College Over on Page 12



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

Once a month, on a Saturday evening, people are gathering in Ohl Grove under the stars, bringing camp chairs and picnic blankets, sipping sodas, and eating popcorn while watching a movie on a 20-foot screen with over 150 of their friends and neighbors.

"It almost seems like we are all camping together under the redwoods and the stars," said one movie patron. The organizers of these free events are a group of Brooktrails parents, several of whom are on the board of the Brooktrails Neighborhood Association. Tara Simms, vice president of the BNA, thought "Movies in the Grove" would be a great way to bring the community together and provide fun, family-friendly activities in Brooktrails.

"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 young people to get out and enjoy what 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

Read the rest of Movies Over on Page 13



Above: Children explore Ohl Grove before the movie. A crowd gathers for "Movies in the Grove."

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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.

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.

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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 Edgington, with an all-star cast. Runs through August 28, with shows on Thursday at 7 pm for \$10, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm for \$15, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm for \$10 (August 21 and 28). Advance tickets are available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. 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 Humanistan, 9 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, from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Tour starts at 630 South

What's Happening Around Town

Main Street (the Willits Environmental Center, two doors south of Mariposa). Cost \$15 includes WELL membership and lunch. Free for current WELL members. “The goal is to increase our self-sufficiency at the local individual level. We’ll have a demonstration of a “blower test” which determines where a building is leaking air; visit a property with a masonry heater and passive cooling, private water and septic system with rainwater collection and treatment system; visit Dripworks’ water-efficient demonstration garden; a straw bale structure; a state-of-the-art retrofit of an older home; and learn about grants and loans available to finance efficiency improvements. More info: Paul at 459-1418.

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

Bull Riding in Covelo: Lions and Lioness Clubs present Bull Riding at the Round Valley Community Park in Covelo, on Blackberry Festival weekend. 7 pm. \$10 admission; 6 and under free. Entry info: Rod at 707-367-1408.

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

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 a donation for the Humane Society and get 10% off any one item (excluding power equipment). Adopt a pet and get a free bag of food. Suggested donations are: canned dog & cat food, new or gently used collars, and leashes 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 Saturday, September 10 to talk with visitors about

the paintings. Re-Evolution is a gallery and fair 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 1 pm. Info: visit “Annual Old Timers Game Laytonville vs. Willits” on Facebook or call 984-8089.

Free Pool Party: The Willits City Pool, on the north side of Willits High School, is closing for the season today, August 20, with a Free Pool Party from 4 to 7 pm, hosted by Community Calvary Chapel. “Come on in and take a swim.” Main pool number: 459-5778.

WHS Girls Soccer Tamale Fundraiser: Enjoy a dinner for 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 at 6 pm at the Willits United Methodist Church, on the corner of School and Pine streets. Donations at the door.

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

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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: 459-9194.

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 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

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. 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, Stand Together”: Bernie Sanders Meet Up at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, to view the national broadcast/webcast from Senator Sanders about his new

“Our Revolution” organization / #ourrevolution. 6 pm; doors open 5:30 pm. Light snacks, including hotdogs and veggie “notdogs.” “We’ll watch the broadcast and have a moderated discussion on our thoughts and opinions about the broadcast and the Sanders campaign, and how to take action locally.”

Thursday, August 25

City Streets & Alleys Workshop #2: The City of Willits holds a second community workshop to hear your feedback on the revised conceptual designs for the Downtown Willits Streets and Alleys Connectivity Study. Please attend this workshop to share your thoughts on the preferred concepts, 5:30 to 7:30 pm; presentation starts at 6 pm. Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street. The Downtown Willits Streets and Alleys Connectivity Study seeks to achieve the following goals: Beautify and enhance downtown; provide better accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists; maintain parking and provide loading zones for downtown merchants; encourage local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility; improve public gathering spaces in downtown; improve traffic safety and visibility for motorists; and improve lighting, wayfinding signage and landscaping throughout downtown. Info: Contact Dusty Duley, city planner, at planning@willitscity.com.

“The Nerd”: 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, August 18 listing for more details.

Friday, August 26

“The Nerd”: 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, August 18 listing for more details.

