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Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

2017 Patriot's Day Ceremony

To the Editor:

Each year, American Legion Post 174 has conducted a "Remembrance" ceremony honoring local firefighters, law enforcement and first responders, and commemorating the valiant efforts that occurred on 9-11-2001. This year, this will be a joint effort (Willits High School and the American Legion, Willits Post 174) in that the post will conduct a brief, 15 minutes maximum ceremony on Monday, September 11 at 12 pm in the parking area in front of the main Willits High School building, near the flagpole. Please join us as we pay tribute to those who died and those who gave so much on that "day of infamy" and the following days.

Note: Parking for the public is available at the north end of the school parking lot. Seating is not provided due to the brevity of the ceremony.

**Roger Ham, commander,
American Legion, Willits Post 174**

Steaming up this weekend

To the Editor:

Roots of Motive Power, Mendocino County's all-volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of antique steam and diesel-powered equipment used in the North Coast logging industry, will host its annual Appreciation Barbeque & Fundraiser Saturday, September 9, at the Recreation Grove in Willits.

The BBQ, held during Roots' Annual Steam-Up event, happening on Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10, provides a hearty dinner of grilled beef, pork or lamb, green salad, pasta salad, potato salad, baked beans, and garlic bread, finished off with a slice of pie and scoop of ice cream. Tickets are available in advance at Cat's Meow and The Book Juggler in Willits and are \$15 for adults or \$5 for children under 10. Beer, wine or soft drinks will also be available for purchase.

During the weekend, all running equipment in the Roots collection will be fired up and operating, including a Bucyrus Erie steam shovel digging on the dirt pile along with the bulldozers and the Heisler locomotive pulling passenger cars and giving free rides to the public.

Everyone is invited to come see this massive machinery brought to life all day Saturday in the Roots yard adjacent to the Mendocino County Museum then meander across the street to the Rec Grove for early dinner beginning at 4 pm. A fundraising raffle and auction will take place after the dinner, and BBQ attendees present will be eligible for a special drawing.

The Steam-Up will continue Sunday with hot dogs and snacks available behind the museum. Info: 489-8644.

Lee Bryant, Roots of Motive Power, Willits

Measure B forum

To the Editor:

Please mark your calendars. The American Association of University Women, AAUW, will be presenting a Forum on Ballot Measure B. Sunday, October 1, from 3 to 5 pm, at the Little Lake Grange, School and Pine streets. More information about forum details to follow in September. Please let others know who would appreciate the early notification, thank you very much!

Carlin Diamond, Willits

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Willits Peace Day celebration

To the Editor:

On September 21, peace lovers all over the world will celebrate International Day of Peace (http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org). This year's theme is "Together for Peace: Respect, Safety, and Dignity for All."

Peace-lovers in Willits will gather at Willits High School, beginning at 5 pm until 8:30 pm on September 21, to celebrate Peace Day in our community with food, music, dance and poetry. There will also be prayers and blessings for peace from multiple traditions, including KonKow/Maidu, Pomo, Christian, Jewish, Buddhist and other, non-religious perspectives.

Rotary Club of Willits is sponsoring this event in collaboration with the Willits High School Rainbow Peace Club and its faculty adviser, Carolyn Bakewell, Nuestra Alianza, a group of local Mexican-American people and their allies, various local faith leaders, and numerous other groups and individuals.

As Willits Rotary Club's peace chair, I began contacting various people in the community last spring, many of whom have long worked for peace. Every single one responded with great enthusiasm for a local Peace Day celebration. Some, like Emandal Chorale Director Don Willis, were already beginning to plan their own Peace Day events. Thanks to a large and diverse planning committee, this promises to be a very exciting and inspiring evening!

Willits native Wallace Clark will open the program with a ceremonial song from his tradition - Wallace is chief of the KonKow band of Maidu, involuntarily relocated to Willits from the Chico area about 150 years ago.

On behalf of Willits Rotary, Mayor Gerry Gonzalez will present a new peace pole to Willits High School and the Rainbow Peace Club, inscribed in eight languages (Spanish, English, Arabic, Hebrew, Russian, Japanese, Swahili and Pomo) with this message and prayer: "May Peace Prevail on Earth." The new WHS peace pole will be one of four peace poles in Willits and one of thousands worldwide. (http://www.peacepoleproject.org).

Our International Peace Day program features people of all ages with an emphasis on young dancers, artists, musicians and poets. Baile Folklorico will present three different groups of Mexican-American children performing traditional Mexican dances. Also featured are Emandal Chorale, a WHS band, the Willits Interfaith Council, Jennifer Sookne of the 2017 Mendocino Pride Committee, and, we hope, Pomo speakers/performers, who have tentatively accepted our invitation.

Dinner will be provided from 5 to 6 pm at no charge, while it lasts, voluntary donations accepted. The free, bilingual program (Spanish and English) runs from 6:30 to 8:15 pm with a 10 minute intermission.

For more information call, please or e-mail me: 459-2456, rcovin13@gmail.com. Please join us in the spirit of peace!

Randi Covin, Brooktrails

Lack of input on cannabis

To the Editor:

The unfortunate reality about legalizing cannabis is not the legalization itself but the way in which the legalization is implemented and how it affects the community. If all the parties get together and have ongoing discussion, a community can understand and accept the changes that need to be made. This is not what happened and/or is continuing to happen in Mendocino County.

Legalization of growing cannabis does not mean that the whole infrastructure of the county needs to be changed to satisfy the law. What it does mean is that cannabis growing needs to be woven into the current infrastructure, and the communities in the county need to have a role in accepting and making changes that work for their community.

The framework for the land use in this county is the zoning codes, which define how each tract of land is to be used, e.g. residential, rural residential, agriculture, commercial, forest, rangeland, etc.

The legalization of cannabis did not eliminate these zones. These zones are the structure through which growing cannabis should be implemented. What has happened is with the stroke of a pen each zone has become commercial. This did not happen because the law required it; this

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Correction: In the "Wolverines Football" story in the August 31, 2017 edition of Willits Weekly, due to an error in the roster provided by Willits High School, the JV football player wearing jersey #2 in one of the photos was misidentified: the Wolverine football player was Sophomore Carson Miller.

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McGuire, Wood and Huffman statements on DACA

Editor's note: Here are statements from Mendocino County's representatives Mike McGuire, Jim Wood and Jared Huffman issued Tuesday, September 5 after Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the Trump Administration's plan to end the DACA - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals - program that had protected nearly 800,000 young undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children from deportation.

State Senator Mike McGuire

McGuire and California stand with our Dreamers

"The young people who are at the heart of President Trump's decision today have done nothing wrong. In many cases, America is the only home they have ever known, and it is the country that they love. Dreamers are serving in our military and rescuing flood victims in Houston. They are small business owners and make California one of the most successful states in America. Diversity is who we are in California. It's what makes this state strong and our economy thrive. That is why California will stand with the 200,000 young people who are DREAMERS in the Golden State and defend their rights and fight this cruel decision by our president in the halls of our capitol to the streets of our communities and in the court of law." - Senator Mike McGuire

Assemblyman Jim Wood

Defend DACA - Stand with the DREAMERS

The DREAMERS who were brought to this country as young children, and who are American to their core, deserve better. As a member of the legislature, I will do everything I can to protect these young people, who know no other country but America.

Congressman Jared Huffman

Rep. Huffman slams President Trump's broken promise to DREAMERS

Washington, D.C. - Rep. Huffman (D-San Rafael) issued the following statement in response to President Trump's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals - DACA - program, a policy that has shielded undocumented young adults who were brought to the U.S. as children:

"President Trump's decision to terminate the DACA program is a cruel, broken promise that will harm hundreds of thousands of young immigrants who were brought here as children and have lived as Americans for their entire lives. When Trump promised to spare DREAMERS from his unforgiving deportation plans, he was, yet again, blowing hot air. This is not just another broken Donald Trump promise, it's a violation of the core values that America and our communities are built on.

"These DREAMERS have grown up in America: They've studied at our schools, enrolled in our universities, served in our military, and contribute every day to our economy and our society. Now President Trump - who pardoned Joe Arpaio for unforgivable racial profiling and violating a judge's order - believes that these young people ought to be deported, or that they should stop working and instead disappear into the shadows.

"Congress must now act to give the DREAMERS a chance to earn their way to citizenship and stay in the country that they call home. This is a test for the leadership of the House and Senate: will we just hear empty expressions of concern, or will they actually take a stand and work with us to immediately bring the American Hope Act of 2017 to a vote, to protect these deserving young people from Donald Trump and set them on a path to earned citizenship? Congress needs to act now to fix our broken immigration system.

"Every community around the country will feel the effect of Donald Trump's reckless DACA reversal. In my own district, I have met with young DREAMERS who are outstanding members of the community, including children whose parents are already facing deportation orders. I will continue to do everything in my power to defend these families from Donald Trump's cowardly, destructive, and un-American decision to end the DACA program."



Photos by Mathew Caine



Bucket Challenge

Mendo Mill raises \$4,000 for WHS sports during Labor Day weekend sale

Willits is a community that takes care of its people. More than 400 area families participated in the Mendo Mill High School Sports Bucket Challenge at the Willits store over Labor Day weekend, raising \$4,000 from Mendo Mill to support whatever is needed to support WHS sports teams.

Every day families came in to the store and purchased a plastic white bucket for \$5, filled the bucket to overflowing with almost anything in the store (with the exception of power tools) for a 20-percent discount generously offered by the store. Mendo Mill then donated \$10 for every bucket sold to the local high school to support their athletic programs.

According to Bonnie Riley, mom and WHS athletics supporter: "This is to help support all athletic programs at Willits High School. It will help pay for tournaments, anything that any of the athletic programs need. They go to tournaments: when they stay over it helps pay for hotels. If they need things for the programs, they can use the money for that, extra equipment."

All five Mendo Mill stores participated in the Bucket Challenge in their

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At top, from left: Mendo Mill buckets are ready for filling. Sephora Maciel and David Moore find needed items. Morgan Riley, Bonnie Riley, Claire Case Brackett, Sierra Cortis and Amy Andrade represent the WHS girls basketball team. Far left: For \$5, customers could purchase a bucket and fill it with almost anything to receive 20 percent off those items. At left: Almost anything can be put into the buckets to receive 20 percent off. Below, from left: WHS cheerleader McKenna Buckingham and friend Jaxon Apodaca enjoy a quiet moment at the display on Sunday morning. WHS cheerleaders Calen Cole Regalado and McKenna Buckingham work the display on Sunday morning.



Amazing Athletes of Willits High School

Cheerleading | Amaia Hamma 17, Senior

How Long Playing the Sport: Second year

Position: Back spot

Breakfast of Champions: Coffee

Love for the Sport: "I'm not going to lie, I didn't think that I'd like cheerleading in the beginning, but once I got into it, I really enjoyed being on the team. It was a whole lot more different than I thought it would be, and it's great to be a part of a group that's all for one."

Willits High School cheer squad's Amazing Athletes this week are Hanna Corey and Amaia Hammack. These two always have a smile on; no attitude; they're always willing to try anything new. Both girls are great team players, and try to help their squad any way they can.

- Coach Megan Freudenberg

Cheerleading | Hanna Corey 16, Sophomore

How Long Playing the Sport: Second year

Position: Back

Breakfast of Champions: Plain cereal

Love for the Sport: "I like cheerleading because it's such a group sport; there's no single effort on field. Through the season, I make lots of friends with all the girls, and the number of members on the team equals the number of sisters for the year!"

Both cheerleaders love the pre-game tradition of gathering in the locker room before the games to do makeup, joke around and get ready together.

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Brieana Evans

Cross Country | Brieana Evans 15, Sophomore

How Long Playing the Sport: Second year

Breakfast of Champions: Oatmeal

Love for the Sport: "For me, it's never about winning with cross country, I just like beating what I did before and trying to get better each time."

Brieana Evans is a huge asset to the Willits High School cross-country team. She always has a positive attitude, is a great team leader, and encourages others to do their best.

- Coach Michelle Kluskiewicz

Cross Country | Dominic Bertolino 16, Sophomore

How Long Playing the Sport: Fifth year

Breakfast of Champions: Whatever's on the shelf, usually cereal.

Love for the Sport: "Well, I'm not really one for football [laughs] ... and I have more friends on the cross country team - I try to push them and they push me to get better each time.

Dominic Bertolino is a strong runner on the Willits High School cross-country team, with high expectations for himself. Dominic comes to practice with a positive attitude. Both Amazing Athletes for the cross-country team this week are wonderful teammates.

- Coach Michelle Kluskiewicz

Both cross country athletes enjoy cross-country's post-game tradition: "Coach Michelle always makes us a dessert or treat for after the meet."

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Starting at 9 am on Saturday, everyone is invited to come see the massive machinery brought to life, enjoy an afternoon barbecue, and participate in the post-BBQ fundraising raffle and auction. Free train rides will also begin at 9 am Saturday and run throughout the weekend.

The barbecue, which starts at 4 pm, provides a hearty dinner of grilled beef, pork or lamb, green salad, pasta salad, potato salad, baked beans, and garlic bread, and will be finished off with a slice of pie and scoop of ice cream. Barbecue tickets are available in advance at Cat's Meow and The Book Juggler in Willits and are \$15 for adults or \$5 for children under 10. Beer, wine or soft drinks will also be available for purchase.

