



# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

## Phone scam warning

To the Editor:

To the greater Willits and Mendocino County communities: We (Willits Community Services and Food Bank) have just become aware that our phone number, 459-3333, has been hacked and has recently been used as part of a phone scam that attempts to get credit card information from people.

Please be aware that WCS has absolutely no involvement in this scheme and would never do anything like this. We are here, and have been here for over 37 years, serving our community and trying to help people, not take advantage of them.

Please report any suspicious activity like this to the Willits Police Department, 459-6122, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, 463-4411, or your local law enforcement agency.

Also be advised that blocking our number will not stop these criminals, since they are just using our number to fool people into answering. They will then most likely "steal" another local number to continue their scam.

Please call us, Willits Community Services, at the real 459-3333 number, with any questions or concerns regarding this. Thank you.

Jim Marill, executive director, Willits Community Services & Food Bank

## See's Candy at the Senior Center year-round

To the Editor:

Hello community, I am glad to announce the Senior Center will be selling See's Candy year-round. This is a great way for us to generate revenue for the programs and services we provide.

It also allows you to purchase delicious See's Candy at the same price you would pay if you bought it online or at the nearest See's store; in Santa Rosa. These are the 1 pound boxes of chocolates we will carry year-round; Milk Chocolates, Dark Chocolates, Nut & Chews and Assorted Chocolates.

Our next order we will be adding 1 pound boxes of Assorted Soft Center Chocolates to our year-round selection. We also have 8 ounce boxes of peanut brittle, butterscotch lollypops, and milk and dark chocolate candy bars. If we do not have your favorite See's Candy on hand, we will take your order and call you once we receive it.

We will have specialized pre-wrapped candy for Valentine's Day and Christmas, making it convenient for those buying gifts for others. We are conveniently located at 1501 Baechtel Road; see the receptionist in the lobby. After writing about See's Candy, I'm going to buy a box and take it home for the family to enjoy.

Richard Baker, director, Harrah Senior Center

## Something wonderful

To the Editor:

Every once in a while something wonderful happens, and you feel hopeful and happy again. This happened to me this evening when I attended a play called "The Phantom Toll Booth" at the Willits Community Theatre.

This play starred about 20 beautiful and talented kids and a kid crew. It was produced by Willits Community Theatre Young Actors under the direction of Mana Youngbear. I wasn't expecting to be so blown away by this magical and truly charming "kids show."

I watched this project take shape in the mind of Mana Youngbear and Ileya Stewart, some months ago. Mana had a dream and along with Ileya and many other dedicated artists, parents and teachers, they made it happen. The power of creativity is breathtaking to see in action. It's a bumpy road to a great destination.

The money came from a Community Foundation grant here in Mendocino County, with the help and support of WCT. This wonderful thing happened right here in Willits. The parents must be so proud of their great kids. WCT is a community treasure. Our young people, and people of every age, are learning and laughing and crying and enjoying because WCT is here.

Thank you Mana, WCT, C.F and so many others for making this dream real, and inspiring our community. What a great place to live!

Bill Barksdale, Willits

At right: A small crowd gathered together in front of the new electric vehicle charging station in Willits, including, from left, Midge Strong, Roshan Patel, Jason Wells, Cici Winiger, Ann Cole, Janet Orth, Barb Ivy, Lisa Davis, Doug Kern and Allison Findley.

Below, from left: Janet Orth of the Mendocino Council of Governments recharges her Chevy Bolt EV.

One of four dedicated parking spots for EVs. Ann Cole prepares the libations.

Photos by Mathew Caine



## Ribbon-cutting of new electric vehicle recharging stations

The sky at 5 pm Friday was a gloomy orange-gray from the fire east of Willits, and one could taste the smoke, an acrid, oily, gritty sensation that infiltrated lungs. It was almost the perfect backdrop for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new electric vehicle charging stations at the corner of West Mendocino Avenue and School Street, next to the public parking lot.

This station is one of 13 created throughout Mendocino County through a \$498,040 grant from the California Energy Commission. The project is a joint venture of the Mendocino Land Trust and the Mendocino Council of Governments. In the Willits location, much of the impetus and assistance came from various city staffers and residents who helped find the proper location, worked on permitting, etc.

Whether or not one believes in climate change, it is here, and according to the predominant numbers of climate scientists, it is caused, at least partially, by human-created carbon-based pollution. A good part of that pollution is from gasoline-powered automobiles and trucks.

Making these EV charging stations more available to travelers and the public in general can have several positive effects, among which are encouraging the purchase and use of non-polluting vehicles, attracting more travelers to the Willits area, and positioning our town back as an ecologically minded city, a position it held several years ago when it used to put on clean-energy expos and promote solar energy.



Above, from left: Sheba Brown from Congressman Jared Huffman's local office presents Doug Kern with a "Certificate of Special Recognition." One of four ChargePoint rechargers in Willits, available thanks to a grant from the California Energy Commission. Taylor Morrison from state Assemblyman Mike McGuire's local office presents Doug Kern with a "Certificate of Recognition" from the California Assembly.

Far left: Ann Cole cuts the ribbon. At left: The license plate on Janet Orth's Chevy Bolt EV reads "TRU ZEV" (zero emissions vehicle).

## Sonoma Clean Power launches final EV incentive program and debuts new brand

Submitted by Sonoma Clean Power

Sonoma Clean Power, the public electricity provider for Sonoma and Mendocino counties, recently announced the launch of their third and final electric vehicle incentive program, along with an updated brand identity and new website.

"The program is back with a new look, but with the same great incentives on electric cars and home chargers," said Kate Kelly, SCP's director of public affairs and marketing.

SCP worked with The Engine is Red, a full-service Santa Rosa-based creative agency, to update the agency's brand identity and website. The purpose of this update was "to better reflect our service territory, which now includes Mendocino County, and to communicate the agency we are today which has evolved beyond generating clean energy to a wider focus on reducing emissions in general. Our goal is to see increased participation from our customers through our programs," Kelly added.

The Drive EV program, in its third and final year, will run from now through November 16, 2018, and offers incentives up to \$4,000 exclusively for SCP customers. Additional manufacturer and dealer discounts, rebates, and tax credits may also be available.

The program will be communicated in English and Spanish via direct mail, print, digital and outdoor advertising, radio, TV, social media and other mediums. SCP customers can get started by applying at [www.DriveEV.org](http://www.DriveEV.org).

"We are extremely proud of the transformative nature of the Drive EV program, which has already helped 800 families get discounted electric cars and provided 1,900 home chargers over the past two years," said SCP CEO, Geof Syphers. "Drive EV is one example of the innovative and practical programs we've been able to provide customers. Bulk discounts on electric vehicles are helping us address climate change by making these high-performance cars more affordable."

SCP extended its popular free EV home charging station program through June 2019, but they're not stopping there. After the completion of the Drive EV program, the agency will focus on growing the public charging network in Sonoma and Mendocino counties to further help the region transition away from gasoline-powered vehicles.

"Replacing gas vehicles with electric cars, and charging them on clean, renewable energy is the single largest step an individual can take in reducing their carbon footprint," added Syphers.

To learn more about Sonoma Clean Power and its Drive EV incentive programs, visit [sonomacleanpower.org](http://sonomacleanpower.org) or call 855-202-2139.

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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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## 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!

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## CLUES ACROSS

- Sacred bull (Egyptian myth.)
- One-time European money
- Disfigure
- Polish city
- Move quickly on foot
- Landlocked West African country
- Used in aromatherapy
- The greatest of all time
- Type of horse
- Volcanic craters
- Type of graph (abbr.)
- Supporters
- North and South are two
- Spread
- Adjusted
- Vietnamese offensive
- Nazi architect
- Nigerian peoples
- When you hope to get there
- Ridicules
- Allied Powers vs. Central Powers
- Produce
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

## CLUES DOWN

- Form of 'to be'
- A hand has one
- Thought
- Physical body
- Removes
- One who perpetrates wrongdoing
- Make one
- Kate and Rooney are two
- Ladd, 'Shane' actor
- Makes fun of
- Space station
- Gene
- Satisfy
- Livid
- It comes after 'et'
- More (Spanish)
- Electronic data processing
- Buffer solution to separate DNA and RNA
- Primate
- Scattered
- Evergreen tree
- What engaged couples will say
- Barbie's friend
- Midway between south and southeast
- A position from which progress can be made
- Showed up
- Insecticide
- Type of milk
- Verandas
- Annoyingly talkative
- Abba \_\_\_\_, Israeli politician
- 'Heat' director
- Plant genus
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Actor Idris
- Freedom fighters (slang)
- Criticize

## ACADEMIC WORD SEARCH

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# WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

August 13 to August 19

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 202 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

## Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

### August 13

8:48 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of South Main Street.

2:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

3:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

3:20 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.

10:25 pm: GUERRERO, Chris Nunez (28) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Northbrook Way. He was arrested pursuant to 11550 HS (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance), 1203.2 (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

### August 14

5:01 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

6:59 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Madrone Street.

9:35 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of California Street.

3:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:28 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:34 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of North Main Street.

10:35 pm: Officer initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

10:57 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

### August 15

8:05 am: SANDERS, Rhonda Rennee (57) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 11550 HS (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance).

6:17 pm: BEVENS, Nathan Zane (42) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of West Mendocino Avenue and South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence), felony charges of willful cruelty to a child with possible injury or death, and misdemeanor charges of blood alcohol content of .08 percent or higher.

9:35 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

### August 16

3:06 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Barbara Lane.

4:31 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

5:58 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

7:38 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

11:21 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

3:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

7:14 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

9:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

10:19 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

### August 17

1:52 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

7:07 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:18 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of sexual assault in the 100 block of Hazel Street.

### August 18

6:07 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of East Valley Street and South Humboldt Street and issued a warning.

11:15 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping near the intersection of North Lenore Avenue and East Commercial Street.

11:38 am: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

12:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping near the intersection of East San Francisco Avenue and Railroad Avenue.

2:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of a vegetation fire in the 4000 block of Highway 20.

7:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing near the intersection of Sawyers Lane and Center Valley Road.

8:41 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Highway 20 and Cropley Lane.

9:14 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:29 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:02 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:06 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

10:07 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

10:13 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 44000 block of Willis Avenue.

10:52 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

### August 19

1:50 am: OBRYAN, Christopher Michael (29) of Lucerne was contacted near mile marker 44.5 on Highway 101. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 (B) VC (Driving Under the Influence) and on misdemeanor charges of blood alcohol content of .08 percent or higher.

7:29 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 200 block of North Lenore Avenue.

9:06 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 200 block of North Lenore Avenue.

10:49 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street.

4:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Baechtel Road and South Main Street.

4:57 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 21000 block of Meadowbrook Drive.

11:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 700 block of Coast Street.

11:29 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive and issued a warning.



# Blackberry Festival

Celebrating life and art – and the delicious summertime fruit – in Round Valley for 36 years

It wasn't really about the blackberries, even though they headlined the event. It wasn't about the beauty of Round Valley this year, because you couldn't see it through the smoke of the recent wildfires. It wasn't even about the classic vehicles that lined the street leading up to the gates.