Shanachie Pub: classic rock and blues cover band, Stone House Band, formerly known as Black Iris Band. 9 pm. featuring veteran players Todd Brayton, lead vocal, drums; John Coughlin, lead guitar, vocals; John Chambers, bass guitar, backing vocals; and Joe Munch, guitar. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, August 27

Mariposa Market 37th Anniversary Party: starts at 11 am on Saturday, August 27 at Mariposa Market, 500 South Main Street. “Join us in celebrating 37 years of bringing great food to Willits. We will have special discounts at the register, product demos, food demos, music, and raffle items all day long.”

Fresh Local Ling Cod Dinner: St. Francis Episcopal Church hosts a Fish Dinner on Saturday, August 27 from 6 to 7:30 pm, at the Parish Hall of St. Francis Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Featuring fresh local ling cod, caught by Dick Perrone, who is also handling the cooking duties. Also, rolls, a variety of salads, and ice cream on a stick for dessert. Tickets are \$25 in advance (at Cat’s Meow); \$30 at the door; \$10 for kids to age 12. Take home meals available. Funds raised by this dinner will be used to support several local charities.

Four on the Floor at Brickhouse: 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 starts at 7:30. \$5 cover. This group, “Four on the Floor,” features Richard “Tootrees” 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!

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Shanachie Pub: J & J Jazz , 9 pm. J. Funk on keys, and Joyce Funk on vocals, featuring Todd Brayton of the Stone House Band on drums, performing jazz standards and original jazz music. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Johnny Sketch & the Dirty Notes: classically trained New Orleans band visits Laytonville, to play at the Crawfish Boil on August 28 (see listing) and at Boomers Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, on August 27, with Rory Danger & the Danger Dangers and the Wild Mendohoulas. JSDN’s “irreverent funk is cut

with rock riffs, a Gypsy/Klezmer flare, a Latin tinge courtesy of a hard-hitting horn section, and a wild sense of humor.” Featuring Johnny Sketch on guitar,

electric cello, and lead vocals; Busta Gnutt on bass and backing vocals; Dirty Johnny on drums and backing vocals; Johnny Rico on trumpet and flugelhorn; and Sage Rouge on saxophones. 9:30 pm. No cover. Tickets at The Big Chief, Mendo Sun Market, and The Feed Store. Visit www.johnnysketch.com for more.

Sunday, August 28

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



Four on the Floor, left to right: Yanahay Hooper, Loren Herz-O’Brien, Richard “Tootrees” Jeske, and Dennis Hadley.

Valley Feed, and Mendo Sun Market in Laytonville.

“The Nerd”: Closing show: a 2 pm matinee at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, August 18 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 green dragon named Elliot. 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 hampered nor heavy-handed. This is a feel-good family flick that felt good to me. The movie is well made, smartly paced (but not frenetic).... It is an old-fashioned Disney True Life Adventure with wolves and owls and bears ... and hominids ... and a dragon.

Parents: Bring your kids. This is a classic Disney flick. It is made for the family. It celebrates courage and caring ... caring for family, friends, orphan wild boys, and for nature.

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

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Claws for a Cause, September 3, Ridgewood Ranch

SoHum Beer Fest & BBQ Smoke Off, September 4, Mateel Center

Roots of Motive Power Steam-Up, September 10 and 11

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Roots of Motive Power Steam-Up

September 10 and 11

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 Street.

“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.

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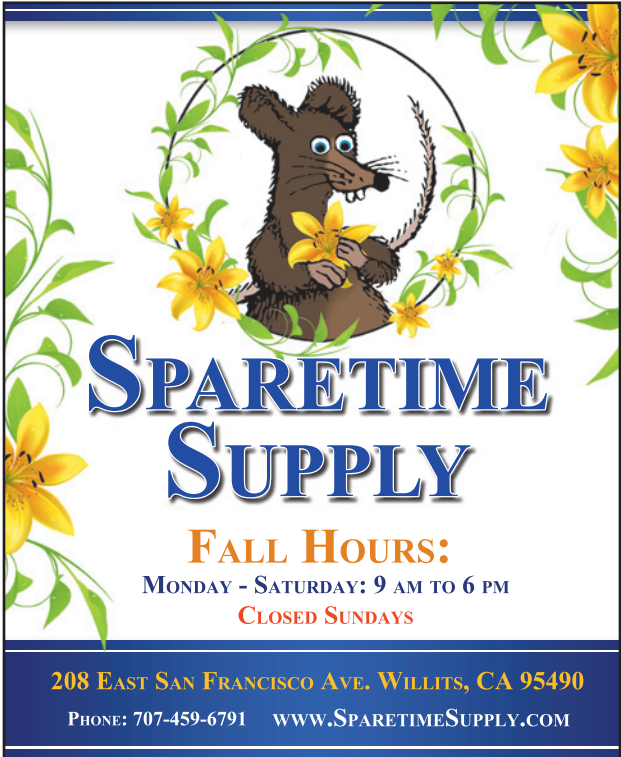