Also on Saturday from 1 to 4 pm, the artistically inclined are welcome to try their hand at linoleum block carving and printing – courtesy of the Roots-style printing presses: the giant 1921 Kelly Springfield road roller and the 1924 7-ton Buffalo Springfield steam roller.

Roots has been holding the printing event locally for a few years now in conjunction with the steam-up event, but they first ventured down to San Francisco in 2013 to participate in an event at the San Francisco Center for the Book, the 10th annual Roadworks Printing Festival.

"The Center for the Book is a printing museum, preserving not only the hardware of early printing systems, but also teaches classes to preserve the knowledge necessary to operate the early machinery," explained Roots' Chris Baldo. "This is a unique combination of century-old steam-powered equipment and modern creative art in the form of carved linoleum blocks printed using the steam roller as a printing press. Artists carefully carve 'battleship grade' linoleum blocks. These blocks are inked, and special grade printing paper is laid over the block. Several layers of protective blankets are placed on top of the assembly, which is placed on the pavement. In our case, the 1924 7-ton Buffalo Springfield steam roller or the 1921 Kelly Springfield road roller gently rolls over the artwork, 'pressing' the paper against the inked linoleum block. The process is kinetic and exciting, and the resulting prints are exquisite."

This will be the first year that Roots will be offering the printing process without the guidance of Center for the Book representatives, but linoleum blocks and carving tools are being brought up from the San Francisco center – along with a healthy dose of hope that, as James put it, laughing, without the center's representatives' skilled help and oversight with inking and pressing the images that "most of the ink will wind up on the blocks and paper instead of all over us, the rollers and the artists."

Sunday will start back up at 10 am with the second day of free train rides starting at 10:30 am and running through 3:30 pm. Equipment demonstrations and running equipment will be available to view throughout the day until everything gets shut down and the festival closes at 4 pm. Hot dogs and snacks will be available behind the Mendocino County Museum, just off the road to the Roots yard, for hungry attendees on Sunday.

For more information contact Lee Bryant, 489-8644 or Chris Baldo, 489-3984.

This will be the second-to-last event in 2017 for the Roots crew: on December 2 the group will hold its annual Holiday Express event: a Christmas party which features Santa arriving on a steam locomotive, trees, trains, singing, carolers, and refreshments, which makes it an event for kids of all ages.

If you're interested in connecting with Roots of Motive Power throughout the year, membership is always an option. Roots of Motive Power has over 700 members, many of whom actively restore and maintain equipment, lay track, serve as officers and directors, write and edit the newsletter, photograph events, and serve as docents and librarians for the Redwood Empire Railroad History Project. Membership is \$35 per year. All Roots members receive the club's magazine-style newsletter, Highline, which features extensive, in-depth articles and photographs on the history of the logging industry, in addition to containing information about current Roots activities. Highline comes out three times per year. Each issue is mailed to active members. In addition to receiving Highline, Roots members are entitled to participate in monthly board of directors meetings and the Roots of Motive Power annual meeting. The board of directors meets on the second Thursday of each month, except in December.

To join Roots, or for more information, log on to <http://rootsofmotivepower.com/> or email: mail@rootsofmotivepower.com.



Chris Baldo after changing the service portion of the AB brake valve on the Sacramento Northern 1638 riding car.

localities: Willits, Ukiah, Lakeport, Clearlake and Fort Bragg, but according to TK Warner, floor manager at the Willits store, Willits is special in the way that they support this promotion and worthy local causes in general.

"We do this because we like to support the community," Warner said. "Because we're local, this is our way of giving back. Interesting things in the buckets ... someone put a giant magnet in the bucket with wheels on it. I've had people put bird food in the bucket. I've had plungers. It's amazing how they play Tetris in order to fill the bucket up and get as much as they can for 20 percent off. We have some pretty good Tetris players who come in here, and they'll even ask for our help to try and help put things in there. It's just fun to watch them fit things in the buckets."

This reporter observed a man and his daughter bring a bucket up to the counter with a 10-foot length of pipe precariously balanced out of the bucket.

Paul Riley, varsity coach for the WHS girls basketball team, was there to support his team and his daughter, Morgan. He spoke about the team and their prospects for this year. "We had a pretty good season last year. We made the playoffs. We were one-and-done, but we had a good season. We're a small school so it was good to even get in the playoffs."

"We have a young team this year," Riley continued. "Only one senior, so we have a little bit more of a challenge. Year after that we'll be pretty strong. We have a couple girls who are possible prospects for college. We've always built a strong girls basketball program. We've always started at the younger levels and worked it up and kept the program going in the direction we wanted it to, which has been good. It's been a successful thing for girls basketball."

This donation of \$4,000 will be very useful for the girls basketball team and the rest of the WHS sports teams to continue their success.

OBITUARY |

Katy Maghetti

It is with heavy hearts we mourn the loss of Catherine "Katy" Marie Maghetti of Laytonville, California. She passed away tragically, and too soon, as a passenger in a vehicle accident on Friday, August 25, 2017. She was born in Santa Rosa to Jerry Maghetti and Jayne Underhill Maghetti on September 21, 1963.



She is preceded in death by her parents, and her dear son's father, Preston Landis, formerly of Laytonville.

She is survived by her beloved son, Dylan Landis of Laytonville; her siblings: Madeline Petersen (Larry) of Oakland, Nancy Maghetti of Santa Rosa, Marilyn Maghetti of Chico, Rick Maghetti of Palm Desert, great uncles Jim Underhill of Cloverdale and Richard Underhill of San Francisco, numerous loving cousins, and a community of many wonderful life-long friends.

Katy was a one-of-a-kind woman with a sweet, magical, kind-hearted soul, and an adorable giggle. Her proudest accomplishment was watching her wonderful son, Dylan Landis, grow into such an incredible man. He meant the world to Katy and was her greatest love; they were quite a team on the mountain. She was a rock hound at heart and enjoyed being outside and gardening. Katy was a goofball that would humor you with the craziest stories! A kind and caring friend to many in her community, she will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Life is being held Sunday, September 24, from 3 to 5 pm at Boomers Saloon in Laytonville so we can all share our stories, and laugh as we remember the magic of Katy Maghetti.

Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.



Photos by Jennifer Poole



Above: Bicyclists pass the busy Mariposa storefront during the anniversary celebration. At right: Angela Greystar, who won the mountain bike raffle at Mariposa Market's 38th anniversary celebration. Below: The busy Mariposa storefront during the anniversary celebration.



38 Years

Mariposa Market's annual party draws a celebratory crowd

Mariposa Market had a lively party to celebrate its 38th anniversary on August 26, complete with delicious food and drink, live music, free samples, and some sought-after raffle prizes.

Congratulations to Angela Greystar who won the mountain bike donated by Rock Island Refrigerated Distributors.

Mariposa Deli put out tray after tray of "small bite" delights, including grilled figs wrapped in prosciutto and stuffed with mild goat cheese; pesto polenta squares; sliced spinach tortilla pinwheel wraps, featuring Clover Stormetta cream cheese, Busseto pancetta and Diane's Sweet Heat Blackberry Habanero Jam; Ancient Grains salad with quinoa, Mediterranean veggies, garbanzo beans, feta cheese, and farro; skewers of seasonally delicious tomatoes, fresh mozzarella cheese and basil drizzled with balsamic vinegar; and delicious tiny lemon

Above, from left: Natalie rings up milk. Harry, the sausage demo guy for Fra' Mani Hand-Crafted Foods. Isabella Hodge was one of several beautiful cat-faced girls enjoying Mariposa's party. Diane Ryan of Mendocino Gold holds a jar of her wildflower honey and a bar of wildflower honey oatmeal soap. Julian Ramirez of Humboldt Bay Coffee Company gave out samples of fresh-poured coffee. Marilena River poses with some of her pottery which was raffled off at Mariposa's anniversary party.

and chocolate cupcakes.

The parking lot was full, as locals and passersby stopped to check out the bustling storefront. Store shoppers got tickets to take a try on the prize wheel outside, with prizes from around the store. Willits' own Pick & Pull played boot-stompin' Americana and more to the Saturday afternoon audience.

Selected companies with brands available at Mariposa Market had vendor booths set up outside the store, too. Julian Ramirez, representing Humboldt Bay Coffee Company, offered samples of "pour-over" coffee, including Breakfast Blend and Double Dark French. Brewing coffee Melitta-style by pouring hot water over coffee in a paper filter "makes a lot better coffee," Ramirez said.

Savory meat lovers clustered around the cast-iron pan cooking up sausages at Fra' Mani Hand-Crafted Foods from Berkeley's table. Harry the demo guy

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At left: Mariposa staffers pose for a quick photo. Below: "Home is where the coffee is," says Humboldt Bay Coffee Company.



At left: Jill Peacock holds the original woodpecker print she created at the 2016 Roots of Motive Power street printing event.

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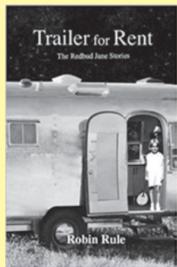
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Thursday, September 7

Book Reading at Willits Library: Robin Rule, award-winning, internationally known local poet is celebrating a new collection of 30 short stories, "Trailer for Rent: The Redbud Jane Stories." It is a young adult book about the methods an 11-year-old trailer park girl uses to combat poverty, parental alcoholism, child abuse, and hunger while maintaining a sense of joy in life. "Redbud Jane refuses to lie down and just give up she is a one-girl circus, and she tries to put a smile on your face no matter how tough your problems are." A book signing follows the reading. Refreshments will be served. Thursday, September 7, 6 to 7 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.



Special Preview Screening: The new Stephen King horror movie "IT." Thursday, September 7, 7:15 pm. Noyo Theatre, 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Friday, September 8

WHS Volleyball Home Game: Willits High School vs. Laytonville High School at home. Friday, September 8. Varsity only at 3:30 pm (JV varsity head coach Jill Walton).

Art History Presentation: WCA curator and art historian Gary Martin will speak on "Ancient Roman Art." Friday, September 8, 6:30 pm. Free. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

WHS Football Home Game: Willits High School vs. Lower Lake High School at home. Friday, September 8. No gate fee. JV game at 5:30 pm (JV head coach Josh Husarek); varsity game at 7:30 pm (Varsity head coach Chris Bickford).

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": Opening night tonight for comic's Steve Martin play "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," which runs September 8 through September 24 at Willits Community Theatre. This comedic play of ideas, directed by Jim Mastin, brings revolutionary artist Pablo Picasso and renowned physicist Albert Einstein to the famed Parisian cafe where they discuss the implications of their

work and attempt to predict what is coming next. Thursdays at 7 pm for \$15, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$20, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm on September 17 and 24 at 2 pm for \$15. Advance tickets are available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpaperickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane. A special "First Thursday," September 14 performance is a benefit for the Willits P.E.O.'s scholarship and awards fund, appetizers start at 6:15 pm, call Marilyn Harden at 459-5649 for tickets or email marilyn.harden@rocktelmail.com.

Shanachie Pub: Billie Kerr, a singer/songwriter who turns life into art. Friday, September 8, 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, September 9

Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival: Roots of Motive Power's annual September steam-up is set for Saturday, September 9 (starts at 9 am) and Sunday, September 10 (goes through 4 pm) at the Roots facility at 420 East Commercial Street. "This is our big one-time-a-year steam-up. If you only come to one of our events, this is the one. Plumes of steam and the shrieks of steam whistles will fill the air as a variety of steam-powered equipment - everything that runs - is fired up. Our big Bucyrus Erie steam shovel will be out back digging on the dirt pile along with the bulldozers. The Heisler locomotive will be pulling the riding cars and giving free rides to the public." Free admission; kid friendly! Train rides begin at 9 am on Saturday and at 10:30 am on Sunday. Street printing with the Buffalo Springfield steam roller from 1 to 4 pm at the Rec Grove on



Saturday, Roots' famous BBQ is back this year, Saturday starting at 4 pm at the Rec Grove Park, featuring beef, lamb and pork, along with many different salads. Raffle and live auction after the BBQ. Visit http://www.rootsofmotivepower.com for more information on one of Willits' truly unique organizations.

Sit N Sew: Monthly drop-in sewing group meets at the Willits Library. Free to all and open to the public. Bring your sewing machine, tools, and any project you would like to work on. Saturday, September 9, from 1 to 5 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Information: Rachel at 354-0605.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": Comic Steve Martin's play of ideas, 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, September 8 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Rocky Tallent & Spanky Baldwin bring backwoods music of spiritual complexities from the Missouri Ozarks. Saturday, September 9, 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

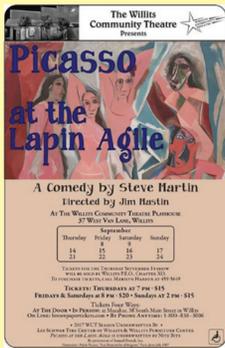
Sunday, September 10

Senior Center Sunday Breakfast: Menu choices: Pancakes with eggs cooked your style, with choice of sausage or bacon, or biscuits & gravy with eggs cooked your style; additional meat sides: \$2 extra. Adults \$8; Senior Center members \$7; kids under 8 \$6. Sunday, September 10, 8 to 11 am, Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival: Annual September steam-up is set for Saturday, September 9 (starts at 9 am) and Sunday, September 10 (goes through 4 pm) at the Roots facility, 420 East Commercial Street. See Saturday, September 9 listing for details.