The Round Valley Blackberry Festival was about the people, the vendors, the musicians, and the residents and outsiders who gathered, as they do every year, to celebrate life and art in Covelo. They celebrate each other, people from all walks of life, ethnic backgrounds, and social strata. All the people spoke with each other, laughed and exchanged ideas, had fun, tasted great food and bought art, some local and some from as far as Fairfield in the Bay Area.

There was Michelle Peñaloza, sitting by the entrance, writing poetry on an old portable typewriter that was perched upon a crate. She offered poems for "\$3 and a little time." You come up with the subject and then return for your original piece, created on the spot.

"I've written poems about moving," she explains, "poems about cherishing harvest, poems about unicorns and Batman, the ocean, best friends, daughters, sons, twins, sisterhood, language, hugs from dad, and blackberries."

Peñaloza comes from the suburbs of Detroit and is a published poet with two books. She comes to the Blackberry Festival because of the people. Her work can be found at [www.michellepenaloza.com](http://www.michellepenaloza.com).

Also near the entrance was a lovely soap vendor, Shannon Gibbs, who started making soap as a hobby for Christmas gifts. In the main area, which appropriately for Round Valley is circular in configuration, the morning invocation was given by Ron Lincoln, spiritual leader of the native community. "Let the tears happen. Endure, breathe and move on. The only person who is with us our entire lives are ourselves. Be alive while you're alive. Cherish your health. If it's good, preserve it. If it's unstable, improve it. If it's beyond what you can do, get help. Always remember, life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by moments that take our breath away."

It was time for Mickey the Clown (Michael McCarthy) to introduce Sunday's first act on the stage, situated in the center of the circle of vendors. McCarthy has been with the festival for all of its 36 years, having retired from the big time with the Clyde Beatty Circus and the Circus Vargas in 1981. He

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The rest of **Charge**  
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Orth explained that, aside from being fun to drive, EVs are very efficient in terms of maintenance. The engines only have about 20 moving parts as opposed to a couple hundred in an internal combustion engine. Additionally, Orth said: "A gasoline car can only use about a third of the energy you get from the fuel, whereas an electric car uses around 90 percent."

Ann Cole, executive director of the Mendocino Land Trust and Doug Kern, director of conservation at the organization, were also in attendance. Kern was instrumental in writing and securing the charging-stations grant, as well as doing much of the heavy lifting in terms of navigating the endless regulations and requirements necessary for the 13 sites.

Each site needed a relatively close source of electric power and a flat area in order to be ADA compliant. They found they had to relocate the sites as much as four or five times before finding a compatible location. The major part of the construction took a year. The planning and permitting took three years prior to the actual construction.

Many of the stations are located at state parks: Westport-Union Landing State Beach, MacKerricher State Park, Point Cabrillo Light Station State Historic Park, Russian Gulch State Park, Van Damme State Park, Greenwood State Beach, and Hendy Woods State Park. These locations are offering free fill-ups for the first hour during the first year of operation.

The in-town locations are: three Fort Bragg locations – City Hall parking lot, Laurel Street parking lot, and Boatyard Shopping Center, Caspar Community Center, Point Arena downtown parking lot; and the aforementioned Willits location which offers two charging stations.

In attendance at the ceremony were Allison Findley, executive director of the Willits Chamber of Commerce; Madge Strong, Willits mayor; representatives from Representative Jared Huffman's office and Assemblyman Mike McGuire's office who presented Doug Kern with certificates thanking him and his organization for their efforts; Lisa Davis from Scoops; Barb Ivy, president of the Willits Chamber of Commerce board of directors; Roshan Patel from the Old West Inn; Cici Winger, communications manager for Adventist Health Howard Memorial; Jason Wells, CEO of Adventist Health Howard Memorial; and about 30 concerned Willits citizens. Cole cut the ribbon after talks from Orth, Kern, Strong and herself.

Mayor Strong is attempting to get additional signage on Highway 101 to let travelers know the charging service is available in Willits. The stations should sustain themselves through the fees without further subsidies.

The rest of **Blackberry**  
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mentions that on Saturday, the festival was extremely busy with hundreds of people squeezed into the small circle and that there were about 50 vendors participating this year.

"We had the street dance here last night," shared McCarthy. "We had a square dance. The library has a big dance. We had bull-riding out at the rodeo grounds. We had barrel racing, and they have a big barbecue out there."

Continuing around the circle, it is easy to make friends and conversations. There was Pat Sobrero of the Round Valley Public Library – the central edifice for the arts in Covelo, since it has computers, public WiFi, a meeting room, board games, and a large-screen TV on which kids can play computer games.

Some of the vendors do quite well at the Blackberry Festival and continue to come back year after year. There were vendors selling balsamic vinegars of every variety at Extraordinary Blends from Sonoma County; jewelry and clothing from Chico; metal art by Bob Gaston. Samba and Mariam sold colorful African art from a variety of countries. They love coming to the festival (since 2006) for the friends and loyal customers they make.

Stephanie Tidwell, executive director of Friends of the Eel River, had a booth to educate people on the work her organization is engaged in, such as the Great Redwood Trail Act which will put hiking, biking, and in some areas, horseback-riding trails on existing Northwestern Pacific Railroad easements for a continuous 170-mile trail, beginning in Willits and continuing to Humboldt Bay.

These were just a few of the friendly, warm humans one could meet at the Round Valley Blackberry Festival. Time passed quickly at this event, and there was plenty for the kids to do, including attending oil and watercolor artist Lynn Zachreson's paint classes and scaling John Gruely's home-built climbing wall which soared to about 15 feet and had kids lined up to try their skills.

And yes, there are blackberries: blackberry slush, blackberries and ice cream, blackberry pie, blackberry green tea, and blackberry jelly.

Mickey the Clown summed it up well: "This is a big weekend here in Covelo. They close up all three stores. Everybody's here. What's the sense of being anywhere else?"



Above: Pavlos Garage will play for the event, including band members Rick Petreich, Shawna White, Craig Moore and Todd Stubberfield.

The rest of **Gala**  
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Live and silent auction items will be available, as well as raffle items. Some of these include: A photo of the famous Henley Oak in Round Valley by Wendy Wilmes; a cord of firewood from Cooley Logging; a Lakeport vacation rental stay at the home of Marvin and Connie Dixon, where folks can fish, barbecue and relax; a picnic table from Parlin Forks; and "Kathleen Lewis will offering her famous cookies again!" noted Drew. "The high bidder of this package will receive five dozen cookies delivered once a month for a year, including the first basket on the night of the Gala," and much more.

Drew and the crew of event helpers, including her husband, Jack, Kevin and Windi Kvasnicka, Anna and Tim King, Andrew Hosford, Jason Korte and Lisa Yokum, and many members of the Willits Rotary Club, are expecting around 400 folks to attend the event. Tickets are still available at Yokum's Body Shop and Cat's Meow, as well as at the gate on Saturday. Tickets are \$30 each.

Last year, monies raised from the event were allocated as follows: Willits High School received \$11,362; Baechtel Grove Middle School received \$7,200; Blosser Lane Elementary received \$8,086; Brookside Elementary received \$9,620; Sherwood School received \$1,587; and Sanhedrin High School received \$1,186.

For more information, contact Jenn Drew at 354-1670.

**Furry Friends Hoping for a Home**

**Loving Piper**

Piper loves his volunteer friends but is ready to ditch shelter life. He is 7 years old and requires a bit of medication, but can provide you with all the love you need. This sturdy little Teddy bear thinks single dog life is best and is ready to prove it to his forever person.

Come meet Piper at the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Please give us a call at 707-485-0123 if you have questions. You can view all our adoptable dogs and cats on Petfinder or through our website: mendocinohumane.org. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.



**Darling Daisy**

Darling Daisy was adopted, but needed to come back. It was with many tears that her guardian of two months returned Daisy to us. Her new home was on a farm, and it turned out that Daisy was a bit too fond of feathered creatures and decided the chickens were fair game. On a very positive note, her guardians report she was house-trained, and loved water, bath time, car rides and toys. She lived with children 6 months to 12 years old and was wonderful with them. Daisy is a 3-year-old spayed female mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 42 pounds. She knows "Sit," "Shake," and "Load up," and learns new commands very quickly. Daisy is sweet, smart and eager to please and will be such a wonderful addition to a family! Just one without chickens!

The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. 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 some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit at: www.mendocinanimalshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453.

OBITUARY | **Michael McGee**

Michael David McGee of Willits passed away August 14, 2018 at the age of 68. He was born February 11, 1950 to Jodie Herchal McGee and Minnie "Pauline" "Hix" McGee in Willits, California. He married Lisa "Challand" McGee and they had two lovely daughters, Jennifer and Heather. He loved walking, shopping, watching TV, and his beloved San Francisco Giants.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Jodie and Pauline; stepfather Malcolm Macintosh; and former wife, Lisa. He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer and Heather; his brother, Joe (Denise) McGee; and nephews, Jody and Cory. No services are planned at this time.

Those wishing to may make a memorial contribution in Michael's name to "Northbrook Convalescent Hospital," 64 Northbrook Way, Willits, CA 95490. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.



OBITUARY | **Gail McClelland**

Virginia Gail Clements was born October 25, 1954 to Virginia and Clarence Clements in Willits, California. She was the oldest of three children. She graduated from Willits High School in June of 1972 and got engaged the same day to Dennis McClelland, and they married on December 16, 1972. She became a mother in January of 1975 with the birth of her daughter Dawn Richelle and again in December of 1976 to Crystal Lee.

She always put her family first! She spent all of her spare time running her daughters around to sporting events and other community activities. Throughout her adult life she worked at A&W, Willits Unified School District as an instructional aide at Mill Creek and Blosser Lane School, as well as at Howard Hospital and for Dr. Stetz. She spent the last 23 years working in the Engineering Department at Metal-Fx (AM&D). She took great joy at Metal-Fx being in charge of birthday cards and celebrating her co-workers' birthdays.

In 1998 she became known as "Nana," with the birth of the first of her three grandsons. Being Nana brought the most joy into her life. She loved going to Disneyland with her family and attending their sporting events.

In July of 2018 she was diagnosed with cancer and lost her battle August 13, 2018 with her husband, daughters and oldest grandson by her side. She is survived by her husband, Dennis, daughters Dawn, and Crystal (James Judnick), her mother Virginia Clements, sister Rhonda, grandsons Matt, Lukas and Benjamin, and as well many cousins, nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father Clarence, brother Eddie, aunt Betty and her grandparents.

A memorial in her honor will be held Saturday, August 25, 2018 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 265 Margie Drive, in Willits, at 11 am and a light luncheon will follow. The family would like to thank our family and friends who have reached out and shown us love and support during this difficult time.



**Back to School 2018**

Thank you to everyone who submitted an image for our community collage! Here's to a great year!



Caterina Jezica is all smiles for sophomore year!



Lane Quinliven. We are so proud of you!



Happy first day to Sophia Wear.



Lawrence sisters, Madison (2nd) & Macy (preschool) "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." – Dr. Seuss



Hailey, Courtney, and Ashley Aadland Breen, first day of school.



Alithia Gallups and Kayden Troxler – cousins who school together, stay together.



Happy first day of school to Dane, who is in 8th grade; Gracie who is in 5th grade; and Xander, who is a sophomore.