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A visit to the shelter

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

Things were calm and quiet on Thursday, August 4 when photographer Mathew Caine and I visited the Mendocino County Animal Wellness Center, aka the Plant Road shelter, in Ukiah.

Interim Shelter Manager Mary Jane Montana showed us the entire facility, including the intake room, the adoption room, the cat room, the barn cat room, the cat isolation room, the clinic, and both the indoor and the 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 shelter life. It can also help to socialize them. For some dogs who have special medical needs, such as heartworm,

a tour on foster care can provide a situation where the dog can heal while protecting other dogs who are not sick.

The foster program is also valuable for kittens. It gives them an opportunity to learn how to relate to humans. Mountainfire said kittens are susceptible to diseases 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.mendocinimalsshelter.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 through Saturdays, 10 am to 4:30 pm. On Wednesdays, 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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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; Elk 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.

Before approving the funding 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 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.”

“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.

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.”

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 Fifth District Supervisor Hamburg. Supervisors also wanted to change the name of the committee to the Public Safety standing committee.

County CEO Carmel Angelo said the board could not do that, because the name change was not on the board’s agenda. Angelo suggested the board consider changing the name next January, when the supervisors name a new chairman and make committee assignments.

The board agreed with Angelo’s suggestion.

Funds for the fire district are mostly derived from Proposition 172 funds. Prop. 172 was a statewide ballot initiative approved by voters in November 1993. It instituted a permanent half-cent sales tax with the provision that funds raised would go to the counties to be earmarked for public safety. Since 1994, Mendocino County had divided up Prop. 172 funds among the county sheriff’s office, the jail, the district attorney, and the probation department.

In 2015, the fire districts formed the Mendocino County Association of Fire Districts in order to gain a piece of the county’s Prop. 172 funds. They wrote a ballot initiative, which recommended 30 percent of Prop. 172 funds go to the fire districts.

Mendocino County challenged the initiative in court, alleging it was unconstitutional because it infringed on the board’s right to supervise county spending, which County Counsel Katharine Elliott argued was the prerogative of the board of supervisors only. Superior Court Judge Jeanine Nadel agreed with Elliott, and the fire district’s ballot initiative was removed from the June 2016 ballot.

In June, the county’s executive office estimated Mendocino County stood to take in \$7.1 million in Prop. 172 funds. The \$398,000 directed to the fire districts is just 5.6 percent of the estimated \$7.1 million.

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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.”

According to Sam Masad, manager of Main Street Market, although power returned to the store around 2 am on Thursday, the store could only take cash 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 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 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 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.”

Other council business

Willits City Council chambers have received a makeover, with new, comfortable connecting chairs replacing the old, less comfortable ones. Along with the new chairs, Moore told the council she has made “an internal policy decision” to no longer rent out the chamber space to the public.

“[The space] takes too much of a beating,” Moore explained. “We don’t want to invest what we have and then turn around and have things not cared for. We do have the community center available. So far we’ve been able to accommodate everyone that’s been looking for space.”

Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez reminded the council and the public that as a result of school starting up again soon, the school grounds will be subject to some preparatory cleaning.

“Our public works staff will be doing some clean-up around the school area starting on August 21 and 22,” Gonzalez said. “Watch for the kids. Folks who are driving should be prepared to slow down.”

City Planner Dusty Duley reported to the council that housing consultants are planning on attending the September 14 city council meeting, “to give feedback on any concerns or thoughts you have on providing housing for all income groups,” Duley said. “[To discuss] any tools that you’d like to see incorporated in the housing development update.”