Ramona Vieira sings at WCT: Portuguese romantic folk singer Ramona Vieira and her ensemble perform at the Willits Community Theatre. "Be immersed in the rapturous rhythms and slirings of

traditional "Fado," dramatic expressions of love, loss and redemption." Advance tickets: \$20. Available in person at Mazahar: online at brownpaperickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets at the door until sold out. Sunday, August 10, 2 pm. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).



Monday, September 11

Patriot's Day Ceremony: the annual "Remembrance" ceremony sponsored by the Willits American Legion Post 174, honoring local firefighters, law enforcement and first responders, and commemorating the valiant efforts that occurred on 9-11-2001. This year, the ceremony will be a joint effort between Willits High School and the American

Legion, as Willits Post 174 will conduct a brief (15 minutes maximum) ceremony on Monday, September 11 at 12 pm in the parking area in front of the main high school building. "Please join us as we pay tribute to those who died and those who gave so much on that 'day of infamy' and the following days." Note: Parking for the public is available at the north end of the school parking lot; also, seating is not provided due to the brevity of the ceremony.

Willits Garden Club Meeting: The monthly Garden Club meeting is set for Monday, September 11, with guest speaker Jeff Konicek on "Bonsai." Social time starts at 12:30 pm with coffee and refreshment; speaker starts at 1 pm. Meeting ends at 2:30 pm. Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, 16100 North Highway 101, six miles south of Willits, west of 101, south of Ridgewood (Seabiscuit) Ranch. Guests are welcome, and there is no charge. Info: contact Fran Gardner at 459-8733 or Kitty McDill at 489-6203.

Just Enough: Acoustic trio featuring Clancy Rash, Kate Black and Helen Falandes performs their unique blend of folk, blues and Americana music Monday, September 11, from 12:30 to 2 pm at Brickhouse Coffee, 3

South Main Street: "Great music, company, food and beverages!" Info about Just Enough: Clancy at 367-0889.

Shanachie Pub: Grace Love & The Dirty Church: Singer and composer Miss Love, "Seattle's first lady of soul," does a West Coast Addio Amore Tour before relocating to Italy. September 11, 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



Tuesday, September 12

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: "The Hitman's Bodyguard" and "Wind River." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Wednesday, September 13

WHS Cross Country: Willits High School vs. Fort Bragg at home. Friday, September 13, 3:30 pm. (Varsity head coach Michele Kluskiewicz).

Thursday, September 14

WHS Volleyball: Willits High School vs. Middletown High School at home. Thursday, September 14. Girls game at 4 pm (head coach Taliana Cantrell); boys game at 5:30 pm.



WHS Booster Club Meeting: The monthly Willits High School Booster Club Meeting is set for 6 pm, Thursday, September 14, at the Willits High School Food Center, 299 North Main Street. Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at WHS.



Willits P.E.O. Fundraiser at WCT: The Willits P.E.O. Chapter XO, is hosting a special "First Thursday" performance of comic Steve Martin's comedic play of ideas, "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," at Willits Community Theatre (see Friday, September 8 listing for more details about the play). Funds raised through ticket sales will go towards Chapter XO's scholarships and awards. P.E.O. is an international philanthropic organization helping the advancement of women through education to achieve their highest aspiration. Thursday, September 14. Appetizers start at 6:15 pm; the play starts at 7 pm. Tickets: \$15 includes appetizers (drinks available). For tickets: contact Marilyn Harden at 459-5649, or marilyn.harden@rocktelmail.com.

Friday, September 15

Seafood & Pasta Dinner: Abalone dinner (abalone donated by Department of Fish & Game). Complimentary glass of wine with dinner. Friday, September 15, 5 to 6:30 pm. Tickets \$40, pre-sale only. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info and tickets: 459-6826.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": Comic Steve Martin's play of ideas, Friday, September 15, 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, September 8 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Keith Kenny "... an extremely dynamic one-man band." Friday, September 15, 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, September 16

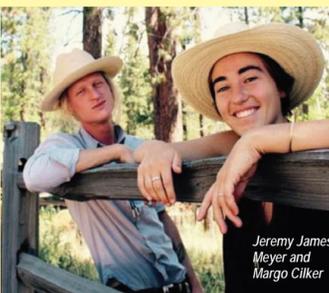
WHS Volleyball Home Game: Willits High School vs. South Trinity High School at home. Saturday, September 16, 3:30 pm. Junior Varsity only (JV head coach Tim Miller).

Long Valley Library Fundraiser Dinner: Friends of the Long Valley Public Library sponsors a fundraising dinner-affle-auction-concert on Saturday, September 16, 4:30 to 8:30 pm. Long Valley Garden Club, 375 Harwood Road, Laytonville. Dinner tickets \$25; raffle tickets \$5, or six for \$20. Tickets may be purchased at

Healthy Start, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville, and Book Room, 200 Branscomb Road, Laytonville. Also, for more info and tickets: Shawn Haven 354-3080, or Susan Bradley 984-6970.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": Comic Steve Martin's play of ideas. Saturday, September 16, 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, September 8 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Jeremy James Meyer and Margo Cilker singer/songwriters with Americana roots. Saturday, September 16, 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



Sunday, September 17

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": Comic Steve Martin's play of ideas. Sunday matinee, September 17, 2 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, September 8 listing for details.

Make a toast to Laytonville's Future and help us build the LONG VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Enjoy Dinner under the trees! Live Music featuring Nancy New & Don Fiers plus The Just for Fun Choir

Local Wine Appetizers

SATURDAY SEPT. 16TH, 4:30PM LONG VALLEY GARDEN CLUB (375 Harwood Road, Laytonville) **TICKETS & INFO: Laytonville Healthy Start or call 354-3080**

COLUMN | At the Movies



'The Hitman's Bodyguard'

The Story: Action comedy involving assassination squads. Bodyguard Michael (Ryan Reynolds) has to transport hitman Darius (Samuel L. Jackson) from point A to point B. What is most troublesome is that between point A and point B there are homicidal mercenaries with automatic weapons who want to kill them, not to mention inept Interpol agents with snotty attitudes who seem to be dangerous as well. So there is a long chase with bullets and witty repartee because it's a comedy about killing people.

My Thoughts: Good guys win, bad guys get killed in a variety of ways, and the audience laughs through the slapstick violence. Ryan Reynolds and Samuel L. Jackson exchange lines that are amusing, but their intonations and timing are hysterically funny. Really, really funny. This is a good movie, a first-rate, if stupid comedy about death, car crashes and assassinations. A very special shout out to beautiful Salma Hayek who plays Samuel L. Jackson's bawdy, rowdy girlfriend ... a shout-out for her broad physical humor, her comedic timing, her ample cleavage and her old school fancy shos. Yo!!!

Parents: If I flipped a coin and heads means "not for kids," and tails means "absolutely not for kids," this flick would be a definite tails. Ultimately, the flick is silly, but it is not for children. Teens and up.

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

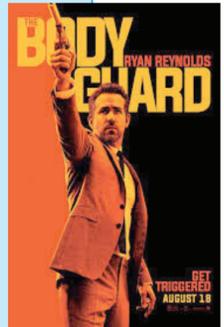
Harrah Senior Center
1501 Baechtel Rd, Willits, CA

SEAFOOD & PASTA DINNER

Abalone donated by the Department of Fish & Game
Complimentary glass of wine with dinner

DATE: September 15, 2017
TIME: 5-6:30 p.m.

Pre-Sale Tickets Only
Fee: \$40.00



The T Sisters

Friday, September 29

On Friday, September 29 at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, the Oakland-based mostly acoustic Americana sextet the T Sisters - featuring the vocal harmonies of sisters Erika, Rachel and Chloe Tietjen - perform soulful bluegrass originals and covers to benefit the Little Lake Grange. Opening band: the popular and danceable local band, Pick & Pull. Doors open 7 pm for dinner, provided by Nite Bites Cafe; music starts at 7:30 pm. Wine by Frey Vineyards, beer from Shanachie Pub, with desserts. Also, a "kids space" for the youngsters. Tickets, \$20 in advance at J.D. Redhouse, and \$25 at the door.



International Day of Peace

Thursday, September 21

On Thursday, September 21 from 5 to 8:30 pm at Willits High School, there will be a celebration of the International Day of Peace hosted by Willits Rotary Club, Nuestra Alianza, Interfaith Counsel, WHS Rainbow Peace Club, and many other peace-loving groups. Dinner will be served from 6:30 to 8:30 pm (donations accepted). Also, a free bilingual program of music, dance, prayers and blessings for peace from Pomo, Konkow Band of Maidu, Christian, Jewish, Buddhist and other traditions. Celebrate with Baile Folklorico, Emandal Chorale, a WHS band, youth poets, artists, dancers and musicians, Willits Interfaith Council. Mayor Gerry Gonzalez will present a new peace pole to Willits High School and the Rainbow Peace Club inscribed in eight languages with the message: "May Peace Prevail on Earth."



Seed Cleaning and Saving Workshop

Wednesday, September 20

On Wednesday, September 20 from 5 to 6 pm at Willits Public Library, 390 East Commercial Street, Carol Cox, master gardener from Ecology Action, will demonstrate simple manual techniques to clean and save seeds from the fall harvest. Examples will be provided with kale, onions, carrots and lettuce. The seed saving workshop is free to attend.

Senior Center Lunch

Week of September 11 through September 15

Monday: Bratwurst
Tuesday: Chili Burgers
Wednesday: Lamb Stew
Thursday: Crispy Chicken Sandwich
Friday: Pork Chops

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entree, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Cannabis Job Fair

Thursday, September 28

On Thursday, September 28 from 1 to 4 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Mendocino Cannabis Resource is hosting Mendocino County's first-ever cannabis job fair to help connect emerging cannabis-business and prospective employees. There will be cannabis businesses looking to hire all types of positions including: accountant/bookkeeping, administrator/ executive assistant, human resource, consultant, budtenders/retail, chefs, delivery drivers, extraction techs, farm/garden labor, master growers, management, sales/marketing, lab techs, security, trimmers. There will be opportunities to be hired for full time, part time, seasonal, independent contractors, remote work or internships positions. Positions to be filled will be located mainly in Mendocino County, but outside opportunities, too. Please note: there will also be Cannabis businesses not located in Mendocino looking to hire Mendocino talent. Still time for cannabis employers/exhibitors to sign up: call 223-4367, or email mendocinocannabisresource@gmail.com. Includes two "Free Resume Writing Workshops" sponsored by Flow Kana (www.flowkana.com) on Saturday, September 23 from 1 to 3 pm, and on Wednesday, September 27 from 1 to 3 pm at the Mendocino Cannabis Resource office, 399 of South Main Street; to register, call 223-4367, or email mendocinocannabisresource@gmail.com.



Long Valley Library Fundraiser Dinner

Saturday, September 16

The Friends of the Long Valley Public Library invite the public to an evening of delicious dinner, raffle, auction and great live music at the Long Valley Garden Club, 375 Harwood Road, Laytonville, on September 16 from 4:30 to 8:30 pm to raise funds for Long Valley's own local public library. \$25; raffle tickets are \$ each or six for \$20; raffle prizes include a night at the Westport Hotel & Abalone Pub and a night at the Benbow Inn. Silent auction includes gifts from Weatherop Nursery, Mendocino Book Company, local artists and more. Tickets available at Healthy Start, 44400 Willis Avenue, and the Book Room, 200 Branscomb Road on Fridays, 1 to 6 pm. The goal of the Friends of the Long Valley Public Library is to provide a welcoming, multicultural, respectful, community-based library experience for all. Please contact Shawn Haven 354-3080 or Susan Bradley 984-6070 for tickets and information.

Willits Airport Day

Saturday, September 23

This year's annual Willits Airport Day, set for Saturday, September 23, from 9 am to 3 pm, salutes the Willits Lions Club and other local service groups. Come take a ride in an authentic biplane or a modern helicopter over the Little Lake valley. Great food, music, exhibits and demonstrations. Free admission and free parking. Willits Municipal Airport is located 5 miles north on Sherwood Road then 1 mile east on Poppy Drive. Follow the "Airport" signs. More information is available at www.WillitsFlyIn.com.

Free Art Therapy Workshop

Saturday, September 16

Join art therapist and artist Susan Sweet and artists Nancy McHone and David Weitzman, who will discuss how art has been a healing tool for them, on Saturday, September 16 from 11 am to 12:30 pm at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Sweet will also lead a brief hands-on experience to demonstrate how art therapy works. The workshop is free, with free art materials provided. No art experience is necessary. RSVP to Nancy McHone 459-6371 by September 15 so that the amount of space and materials needed can be planned. Maximum number of workshop participants is 25. This workshop is an extension of Nancy McHone's show "Maintaining Inner Light - A 7-Year Journey," the September show at WCA.

Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show

September 15-17

The Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show is set for Friday, September 15, Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17 at the Boonville Fairgrounds in Anderson Valley. Fair is open from 9 am to midnight each day. Building exhibits, livestock shows, Carnival, the California Wool & Fiber Festival, Grand Tastings of award-winning cider from the California Cider Competition, and plenty more every day. Special events, Friday: Junior Dog Show (10 am), Junior Swine Show (3 pm), Wine Tasting (5 to 8 pm), the Apple Bowl varsity football game (7 pm); Saturday: Singer Rick Brantley (12:30 and 3:30 pm); CCPRA Rodeo (8 pm); Dance with Indiana Slim & the Rebel Rousers (9:30 pm); Sunday: Sheep Dog Trials (10 am); Vintage Car Show (10 am); Parade (noon); CCPRA Rodeo (2 pm). Tickets: \$9/day for adults; \$7 for ages 12-17, and \$5 for ages 6-12. Friday admission specials: \$3 for age 65 and over and children 12 and under free all day Friday. Visit http://mendocountyfair.com for full line-up of events.

Got Fruit or Veggies?

The Grateful Gleaners are looking for gardeners who have more produce than they can use. We harvest your excess and deliver the bounty to Willits Community Services & Food Bank, Willits Daily Bread, the Kids Clubs, Nuestra Alianza and other local agencies that serve our community. Please call 367-7391 and leave a message with your name, phone number, the types of fruit, vegetables or nuts you have and when you think they will be ready (or if it needs to be picked right away). Thank you to our generous growers and our volunteer gleaners who have helped distribute literally tons of healthy food for more than a decade. You have made a positive difference in people's lives! For more information about our volunteer program, please call the above number. It's fun and rewarding!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

September 10, 2017
8-11 a.m.

Adults - \$8
Children under 8 - \$6
Sr. Center members - \$7

MENU CHOICES

- Pancakes, with eggs cooked your style (Choice of bacon or sausage)**
- Biscuits & Gravy with eggs (Cooked your style)**
- Meat Sides: 3 slices Bacon - \$2.00 4 links Sausage - \$2.00**

Willits Senior Center - 1501 Baechtel Road - Willits, CA 95490
707-459-6826

Ongoing Events

Willits Farmers Market: Outdoor market Thursdays at the Rec Grove Park on East Commercial Street, 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

"Maintaining Inner Light": The September show at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Runs through September 24. The creations of Willits artist Nancy McHone who was faced with critical illness. While she placed her physical care in professional hands, she also found, "an intuitive understanding of the path to wellness revealed itself through [her] artwork." Also, the jewelry of Megan McHone. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. Info: 459-1726, or visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

Twice-Monthly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

Tibetan Buddhist meditation group meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or honemann@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: 11-11:30 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," 4 pm "Farmers Market Story Time"; Fridays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm; Fridays: 5 to 6 pm "Youth Game Night" (ages 10 to 14). Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

The 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. "We look forward to seeing you at the Willits Library!"

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; 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.

Soroptimists International of Willits: (On summer break until September 12). Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

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

Volleyball Open Gym: at new location for the summer: Willits High School, Sundays 7 to 9 pm, and Tuesdays at 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

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

Evening Meditation Class: Ideal for learning and practicing Tranquility and OM meditation, Tuesdays, 7:30 pm. Sunday Morning Fellowship: Dharma talk, guided silent and chanting meditations, and introduction to Shambhala healing tools. Sundays, 10:30 am. Still Mountain Meditation Center, 1500 Harwood Road. Info: 357-4676.

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Woods 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; Iweens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Singer songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday. New time 6 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. No cover. Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and even performers from around the world!" 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 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan food cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.

Quilting for a cause

Willits quilter donates comforting covers to community organizations

Even at the age of 93, Willits' Esther Romisch is still an avid quilter and enjoys donating her creations to those in need. Over the years, Romisch has donated to The Center for Life Choices in Ukiah and most recently, to Foster Youth Outfitters, a non-profit organization started by Willits' Saprina Rodriguez.

"At least twice a month, we go to her home to pick up three to five bags of clothing, too," said Rodriguez. "She gets them from the Willits Senior Center's Thrift Shop. Esther mends, irons, folds and puts it in bags labeled by size. She's a true Willits angel!"

Since moving to the area, Romisch has made many quilts for her Willits friends. Now that she's become involved in the foster youth program, she has now completed approximately 35 quilts since January 2017. Her own family also benefits from her quilting skills; her nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 29 great-great-grandchildren all have received special handmade quilts.

"When she was a child she didn't have a lot, going through the Depression era," said daughter Della Bennett. "She has a very soft spot for children who may be suffering for lack of things they need."

-Maureen Moore



Above: Saprina Rodriguez and Esther Romisch pose together with donated quilts.

Sweet Simba

Simba is a 2-year-old neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 70 pounds. Simba is a great-looking dog. As a puppy, Simba did not get to socialize enough with other dogs - something every canine needs. When we took him out in our multi-dog play group, we observed that Simba is a dog who really wants to play with other dogs, but just doesn't know how! We're not saying he can't be in a home with other dogs; in fact, a kind dog might help him adjust, but a meet-and-greet is required before adoption. This boy has such a sweet heart and wants nothing more than to please and to bond.

The Ukiah Animal 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 online at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453. Please join us the 2nd Saturday of every month - September 9 this month - for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk and help us get every dog out for some exercise!



Photo by Rod Coats

Congrats 'People's Choice' winner Elaine Carpenter

Congratulations to Elaine Carpenter, pictured here, winner of the "People's Choice" and "Best Use of Color" ribbons at the Long Valley "Quilty Pleasures" outdoor quilt show in Laytonville, August 25 and 26. This winning quilt was quilted by Karen Mattson. See the letter from Jody McGeen, Long Valley Quilters, for more information about the show.



Bella is a very sweet girl, but needs a lot of exercise. She is good with other dogs, and for some time at the shelter she was housed with another dog. So after a proper introduction, she should be able to live with another dog. She hasn't grown fond of cats, though. She is looking for someone to love her and enjoy her free spirit! Come meet Bella!

For more information on Bella or other adoptable animals, call Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County at 485-0123, check www.mendohumanesociety.com, or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

Lively Bella



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was presented to her and that her answer was, therefore, "maybe yes, and maybe no." One cannabis activist claimed that plant count was "irrelevant."

"In the early period of writing the ordinance, we were going by plant count, but then we decided to change that," said 4th District Supervisor Dan Gjerde. Gjerde was somewhat hesitant, because he didn't have the cultivation ordinance open in front of him, and therefore spoke in generalities and not in specifics. "In most of our permits and zoning ordinances having to do with cannabis, we have switched over to square footage. If you go to plant count, then you are encouraging people to maximize inputs, fertilizers and so forth, that have the potential of harming the environment. That's one of the big reasons we decided to go with square footage and not plant count."

Second District Supervisor John McCowen said that area of cultivation was the determining factor. "The ordinance only provides for square footage. In this respect, I'm told that it mirrors the state. The way the ordinance is written, it is only square footage."

Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey agreed that square footage and not plant count was the determining factor. "One reason is, the size of the plants is quite variable, depending upon style of cultivation and the skill of the farmer, and also the variety of cannabis that is being grown. So I think that the determining factor is area of cultivation, and not plant count," Croskey said.

When First District Supervisor Carre Brown was asked whether 200 plants on a 10,000 square foot grow site was too many, Brown said: "I think 200 plants - that's a lot of plants. There are other requirements that have to be considered, to say whether they are compliant or not. Like for example, I don't know what kind of setbacks the person had, or what kind of permit they had. It's almost like, you have to be on site to do the measurements to see whether they comply or not. So -- maybe yes, and maybe no. As a county supervisor, I would leave the question up to other agencies," Brown said.

Casey O'Neill is a cannabis farmer and vice chair of the California Growers Association. He also qualifies as a cannabis activist, because he has attended nearly all of the board of supervisors' meetings having to do with cannabis over the past year and a half. O'Neill said that trying to determine the number of plants that could be or should be grown under a given permit type is "irrelevant."

O'Neill used the term "Prohibition" to refer to the era before passage of the Medical Cannabis Safety and Regulatory Act, which was approved by the California Legislature on September 11, 2015. His usage contains an implicit and, probably, disparaging, reference to the 14 years between 1920 and 1933, years in which the consumption of alcoholic beverages was prohibited in the United States, an era that is commonly called "Prohibition." Ratification of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which occurred on January 16, 1919, led, first, to the Roaring Twenties and then to the Great Depression.

"Plant count is a vestige from Prohibition," O'Neill said. "Under the ordinance as it stands now, the defining measure is area of cultivation. Plant count is irrelevant. It is not unusual for someone who is growing on 10,000 square feet and using light dep [light deprivation, a common growing technique] to have several thousand plants."

Speaking specifically of press reports related to an August 10, 2017 Department of Fish and Wildlife enforcement action on the property of Anna Marie Borges of the Robinson Creek area, southwest of Ukiah, which claimed that Fish and Wildlife had seized and destroyed nearly 200 marijuana plants, O'Neill said, "Her 200 plants was absolutely, totally reasonable."

The supervisors have long assumed that for outdoor cultivation of cannabis, one plant grown outside will cover 10 by 10 feet of ground, or 100 square feet, at maturity.

McCowen mentioned the equivalency between square footage and plant count, which was a fundamental component of the cultivation ordinance during part of 2016. During an interview held on Tuesday of this week, McCowen said: "A rough equivalency is, one plant equals 100 square feet. Now, some plants are 25 square feet, and some plants are more than 100 square feet. But on average, if you accept that number, then on a 2,500 square foot growing site, you could grow 25 plants."

However, as McCowen, Croskey, Gjerde and O'Neill stated, as currently written, the cultivation ordinance only considers area of cultivation as a criterion of whether one receives a Type C, Type 1, or Type 2 permit.

What is 'cottage industry'?

Willits Weekly asked two of the five supervisors what exactly was meant by the term "cottage industry," as it applies to cannabis. The clarification is necessary because the term is not in the definitions section of the now formally adopted medical cannabis cultivation ordinance.

Gjerde said he thought that it referred to the three types of permits that apply to cultivation areas up to 2,500 square feet. Those would be Type C, outdoors on up to 2,500 square feet; Type C-A, indoors on up to 2,500 square feet; and Type C-B, up to 2,500 square feet using mixed light techniques.

Supervisor Croskey said that in her opinion, the county had yet to adequately define what "cottage industry" cannabis production means. "I think we are trying to truly define what we want cottage industry to look like, in this county," Croskey said.

"There is definitely a need for it, coming from my constituents. They really want to have a minimal operation, with minimum impacts, and they don't want to be forced into putting in a lot of infrastructure."

Roots of Motive Power 2017 Festival Schedule September 9 & 10

Saturday, September 9		Sunday, September 10	
9:00	Train Rides Begin at Loading Platform - Bluestone Mining Heisler #1 all day Bucyrus Erie 50 B steam shovel moves to pit at rear of facility Kelly Springfield Steam Roller	3:30	Estep Diesel start and run at Loading Spur Willamette, Bucyrus Erie 50B steam down 4:00 Railroad operations conclude
10:00	Willamette and stationary engines run for rest of day Buffalo Springfield demonstration Raymond Crane starts loading Atlas Imperial Diesel	4:00	BBQ begins in park, Auction and raffle
11:00	Willamette exercises Erie engine Tractor group demonstration, all day Ranch Car Open 11:00 - 12:00 Bucyrus Erie 50B Steam Shovel Demonstration begins at pit at rear of property Ohio Locomotive Crane stationary demonstrations begin Kelly Springfield Steam Roller	10:00	Willamette and stationary engines operate rest of day Ohio Steam Crane Demonstration
12:00	Estep Diesel start and run at Loading Spur Willamette exercises Skinner engine & Erie Engine	10:30	Train Rides Begin - Bluestone Mining Heisler #1 operates on until 3:30 PM. Atlas Imperial start and run at loading spur
1:00	Le Tourneau Tourna Crane demonstration Street Printing with Buffalo Springfield in Rec Grove Park to 4 PM	11:00	Bucyrus Erie 50B demonstration at rear of facility Estep yarder start and run at Loading Spur Tractor Group Demonstration - all day
1:30	Willamette exercises Washington yarder Little Willamette and Port Huron Portable Engine Bucyrus Erie 22 B demonstration at pit.	12:00	Willamette exercises dynamo Library and Ranch Car Open 12:00 - 1:00 Bucyrus Erie 22B Demonstration at Pit
2:00	Raymond stream crane demonstration Willamette exercises Eureka horizontal spool donkey Tour of Lidgerwood Tower Skidder Atlas Imperial start and run at Loading Spur	1:00	Bucyrus Erie 50B shovel begins move back to shop and parks Willamette exercises Washington Duplex Loader Atlas Imperial Diesel start and run at Loading Spur
3:00	Bucyrus Erie 50B Steam Shovel demonstration at pit (rear of property) Willamette exercises Washington Duplex Loader Raymond moves back into work building	2:00	Estep Yarder start and run at Loading Spur Corliss demonstration Engine House
		3:00	Begin to shut down all steam equipment - Railroad operations begin final switching operations
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won't cost the county anything.

"We had to do a zero-dollar purchase order. We had to do that so AT&T can get [its] money from the state. Basically, the system we had was under a state contract that is expiring. That's what it comes down to. In order to have a 9-1-1 system, we have to have computers, and so we had to get new computers. It won't cost us anything."