Our girls Zandria and Arabella Mondo off to learn and grow! Mom and Dad love you both.



Our son Wade Hosford had his first day of TK today (8-20-18) at Brookside School!



Calleigh Jade is all smiles for the first day of 4th grade.



Aryka Hensley starting 4th grade; Payton Carey starting 2nd grade.



Kindergarten here I come!! xoxo Ayla.



As free as the ocean! Happy 2nd grade to our Carter LeClair! We love you Cowboy!! Love, Mom, Jordan, Dad, Shelby, Irie, and Baby Coast



Here's to an amazing 8th grade year for an amazing kid (Nikolas Miller), Robert and I love you to the moon and back.



Enjoy the journey sweet Samantha!! Love, Unk and Aunt Jenni.



Jessie Quinliven's first day of 8th grade #2018.



Happy first day to Isabella Wear.



Sapphire Southwick rocking into 5th grade.



Have a fantastic senior year Tate Campbell. Your dad and I love you to the moon and back. LHS class of 2019.



Have a great junior year Carson Miller and an awesome sophomore year Mandy Thurman. I love you both. Momma Vesey.



Hunter Southwick rocking into 7th grade.



Champ's first day of kindergarten.



Jayi is ready for kindergarten Everybody is excited for school to start.



I can't believe you're a big 1st grader Maddison! We love you so much and are so proud of you!

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**Thursday, August 23**

**"The Cannabis Hour":** "Is a Public Cannabis Bank Feasible?" Banks open themselves to government seizure by the FDIC if they choose to do business with anyone in the cannabis trade. This month, California State Treasurer John Chiang commissioned a study to probe the feasibility of a public cannabis bank. KZYX host Jane Fletcher will interview Treasurer Chiang and public banking advocate Marc Armstrong on why a state bank might be the answer to the cannabis industry's banking woes. Thursday, August 23, 9 am, on KZYX Radio, 91.5-FM. Find the archived show at <http://jukebox.kzyx.org/>.

**Last weekend for "In Our Image":** August exhibit featuring seven women artists at the Willits Center for the Arts closes on August 26. With Carolyn Carpenter, Charlotte Tefft, Devi Doree Chase, Dorea Hankin, Alissa Mittl, Kat Emerson and Margaret Pirouette. 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm. Info: 459-1726 or [willitscenterforthearts.org](http://willitscenterforthearts.org).



**Willits Farmers Market:** At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music, Thursday, August 23, 3 to 6 pm. Summer veggies, meats and local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread, gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted iced coffee, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

**Empowerment Event:** Cultivate Wellness Studio, Michelle Cummins and Claudia Wenning, are offering free open studio events at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, starting in August with a free speaker series: The first of these events will be about EFT, "Emotional Freedom Technique," or tapping. Thursday, August 23, 6 to 7:30 pm. Space limited, please RSVP with Michelle at 707-972-1601, Claudia at 707-354-3111. Open to everyone and free of charge.

**Theatre Auditions:** For the rustic comedy "Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church" by Linda LaRocca, director Jim Williams is looking for 3 men and 2 women aged 40 to 70. Auditions at Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub) on Thursday August 23, at 7 pm. "We are looking for actors who can play two hapless comen, two well-meaning, church-going ladies, and a long-suffering Everyman." Scripts at Willits Library. Info: Jim Williams at 462-9547 or [www.willitslibrary.org](http://www.willitslibrary.org)

**Shanachie Pub:** Trivia Night Benefit. For the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County. "Come out and show your knowledge on various subjects, have fun, and help support a worthy cause!" Thursday, August 23, 4 to 7 pm. 50B South Main Street.

**Friday, August 24**

**Hazmobile in Willits:** The HazMobile household hazardous waste collection team will be at the Willits Corporation Yard, 380 East Commercial Street, on Friday, August 24 and Saturday, August 25, from 9 am to 1 pm. HazMobile accepts toxic materials like paint, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, gasoline, solvents, acids, bases, toxic cleaners, auto and household batteries, mercury and fluorescent light tubes, that can't go in the trash, for recycling or special disposal. Not

accepted: explosives, ammunition, radioactive wastes, medical waste and compressed gas cylinders larger than 5 gallons. Free to households; 15 gallon limit/per day. When bringing materials to the HazMobile, the public should be careful that items are kept in their original containers (except motor oil which can be consolidated), that nothing is leaking, and that all containers are tied down. Info and schedule, call the Recycling Hotline, 468-9704, or visit [mendocinorecycle.org](http://mendocinorecycle.org).

**Back to School Free Clothes Event:** The Willits Mendocino County Youth Project invites teen girls and guys to check out new and gently worn clothing to be had at no cost, August 24, 3:30 to 6:30 pm at the Methodist Church, 286 School Street. Info or questions: Aurelie Clivaz, 489-1258 or [acivaz@mcyp.org](mailto:acivaz@mcyp.org).

**Shanachie Pub: Live & The Live Oaks.** The Live Oaks are a collective of hand-picked musicians living from Portland to Los Angeles." Visit: [www.evanlanammusic.com](http://www.evanlanammusic.com). Friday, August 24, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

**Saturday, August 25**

**"Art in the Plaza":** Saturday August 25, 9 am to 4 pm, and continuing every weekend through September. Come see local artists and artisans – free – in the congenial plaza behind Cafe 77. Info: [www.artinthepiazza.com](http://www.artinthepiazza.com). Umbrellas are permanent on site to provide shade and backdrop. Spaces are available for artists to sell their handmade goods. Info: Morgan Rex at 841-0913 or see the application online.

**Beer & Wine Tasting & Golf:** Saturday, August 25. Hosted by the Willits Lions Club at the Brooktrails Golf Course. "Enjoy a morning of golfing at the beautiful golf course in the redwoods." 9 am to 12 pm, golf, \$10; 1 to 4 pm, beer and wine tasting, \$20. Barbecue by the Lions Club, \$6 to \$9. Advance tickets \$15. Must be 21. Info: 459-6761.

**Hazmobile in Willits:** The HazMobile household hazardous waste collection team will be at the Willits Corporation Yard, Saturday, August 25, from 9 am to 1 pm. See Friday, August 24 listing for details.

**Quilty Pleasures Quilt Show:** annual free outdoor quilt show at The Fat Quail Quilt Shop on Highway 101, Laytonville. Saturday, August 25, 10 am to 4 pm, and Sunday, August 26, 11 am to 4 pm. "Vote for your favorite quilts, visit with friends, and shop on both days at The Fat Quail." Saturday's special event is the display of Ron Crane's antique washing machines and related items. Raffle of this year's raffle quilt and raffle baskets (chocolate, wine, pets, baby items, just to name a few), will go towards scholarships for Laytonville High graduates.

**Phoenix Rising Summer Pruning Class:** Saturday, August 25, 11 am to 3 or 4 pm. Free. Class will start in Willits at the Phoenix Rising Garden, located on the west side of North Street between Redwood and Pine. "About 1 pm we will carpool to Pine Mountain (13 minute drive) to my home to work on trees that have been trained by

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me for the last 15 years." Class size is limited, so call Ron Woolsey 707-489-5408 and leave a message with your phone number and a good time to reach you. Class will start with fruit trees that have been neglected for years and then move on to trees that have been well-cared for.

**Ice Cream in a Bag:** Willits-Mendocino County Library, Saturday, August 25, 1 to 2 pm. "Learn the science behind ice cream and make some you can eat." Ages 3 and up. 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908.

**KLLG Programmer Training:** Saturday, August 25, 1 to 5 pm. "This is a free training for those who would like to have a show on KLLG. We will go over on air basics, studio protocol, and basic technical engineering. The station offers more advanced training to DJ/Programmers on an as needed basis." For more information: 459-KLLG (5554), Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

**WEF Summer Gala:** Willits Rotary and the Willits Educational Foundation invite you to a benefit for art, music and libraries in the Willits Unified School District, formerly known as "The Garden Party," on Saturday, August 25, 4 to 8 pm. Music by Pavlos Garage. Catered dinner, hearty appetizers, cash bar, live and silent auctions, prize drawings. At Danny and Allisha Mihelcic's, 19941 South Main Street. Advance sale only, \$30. Available at Yukum's Body Shop and Cat's Meow. Information: Jenn Drew 707-354-0755, Windi Kvasnicka 707-354-0755.

**Shanachie Pub:** Crosby Tyler. "Blend porch bluegrass with Delta blues and add a keen sense of social commentary and wrap it up in one-man band and you have Crosby Tyler - The One Man Tub-Thumpin' Band." Visit: [www.crosbytyler.com](http://www.crosbytyler.com). Saturday, August 25, 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

**Sunday, August 26**

**Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast:** "Join your friends at the Little Lake Grange pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 am, Sunday, August 26 (and every fourth Sunday through October). \$8 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods": Choose soughdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Extra: sides of organic fruit and Amish organic maple syrup. 1211

**Taco Fundraiser:** A benefit for Baechtel Grove Middle School's Youth Football and Cheer programs, Thursday, August 30, starting at 4 pm at the corner of Blosser Lane and Franklin Avenue. Please see a board member to purchase dinner tickets.

**Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial Street, 1 block west of Main Street)**

**Quilty Pleasures Quilt Show:** Sunday, August 26, behind the Fat Quail Quilt Shop in Laytonville. See Saturday, August 25 listing for details.

**Ecstatic Dance:** Sunday, August 26. Yoga with Hannah Jermstrad, 10 to 11 am, Cocoa Ceremony and Meditation with Mose and Isaac, 11 to 11:30 am, Dance with Mose 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Cocoa

**Dance Ceremony:** a combination of a shared meditation and drinking of a cacao drink with a curated ecstatic dance music experience. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Facebook: Ecstatic Dance Mendocino. 347-831-3645. Families and children welcome. \$15 at the door.

**12th Annual Laytonville Crawfish Boil:** Sunday, August 26, 12:30 to 11 pm. Dinner service 4:30 to 6:30 pm. \$65 presale, \$75 at the door, \$40 at the door after 6:30. Kids 12 and under are free. Laytonville Rodeo Grounds, Harwood Road, Laytonville. Tickets available at Big Chief and Long Valley Feed Store. Music by Johnny Sketch & The Dirty Notes, The Mike Dillon Band, South Jones, L'ville All Stars, Ray & the Revelers, The Cult of Ours, Darcy Malone. To benefit Laytonville High School Culinary Pathways Program, Senior Market Match, Harwood Parks and KPFFN.

**Ramana Vieira in Concert:** Portuguese romantic folk singer Ramana Vieira and her ensemble perform at the Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, August 26, at 2 pm. "Vieira captivates her audience with the haunting laments of the old world classics." Tickets \$20 in advance, available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpaperickets.com](http://brownpaperickets.com); or by phone 247/1-800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

**Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:** All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies, "Mamma Mia 2," and "Equalizer 2." For showtimes: [www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com). 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

**Tuesday, August 28**

**Claws for a Cause:** A benefit for the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, Saturday, September 1, 5 to 9 pm, at Ridgewood Ranch, home of Seabiscuit. Complete dinner prepared by Adam's Restaurant: wine, lobster, filet mignon. Live and silent auctions. Music by the Ed Reinhart Band. Hosted by Willits Rotary Club and Redwood Empire Lions Club. Tickets \$80 and available at Willits Furniture Center and DFM Auto Repair in Ukiah. Beer and wine available for additional purchase.