Duley reminded everyone that the Downtown Willits Streets & Alleys Connectivity Study project will be holding a second community workshop on August 25 at the Community Center, from 5:30 to 7 pm.

“Staff has been working diligently with the consultants along with our community members to come up with a plan to hopefully present to the council at the second meeting in September,” Duley said.

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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 be a two-year residency requirement in the county, so anyone applying for a cannabis permit would have to show proof they’ve been a resident here for at least two years.

“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 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.

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 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 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 “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 severely lacking in the underground market model of recent years.

She also pointed out there will be a clear distinction between those cultivators who are permitted and those who are not.

“For people who are not involved in the permit program, when there are violations, they can be 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 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 for the community. And that’s a conversation that everyone has a stake in.”

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misreporting the facts. “A lot of the claims that are marked ‘complete’ are not completed,” Montanos said. She urged the board to continue to focus on the shelter and improve the lives of the animals.

Montana told supervisors the shelter had received 1,298 animals since January 1. The shelter has a “live release” rate of 95 percent for dogs, she said, and 85 percent for cats, for a combined rate of 90 percent. That’s down from earlier numbers Montana presented to supervisors reporting a live release rate 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 into the shelter since the beginning of 2016, 318 have been returned to their owners and 350 have been sent to rescue organizations for long-term housing.

The shelter has acted to better protect cats, she added. County work crews have installed a separate entrance into the “cat isolation room,” so cats being brought into the shelter for the first time can be held and examined without giving them an opportunity to infect the shelter’s cat population.

Montana said there have been two meetings between shelter staff and volunteers, and a black-and-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 that of Petaluma Animal Services, the organization that had applied to manage the Ukiah Animal Shelter in 2015 but whose offer was rejected by county administration as lacking sufficient supporting documentation.

A February 2016 letter from CEO Carmel Angelo to the Petaluma nonprofit referenced the “lack of a cost plan, an organizational plan, a staffing plan, clear policies and protocols, among other concerns.” At the time, county Deputy CEO Alan Flora said the Petaluma Animal Services’ proposal would have cost “at least several hundreds of thousands of dollars” 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 replied she and Mountainfire have not yet done that. “We are trying to put protocols in place,” she told McCowen. “We’re still evaluating. That’s part of what’s taking a lot of time.”

When asked if Mountainfire has anyone reporting directly to her, Montana said that, currently, no one is, and that all “nine to 10” shelter employees report directly to Montana.

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 developing reports.”

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 shelter.”

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.

Human Biology, Physical Geography, English as a Second Language, Health Education, American Government and Politics), at Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street (Career Planning Success), and the Little Lake Fire Protection facility on 1575 Baechtel Road (Fire Management I – Management/Supervision).

There’s a good selection of Business, Computer and Math classes, too, including Financial Accounting, Computers and Computer Applications, and Algebra and Logic for Statistics.

History classes include “Native American History” and “Women in American History,” and there are Voice, Spanish and Psychology classes, too. In addition there’s a half-dozen short-term classes that start later in the school year.

Check out the full schedule of Mendocino College’s North County Center classes at Mendocino College’s website www.mendocino.edu – look for the “Class Schedule” link at the top of the home page. For more information about registering at Mendocino College or to submit an online application, you can also visit www.mendocino.edu. The Office of Admissions and Records at the Ukiah campus at 1000 Hensley Creek Road is open Monday-Thursday, 8 am to 5 pm, and Friday, 8 am to 5 pm, or call 468-3000 for more information on registering.

To reach the North County Center, call 459-6224.

Morning Bus Routes

Bus #3 am Brooktrails Airport Side / South-West Area

Robinson	7:08	North Entrance to Hwy 101	7:15
Madrone Dr.	7:10	24900 N. HWY 101	
Crawford Dr.	7:11	(Willits Pump Service)	7:20
Daphne Dr.	7:12	Little Lake Trailer Park	7:25
Poppy at stop sign	7:13	1151 Hearst-Willits Road	7:35
Harrah Place	7:14	Davidson Lane	7:38
Alcott Lane	7:16	Valley Oaks Trailer Park	7:40
Top of Mallard	7:17	Eastside (turn around)	7:43
Mallard and Hawk	7:18	Live Oak Rd	7:45
Lupine Dr.	7:20	WHS	7:55
Primrose	7:22	Blosser	8:00
Lilac Terrace	7:26	BGMS	8:05
Rose Terr. (end of grass lot)	7:28	Catholic Church	8:08
Tulip Dr.	7:30	Brookside	8:13
Camellia Dr.	7:32		
WHS	7:42		
Brookside	7:47		
Raymond Lane	7:51		
Blosser Lane	7:55		
BGMS	8:00		