Johnson said the county won't be getting new towers, and it won't be getting new employees, just the computers. He added the new computers will be "theoretically" better than the old computers.

"It's just like anything else," Johnson said. "Like when you get a new phone, usually what happens is you pay your money and walk out of the store, and by the time you get to the door, they have a new phone out that's better than the one you just bought. So, in that sense, yes, it's theoretically better than the old system."

"I think that the new system will be able to receive text messages, once the state allows 9-1-1 systems to receive text messages," Johnson said.

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fused to cooperate with investigators.

Wednesday afternoon, sheriff's detectives, aided by members of the Mendocino Multi-Agency Gang Suppression Unit (officers from county law enforcement agencies who engage in various anti-gang activities, examine trends in anti-gang enforcement, and formulate strategies to help combat criminal gang activity), and the Mendocino County Probation Department, "developed information identifying the shooting suspect in [the] case as a 14-year-old male who lived in the area, Barney said.

Detectives believe there was "an altercation between the suspect, the victims, and perhaps additional parties yet to be identified." At this point, however, the 14-year-old suspect "is the only person who was identified as having fired a firearm during this incident," Barney noted.

At about 1:50 pm Wednesday, detectives served a search warrant in the 300 Block of Lake Mendocino Drive. While they were searching the residence, the teenager arrived home and was taken into custody.

While detectives believe some of the involved parties are either gang affiliates or gang members, "the exact motivation behind the altercation is not clearly known," Barney added.

The 14-year-old was lodged in juvenile hall.

Anyone with information concerning the shootings is urged to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Communications Center at 463-4086, or the Mendocino County Sheriff's Tip Line at 234-2100.

Regarding gang-related incidents in northern Mendocino County, sheriff's Capt. Gregory Van Patten told Willits Weekly on Wednesday: "As far as increased gang activity in the northern county, I would say that I have not noticed any significant occurrences recently."

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

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Cameron Thompson works with speech therapist Jaynie Smith at Howard Memorial Hospital.

Giving voice and hope

Speech language therapists at HMH find their jobs 'beyond rewarding'

By Cici Winiger, for HMH

Parents look forward to their child's milestones. Photos and posts inundate social media with all their firsts: the first smile, the first word. But for then-2-year-old Cameron Thompson, his first word came much later than expected. "We didn't think anything of it; we thought he was just slower than other kids his age. So we waited," said Crystal Lynn Thompson, Cameron's mother.

But the words never came. Instead of talking, Cameron was making noises and pointing at 2 years old. Crystal Lynn remembers thinking something was wrong, and her mother's instinct told her to look for answers. She went on the internet to start. "I came across this list of words that he was supposed to be saying at his age. He was supposed to say 24 words, and he only had two."

Cameron was referred for speech therapy at Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every week since then, during hour-long appointments, speech therapist Jaynie Smith works with Cameron.

"We use play as a vehicle for language development," Smith explains. "In designing a child-directed-play therapy session with specific goals in mind, we weave in many opportunities to hear and say speech sounds, words and sentence structures. Instead of giving everything to him, I modeled for Cameron how to use his words to ask for highly desired toys or activities. In doing that, he has begun to understand the power of communication and that it is a two-way street. Language explodes from there," Smith concludes.

Today, Cameron is "talking up a storm," and there's no stopping him, like a typical 4-year-old. His vocabulary has grown, and the pretend play scenarios are just endless. "I love listening to him, and I'm just amazed at how far he's come. Being able to communicate has also allowed his imagination to grow, and he's able to make friends now," shares his proud dad, Chad Thompson.

"Before therapy, he used to just avoid talking," says Thompson. "We thought he was just reserved. Now, he would strike up a conversation with anybody, and it will last for hours if you let him. It's just amazing how much progress he's made. Now his

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COLUMN | Garden Tip of the Month

September: Mulch and cover crops

September is the last month that is generally frost-free in Willits. We should be able to enjoy tomatoes and other summer treats all month – if we keep our plants productive. Mulch your plants now to help prevent fungus diseases which strike as the nights get cooler and the rains start. Diseases are often caused by soil-borne spores splashing up onto the plants. Mulch absorbs water drops, so they don't splash soil up onto the plant. Keep it 6 inches away from the trunk or stalk.

Jamie Chevalier
Columnist

Often, plants that are getting a bit tired will leap back into production if you spread a few handfuls of compost around them. Or, you can brew a potent liquid fertilizer from weeds, grass clippings and other green plant matter. Just cover them with water and let them sit for a few days. If you use an aquarium bubbler, the brew will not get smelly. But smelly or not, it will revive tired zucchini and other veggies. Don't use this on perennials now - they need to go into winter dormancy, not make new growth that might be vulnerable to frost.

You can give your perennials and trees more resistance to freezing by feeding them potassium. It will help new permanent growth to harden, and make them more frost-hardy. Fireplace ashes can be used very sparingly, but the best fall fertilizer is seaweed. It contains not only potassium, but trace minerals and plant hormones which help your plants resist both cold and disease. Spraying with seaweed or compost tea will prevent mildew as well.

If you have never used cover crops in your garden, give it a try. They save you so much work and money! If you plant early enough for them to get a start before frost, you will be getting free fertilizer, mulch, weed prevention and erosion control. They aren't just for farmers - I've found that one place they really shine is in keeping pots weed-free. Sow covers during September or early October. You don't need to wait until your beds are empty. It is perfectly possible to broadcast vetch or rye or clover among your existing plants. Remove the summer crops as soon as they are finished, to give your cover crop space and light. Once the rains start, you won't even need to water.

One year I sowed vetch where corn had been. It covered the bed and bloomed with purple flowers in spring. After our frost-free date, I pulled the vetch plants and immediately put in tomatoes. I didn't till or spade the bed – just made a hole, sprinkled in some bone meal, and stuck in the transplants. The vetch I put off to the side. A week later, the dried vetch went back on the bed as mulch. I had a bountiful crop of tomatoes with no further work.

The vetch had put nutrients in the soil because it is a nitrogen-fixing legume. It put in more all summer as the mulch broke down. It kept the tomatoes out of the mud. And it prevented weeds for about 10 months. That's a big payoff from a few seeds scattered in September.

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At top: Vetch is an easy soil-building cover crop, either alone or mixed with grains. Above: Also known as "Bee's Friend," phacelia is a California wildflower that is used worldwide as a honey plant and winter cover crop. Below: Crimson clover dies after flowering, so it is perfect for garden beds and pots where you want to use the bed for something else next spring. Use perennial white clover for paths and lawns.



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happened because the board of supervisors has implemented the law this way.

While there has been some community input, the input is not representative of the districts in the county. The board of supervisors does hold meetings with topics related to cannabis. These meetings are usually during working hours and, for some people, a distance of an hour away. Since there are about 100 seats available, the supervisors are not expecting a big turnout nor are they getting it. Who thinks 100 seats represents the profile of the people living in the county?

There are five county supervisors, each representing a district and each district having a slightly different profile of residents. These supervisors are supposed to represent their districts. How can they represent the people when they do not hold public meetings in their district to solicit input? This is an important issue that is affecting many people, and the supervisors need to hear what their constituents have to say.

Making decisions without input directly from their constituents has resulted in some very negative decisions.

Just one issue: Water. Where is all the water coming from? It takes about a gallon/plant to grow cannabis. On one property with 3,000 plants that will require 3,000 gallons/day. We just got through a drought. Many people last year did not grow a garden because of the water restrictions. In Brooktrails, each household was allotted 100 gallons/day.

Will someone be able to prioritize whether people or plants are the higher priority? Do we have to cause a drought and then make this decision? This is preferential treatment for growers.

The issues are not the same in each district. But, these issues need to be identified and need to be addressed. It's time for the supervisors to get out in their

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extolled the virtues of cooking in a well-seasoned cast iron pan, and handed out delicious samples of andouille sausage, salami, mortadella and a very tasty rosemary ham, now available on sandwiches at the Mariposa Deli.

Another friendly vendor, Jim from Barlean's, had the interesting job of enticing visitors to try his company's Omega Swirl fish and flax seed oils – "nutrition that tastes like dessert." The lemon flavor indeed tasted creamy and sweet – sweetened with Xylitol, Jim said – and other flavors include mango peach, strawberry banana, and chocolate mint.

A more expected sweet taste was found at the Mendocino Gold table, where owner Diane Ryan was handing out samples of their own local raw wildflower honey (from Mendocino, Sonoma and Lake counties) and also their orange blossom honey. "We're beekeepers," Ryan said. "We take our bees to Southern California to do pollination for the almond and orange orchards, and that's how we get orange blossom honey."

Keep up with happenings at Willits' natural foods store – including the menu of different deli-made soups offered each day – by visiting the "Mariposa Market" page on Facebook.

Diane Knotts, a speech-language pathology assistant, uses the Picture Exchange

districts so they can find out what the issues of their districts are and meet as a board to resolve them. That is just doing their job – representing their people and resolving the problems within the community!

Julie Cook, Willits

Quilty Pleasures

To the Editor:

The hottest event on the weekend of August 26 and 27 was the Quilty Pleasures outdoor quilt show in Laytonville! Light breezes kept everyone just cool enough to enjoy this year's spectacular display of quilts and quilted home decor. On Saturday, Ron Crane again brought added fun to the event with his collection of antique washing machines and other motorized gems. Thank you, Ron and crew!

And now for the results. Ribbon winners were all chosen by our visitors. Thank you to all who voted, and congratulations to the winners. People's Choice Favorite Quilt: Elaine Carpenter; Quilter of the People's Choice: Karen Mattson [Editor's Note: see photo of the winning quilt on page 8]; Best Use of Color: Elaine Carpenter; Quilt to Sleep Under: Sandy Costa; Most Whimsical: Nancy Davis; Favorite Wall Hanging: KayLynne Van Saun; and Favorite Home Décor: Debbie Bowles.

This year's raffle winners: Quilt: Patty Leone; Sewing Basket #1: Debbi Sallee; Sewing Basket #2: Dorothy Asberry; Chocolate: Dusty; Sewing DVDs: Patti Vanover; Kitchen: Grace Chappell; Garden: Laure Mondo; and Wine: Sarah Carpenter. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets! All proceeds go towards scholarships for Laytonville High graduates.

Thank you to all who helped us plan the show layout during the eclipse! And to all our table movers, bundle carriers, and ladder climbers – we could not do this without you!

We hope to see everyone at next year's show.

Jody McGeen, Long Valley Quilters, Laytonville

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intelligence really shines through. Aside from simple words, he says these big words, like "reflection," and he knows how to use them in the right context too!

His parents say the therapy not only helped with his speech, but it also helped with his intellectual development. "Now he can form concepts. Even better, he can include us in his play. We're part of his world now, because we understand his train of thought. So we're all better off as a family because he is so much better at communicating," explains Thompson.

At his recent appointment, Cameron was chatting with everyone in the waiting room and was proud to report it was his birthday. And mom was just as proud. "Jaynie has taught us how to work with him and continue to encourage his development. So that when we leave, we're able to supplement what he learns here. There's less frustration on his part when we can't understand what he's saying," Crystal Lynn explains.

"I'm so glad we got him help. I'm not sure he would be this great at communicating now, if it wasn't for the speech therapy team here. And we're so grateful that we didn't have to drive to the city to get this care. Considering we go to therapy every week, it's very convenient that we only have to drive 15 minutes instead of two hours to the city," she adds.

Speech language therapy addresses a variety of conditions, for both children and adults. Speech therapy is commonly used to address a range of challenges often faced by people with autism. For instance, some individuals on the autism spectrum do not speak, while others love to talk but have difficulty using conversational speech and/or understanding the nuances of language and nonverbal cues when talking with others.

Diane Knotts, a speech-language pathology

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lives near Robinson Creek Road, southwest of Ukiah. Borges had earlier applied for a cultivation permit from the county Department of Agriculture and, according to Interim Commissioner of Agriculture Diane Curry, was attempting to come into compliance with the county's permitting system.

But on August 10, personnel from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife invaded Borges' property at gunpoint and seized and destroyed the nearly 200 cannabis plants being cultivated on her property.

According to press reports, Fish and Wildlife has been active in other North Coast counties as well. Mendocino County Supervisor John McCowen told this reporter he had read a letter to Fish and Wildlife from the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors protesting enforcement actions against Humboldt County residents.

McCowen characterized that letter as inflammatory.

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Friday at 3 pm. The Mendocino College weather station showed a high of 105.3 degrees at 2:45 pm Friday.

The Brooktrails Fire Department responded to two fires on Thursday, August 31. First, Brooktrails responded to the Rock fire up on Spy Rock Road in Laytonville (contained at 10 acres, according to Cal Fire), when they got a call about a fire on the old Sherwood Rancheria. "This was a vegetation fire of grass and brush, about 1 acre," said Brooktrails Deputy Fire Chief Jon Noyer, "that was started by equipment use – i.e., a weed eater being used during hot temperatures at 3 pm. It did threaten the rancheria's water tank at one point."