**Thursday, August 30**

**Willits Farmers Market:** At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music, Thursday, August 30, 3 to 6 pm. Summer veggies, including heirloom tomatoes, local meats and local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread, gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted iced coffee, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

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**Shanachie Pub:** Dennis Crisp. "It's only rock and roll but you know you like it! This show will be Dennis Crisp & special guests playing old school rock and roll, rockably, psychobilly, blues and Bakersfield country!" Thursday, August 30, 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

**Friday, August 31**

**Behind the Mic: Youth Poetry Night.** The second year anniversary celebration of this open mic poetry and music event will be at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, Friday, August 31, 7 pm. This is a free event for all ages. Hosted by MC Radioactive. "Speak Your Mind."

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**Saturday, September 1**

**Made in Mendocino:** The September show at the Willits Center for the Arts, featuring 20 Mendocino County quilters, opens Saturday, September 1, with an artists' champagne reception that opens at 6 pm for WCA members and to the general public at 7 pm. This is an opportunity to meet the artists and hear them talk about their work. The show will run until September 23 at the WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-1726. [willitscenterforthearts.org](http://willitscenterforthearts.org). Gallery hours, Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm.

**CLAWS FOR A CAUSE**

Major Sponsors:

September 1, 5-9pm at Ridgewood Ranch

A Benefit for the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center

September 1, 5 to 9 pm, at Ridgewood Ranch, home of Seabiscuit. Complete dinner prepared by Adam's Restaurant: wine, lobster, filet mignon. Live and silent auctions. Music by the Ed Reinhart Band. Hosted by Willits Rotary Club and Redwood Empire Lions Club. Tickets \$80 and available at Willits Furniture Center and DFM Auto Repair in Ukiah. Beer and wine available for additional purchase.

**Claws for a Cause:** A benefit for the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, Saturday, September 1, 5 to 9 pm, at Ridgewood Ranch, home of Seabiscuit. Complete dinner prepared by Adam's Restaurant: wine, lobster, filet mignon. Live and silent auctions. Music by the Ed Reinhart Band. Hosted by Willits Rotary Club and Redwood Empire Lions Club. Tickets \$80 and available at Willits Furniture Center and DFM Auto Repair in Ukiah. Beer and wine available for additional purchase.

**Shanachie Pub:** Mobay Prodygal. Formerly known as Ras Soulijah, this Montego Bay native "is a consummate poet and has given birth to a lyrical style without compromising the message." Friday, August 31, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

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**Make a Splash for Drug Prevention**

Bring the Whole Family for a FREE Pool Party and Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, September 8 | Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Willits Community Pool

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Center for Education, Arts and Community.

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## Roots of Motive Power Festival

"The weekend after Labor Day, Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9, whistles will be tooting and bells ringing as Roots steams up for the 40th year in a row. Historic train rides and old logging equipment demonstrations will be going on throughout the festival featuring: steam locomotives, a steam shovel, steam rollers, stationary engines, and tractors. During the festival, watch out for the famous bandit Black Bart... Saturday, September 8, our annual Appreciation Barbecue begins at 4 pm (\$15 adults/\$6 kids). Live music, a silent auction and raffle. And don't miss the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, in the Rec Grove, along with the Willits Shifters Classic Car Club. Sunday features Steam Roller Street Printing. Our 1924 Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller will be making linoleum prints. You can try your hand at printmaking." Roots of Motive Power, 420 East Commercial Street.

Willits Mendocino County Youth Project invites you to

**The Back to School Event Clothes Events**

Upcoming: August 24, 2018

From 3:30 to 6:30

New and Gently Worn Clothing For Teen Girls & Guys At No Cost

**CONFEY PATS SHIRT-LEASERS**

Address: Methodist Church, 286 School St. Willits

For Questions contact Aurelie Clivaz: (707)489-1258 or [acivaz@mcyp.org](mailto:acivaz@mcyp.org)

**MCYP**

## Free Healthier Living Workshops

Avenues to Wellness (a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation) is hosting a free six-week Healthier Living Workshop series starting September 10 in Willits, Redwood Valley and Laytonville. "This workshop teaches folks how to self-manage chronic diseases such as: arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, and chronic pain. It provides a "tool kit" and a path to improve your quality of life. You will learn how gentle exercise, nutritious eating and relaxation techniques can help. It offers ways to deal with the difficult emotions that can be part of having a chronic condition, including how to talk with your family, friends and doctors about your health. This program was created by Stanford School of Medicine and Kaiser Permanente 30 years ago and is taught worldwide. ATW is pleased to offer this effective program to our community free of charge. Space is limited, so please call now for more information and to reserve your place." Call: 456-9676 Visit: [avenuestowellness.org](http://avenuestowellness.org)

## Ongoing Events

**Brooktrails Golf Course:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 am, Senior League. Age 50 and over. Lifetime membership \$10. Green fees extra. Thursday, 5 pm, Working Man's Scramble with \$12 green fee, \$5 buy in, cash prize for 1st place. Dink and snack provided. Saturdays, 8 am, "Sweeps" utilizing NGA handicaps. Sundays, 5 pm, free golf for kids, 5 to 18, with paying adult. For times and information: 459-6761, 24860 Birch Street.

**"Art in the Plaza":** Saturdays and Sundays through September. Come see local artists and artisans – free – in the congenial plaza behind Cafe 77. Info: [www.artinthepiazza.com](http://www.artinthepiazza.com). Contact Morgan Rex at 841-0913 or see the application online.

**Social Dancing:** Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. No partner required. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Club atmosphere in which the participants teach each other swing, salsa and other types of partner dancing. Collaborative playlist.

**"Destination Willits, CA":** Art show at Brickhouse Coffee, featuring 11 local artists in an exhibition of painting and photography. Steve Eberhard, John Gyer, Zohar Zaid, Lindsay Peak Zaid, Margaret Pirouette, Marjo Wilson, Teresa Robertson, June Ruckman, Jerry Albright, Marta Alonso and Sandy Strong show their work through August 30. 3 South Main Street.

**Ridgewood Ranch Tours:** The Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation Saturday tours include: vintage Seabiscuit film footage, stud barn, mare barn, carriage house and Howard House (built in 1905). Reservations suggested but not required; children under 11 free, \$20 for non-Mendocino residents, \$10 with proof of Mendocino County residency. Reservations or info: [seabiscuit@instawave.net](http://seabiscuit@instawave.net) or 707-391-3872.

**Willits Summer Farmers Market:** Thursdays from 3 to 6 pm at the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music and Video. Summer veggies, local meats and local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

**Emandal Choral:** The Choral is open to all who wish to sing a cappella songs of peace and justice. Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 367-1573.

**Friday Potluck Bingo:** Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum bingo buy-in \$5. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

**Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group:** Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

**German Conversation Class:** Ongoing non-denominational German conversation/book reading class is open to new members (middle to advanced German speakers). No charge, but donations gladly accepted. St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm. Info: Doris Viter, 456-9246.

**Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group:** Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 am, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or [honemamm@yahoo.com](mailto:honemamm@yahoo.com).

**Willits Community Drum Circle:** 7 to 10 pm at the Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

**Willits Library Activities:** Wednesdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Play Group," and 3:30 to 5:30 pm "Lego Day" (bring your imagination and start building!); Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Story Time." Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

**Willits Seed Lending Library:** Offering information on seed saving and gardening. Seeds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables are free to seed library members, and seed donations are gladly accepted.

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

**"Drop-in Knitting Circle:** Every Saturday of the month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your own projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in." Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or [lotusb3@earthlink.net](mailto:lotusb3@earthlink.net).

**Soroptimists International of Willits:** Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza in reserved room, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. However, there are NO MEETINGS in July or August. Meetings will resume in September. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

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

**Smoking Cessation Program:** Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Every Wednesday at Al-Hill's Roots Restaurant, 1 Marcola Drive, 6 to 7 pm. Register today; 540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

**Free Sheriff's Activity League programs:** at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm. Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Teens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: [www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague](http://www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague) or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

**Shanachie Pub:** Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. "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. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

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

AT THE MOVIES

**'Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again'**

**The Story:** This flick is for the many fans of the original "Mama Mia!" As the movie starts, we meet young Donna in 1979 who is a graduate at Oxford University; she is going to deliver the valedictory speech to her class. She bursts into song about kissing her teacher. Making out with a teacher is problematic (but, "Oh well ... it was the Seventies"). What is even more problematic is that Oxford graduations do not have valedictorians. This is classic Hollywood; this is stupid. I walked out of "Mama Mia! Here We Go Again" after about eight minutes.

**My Thoughts:** This flick is cringe-inducing. It is unwatchable. I was so very very embarrassed for the cast. In the first eight minutes, this flick features reasonably cute and adorable actresses pretending to be cute and adorable. I didn't buy it, I couldn't buy it.... I was unable to buy it. My stomach wouldn't let me.

**Parents:** This movie would be "fresh" (but unsuitable) for ages 10 to 13. The few scenes I witnessed were so cringe-inducing and phony-phony-phony that they should be considered a form of emotional corruption....

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

**Senior Center Lunch**

Week of August 27 through August 31

Monday: Open-Faced Chicken Sandwich with Gravy

Tuesday: Carne Asada

Wednesday: Asian Chicken Wrap

Thursday: Meat Loaf

Friday: Turkey Birthday Dinner

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. \$6.50 for those 55 and older; \$8 for those under 55. Includes: soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Call for Artists/  
Crafters

Willits Center for the Arts is accepting entries for the 32nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair, December 7, 8 and 9, 2018 to be held at the Willits Community Center and the Willits Center for the Arts-Upstairs Gallery. All interested artists, hand crafters, and specialty foods entrepreneurs, who hand-make their own products, should request application forms by e-mail to: Bonnie Belt at [belt.bonnie@gmail.com](mailto:belt.bonnie@gmail.com) or by mail: Willits Holiday Craft Fair c/o Bonnie Belt, 2291 Buckeye Dr. Willits, CA 95490 and enclose a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope. Applications will be e-mailed to all previous year's applicants and new requests by August 31, 2018. Please note acceptance is subject to quality of work and earliest postmark date.

**END OF SUMMER PARTY!**

**ART FAIR**

LIVE MUSIC BY THE ARTISTS

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14

4PM - SUNSET

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Laytonville Rodeo Grounds

Falling Out of Summer Concert Series

September 20, continuing four weeks

Music in the park. Every Thursday, 6 to 8 pm, September 20 to October 11 at the Recreation Grove. The first act will be Willits native, Palmer Runberg, "a local talent who now plays in Nashville." He will be opening for Sam Mathews, also of Nashville. "Calling for bands. If you would like your band to be considered as a performer, please submit a Youtube link with at least two songs, a band resume and a link to your website, if you have one, to [sgsiera@cityofwillits.org](mailto:sgsiera@cityofwillits.org)." All genres considered. Submit by August 24. This is a paid gig.