Bus #8 am Sherwood Road / Northwest Brooktrails (Lenore)

24441 Sherwood Rd	6:56	Little Lake Auto	6:35
Third Gate (turn around)	7:10	Holland’s Lane (first turn-out)	6:38
West Side of Oriole Dr.	7:20	Holland’s Lane North end	6:40
Coyote Rd.	7:21	E.Z. Living	6:43
Bear	7:25	Parkside Trailer (turn around)	6:47
Perch	7:26	White Deer Lodge	6:57
Poppy & Primrose	7:27	Berry Hill Court	7:09
Goose	7:29	Alice	7:11
Robin	7:30	110 Sandy	7:12
Golf Shop	7:32	Haehl Creek	7:14
Birch Terr	7:35	Center Valley	7:16
WHS	7:45	22101 Mitomkai (turn around)	7:23
Lenore Gardens	7:55	1786 East Hill	7:24
Creekside Apts.	7:58	1620 East Hill	7:26
Central & Alameda	8:02	2740 Center Valley Rd.	7:28
56 HWY 20	8:05	2600 Center Valley Rd.	7:29
Blosser Lane	8:06	2540 Center Valley Rd.	7:30
BGMS	8:10	2430 Center Valley Rd.	7:31
Brookside	8:13	2210 Center Valley Rd.	7:32
		1800 Center Valley Rd.	7:33
		City Park (east of MTA stop)	7:37
		WHS	7:40
		Blosser Lane	7:45
		BGMS	7:50

Bus #9 am North Highway / East Valley

Creekside Cabins	6:55	Little Lake Auto	7:54
31001 HWY (call box)	6:56	Manor Way (apts. on right)	7:57
Shimmins Ridge Rd	6:59	Sandy Lane	8:00
Covelo Rd (turn around)	7:05	21100 Baechtel Rd	8:02
		Baechtel Grove	8:08
		Blosser Lane	8:11
		Brookside	8:15

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Bus #10 am South-West Area/ South Hwy. 101 to White Deer Lodge

Reg	Tue
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3:00	1:38
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Second Run: Blosser & Brookside only

Reg	Tue
2:48	1:28
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3:15	1:58
3:17	2:00
3:20	2:08



Afternoon Bus Routes

Bus #3 pm Brooktrails Airport Side / South-West Area

Reg	Tue
2:49	1:29
3:00	1:38
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Bus #9 pm North Hwy. & East Valley

Reg	Tue
2:49	1:26
2:52	1:30
2:54	1:32
2:56	1:34
3:02	1:41
3:05	1:44
3:06	1:45
3:08	1:47
3:10	1:49
3:13	1:52
3:17	1:56
3:22	2:01
3:25	2:04
3:35	2:14
3:40	2:19
3:45	2:24

Bus # 8 pm Brooktrails North/ West Area & Sherwood Road

Reg	Tue
2:48	1:28
3:05	1:48
3:13	1:57
3:15	1:58
3:17	2:00
3:20	2:08

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would be the perfect setting close to home.”

“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, mother of two and BNA member.

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 for all kinds of festive occasions.

“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 exploring the redwoods.”

The plan was to do one movie each month during the summer and, if that was a success, keep them going as long as the weather cooperates. Locals can expect a back-to-school movie in September and something a little spookier in October.

Usually, moviegoers begin arriving an hour or so before showtime, and there are games and activities for the kids, as well as the fun of exploring several acres of redwood groves. The July movie was the Robin Williams classic, “Hook,” so there was a pirate treasure hunt, a game of Pin-the-Eyepatch-on-the-Pirate, a hook-handed ring toss, and Ye Olde Tattoo Parlour, where young sailors and merfolk could apply temporary tattoos and decide on their pirate names.