Luckily, Noyer said, an air tanker and air attack helicopter were already in the air, responding to the Rock fire. "The air tanker put a drop [of retardant] across one end of the fire, which prevented it from getting bigger. I got there with our quick attack vehicle and started to extinguish the rest of the fire, and then our other squad responded and assisted in getting the fire out by the time CalFire got out there." After the Brooktrails engine in Laytonville was released from the Rock fire, the crew came the back way up Sherwood Road from Laytonville, to join the other Brooktrails resources and CalFire in mopping up duties.

Brooktrails Fire also responded to a call at 5:45 am Saturday morning with a report of a structure fire on Birch Circle – the homeowner called about fire and smoke inside her master bedroom. Noyer said the fire was caused by a bathroom vent fan that caught fire in the ceiling and eventually "self-extinguished" by falling into the toilet. After checking for hot spots in the insulation and "evacuating" the smoke out of the home, firefighters found only minor smoke damage. "The story goes," Noyer added, "that the dog woke her up, licking her face" to alert her to the fire.

Noyer said Brooktrails had received a number of phone calls from residents worried that the thick drift smoke might be due to local fires, and Little Lake Fire Department went out on some smoke check calls, too,

McCowen himself wrote a letter to John Laird, secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency – the state agency that oversees the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The letter said actions like the August 10 raid against "small-scale cultivation operations that are in the permit process" ... "will have a chilling effect on the willingness of cultivators to apply for permits."

McCowen urged Laird to make sure "consideration be given to those small scale cultivators who are actively attempting to comply with the requirements of our regulatory system."

At the August 22 board meeting, Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman and Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster were in the chambers to argue against forwarding McCowen's letter to the Natural Resources Agency. McCowen, however, withdrew his letter from consideration at the start of the meeting, telling Willits Weekly he didn't want it to be "a time-consuming diversion," and the letter was never sent.

without finding local fires.

But Noyer warned: "Now that we've had a long run of heat, even our more moisture-heavy fuels in Brooktrails have gotten down to critical levels, because of the wind and the heat. We want to be sure that people remain vigilant." Whatever rain the area might get due to the predicted rain and possible thunderstorms will dampen the roads, Noyer said, "but it will not put an end to fire season."

Little Lake Fire Department still has firefighters serving up at the Helena fire near Highway 299 in Trinity County, as part of the Mendocino County Strike team that went north to help fight the fires on September 1. The strike team is made up of engines from Little Lake Fire (engines C5401 and E5468), Hopland Fire, South Coast Fire, Redwood Coast Fire and Anderson Valley. Little Lake Training Chief Eric Alvarez is working the Helena fire, with the local volunteers.

The Willits firefighters "have been mopping up and holding fire lines," LFLD Chief Chris Wilkes said Wednesday. "They're on night shift, working 12 hours every night. They said they got a lot done on their part of the line as of right now, but there isn't any talk of them being released. They're going to be on that fire for a while."

Wednesday evening's official update from CalFire on the Helena fire, which started August 30, says it has burned 15,880 acres and is 30 percent contained.

Little Lake Fire was dispatched to the Rock fire, too, Chief Wilkes said, but "other than that, we've been pretty quiet fire-wise. We've done multiple smoke-checks, and we've had a couple vehicle accidents, but most of them have been pretty minor. Labor Day usually produces a lot of mess for us, and it didn't this year. I think we're doing pretty good right now."

National Weather Service forecasts for the week ahead show considerably lower temperatures, ranging from a high of 79 predicted for Friday to 92 predicted for Sunday, with overnight lows remaining in the low 50s.

I see my patients progress with their ability to communicate. For a child, when their words really work for them to communicate their desires, thoughts and ideas, it is truly amazing and so rewarding. Working together with parents as partners is extremely effective in accelerating language learning. With older children, young adults and the elderly, it's that same satisfaction in being able to provide that help and guidance toward more effective communication.

"The power of words and the ability to communicate is such a big thing – it is a critical aspect of our lives every day. We often take it for granted. But in my work, I've seen how it can change people's lives. Opening those doors to new or different modes of communication gives our patients increased independence, a sense of control over their lives, and so much hope."

Aside from helping patients with speech problems, SLPs also help children and adults with neuromuscular disorders like spinal muscular atrophy, muscular dystrophy and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Those who have lost cognitive ability and/or the ability to speak or swallow, due to illness or injury such as stroke, also benefit from speech and language therapy.

"We're proud to be able to offer this service to our community so that they don't have to travel far for specialized services such as this. Stories such as Cameron's are what motivates us, knowing that we're making a difference in the lives of our patients and that's really what we're here for," concludes Jason Wells, HMH president and CEO.

Outpatient Rehab is staffed with three nationally certified speech-language pathologists. Outpatient Rehab is located at 3 Marcela Drive, Suite D, in Willits. For more information about their services or to make an appointment, please call 456-3141.



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At top: Mike Griggs, Sr. and Chris Griggs during the Garden Party's live auction. A basket of Kathy Shuster's vegetables, offered as a silent auction item. George Husaruk, left, on flute and Bear Kamaroff, on bass, entertain the Saturday afternoon crowd. At left: The large crowd at the August 26 Garden Party benefit for the Willits Educational Foundation. Below: Mushrooms stuffed with crab were one of the many delicious "small bite" offerings.



A Garden Party

Sold-out benefit raises \$35,000 and counting for Willits schools

Phil and Kathy Shuster hosted another sold-out benefit for the Willits schools at their home on Center Valley Road on August 26. This year's "A Garden Party" fundraiser sold 400 tickets in advance, and dozens of volunteers working to make the big, elegant party flow without a hitch were in attendance, too.

It was a warm evening – though not compared to last week's weather in Willits – but there were tables on the shady side of the house, too, and the mixed-drink bar was in the shade.

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Although it takes a couple weeks to count all the money and figure all the costs, Willits Educational Foundation organizers say this year's party raised about \$35,000 – after expenses.

Funds raised by WEF and their partner for this event, the Willits Rotary Club, all go to Willits Unified School District art, music and library programs. Teachers can suggest small grants that suit classroom and school site needs.

"Yes, it was a great event," said WEF President Jennifer Drew, "and I am so happy everyone had a great time! I saw so many new teachers and new faces this year!"

WEF's Kathleen Lewis, who presides over the kitchen crew each year, said there were about 40 kitchen crew volunteers, including the high school and middle school students serving the food, and about 75 volunteers in all, counting those working beforehand and behind the scenes.

"All I can say is, to quote Linda Buletti, 'Volunteers are golden!' We could not even begin to do something of this magnitude without the assistance of Willits Rotary and an absolute army of volunteers," Lewis said.

The supply of food seemed endless: as the barbecue

crew worked on the tri-tip and oysters on the grill, students handed around plates of hors d'oeuvres, including crab-stuffed mushrooms, cheese balls, jalapeno cheese bars, just to name a few. When the announcement was made that the main food offerings were ready, the line formed fast, and everybody emerged with heaping plates of food. There was plenty for seconds, too.

Members of Willits Rotary manned the wine and beer bar – and needed to make restock runs for bottled water, too, thanks to the heat. The wine featured this year was from Handley Cellars of Philo.

Side tables were lined with silent auction items, and the floral and succulent centerpieces at each big table were sold off, too, at the end of the evening.

Sheriff Tom Allman presided over the live auction – and there was competitive bidding for a number of items. But the liveliest auction item was the promise of five dozen cookies delivered freshly baked from Kathleen Lewis every month for a year. Last year, Lewis' cookies went for more than \$800, but this year – thanks to a bidding war between Paul Riley and Mike Griggs, Sr., the cookies-every-month treat went for an extraordinary \$3,100. Riley offered to split the cost and the cookies, but winner Griggs said, "I'm going to give him the cookies anyway!"

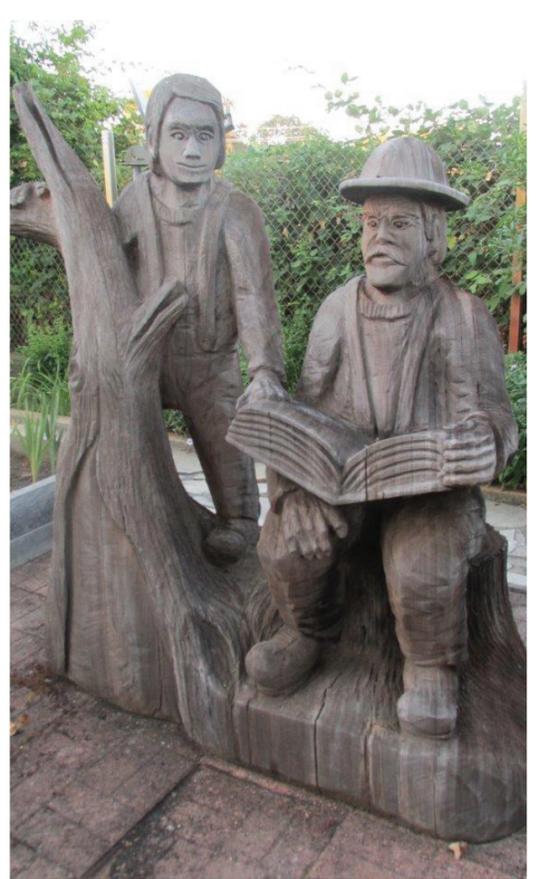
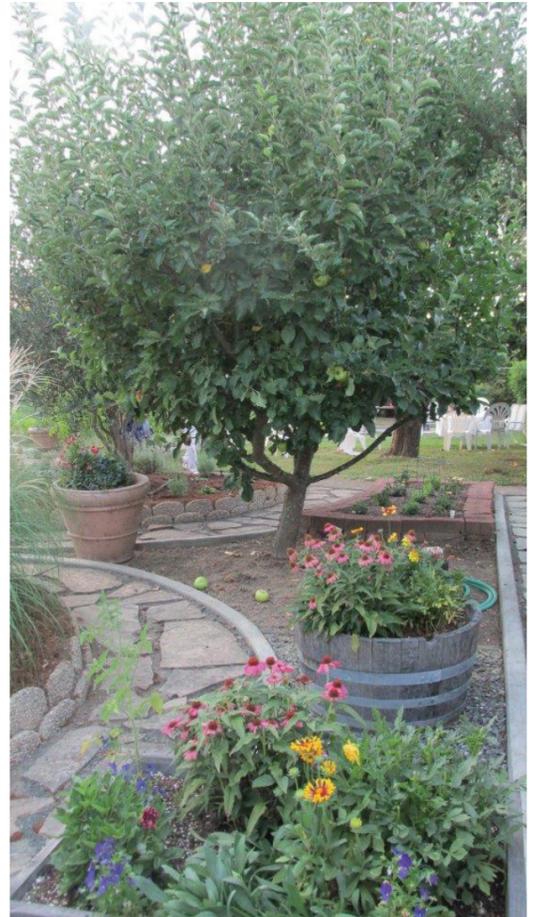
As the party wound down, people enjoyed exploring the Shusters' beautiful gardens, complete with fruit trees, sculptures, flower beds, grapevines and a lovely, cool koi pond and fountain, a favorite of the youngsters.

Thanks to all the volunteers' labor and the attendees' cash donations – the Willits Educational Foundation is a 401(c) nonprofit – untold numbers of Willits schoolchildren will have a more enjoyable and educational school year this year.



Above, left, Kathleen Lewis, in the kitchen at the end of the Garden Party. Above, right: Hosts Kathy and Phil Shuster.

At right, top: Part of the Shusters' tranquil garden, with an apple tree and bright flowers in beds and planters. At right: An appropriate wood carving for the Willits garden hosting this annual benefit for art, music and library programs in the Willits schools.



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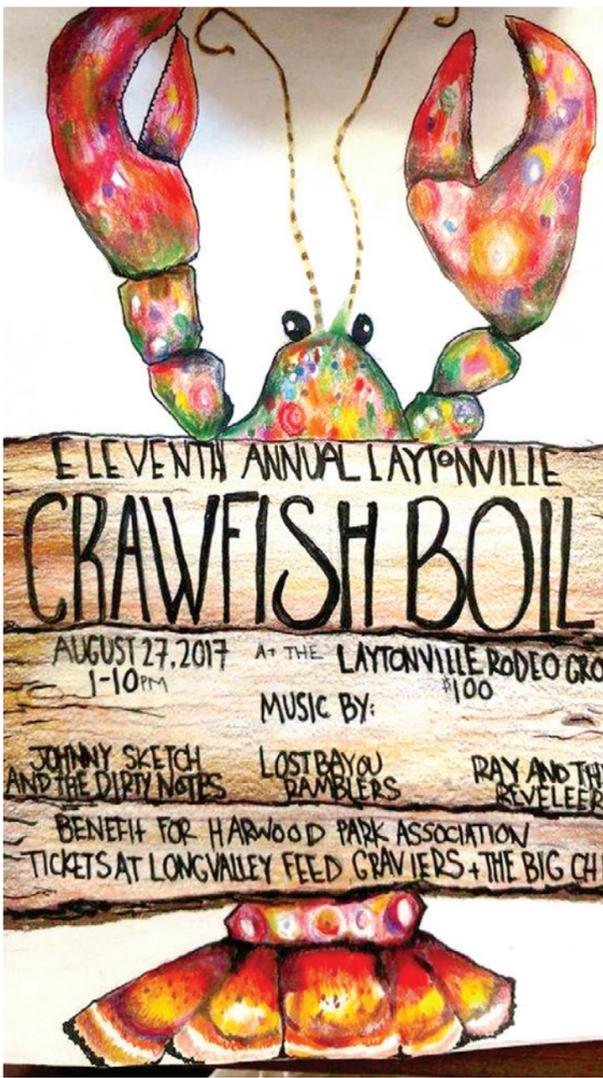
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At left: The poster for the 11th annual Laytonville Crawfish Boil. Above, left: Zoe Gregory serves the exquisite parfait dessert layered with fresh fruit, custard and cake. Above, right: Dancers shake it and swing it to the tunes of Johnny Sketch and the Dirty Notes. Below, left: Crawfish, ready to eat. Below, right: Chef Emiliana Puyana from San Francisco serves the gorditas – “little fatties” in English. The taco-like gorditas were perfect for wrapping the meat with choices of salsa.