**Drug Take Back Day**

September 8

"Make a Splash for Drug Prevention. Bring the Whole Family for a Free Pool Party and Drug Take Back Day. Do you have unused, unwanted or expired prescription medication? Do you know how to properly dispose of them? Did you know that there are two deaths from unintentional prescription opioid overdose each month in our county? That's twice the California average. You can help by doing your part to protect our children and youth from the opioid epidemic. Join us and have fun with the whole family while learning more about how we can work together to protect our community! Saturday, September 6, 12 to 5 pm at the Willits Community Pool. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Come for education, prizes and lots of fun! Free and open to the community."

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"Tomorrow," Now and Then Film Series

September 20

*Note: Willits Weekly ran this with an incorrect date in the August 16 edition.*

"Tomorrow" is not just a film, it is the beginning of a movement seeking to encourage local communities around the world to change the way they live for the sake of our planet. We urgently need to focus our efforts on changing our dreams before something irreversible happens to our planet. Today, we need a new direction, objective... A new dream! The documentary 'Tomorrow' sets out to showcase alternative and creative ways of viewing agriculture, economics, energy and education. It offers constructive solutions to act on a local level to make a difference on a global level. So far, no other documentary has gone down such an optimistic road.... Discussion after the film will empower us as a community! Info: [www.tomorrow-documentary.com/](http://www.tomorrow-documentary.com/). Your donation of \$5 or



A letter from ...

# The Principal of Willits Charter School, a Public School for the Arts and Sciences

Jennifer Lockwood

It has been a busy time at Willits Charter School this summer as we have been upgrading our facilities as well as bringing on new faculty and staff members. Billy Hetherington worked hard all summer remodeling the ceramics lab, carpeting some of the classrooms, and creating a covered garden area for our high school students.

High school students will now have the option to eat lunch off campus or in the

Garden Area. This will provide a scenic, quiet area for our high school students to eat lunch.

Willits Charter School for the Arts and Sciences has been fortunate in that we have been attracting new faculty and staff members that will not only help our students achieve academically, but will also help us grow our arts and music programs. This summer we welcomed Ashley Rodriguez as our new school registrar. Ms. Rodriguez brings talents in the area of special FX makeup, and will also teach Friday Academy

classes that will enhance our theater arts program.

We are bringing on math teacher David Strock for our eighth through 12th grade students. Mr. Strock comes to us with teaching experience in Sonoma as well as extensive theatrical experience. Mr. Strock directed the acclaimed musical "Chicago" in Fort Bragg that featured some of our high school students. He will be teaching our CP

Read the rest of **WCS** Over on Page 15



Above, from left: Learning about acorns at the Waldorf School of Mendocino County. Picking produce at the Waldorf school garden. Playing music is an important part of a Waldorf education.



A letter from ...

# The Waldorf School of Mendocino County

Spring Senerchia  
School Administrator

Dear parents, students and friends:

I love this time of year as each day is a little shorter and it seems I can almost catch my breath. At the same time there is intense activity on every school campus as dedicated teachers and staff prepare for a challenging and inspiring year for students. The back-to-school articles showcase all that is offered in our local schools. I am grateful there are so many diverse education options for all kinds of learners in Mendocino County.

At The Waldorf School of Mendocino County, we are proud to offer private Waldorf education for the 47th year. A

Waldorf education seeks to protect and support the whole child – head, heart and hands – through inspiring effective thinking, feeling and doing.

About half of our students live in Willits, along with much of our faculty and staff. Students from Lake County, Laytonville, Ukiah, Redwood Valley and Anderson Valley arrive to campus via informal carpools or on the Mendocino Transit Authority bus which delivers students right to our leafy 2.5-acre campus.

As we prepare for the 2018-19 school year, I am struck by the sense that change is underfoot. The wildfires, transformation of the local economy, and increase in people moving from and to our county can be disorienting, but also present us with an opportunity. In times of change, it is more important than ever to think outside of the box and respond appropriately. The mission of The Waldorf School of Mendocino County is to graduate students that can think independently and confidently engage with the world.

Based on ongoing reports from people who meet our graduates, I believe we are succeeding. A 2005 survey of 550 graduates revealed a passion for learning, intellectual



independence, integrity in social connections, and a sense of responsibility for the world.

The Waldorf movement is the largest and fastest-growing alternative and nonsectarian education system around the world. This growth is occurring organically, from a felt need for something different. The Waldorf School of Mendocino County is joining with over 1,000 other schools worldwide to prepare for the 100th year anniversary of Waldorf education. Since 1919, Waldorf education has sought to impart meaning, purpose, beauty, academic excellence, and a sense that the individual can make a difference in the world.

Starting in preschool, children are invited to explore their physical and social environments in

Read the rest of **Waldorf** Over on Page 11

## LEGAL NOTICES

WW174  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO  
Filed July 27, 2018  
CASE NUMBER SCUVCPT-18-71247  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS  
Petitioner **Earl Anthony Thompson** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**Earl Anthony Thompson to Earl Antonio Thompson and Earl Anthony Thompson to Earl Antonio Thompson**  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petitioner without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
Date: September 14, 2017, Time: 9:30 am, Dept. E, Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, 100 North State Street, Ukiah CA 95482  
Date: 07/27/2018  
s/Earl Anthony Thompson  
Pub dates 08/09, 08/16, 08/23, 08/30/2018

WW182  
Fictitious Business Name Statement  
2018-F0501  
The following person is doing business as S.E.E.D., 5799 Ridgewood Road, Willits, CA 95490; Rose Raiser Jeavons, 5798 Ridgewood Road, Willits, CA 95490.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 14, 2018.  
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on August 14, 2018.  
s/ Rose Raiser Jeavons  
Pub dates: 8/23, 8/30, 9/06 and 9/13/2018

WW176  
Fictitious Business Name Statement  
2018-F0415  
The following person is doing business as Uniq Illusions, 1726 South Main Street, Suite E, Willits, CA 95490; Hung Minh Pham, 531 Capps Lane, Apt. 63, Ukiah, CA 95482.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 11, 2018.  
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s/ Hung Minh Pham  
Pub dates: 8/9, 8/16, 8/23 and 8/30/2018

The rest of **Waldorf** From Page 10

emotionally warm and safe surroundings. Their creativity is cultivated through an abundance of imaginative play and stories, along with simple crafts, painting and music. At the same time, they experience self-reliance through cooking and cleaning chores. In first grade, children are introduced to letters and numbers through stories, forming an emotional connection that helps make reading, writing and arithmetic a living experience.

Through the grades, care is taken to ensure that math is understood tangibly. Every part of the curriculum is integrated, including music, mimicking the wholeness found in the natural world. Students learn much about the basic processes and technologies surrounding them, as well as practical skills, so that they leave school as empowered participants in the world around them. Much of their education occurs outside, developing a relationship with the nonhuman world of which people are a part.

This year we are excited to have a strong middle school presence on campus and are happily anticipating more advanced academic subjects: algebra, physics, anatomy, keyboarding. We are increasing our programming for cyber civics, classes that prepare our students to be responsible digital citizens in today's increasingly online world. Our middle school students will be seen more in the broader community as they fundraise for their eighth-grade field trip and participate in local science fairs.

WSMC is currently accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year, from preschool to seventh grade. Please contact us at 707-485-8719 or enroll@mendocinowaldorf.org, or visit us at www.mendocinowaldorf.org.

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**Mendocino County is recruiting for:**  
**Health & Human Services Agency**  
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\$69,721.60 - \$84,739.20 Annually  
(3% increase effective October 18, 2018)  
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EOE

**Current Job Openings:**  
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Animal Facility Attendant - Fort Bragg  
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Equipment Superintendent  
Librarian I/II  
Program Administrator  
Program Specialist II  
Public Defender Investigator  
Real Property Appraiser I/II/III  
Road Maintenance Supervisor I - Fort Bragg  
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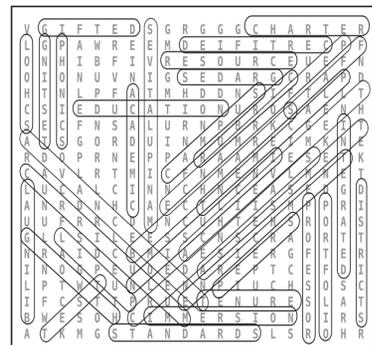


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## CLASSIFIEDS

**'A Woman Hero'**  
New Year's Day I was attacked in front of Safeway. You helped me and got the ambulance in the parking lot. Please call Priscilla @ Willits Senior Center Outreach: 707-459-6826.

**Help Wanted**  
AH-Home Health & Hospice is looking to fill the following positions: RN, PT- OT- ST & HHA FT, P/T & Per Diem available. Call H/R Trudy at 707-456-3230 or apply online at adventisthealth.org.

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Need help with your computer? I will come to your home or business. PC, Macintosh, Android and iOS devices. Repairs, configuration and tutoring. \$50/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email macamerigin@yahoo.com.

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# The Director of Willits Elementary Charter School

Kara McClellan

Willits Elementary Charter School will be opening its doors on August 27 for our seventh year! Charter schools were created to allow schools to experiment with innovative ideas. At WECS, we strive to offer a top-notch education for our students, as well as impact the broader Mendocino County school community.



We are delighted to announce that WECS will be able to offer nutritious meals to ALL students free of charge when school starts this year, regardless of income level. We offer a healthy brunch and hot lunch each day. We are committed to wellness for our students and our meals focus on whole grains, proteins, fresh fruits and vegetables. We continue to be a sugar-free campus.

Once again, WECS was selected by the Educational Results Partnership and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence as an Honor Roll school. This award recognizes schools with high academic achievement with a narrow gap in the achievement among student populations.

WECS grew this summer! We have added a small classroom and two offices to the administrative building. Most exciting is that the office window and door now are closer to the school gate. All of our drinking fountains have filters and our garden is as gorgeous as ever.

WECS continues to offer strong science, music, art, and Spanish programs. WECS has quality, low-cost before- and after-school programs. We also continue to offer free reading and math support for struggling students and many after-school enrichment clubs for our older students (including guitar, dance, science, yearbook, student council and more).

WECS is a free, public, K-5 charter

school for Willits and other local school district students. Our on-site classes are full with waitlists. However, we have several openings in our Independent Study program that blends home-based learning with on-site activities. Led by Becky Button, a veteran teacher with a Montessori background, a master's degree in teaching, and outdoor education experience, the WECS independent study program offers weekly on-site mixed-age classes as well as home study curriculum.

Ms. Button describes her program: "Independent study is a wonderful place to engage in project-based learning. I love diving deep into students' interests and using the flexibility independent study provides to really explore topics that are meaningful to them."

Some independent study projects include students becoming "Citizen Scientists" and recording bird migration data for Cornell Lab of Ornithology, weekly STEAM challenges (using science, technology, engineering, art and math to solve real-world problems), gardening and cooking units, and field trips throughout the community. Students in the independent study program are also able to attend the after-school program and take part in clubs.

Please call 459-1400 or visit our website at [www.willitselementarycharter.com](http://www.willitselementarycharter.com) if you have questions or would like to learn more about this year's independent study program. Parents who are interested in enrolling their child at Willits Elementary Charter School for the 2019-20 school year should submit applications before April 30, 2019 to ensure their child is included in our lottery. As always, our goal is to give our students the tools to develop integrity, compassion and confidence through inquiry-based learning. We look forward to another great year!