“We look forward to movies in the park each month,” said Amber Coupland, a mother of two girls who moved to Brooktrails earlier this year. “My family and I are new in town, so I’ve been able to meet other moms and build new relationships at these events. Plus, my kids are having such a great time playing before the movie that they even sleep in the next morning!”

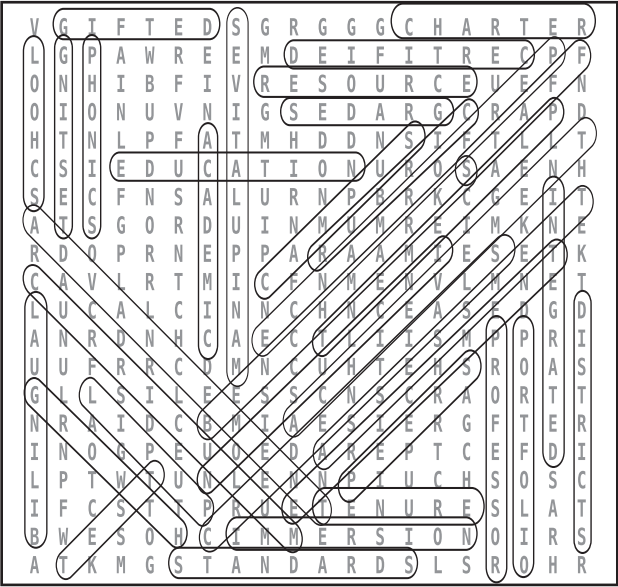
Movie organizers are also committed to keeping Ohl Grove clean and pristine. For each event, everything from the movie screen to the popcorn maker is packed in and packed out.

“After the first movie, we showed up the next morning to clean up, and it was almost like it never happened. If you hadn’t been there the night before you never would have imagined the grove was packed with people,” said BNA board member Ashley Sherf, “All we found the next day were a few handfuls of popcorn and a toddler’s sock.”

All donations and money made from the sale of concessions goes back into putting on more community movies and facilitating another BNA project – renovating and improving the Par Course playground.

The next “Movies in the Grove” event will be this Saturday, August 20 at 8 pm in Ohl Grove, featuring “The LEGO Movie.” To build some buzz around the event and get kids excited, BNA organizers have invited local parents to post their children’s LEGO creations on their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BrooktrailsNeighborhood. Awards will be given before the movie to the best “Brickmasters of Brooktrails.”

Of course, like many free events in the Willits area, none of this would have been possible without the help of this amazing community. The BNA appreciates all of the other generous businesses and groups that have provided support or donated materials to make “Movies in the Grove” a success – Printing Plus, Willits Power & Hardware, KHUBA International, the Brooktrails Township, Mendocino Music Recyclers, and Grace Community Church, to name a few.



WPD Activity Report

August 6 to August 12

Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 213 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

August 6

11:40 am: Officers were dispatched to a disturbance in the 10 block of West Van Lane. During their investigation, it was alleged that BATES, Macee (26) of Willits punched the victim during an argument. Bates was arrested pursuant to 243(e)(1) PC (Domestic Battery).

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

8:45 pm: HOPKINS, Sammy (48) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and arrested pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

August 7

8:35 am: Officers initiated a stolen vehicle investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

7:05 am: Officers responded to a reported hit and run collision in the 300 block of Fort Bragg Road.

August 8

10:35 am: Officers assisted with an arson investigation regarding a vegetation fire in the creek bed paralleling the 1300 block of South Main Street.

11:20 am: SWINNEY, Justin (46) of Willits was issued a citation for a Fish and Game Code violation in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

11:45 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

12:10 pm: Subsequent to the earlier arson investigation, CARRIGG, Sono (52) of Willits was identified as the suspect. Officers located Carrigg in the 1500 block of South Main Street and determined he was also under the influence of a controlled substance and for which he was placed under arrest, but subsequently resisted their efforts to place him into custody. Carrigg was arrested pursuant to 451 PC (Arson), 11550(a) HS (Drug Use), and 148(a) (1) PC (Resisting Arrest).

5:30 pm: Officers initiated a hit and run collision investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

August 9

8:30 am: HARBOUR, Clint (53) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and arrested pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

9 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation from the 1700 block of South Main Street.