Crawfish Boil

Annual Laytonville feast raises funds for community institutions

Each year for 11 years the group of organizers of the Crawfish Boil – Mat Paradis, Clay Carpenter and Troy Terrill from the Big Chief and Draft Punk in Laytonville – do something new to keep the event fresh and inviting to their many supporters. New recipients of the 11th Crawfish Boil proceeds are Harwood Park, for updated play structures, and the Long Valley Health Center, plus others.

round of crawfish and veggies were poured on the tables, the shade had begun to cool folks while they ravenously feasted.

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To tantalize folks' gastronomic love of Crawfish Boil's cooking, they included Hog Island oysters – fresh or barbequed in the portable pizza oven owned by Sho' Nuf Dem Biscuits – goose, and rabbit, 4H'er Stephanie Brundage's 12 meat rabbits raised in Willits.

It takes a village of volunteers to cook and serve at this popular event. Chefs and friends of the organizers come from far and wide – many long-time friends and family of the Big Chief: people from Louisiana, San Francisco and Mendocino County. Everyone looks forward to the fun of preparing and serving the food, specialty beer, and kombucha drinks, as well as providing many other services together. Some sell tickets; others pull pork and other meats. People made sure there was enough water and soft drinks for the thirsty. After 11 years of experience, the organizers have everything figured out. It moves so smoothly it seems effortless.

There was a taco bar operated by San Francisco chef Emiliana Puyana, who is a longtime volunteer. Volunteers Eva Puyana and Jessica Mataka also lent a hand.

People attended from different parts of the county and country. For the Oltjenbrunses from Willits, it was their first time. “It's great food and music, friendly people and a great cause!” said Grant Oltjenbruns. Justin Hendricks from Southern California working with the Professional Events Security folks said, “So if I don't work this event next year I'll come anyway. It's amazing!”

They served gorditas – translated it means: “little fatties” – to use like tacos. It was make-your-own gorditas with the pulled meats – goat, chicken and pork – and a variety of spicy salsas. Music was served on stage throughout the event with five bands to wiggle your waddle: The Square Heads, Emerald City Jukes, Lost Bayou Ramblers from Louisiana, our own Ray and the Reveleers with special guest Ed Reinhart, and headliners Johnny Sketch and the Dirty Notes, also from Louisiana.

The crowd began thinning when the coolness of evening was settling and stars were dotting the darkening sky. By then the crawfish were husks, the vegetables eaten, and the band was packing their instruments in the stillness of the rodeo grounds.

And it was hot! The temperature topped at 107 degrees in the barbeque and crawfish-boiling area, which was not shaded. Thankfully there were spritzers of water along the rodeo-grounds fence sending streams of light mists on the winds, ever so briefly cooling cooks and volunteers. By the time the first

One can't help but wonder: What will they treat us to next year?

For more information about the Crawfish Boil, call the Big Chief at 707-984-6770, or visit the Big Chief Facebook page.



Above: Because they grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, from left, brothers Jesse, Jeremy, their father, Jerry, and Clay Carpenter – one of the Crawfish Boil organizers – have been making jambalaya for most of their lives. Below: People talked, ate, drank and listened to incredible music throughout the event. At bottom: Barbequed oysters and chitlins are prepared in Sho' Nuf Dem Biscuits' portable pizza oven.



Above, right, center: The chickens and one of the goats grilling in the extreme heat on Saturday. Above, far right: Mendocino County's Ray and the Reveleers, with special guest Ed Reinhart, treat the crowd to their music.

At right: Presley Greg, center, was totally absorbed with how to shuck and eat a crawfish. From left, his brother, Patron, their mother Stephanie, Grant Oltjenbruns and his wife, Becky. Victoria Edwards picks one of the fresh Hog Island oysters, new for the 11th annual event. The rest of dinner is served: Cabbage slaw, watermelon, pulled rabbit, pulled pork, goat and the El Green-Go taco bar.



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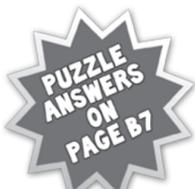
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How To Sudoku:

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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- Hammer ends
- One-time Roman emperor
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- 'All ___ on deck'
- Singel-celled animals
- Iron-containing compound
- Where golfers begin
- One who is gullible
- Type of tree
- Popular form of music
- Makes a mistake
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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

August 21 to September 3

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 459 incidents in this 14-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

August 21

1:50 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1400 block of South Main Street.
 2:28 am: Officers responded to a report of a prowler near the intersection of Padula Drive and Poppy Drive.
 12:04 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
 12:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.
 1:08 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.
 2:12 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of North Main Street.
 2:54 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
 4:55 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

August 22

10:13 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
 12:18 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of McKinley Street.
 8:53 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of Coast Street.
 10:53 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
 12:11 pm: WRIGHT, Johanna Raley (28) of Willits and VANHORN, Holland Ansley (34) of Willits were contacted in the 200 block of Shell Lane. Wright was arrested on felony charges of grand theft and receiving stolen property. Vanhorn was arrested on felony charges of receiving stolen property, and on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation and failure to appear.
 1:22 pm: MORRIS, Dena Darlene (55) of Redwood Valley was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 417 PC (Brandishing a Weapon), on felony charges of threats to commit a crime resulting in death or great bodily injury, and on misdemeanor charges of defacement.
 1:31 pm: VAUGHN, Cassidy Rose (27) of Sebastopol, FLANAGAN, Kevin Patrick (34) of Willits, and SWINNEY, Justin Blue Sunshine (47) of Fort Bragg were contacted in the 100 block of Highway 20. Vaughn was arrested pursuant to 242 PC (Assault and Battery) and 664/187 PC (Felony Attempted Murder). Flanagan was arrested pursuant to 242 PC (Assault and Battery), 664/187 PC (Felony Attempted Murder), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Swinney was arrested on felony charges of violation of probation.
 1:38 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
 2:13 pm: Officers initiated a robbery investigation in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.
 3:09 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street.
 4:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Bonnie Lane and Margie Drive.
 4:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of South Main Street.
 7:45 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Gregory Lane.
 8:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of indecent exposure in the 1600 block of South Main Street.
 8:46 pm: Officers responded to a report

of threats in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

9:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

August 23

8:57 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of South Main Street.
 9:06 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
 11:48 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of Franklin Avenue.
 2:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1300 block of South Main Street.
 8:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of a vegetation fire in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road.
 10:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of a fight in the 22000 block of East Side Road.
 10:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 2000 block of Mitomka Way.

August 24

4:30 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.
 6:00 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Nancy Lane.
 10:12 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.
 12:17 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
 12:31 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
 2:35 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of Franklin Avenue.
 3:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.
 6:29 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
 10:51 pm: HAMILTON, Brandon Paul (33) of Crescent City was contacted in the 200 block of Shell Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 459 PC (Burglary), on felony charges of receiving stolen property and forging/altering vehicle registration, and on misdemeanor charges of false impersonation, providing a false ID to an officer, and violation of probation.

August 25

7:05 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1500 block of South Main Street.
 9:03 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Hazel Street.
 10:26 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1600 block of South Main Street.
 12:58 pm: SIMPSON, Gerald Crandall (47) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of violation of community supervision and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance.
 4:58 pm: QUILTER, James Emanuel III was contacted in the 300 block of Pine Street. He was arrested on felony charges of corporal injury and on misdemeanor charges of violation of a protective order and violation of probation.
 10:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of North Main Street.

August 26

1:15 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.
 Read the rest of WPD | Over on Page B7



At top, left: Saprina Rodriguez honors beloved teacher Tom Tilton, in the background: WUSD Superintendent Mark Westerburgs and Hospital CEO Jason Wells. At top, right: People enjoy refreshments and mingle. Above: Howard Memorial Hospital donated \$3,500. From left, Maria Munguia, Mark Westerburg, Tom Tilton, Saprina Rodriguez and Jason Wells. Below, left: Rodriguez honors Dave Kline, who did the painting of the gym's walls. Below, right: Newly painted walls in the Tom Tilton Gym at Baechtel Grove Middle School.



Renovations Reception

Baechtel Grove's Tom Tilton Gymnasium 'a place to be proud of'

Last Friday evening's unveiling of the newly remodeled Tom Tilton Gymnasium – located at Baechtel Grove Middle School – was a quiet event. It was a time of recognition for those involved in the renovations and also a time to share the finished product. Organizer Willits City Councilwoman Saprina Rodriguez honored those involved with words of gratitude and bouquets of flowers.

Those recognized for their assistance included retired teacher Dave Kline, drywall contractors Josh Potter and Gabe Svendsen, and Martin Rodriguez, local business owner.

Rodriguez credited these individuals for their generosity of time and dedication to the completion of the project. The gym would also not be possible without some substantial donations: Sherwood Rancheria donated \$250; Howard Foundation, \$1,500; Adventist Health, \$3,500; Saprina and Martin Rodriguez, \$11,800; and a number of individuals donated \$100 each.

Although a few different people were being honored, as Rodriguez put it: "Really we're here today to honor Tom, as it's called the Tom Tilton Gym... What do you get someone when you name a gym after them? Then I thought, 'Well, he got a gym!' With the gym's facelift completed, it is a place to be proud of, thanks to the vision of Saprina Rodriguez.

Among those attending the unveiling were Baechtel Grove Principal Maria Munguia, Willits Unified School District Superintendent Mark Westerburg, Howard Memorial Hospital President and CEO Jason Wells, and the gym's namesake, retired coach and beloved teacher, Tom Tilton.

Principal Munguia noted: "The difference between what it was before and what it is now... It was in need of repair. And now that it's repaired, it brings so much pride to the kids. And the shade of green is so energetic and updated, I love it!" Munguia also commented the kids have told her they like the way the gym looks now.

Howard Memorial Hospital provided the refreshments – an elegant spread of finger foods – for everyone to enjoy as they swapped stories of the gym's construction and its early years of use. It was an evening of good memories and good company as those in attendance appreciated the delicious food and the festive new colors on the walls of this public gym.

"Public" because Tom Tilton Gymnasium, like the swimming pool at Willits High School, is a City of Willits-owned facility, leased (for \$1/year) and maintained by WUSD, and the gym is available for public activities during non-school hours. Call the WUSD office at 459-5314 for more information on rental fees.

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10th ANNIVERSARY GIVEAWAY

\$10,000 CASH MUST GO

Saturday, September 23rd

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Above: Debbie Frank, left, Alan Grossman, center, and Paul Riley, right, get their lobsters. At right: Willits Rotary's Jolene Carrillo, left, and Holly Madrigal, right, stand with newly inducted Rotary member Lydia Senter Leser, center. At right: Paddles are raised during the dollar auction by all those interested in winning the currently displayed items.



At top, from left: The crowd of Claws for a Cause attendees gathered at tables on the lawn in front of the Howard House at Ridgewood Ranch. Lobster crew members Jerry and Sandy Turner, at left, stand with event organizer Mike Smith and event emcee, Tom Allman, at right. The House Doctor's Tom and Bridget Summers smile with Cecil Caldwell and Darlene Bixler of J.D. Redhouse. Smiles at the table from Tim Cooper, left, Pete Bushby and Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation's Jacqueline Cooper, right. Silent auction items were displayed in the Howard House for event-goers to place bids on throughout the evening, including this bottle of wine, which Kyle Laver contemplates bidding on before dinner. Katie Garcia, left, and Ashton Bloomquist, right, enjoy chit chat on the Howard House lawn. At right, from top: The Ed Rinehart Band plays for the crowd. Brad Walton, left, sits with Jill Walton, Tim Miller and Holly Sears. The filet mignon, potato cake and asparagus prepared by Adam's Restaurant.

Claws for a Cause

Ridgewood Ranch dinner raises \$25,000 for therapeutic riding center

The heat decided to let up just enough in the evening hours of Saturday, September 2 to allow for a lovely evening of fundraising and festivities for the annual Claws for a Cause event at Ridgewood Ranch. The event sold out with nearly 250 tickets in the hands of attendees who wanted to come support the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center and, through the generosity of the community, the event was able to raise around \$25,000 this year.

While that's down a little from last year's total, event organizer and Willits Rotarian Mike Smith noted that it was in line with the total raised the year before.

"We had a great time this year," said Smith. "Thank you so much to everyone who came out to attend the event. We heard great comments about the food, too, and that this year's dishes from Adam's Restaurant were thoroughly enjoyed."