A letter from ...

# The Principal of La Vida Charter School

Ann Kelly

From spirals to Zspace: a year of discovery at La Vida

La Vida Charter School is excited to be embarking on another year with a wonderful faculty and staff who are all working hard to create engaging and fulfilling learning experiences for students and families.

All kindergarten through 12th-grade students at La Vida are in an independent study program that is crafted by highly qualified teachers to be a personal learning pathway. In addition, the majority of the students benefit from the culturally rich onsite program two days per week: Monday / Tuesday for elementary and Wednesday / Thursday for high school.

**Orientation**

Start the year out right! Get Organized! Make Goals! Meet your teacher!

<p><b>FOR ELEMENTARY</b> August 28th 9:30 to 3:10. A FULL DAY of fun workshops, class meetings &amp; curriculum. Check out. Be sure to arrive on time to start at 9:30.</p> <p>Child care for school age children only. Leave preschoolers with someone you trust. This is adult time. Snack will be provided. The school will close for lunch from 12-1:30.</p> <p>August 29th 10:00-2:00 is an alternate curriculum check out time.</p> <p>All of last year's curriculum must be checked out before new books can be checked out. La Vida Charter School 4/24/18</p>	<p><b>FOR HIGH SCHOOL</b> August 30th 9:30 am to 12:00 Or 6:30 to 8:30 pm Fun workshops, class meetings &amp; student curriculum checked out. Be sure to arrive on time.</p> <p>No child care</p>
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La Vida provides a comprehensive curriculum and the majority of core subjects are done at home, with parents playing a critical role in their child's education. Once a month, Morning Institutes help provide parents with professional development and the support they need to do the job as parent educators.

"Academics through Social Engagement" is the motto of the onsite program, which is also inspired by the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education, of which the school is a member. After two hours of math each day, including real-world math, students experience specialty electives, such as art, handwork, music, drama, science, American Sign Language, grid beam, herbal studies, rods and staves movement and more.

The fun starts this year with a Native American focus culminating in trips to the new native Wild Gardens Project at the Grace Hudson Museum and day-long workshops in paleotechnics with Tamara Wilder.

La Vida's back-to-school night is the Peace Day Ice Cream Social on September 18, and will be celebrated with the whole community doing a spiral dance. "Spirals in Nature" is the school theme this year. Spirals will be explored in math, art and science through the Fibonacci number sequence, growth patterns, galaxies, and sea shells. Students will study donated sea shells, personally collected from around the world by a local family.

This year's play performed at Thankfulness Feast, "The Pathfinders," is an original, written and directed by Mana Youngbear. Master calligrapher Jerri Jo Idarius will return, and so will Gary Martin, presenting Art Appreciation.

In high school, U.S. history through the Seabiscuit story is back. This year, based on the Seabiscuit story, students will create a hero's journey scenario in virtual reality on the Zspace computers. Science teachers are partnering with the UC Hopland Research and Extension Center for a variety of field trips and research projects.

Faculty and staff are: Marty Hinton, Lisa Burgess, Danielle Canaris, Nicolette Ferro, Andrew Miller, Fawn Bassett, Sarah Clark, Angela Lau, Isaac Hillhouse, Larry Cole, Karen Walsh, Meghan White, Edward Cannon, Kathleen Slowiczek, Michael Charnes, Mana Youngbear, Cody Dooly, Grace Rowan, Dan Miller and Nori Dolan.

Elementary parent orientation is August 28 and high school is August 30, with a morning and evening session. First day of school is September 4. Openings are available in ninth and 10th grade. For info, call 459-6344 or visit [www.lavidaschool.org](http://www.lavidaschool.org).

La Vida Charter School is located on Ridgewood Ranch, 16200 Highway 101. The ranch is 7 miles south of the center of Willits and 16 miles north of the center of Ukiah.

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provide the Little Lake Fire Protection District with a new firehouse – without a leaky roof, ADA-compliant, without a mold problem, and big enough for non-custom fire engines – allowing it to better serve the citizens of Willits. The replacement firehouse will be built on the same lot where the East Commercial Street firehouse currently stands.

The special tax Measure J will create if approved by two-thirds of the voters in the November 6 election would not exceed \$39 per unit – paid by property owners in the Little Lake Fire Protection District. A vacant parcel is considered one unit, and a parcel with a residence is considered two units. The special tax is estimated to raise \$409,500 each year it is in effect.

Without local funding, the firehouse project would not be possible. Grant funds are not available, the board was told, as neither state nor federal entities provide grants for projects of this kind.

However, unlike some tax measures, the funding for Measure J will not roll over to another project once the firehouse loan is paid off.

The motion to accept the language and details of Measure J as submitted was approved.

On August 14, discussion concerning the firehouse project and Measure J continued. The loan application for the new firehouse has been submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The contractor who completed the submission has been working on the loan application since 2012, and intends to see the project through to the end.

A response from the USDA regarding the loan is expected sometime this fall before the November election. Measure J lawn signs will be available at the firehouse in September.

### Digital map grant received

Last month, the Little Lake Fire Protection District celebrated the receipt of a digital map grant. Work on the newly approved maps through FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program is underway. A cartographer has been identified and hired with the task of creating a mapping system that will allow firefighters to make accurate, efficient calls and navigate with certainty during a disaster. During the encroaching Redwood fire in 2017, firefighters had analogue maps only, a potential safety hazard.

### New radios for Willits firefighters

In addition, a grant from the Volunteer Firefighter Association was approved for new communication radios. This is a 50/50 grant, which allows the department to purchase a new radio and receive another through grant funding. The radios will allow first responders to manage opposite sides of an incident without losing the ability to communicate with each other.

### Illegal campfires spark concern

Though not on the agenda, when asked about the issue concerning people living outdoors and lighting campfires in this dry weather, Chief Wilkes mentioned some concern about lighting illegal fires on private property.

"My main concern," he said, "is our polluted creek beds and the lack of a plan for cleanup."

Wilkes also expressed a desire to gather stakeholders on the issue, formulate a plan, and put it into action.

It is important to note that safety regarding hazardous materials at these sites necessitates special equipment and education before action can take place safely. The public is discouraged from organizing clean-up crews without specific safety gear.

### LLFD: July 'busiest month of the year'

In his report to the board, Chief Wilkes identified July as the busiest month of the year so far. Fires, traffic collisions, and service calls topped the list at 17, 16, and 18 incidents respectively. There were five calls for medical emergencies, six for miscellaneous hazards, and four for non-threatening events. That's a total of 66 calls in Willits alone.

Firefighters have responded to 380 calls so far this year.

Not only was July a busy month locally, Willits welcomed the safe return of a strike team sent to Redding to fight the Carr fire from July 26 to August 8. The Little Lake Fire Protection District is home to one of two agency strike team leaders in Mendocino County: a point of pride for the community and an invaluable educational resource for local volunteers.

"People from out of the area call us when they need help," explained Michelle Schnitzius, administrative manager for Little Lake Fire, about the merits of having a professional with strike team leadership experience in the Little Lake District.

Persons interested in volunteering with Little Lake Fire as a firefighter or other community service member, may call 459-6271, or visit the firehouse at 74 East Commercial Street.

# County releases Fire Recovery Work Plan

A41-page "Redwood Complex Fire: Recovery Project Work Plan," released in early July, calls for \$75.9 million dollars in expenditures to help rebuild Redwood Valley and create economic resiliency throughout much of the rest of the county. Of that amount, \$10.35 million has already been received, or pledged. Another \$26.1 million has been identified as being available through potential sources of funding.

Assuming the county will receive every grant it has identified as a potential source of funding, \$39.5 million will be needed to fund all the projects identified by the county's Fire Recovery Team as necessary or desirable to allow the central part of the county to recover from the October 2017 fire.

The Fire Recovery Team has asked for public comment on the document. However, the public comment period ended on August 13. The plan may nevertheless be read online at [www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=22092](http://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=22092).

The main author of the plan, Kirstin Johnson, was hired in spring 2018, but her employment with the county recently ended.

The plan is remarkable in several ways. First, it asks the county to spend \$30 million to build at least 220 new affordable housing units in the Ukiah area. It recommends the county set aside \$7.2 million to be used to aid fire victims without fire insurance on October 8, 2017, or who were underinsured, so they can rebuild their homes. It also recommends the county set aside an additional \$4 million to provide rebates to people who want to use fire safe building materials when they rebuild their homes.

It assesses the cost of rebuilding and retrofitting the Redwood Valley County Water District infrastructure at \$9.3 million. The report notes that the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is offering a grant valued at \$5.9 million to replace water mains and laterals needed to upgrade the district's infrastructure, and State Senator Mike McGuire has appropriated \$2 million in the state budget to serve as match money, if the County of Mendocino and the Redwood Valley Water District get the grant.

That would mean there will be a \$1.4 million shortfall if the county gets the grant and McGuire's fire recovery set-aside is still there when needed.

The report states it will cost \$8.1 million to repair public roads damaged by fire. It also notes FEMA has already obligated \$5.8 million for that work, while the Federal Highway Authority

has approved county requests for funding for three projects in Redwood and Potter valleys.

However, the FHA has denied funding requests for two other fire-damage road projects.

The most far-reaching aspect of the report may be the section detailing the county's progress and intention to create the position of Economic Recovery director. To that end, the county has applied for a two-year \$497,000 grant, which funds the position and provides \$50,000 each to West Company and the Economic Development Finance Corporation, who will serve as consultants to the Economic Recovery director.

The report suggests the county should be prepared to invest \$1.5 million to enhance economic resiliency.

It also notes that Ukiah businessman Ross Liberty is seeking a \$9 million grant to develop infrastructure and paved roads on his industrial park at the former Masonite site on North State Street in Ukiah.

Report author Johnson suggested the county develop and maintain what she termed a "whole community approach" to implementing its plans for fire recovery.

She detailed the advantages of that approach. "A whole community approach engages broad inclusion for all who may be affected in the case of an emergency. The County Fire Recovery Team will continue to build partnerships with local tribal governments to collaborate on project planning for the safety of all individuals, families and communities.

"More outreach is needed into other regional areas of the county, including a diversity of age groups, socioeconomic sectors, cultural groups, and non-English speaking communities to assure accessibility and bring forward full participation in both immediate and long-term recovery and to plan for future resilience," Johnson wrote in the plan. "A comprehensive strategy also positions Mendocino County for grant funding to implement identified projects across the functional areas of community emergency preparedness, housing, infrastructure, economic resiliency, health and human services, natural systems, and cultural resources.

"The implementation of these projects," she noted, "will increase the resilience of the areas impacted by the October 2017 wildfires as well as the diverse communities throughout the county in the face of increasing threats from wildfires and other climate change-related disasters."

# \$2,000 scholarships available for best student videos featuring special districts

Sacramento – What is a special district? You tell us! Better yet, show us, and perhaps win a scholarship.

The "Districts Make the Difference" 2018 Student Video Contest for high school and college students challenges would-be filmmakers to produce a 60-second video that tells the story of a special district or districts in their community. The goal of each video is to increase public awareness and understanding of California's special districts and the services they provide to residents.