2 pm: MORRIS, Dena (54) of Willits was contacted in the 700 block of South Main Street and issued a citation pursuant to 1203.2(a) PC (Violation of Probation).

2:30 pm: RODRIGUEZ, Christane (30) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane and issued a citation for an active Mendocino County warrant.

2:55 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation from a business in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

3:10 pm: BETTS, Jeannine (40) of Willits was contacted in the 700 block of Coast Street and arrested pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

8 pm: Officers initiated an investigation of criminal threats in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:10 pm: Traffic collision reported in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

11 pm: MCARTHER, Halyn (62)

of Windsor was contacted during a traffic stop in the 1500 block of South Main Street and arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (DUI). During the arrest, McArther was found to be in possession of a personal amount of methamphetamine (11377(a) HS) for which she was also arrested.

August 10

9:10 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation from the 1500 block of Baechtel Road.

10 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation from the 1400 block of South Main Street.

4:10 pm: Traffic collision reported in the intersection of Highway 20 and South Main Street.

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 Possessing Ammunition).

August 11

8 am: Officers initiated a mental health commitment in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

8:30 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation at a business in the 200 block of Franklin Avenue.

9:45 am: Officers responded to a vehicle versus pedestrian collision in the 300 block of South Main Street.

5:40 pm: Officers responded to a traffic collision in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

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).

August 12

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) of Willits was in a physical altercation with the 16-year-old victim. Following the altercation, Morales reportedly threw a 2.5 pound weight at the victim, striking the victim in the chin. Morales was placed under arrest pursuant to 245(a)(1) PC (Assault with a Deadly Weapon) and 273(a) PC (Child Abuse).

3:30 pm: Officers initiated a missing person report in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

4 pm: Officers contacted MORRIS, Dena (54) of Willits in the 1000 block of South Main Street. Following an investigation, officers determined Morris was under the influence of drugs and alcohol, in violation of the terms of her probation, and placed her under arrest pursuant to 1203.2(a) PC (Violation of Probation).

5 pm: Officers were dispatched to contact a subject who was causing a disturbance in the 300 block of East Commercial Street. Upon arrival, they contacted BAILEY, Skyler (21) of Willits. Officers determined Bailey was under the influence of a controlled substance and in possession of a concealed weapon. Bailey was placed under arrest pursuant to 11550(a) HS (Drug Use) and 21310 PC (Possession of Concealed Dirk/ Dagger).

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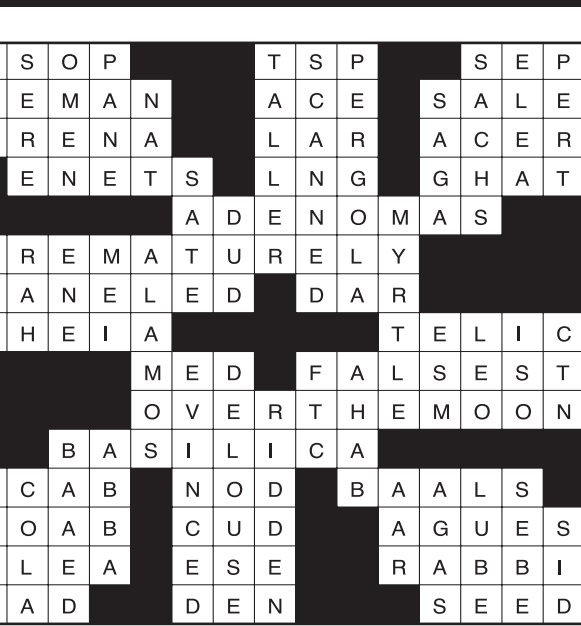
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Volunteers Wanted
Frank Howard Memorial Hospital is looking for positive members of the community to volunteer in various departments of the hospital. Hours: flexible and can include weekends. More info? Call 456-3245.

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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 noon on Saturday, August 20 and Saturday, September 10 to talk with visitors about the paintings. Re-Evolution is a gallery and fair 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.



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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. I've worked security there over the years, but found my place and family in the wonderful backstage crew. This year, August 4 through 7, was a nice mix of roots and 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 Anthony 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.