Entries may be submitted between August 27 and September 30. Finalists will be announced November 1, and winners announced in December.

The competition gives entrants an opportunity to practice filmmaking with the potential to win a \$2,000 scholarship while learning about perhaps the most enigmatic arm of local government – often unsung special districts that provide a wide range of specialized, focused services throughout California. Contestants may choose to tell the story of a local sewer and sanitation district, fire or public safety district, water district, or even a cemetery or park district. Contestants may work alone or in a team effort. Some may zoom their cameras in on something as specific as a mosquito abatement, airport, or healthcare districts. Others may choose to explore a complement of special districts that work together and provide a network of essential, specialized services to their community.

The video contest is organized by Districts Make the Difference, the public outreach campaign launched by the California Special Districts Association to highlight the important work of the almost 2,000 special districts in California. "This contest is one of our favorite programs each year," noted Neil McCormick, CEO of CSDA. "It provides students with the opportunity to learn about districts, show off their artistic talents, and express those talents in a way that helps educate the public – and perhaps win a scholarship in the process."

Entries will be judged using four criteria: accuracy and effectiveness, creativity and originality, production quality and entertainment value. Last year, videos were submitted from all over the state. Once submitted, a panel of CSDA officials will select five finalist videos, which will go through a month-long period of public voting to determine the winners. First, second and third-place scholarships will be awarded.

For more information about the contest and review the application and rules, visit: <http://districtsmakethedifference.org/video-contest>.

Formed in 1969, the California Special Districts Association is a 501(c)(6), not-for-profit association that promotes good governance and improved core local services through professional development, advocacy, and other services for all types of independent special districts. CSDA's members provide water, sewer, fire protection, parks, healthcare and other essential local services to millions of Californians.

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# Sex offender held for violating parole

A 25-year-old high-risk sex offender is being held without bail in county jail following an August 15 parole search of his Brooktrails home.

Jonathan Hoppner was paroled to Mendocino County in March 2017 following multiple sexual battery convictions in Sonoma County, according to Sheriff's Lt. Shannon Barney.

As a condition of his supervised release, Hoppner was prohibited from having access to social media sites used by minors, Barney said.

Yet during an early afternoon parole search of Hoppner's home in the 24100 block of Birch Place, sheriff's detectives found evidence that Hoppner "had been accessing and engaging persons on social media sites, placing him in violation of the terms of his parole."

Barney added the ages of the persons Hoppner interacted with "are unknown."

Hoppner wasn't at home during the parole search, but detectives returned to his residence shortly after 4 pm and took him into custody.

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



Jonathan Hoppner of Willits.

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however – the expected full containment date is still September 1 – and 3,774 total personnel were still on duty as of Wednesday evening, fighting the record-breaking fire, the largest in recorded California history.

"The Ranch fire continued to burn through portions of grass, timber and brush in the steep terrain in north and northeastern portions of the fire area," Cal Fire reported in its Wednesday evening update. "Fire activity is expected to decrease this evening due to increased humidity and lower temperatures. Firefighters continue prepping for and executing firing operations as conditions allow. Crews will prep around structures to limit the impacts of fire spread around structures within the fire line."

Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman and Lake County Sheriff Brian Martin attended the funeral Monday of Battalion Chief Matt Burchett, of the Draper City, Utah, Fire Department, who was killed on August 13 while working on an active portion of the Ranch fire.

Little Lake Firefighters Association firefighter Dion Beckmann represented the Little Lake Fire District and Willits at the services as well, and brought donations from the Brooktrails and Willits fire departments for the fund set up for Burchett's family, as well as gratitude from the 95490 community.

The U.S. Forest Service announced that as of 7 am Wednesday morning, the California Interagency Incident Management Team 3 had assumed command of the western zone of the Ranch fire, while Cal Fire Team 2 would continue to manage the eastern zone. Ukiah will continue to host the incident command post for the western zone, and a new ICP is being set up at the firegrounds in Orland for the eastern zone.

# Roots Steam-Up

This year's festival is set for September 8 and 9, the weekend after Labor Day

This year we expect the Roots of Motive Power Festival – set for Saturday, September 8 and Sunday, September 9 – will be our best event ever. The weekend after Labor Day, whistles will be tooting and bells ringing at the Roots facility across from the Rec Grove, as Roots steams up for the 40th year in a row.

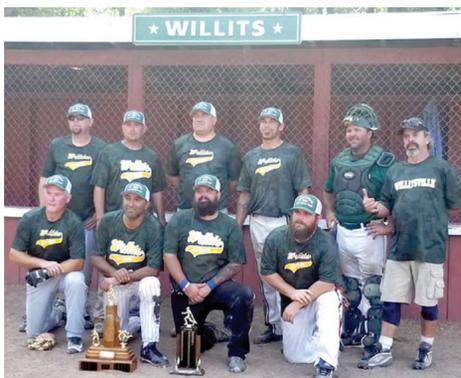
Historic train rides and old logging equipment demonstrations will be going on throughout the festival featuring: steam locomotives, a steam shovel, steam rollers, stationary engines, and tractors. During the festival, watch out for the famous bandit Black Bart who, with his gang, have been at it again, robbing trains in our area.

On Saturday, September 8, our annual Appreciation Barbecue begins at 4 pm. We will be serving locally raised pork, lamb and beef (\$15 adults/\$6 kids). Live music, a silent auction and a raffle will fill the afternoon with cheers. And don't miss the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, our guests in Recreation Grove Park, along with the Willits Shifters Classic Car Club.

Then on Sunday, the antique machine show continues with the addition of Steam Roller Street Printing. Our 1924 Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller will be making lineoum prints with the help of talented artists from around the state. You can try your hand at print-making and say you did it with an antique steam roller!

All in all, it's a unique show you won't want to miss: Save the date: September 8 and 9, 2018 for the Roots of Motive Power Festival. Directions: From Main Street in Willits, turn on East Commercial Street – you'll find Roots at 420 East Commercial Street.

– Submitted by Roots of Motive Power



Congratulations to the Willits Old Timers team for their narrow victory against Laytonville, in the 81st annual Old Timers Baseball Game on Saturday. Willits won 11-10.

The Old Timers Baseball Game is a celebration of America's national pastime, played each August at Harwood Park in Laytonville. It's a long-standing friendly rivalry between two neighboring towns.

Willits won in 2017, too, and will now get to keep the traveling version of the Boomer Kelton Trophy for another year.

# Another Win for Willits



Above, left: Members of the Willits Team pose together with their trophy.

Photo by Johnetta Thomen

Above: The commemorative ball cap for the 81st annual Old Timer's Game.

Photo by Holly Madrigal



Above, left: Roots of Motive Power's Heister steam locomotive. Above, right: The 1924 Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller heads for the barn. Far left: Heading to the Trainmaster's Office for tickets for rides on the historic train. At left: The crowd enjoys the Roots BBQ at the Rec Grove.

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project and removal of Scott Dam, which forms Lake Pillsbury.

The two counties are almost diametrically opposed in their assessment of the Potter Valley Project, a tiny hydroelectric power plant that siphons water from the Eel River, runs it through a tunnel to generate 9.2 megawatts of power in Potter Valley. The project also channels an average of 159,000-acre feet of water a year from the Eel River into the Russian River.

When full, Lake Mendocino holds 122,400-acre feet of water.

"Since the completion of Coyote Valley Dam in 1959," the resolution notes, "the water released from the Potter Valley Project has been impounded and stored in Lake Mendocino and used for irrigation of crops, as well as domestic, municipal and industrial water supplies and has also provided significant recreational and environmental benefits and supports a hydroelectric project at Lake Mendocino.

"The direct and indirect economic value of this water supply annually derived from agricultural production within Mendocino County has been estimated at \$775 million with additional significant economic benefits in Sonoma County."

The Mendocino County resolution also points that more than 500,000 people "benefit directly or indirectly from the Potter Valley Project."

The Humboldt County resolution, however, looks at the Potter Valley Project differently:

"Residents and communities within Humboldt County depend on the Eel River for water supply, fishing, recreation, and many other uses," it notes, and Humboldt County "recognizes the importance of the Eel River to the Wiyot Tribe, Bear River Rancheria, Blue Lake Rancheria, Round Valley Indian Tribes, and other affected tribes for ceremonial, medicinal, practical, and subsistence uses."

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Theater Arts class for high school students as well as a variety of mathematics courses.

Mary Linklater is our new special education instructor, as well as a highly experienced music teacher. Some career highlights include being the principal of the Huntington Conservatory of Music. She has recently been a music specialist for the Fort Bragg Unified School District, and will be teaching drumming here at WCS.

To teach our independent study program as well as high school social studies, we bring on Christopher Scott. Mr. Scott comes with extensive teaching experience in Potter Valley. He is the perfect candidate for independent study as he has successfully taught almost every subject. He was also an instructor for the Pinoleville Pomo Nation YouthBuild Project, with a variety of talents in the areas of leadership, technology, and outdoor education.

Another exciting change to our program is a new middle school math program called Eureka Math. Eureka Math is a refined version of the math program we used last year. Eureka Math is one of the top math programs in the United States, receiving high scores in the area of rigor and mathematical practices. This is a challenging program, and we highly recommend our students stay for tutorial after school and make sure they complete their homework nightly to achieve math success.

In addition to a new math program, we are also introducing coding and computer science courses for both our middle and high school students. Two of our staff members went to extensive training over the summer and are excited to bring computer science to WCS. We are so excited to be able to open future career opportunities to our student in the area of coding.

This year Willits Charter School is able to provide nutritious meals to all students free of charge. Families will no longer have to worry about receiving a lunch bill, and students will be well-fed so they can focus on success in academics. This is due to the passing of SB 138. We will still need all families to provide financial information for other categorical funding we receive, but we will no longer be collecting money for brunches and / or lunches. For our families that paid full price for brunch and lunch, this is an annual savings of \$787.50 for the school year.

WCS is also proud to be named a #ERPHonorRoll school, which recognizes high-performing, achievement gap-closing schools across the state. The Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll, sponsored by CBEE, is the only school recognition program in California using student achievement outcomes as the criteria. The Honor Roll is a valuable resource for all schools to identify successful peers and learn about best practices that are improving student achievement.

School begins on August 27 at 8:30 am. We start off the school year with an all-school field trip to Big River Beach on Friday, August 31. This trip is tons of fun and a great way to start the school year. Please call the school at 459-5506 if you are interested in learning more about Willits Charter School!

The Potter Valley Project, Humboldt County claims, "has contributed to habitat degradation, declining fish populations, economic losses, and loss of recreational opportunities" and "redistributed the natural wealth of the Eel River to the detriment of downstream communities in Humboldt County," depriving those residents of "fully utilizing the resources of the Eel River."

The Mendocino County resolution, on the other hand, affirms "the Potter Valley Project provides a critically important section of [the county's] water supply infrastructure, and because of this fact, the [county] supports and will protect the continued diversion of water from the Eel River through the Potter Valley Project at current rates, amounts and timing."

The county also will continue "to actively participate in the hydropower relicensing process administered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and will work in good faith with all stakeholders, in both the Eel River and Russian River watersheds, who share the goals of preserving historic beneficial uses while enhancing riverine conditions that will result in attaining sustainable populations of listed species of concern in both rivers."

The county endorses "the Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission's desire to acquire the Potter Valley Project from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and to continue producing hydroelectric power under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's license conditions," as well as "regional fisheries' restoration efforts."

The county believes "it is incumbent upon all affected stakeholders to work diligently in a collaborative process to protect our shared water and public trust resources in both the Russian and the Eel Rivers."

Humboldt County, however, "believes that decommissioning and full or partial removal of the Potter Valley Project is inevitable due to the aging infrastructure,

only one main road in and out.

Weller asked supervisors to direct Dow and Associates, the staff for the Mendocino Council of Governments, to assist the group in obtaining copies of previous studies for the Brooktrails Second Access project.

Brooktrails resident Doreen Blumenfeld wants supervisors to create an early warning system to alert county residents when a disaster occurs in their neighborhood. Blumenfeld thanked the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office for recently adopting the Nixle system, but said that either the county or the Sheriff's Office should also hire a public information officer to work with Nixle. "Otherwise it's like using a flashlight with no batteries, when it's dark," she said.

"Facebook is not enough. Reverse 9-1-1 is not enough. We need an early warning system so we can choose to leave," she said.

The Sheriff's Office already had – and will continue to utilize as well – an emergency alert system through Everbridge which allows residents to receive alerts through a home or mobile phone, email, or texts.

Third District supervisorial candidate John Haschak, who has been attending meetings of the board of supervisors regularly for the past three months, urged the board to continue to work on expanding ingress and egress routes for Brooktrails and for other isolated communities in the county, and to work on Brooktrails Second Access issues.

Brooktrails Board of Directors member Tina Tyler-O'Shea asked the county to grade and maintain the western fork of Sherwood Road, which runs from the junction heading north to Laytonville westward to Fort Bragg.

She also asked the county to direct the Department of Transportation to apply for a Caltrans' climate adaptation planning grant, which would provide money for county transportation staff to work on issues like Brooktrails second access and Brooktrails emergency ingress-and-egress routes.

She told supervisors that Director of Transportation Howard Dashiell told Supervisor Georgette Crosey he did not have enough available staff in his department to apply for the grant.

Tyler-O'Shea noted there were other departments in the county that could work on the grant application – and named several.

Maria Bates said she wanted the county to put up sirens in the Brooktrails area to notify residents in case of emergency.

Paloma Hill suggested the county create an early warning system. "The county has an evacuation notification system. That's it," Hill said. "In the last three weeks, there were eight fires adjacent to the Sherwood Road corridor. There was no notification, but we managed to pick it up and to notify each other with our phone system. We are picking up information that the county already has, and we are not getting it directly from the county. Please set up a system to address this."

Keith Rutledge told supervisors that various sources of funding are now available to assist local groups working on vegetation management along private roads. He asked supervisors to provide additional funding to the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, so it can leverage available funding to assist various local groups engaged in that work.

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clear and communicated, but that they continue our compliance and our understanding of the ordinance," Holmes told the board.

"One of the things that has been very challenging is to make sure that what is actually happening at the sites is represented in the document we all use to regulate the sites," he said.

"After over a year of being involved, we have been making the best progress I have seen since coming on board with the county," he added.

Holmes said he has been working with Code Enforcement Manager Trent Taylor "in determining what our final policies are."

"Yes, the permit lives in the Department of Ag," Holmes said, "but as [Commissioner of Agriculture Harinder] Grewal has said, our goal is to create a collaborative effort among all the departments involved in cannabis. That is complicated, but it is moving forward. And we're proud of that."

In the end, Holmes said, "we will finalize exactly how folks can go about renewing their permit, completing their tasks so they can either go on a notice of an application stay, or take a break if they've been issued a permit.

"Everyone has needs we are trying to get to," Holmes noted. "It is taking us some time. But if everyone continues to work with the department, I believe we will continue to see success."

**Latest permit numbers**

At the supervisors' August 7 meeting, Commissioner Grewal presented the latest report on the county's cannabis cultivation permit program.

As of July 30, the county had received 973 permit requests, issued 180, approved 47, and issued and approved 227. Forty-four permit requests have been withdrawn, 20 have been denied, 496 are under review, and another 186 are awaiting action.

During Grewal's report to the board of supervisors, Second District Supervisor John McCowen asked whether there was "a plan to expedite permit review?"

Grewal replied he and his staff were compiling a list of policies and procedures for the cannabis unit, and once they were in place "we'll be able to move more quickly. That is the plan. That is my hope. That is my belief: that it will speed up the work."

At Tuesday's board meeting, Grewal referred supervisors to the July 30 figures as being the most current.

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County Resource Conservation District, so it can leverage available funding to assist various local groups engaged in that work.

Louis "Bigfoot" Schultz decried the lack of a second access route for Brooktrails and the stalemate he claimed resulted when the owner of the St. Francis Ranch, just east of Brooktrails, denied technical staff access to his property. "To me, this is an eminent domain issue. I talked to Howard Dashiell and he told me the owner of the land won't allow anybody on his land to do an EIR. And if he doesn't allow anybody on his land to do an EIR, then nothing moves forward.

"The second option ... would be through the KOA. The owner of KOA," Schultz claimed, "doesn't want the second access through his property, even an emergency second access.

Schultz asked supervisors to pressure property owners to cooperate. "In terms of a long-term second access," he said, "it's got to be one or the other."

"I just really wanted to commend the Sherwood Firewise group and the Brooktrails area," said Third District Supervisor Georgette Crosey. "The firewise group had died down, and there's new life in it, and they are doing a lot for that area.

"I've had worked with them on some of the memoranda of understandings and signage, but they are doing a lot for their area, and even for people who are not involved, I hope they realize how much the firewise group is doing for this community."

Supervisor John McCowen and Sheriff Tom Allman said they would like to see the general item agendized for a future board meeting. Board Chairman Dan Hamburg replied the item had already been agendized for discussion and potential action at the September 25 board meeting.

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housed, on average, about 14 youths per day. The average jail population is about 300 inmates a day.

"It's a question of scale," Locatelli said.

Supervisor Dan Gjerde said the ad hoc committee recently appointed by the board to identify cost-saving measures at the hall is looking for more ways to save money there.

When county staff submitted a proposed budget to supervisors on June 5, county CEO Carmel Angelo recommended closing the hall and transporting youths, who otherwise would be destined for the hall, to the juvenile hall in Sonoma County. Supervisors rejected Angelo's proposal and instead found an additional \$1.18 million to keep the hall open.

However, at the time it was recognized the decision to keep juvenile hall open was potentially temporary. In the board of supervisors' response to the grand jury's report on the juvenile hall, the supervisors' ad hoc committee charged with drafting responses to the grand jury wrote: "Absent significant cost savings or additional revenue, the decision to keep juvenile hall open may be revisited.

# ‘Follow My Ride’

Cowgirl makes a stop at Ridgewood Ranch on 150-mile ride through California and Oregon

By **Roni McFadden**

A lot has been said about the downside of social media. But, sometimes, some very good things happen because of it. One such case in point is the story of Deanne Sanderson.

I first heard of Sanderson's story when she contacted me through social media. The 56-year-old woman was looking for a place for her and her 17-year-old Arab / Morgan cross mare, Paris, to stay on her return trip during a month-long journey throughout California and Oregon.

Sanderson started planning her trip in February. Using a good old-fashioned road atlas, she mapped her course. Sanderson knew her destination in Salem, Oregon, but needed stops along the way and wanted to find people to show her the trails.

That's when she went to Facebook to find fellow equestrians. "Old Cowgirls Never Die – We Keep Riding" and "Horse Trails & Camping Across America" were great places to make contact. Not only did people offer to show the trails, some offered their ranches for overnights. The plan was put into action.

She started out July 2 in her hometown of Escondido. Her ultimate goal was to meet up with her daughter, Michaela, and camp around Oregon for a few weeks.

So, north she went, stopping to camp at places such as Shasta Valley Ranch, and finally reaching Salem and the home of her daughter. Together they went to many different spots in Oregon, sometimes just a day ride and sometimes camping for several days at horse camps. Those three weeks went by fast and before she knew it, it was time to head home. Her original route home took her east to the Lassen area, but she had to change those plans because of the fires.

So, back to social media Sanderson went. She got on the "Old Cowgirls" page and started looking for members of the page who lived along the 101 corridor instead of the planned route on I-5. She scanned some names and then saw my profile with a picture of my leopard Appaloosa horse. That was a

perfect fit since Michaela's 25-year-old horse, Dottie, is also a leopard appy!

Sanderson contacted me and asked if I knew of anywhere in Willits that an old cowgirl traveling alone with her horse could hold up for the night. I said, "I just might! How would you like to stay at Ridgewood Ranch, home of Seabiscuit?" Since I am on the board of the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, I quickly arranged for Sanderson to stay at the Ridgewood Ranch overnight.

On August 1, after spending two nights in Orick and riding through the redwoods both from Orick Rodeo grounds and Cuneo Creek, Sanderson pulled her truck and trailer into the ranch and parked in front of the historic mare barn where Paris got to spend the night in one of the stalls.

Ellen Bartholomew and Jacqueline Cooper graciously invited her to join them for dinner. She got a tour of the ranch and was fascinated by the history, past and present. Thursday morning started off with a horseback ride that included the two redwood groves on the ranch with Bartholomew and myself. Time went by far too fast and soon it was time to wish this newfound friend a safe journey home.

I asked her what made her decide to do a trip like this. She said the main thing was riding and camping with her daughter who is in her last year of college. The timing was right as both she and Paris are fit and healthy.

In all, she spent 153 miles in the saddle, and the most ridden in one day was 15.5 miles. She drove four to five hours each day from one destination to the next and logged 3,451 miles on her trusty Ford truck, rolling over 200K miles while on the trip. Asked what her favorite part of the trip was, she said being with her daughter, and all the new friends she made along the way. Her plan was to be home on August 4.

Sanderson has a Facebook page devoted to her journey called "Follow My Ride," if you would like to know more.

*Roni McFadden is the author of "The Longest Trail" and "Josephine – A Tale of Hope and Happy Endings."*

**Editor's Note: Ridgewood Ranch is the beautiful setting for the annual "Claws for a Cause" fundraiser, on Saturday, September 1, from 6 to 9 pm, at the historic Howard House. The event, to benefit the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, features a lobster and filet mignon dinner prepared by Adam's Restaurant, live and silent auctions, wine and live music by the Ed Reinhart Band. Hosted by Willits Rotary Club and Redwood Empire Lions Club. Dinner tickets are \$80 and available at Willits Furniture Center and DFM Auto Repair in Ukiah.**



At top: Deanne Sanderson's horse trailer advertises her Facebook page called "Follow My Ride," which is devoted to her journey.

Above, left: Ellen Bartholomew on Biscuit, Roni McFadden on Taylor, and Deanne Sanderson on Paris tour the Ridgewood Ranch on horseback. Above, right: Paris rests in Seabiscuit's historic mare barn.

At left: Paris checks out the Seabiscuit memorial statue.

Below: Deanne Sanderson sits atop her 17-year-old Arab / Morgan cross mare, Paris, in front of the stud barn at Ridgewood Ranch.

Photos submitted by Roni McFadden



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