Photos by Victoria Hennessy

REGGAE ON THE RIVER

Congrats | Isabella Hopper-Cavanaugh



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 Costa; and great-great-grandmother: Ione Garcelon.

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Walter Camp

We are playing Walter out with bluegrass, as he requested, and hope you can join us on September 11 at 4 p.m. at the Willits Art Center for a celebration of his life.

— Jane, Tomki and Karen, and Blaise Camp

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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. Heading 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 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 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 hollow caused one resident, who lives near the park, to take pictures of what appear to be healthy trunks of elms taken last month.

"Except for one spot on one stump, all four stumps show healthy wood, solid and rot-free," said park neighbor Bear Kamoroff. "The tops of the trees were green all the way to the crown, no signs of die-back. These trees were a long 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 grass.

"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 see grass in the forest. Grass takes the food away. I'm trying to go for a grant to get this done."

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Shimmins Ridge Rd.	3:49	2:28
Covelo Road	3:55	2:34
North ent. to Hwy. 101	4:05	2:44
24900 N. Hwy 101 (Willits Pump Service)	4:10	2:49
Little Lake Trailer Park	4:15	2:55

Bus 10 pm South East & Center Valley Area / Walker Rd. White Deer

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	3:39	2:19
Schafer Ranch Rd.	3:43	2:23
Parkside 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
110 Sandy Lane	4:12	2:52
Haehl Creek	4:14	2:54
Center Valley	4:16	2:56
1601 Easthill Rd.	4:18	2:58
1851 Easthill Rd. (just before Lois Lane)	4:20	3:00
22101 Mitomkai	4:25	3:05
1780 East Hill	4:30	3:10
1620 East Hill	4:32	3:12
2740 Center Valley	4:33	3:13
2540 Center Valley	4:34	3:14
2430 Center Valley	4:35	3:15
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
Live Oak Road	4:48	3:26

This bus schedule information was provided by the Willits Unified School District; for any questions, call the WUSD District Office at 459-5314.

Supes extend formula business moratorium

Supervisors agreed Tuesday to extend the moratorium on "formula businesses" in the unincorporated part of Mendocino County for one year.

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Woodhouse, who voted against approving the first moratorium in September 2015, said he was voting against the extension, in part, because it was for one year.

"I'm not trying to be a bother, but I just don't support this, particularly with the extension of one year," Woodhouse said.

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 to construct a store in downtown Redwood Valley. The application was approved by the county because the stated use – commercial – fit the zoning, and because the county's attorneys agreed with the claim made by Dollar General's attorneys that denial of the building permit in an appropriately zoned parcel of land would prompt a lawsuit the 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. 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.

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Schoeppner said "the window of opportunity is wide open" for a disastrous wildfire to occur in Brooktrails. The terrain is "extremely dry and dangerous." The fire department has banned all open fires in the area.

Mendocino County has been "stripped of [firefighting] assets" to battle the larger fires, he noted. "If a major incident occurs, they'll be looking to local government" to take the lead in fighting the blaze.

Schoeppner urged Brooktrails residents to "report anything they see early," and to be extremely careful with materials that might spark a wildfire.

CalFire officials, he added, toured Brooktrails this spring to ensure residents had complied with defensible space regulations. "Hopefully," he said, "we're prepared."

Little Lake Fire Department Chief Carl Magann warned residents within his fire district of "critical fuel loads" in trees, grass and bush, resulting in "extreme fire danger."

He urged residents to observe caution while engaging in any outdoor activities involving fire.

Little Lake firefighters extinguished an 80-foot by 80-foot grass fire on Trembly Court south of Willits off Hollands Lane at 1 pm Wednesday. The blaze briefly threatened a nearby apartment building, Magann said.

CalFire also responded to the blaze.

At 9:50 am on Tuesday, Brooktrails 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.

And at around 2 pm on August 14, Brooktrails and CalFire firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in the driveway of a home

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 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 Investigations Unit, sheriff's detectives learned their colleagues had intercepted marijuana being shipped to Katherine Overend in Francistown, 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 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 [their 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.

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 intoxicated 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.

Fire Department sent one engine to Lake 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 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 firefighters and equipment on the way.

More than 80,000 residents have been forced from their homes.

As of its Wednesday evening update, Calfire reported that the Blue Cut Fire was 4 percent contained.