While the lobster was cooked by the Rotary Club, Adam's provided the rest of the menu, including arugula salad, filet mignon with asparagus and potato cakes, bread, a dessert of peach strawberry crisps with cream, and a cheese board appetizer.

To help with the heat, the event started an hour later than planned, at 6 pm, when attendees enjoyed appetizers, wine tasting and the chance to review silent auction items, live auction items and quarter auction items.

Some of the live auction items included four

bottles of Golden Vineyards "Corro" (donated by Golden Vineyards); a pie per month for a year (donated by Kemmy's Pies); a DeWalt table saw (donated by Julene Livingston); a queen-size Serta Perfect Sleeper Plush Mattress set (donated by Willits Furniture Center); a Rebekkah Jackson original oil painting (donated by Ellen Bartholomew); a DeWalt miter saw (donated by Julene Livingston); a rustic metal crow fountain (donated by Willits Furniture Center); a two-night stay at Sweetwater Inn and Spa's Redwood Cottage, with two massages at the Spa, dinner for two at Café Beaujolais and a bottle of Napa Valley, John Lassetter, 2013 Amoureux; a rustic metal garden archway (donated by Willits Furniture Center); dinner for four at the Mendocino County Jail (donated by Willits Rotarian, Sheriff Tom Allman); dinner for eight at the Howard House (prepared by Willits Rotarian, Ann Alumbaugh), and some surprise memorabilia from Ridgewood Ranch, home of Seabiscuit (donated by the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation).

Some of the dollar auction items included gift certificates to Loose Caboose Café, Mariposa Market, House Doctor Paints, Moon Lady and Moon Man, Crush, and El Mexicano; bottles of Golden Vineyards "2011 Corro," Easton Zinfandel and Golden Vineyards olive oil. There was also a rustic rocking peacock (donated by Willits Furniture); a travel basket arranged by Willits Rotarian, Ann Alumbaugh; a rustic metal horse picture on wood (donated by Willits Furniture Center); a 78-piece socket set (donated by Little Lake Auto Parts); a basket of Caterpillar stuff (donated by Pederson Tractor);

a baking jar (donated by Willits Rotarian Ann Alumbaugh); an organic vegetable basket (donated by the Golden Rule Garden); a two-bottle gift box of Rivino wine (donated by Rivino Winery of Ukiah); Sparetime Supply swag; a bag of kitchen supplies (donated by ER Energy); a Japanese Blue Gold Chrysanthemum plate (donated by Diane Clatty); a private tour of the historic Ridgewood Ranch, for adults and two children, plus bottle of wine; a fall wreath (donated by Flowers by Annette); and a coffee basket with Bella Rosa Coffee, mugs and chocolate cream liqueur.

Willits Rotarian Holly Madrigal called the dollar auction, and Willits Rotarian and Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman called the live auction with the assistance of auctioneer Rachel Britten.

The Rotary Club also received a new member who was inducted at the event: Lydia Senter Leser. Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center director Erin Holzhauser was honored during the ceremony, as students, support staff and community members spoke to her abilities, presented her with roses, and appreciated the work and effort she has given, and continues to give, to make the program a success. The Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center is "dedicated to teaching the skill of horsemanship to help children and adults with special needs thrive in their daily lives."

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— submitted by the Mendocino County Library



Above: A group of happy attendees at the NC Financial table, including, in back row, from left: Bruce Burton and Robert Neese; second row, from left: Kira Hahn, Billy Harris, Nicholas Casagrande, Roxanne Lemos-Neese and Jason Smith; and front row, from left: Finlay Smith, Holly Smith, Nicola Smith, Debbie Mirabelli and Joe Mirabelli.

At left: Rotarians Ann Alumbaugh, left, and Dorothy Roediger hold two of the ready-to-eat lobsters, fresh from the steamer.

Below: Kathy and Phil Shuster check in at the front table for the 2017 Claws for a Cause event.

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Above, from left: WCA's new manager, Lindsey Burns. Admiring the "M" in the Alphabet Series is artist Diza Hope, with a gorgeous fresh hibiscus flower in her hair, adding to the colorfulness of the show. Admirers of Nancy McHone's work, Jim and Enjay Scott from Naughty Boy Vineyards in Potter Valley, graciously donated their organic wines for the event. The beginning piece of McHone's series of work in "Autobiography of an Artist's Illness 2010-2013" is "Rural Weave Grace 2009." McHone made it as a freestanding basket and formed it as the Chinese character "pi," which means grace.



McHone Reception

Over 150 guests attend 'Maintaining Inner Light' opening at WCA

The Willits Center for the Arts opened its doors at 7 pm Saturday night for the new show, "Maintaining Inner Light," by sculptural artist, Nancy McHone. The artist has completed several bodies of work, filling both galleries at the WCA with her three-dimensional, colorful and fanciful pieces.

Over 150 eager family members, friends and art lovers from around Mendocino County and beyond attended the WCA event to meet and greet the well-known and loved artist. People learned about her incredible personal journey using art as a means to deal with cancer – from pre-diagnosis to post-recovery. Through her art and words, McHone tells an amazing tale of intuitively wending her way along the pathway to healing.

The first works in the series "Part I, Autobiography of an Artist's Illness 2010-2013" are in the front gallery. The leading sculpture – a freestanding three-dimensional basket – was the first piece in the series. It was created in her pre-cancer-diagnosis time after she threw coins for an I Ching reading – an ancient Chinese divination tool. McHone asked the question, "Why do I still make art?" She was given what turned out to be words and ideas that helped her relax into the seven-year treatment and healing process with her diagnosis of colorectal cancer.

New work is displayed along with her earlier wall sculptures in the first gallery. McHone decided to create a series based on the alphabet. People at Saturday's opening were intrigued and crowded around the 26 small – for McHone – colorful sculptures with sometimes-hidden letters within the sculpture. The pieces hang on walls or are supported on pedestals in the center of the room. By the end of the evening, the small red dot stickers to indicate pieces sold were highly visible on many pieces of McHone's work in both galleries.

In the second gallery are several series of McHone's "New Work 2014 – 2017." She's been simplifying her techniques and materials by discontinuing using wire, papier mâché and canvas and keeping her materials limited to Gator Board and foam board scraps. She continues gluing layers that she loves so well and painting the surfaces with textures in her signature fashion.

McHone comes from a long line of artists: her grandfather was a musician as well as a painter, her father followed suit and worked in wood, making furniture. Her children, Megan and Abel McHone are also artists. Megan McHone of MWM Designs remembers, "Art was in [my life] from the second I was born."

Megan's large and colorful jewelry of imbedded found objects can be viewed and are for sale in the WCA lobby during her mother's show. After working closely with famed artist Mike Kelley and helping manage the Mike Kelley Foundation for the Arts after Kelley died, Abel McHone has recently moved to San Geronimo. He's busy creating a new studio for making his own sculptural furniture.

During the members' reception, the artist talked to a group of almost 75 filling the second gallery and overflowing

into the first. In WCA curator Gary Martin's introduction to McHone, he informed the crowd that McHone was instrumental in acquiring the current WCA building to rent from the city. There was a roaring round of applause after which McHone talked about her journey with art and cancer.

She emphasized the fact that once she understood the I Ching reading, she intuitively used art to help keep her spirit light as she traveled through treatments, pain and recovery. She also mentioned loving to read and explore ideas. Her series in the new work, "Cosmos: Big Bang; Solar System; Expanding Universe 2015," examines her personal place in the universe after the all-encompassing journey to healing from cancer. "I wanted to understand the 'bigger picture' of which I am the microcosm," she wrote on her label for the series.

In both galleries one would be hard-pressed to see that the sculptures had anything to do with illness and recovery. Reading the titles and descriptions open one's perception into that world. McHone's art is beautiful, intriguing, intricate, and filled with color and texture. The spirit of the work McHone produced is light and entertaining. She created compelling pieces that delight the soul.

In the upstairs gallery, June and Jerry Albright treat art and photography lovers to their amazing personal photographs taken on a trip to Cuba a few years ago. It's not simply a show of landscapes. There are people engaged with the photographer, as well as people living, working and playing in their world.

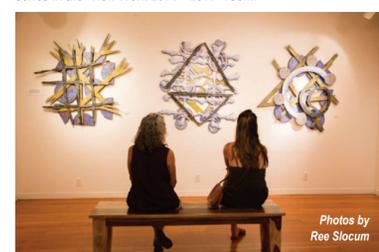
Marie Blancas, from Chef de Cuisine Catering and owner of the Moon Lady clothing store, catered the opening reception. There were a delicious array of finger foods including crackers topped with a curried tofu salad and slice of cherry tomato, chocolate and lemon cookies, and, in honor of McHone's son, Abel, there were the Abel sushi rolls he invented when working at Tsunami restaurant as a teen. Naughty Boy Wines from Potter Valley, specializing in Pinot Noir, were poured. Flowers were generously grown and donated by Carissa Chiniaeff.

On Saturday, September 16, there will be a free Art and Healing Workshop from 11 am to 12:30 pm at the WCA. There will be a panel discussion with Nancy McHone, David Weitzman and Sue Sweet about using art for healing, followed by an opportunity for people to explore simple, self-created art pieces in a safe environment with artist and art therapist, Sue Sweet. This free event is for everyone, and there are a few spaces still available. All materials are provided, and no previous art experience is necessary in order to reap the benefits of the workshop. To reserve a spot, call Nancy McHone at 459-6371.

There is an ongoing raffle of two of McHone's artworks; winners are scheduled to be drawn on September 24. Tickets are available at WCA to benefit the Cancer Resource Center of Mendocino County.

The WCA is located at 71 East Commercial Street; gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11 am to 6 pm, call 459-1726 for more information.

Above, left: From left, Dennis, Abel and Nancy McHone and Able's wife, Tatiana, in back, with Megan McHone, in front, pose for a photo. Above, right: June and Jerry Albright display their photos from a recent trip to Cuba in the large upstairs gallery. June answers questions about the photos and traveling in Cuba. Below: Cypress Ross and Boker Hein sit together to contemplate the "Cosmos: Big Bang; Solar System; Expanding Universe 2015" series in the "New Work 2014 – 2017" room.



Above, left: Nancy McHone stands in front of "Layers of Blue," one of her pieces in the Mosaic Series. Above, right: Wendy Wilmes graciously serves sparkling wine during the members' preview from 6 to 7 pm. Below: Ken Smith, on left, listens to his son, Seth, as he describes McHone's process of making her art. At bottom: A detail of one of McHone's wall sculptures.



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3:49 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of Mill Street.

5:23 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

2:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

6:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:34 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

August 27
12:10 am: Officers responded to a report of a fight in the 200 block of South Main Street.

9:55 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 200 block of Franklin Avenue.

5:23 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

5:28 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

August 28
12:45 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

1:00 am: Officers responded to a report of a prowler in the 100 block of School Street.

2:14 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Bonnie Lane.

8:40 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of Della Avenue and Locust Street.

10:43 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

11:45 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

1:36 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of a prowler in the 100 block of Haehl Creek Drive.

August 29
3:23 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

7:36 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Holly Street and South Main Street.

7:48 am: Officers responded to a report of a person brandishing a weapon in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

8:18 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1700 block of South

August 31
1:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of

Main Street.

8:33 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:04 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

10:12 am: POTTER, Jill Annette (33) of Willits was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to misdemeanor charges of 459 PC (Burglary), 10851 VC (Vehicle Theft), 10852 VC (Tampering with a Vehicle), providing a false ID to an officer, and disobeying a court order.

10:11 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

September 1
11:00 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:28 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

3:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of Holly Street.

4:05 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:34 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of North Main Street and State Street.

5:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of North Main Street.

6:27 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

6:29 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

7:03 pm: BETTS, Kevin Lee (54) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 211 PC (Felony Robbery) and on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

7:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1000 block of Locust Street.

11:03 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Locust Street and Hazel Street.

August 30
4:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

5:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

August 31
1:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of

an assault in the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

2:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of Franklin Avenue and issued a warning.

2:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

3:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Hill Road.

8:29 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of North Main Street.

10:11 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

September 1
11:10 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

7:12 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of North Street.

8:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

8:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of North Street.

10:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

September 2
5:16 am: Officers responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 800 block of Coast Street.

1:05 pm: GILCHRIST, Tammy Lynn (53) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street following a traffic collision. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of drugs, driving with a suspended license that was revoked for DUI, and hit and run.

2:58 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

8:30 pm: RABY, Zachary James (30) of Redwood

Valley was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 (A) VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol), 23152 (B) VC (Driving with Blood Alcohol Content .08% or Higher), 14601.2 VC (Driving with Suspended License for DUI), 148 PC (Felony Resisting Arrest), and on felony charges of violation of probation.

9:23 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main Street.

9:53 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

11:28 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

September 3
1:09 am: LOYA, Benito (34) of Woodridge, California was contacted near the intersection of Pearl Street and Humboldt Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 (A) VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol – Felony with Priors), 23152 (B) VC (Driving with Blood Alcohol Content .08% or Higher), and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a suspended license.

3:13 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Kawi Place.

10:21 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 500 block of South Main Street.

5:57 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

7:52 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Highway 20.

8:33 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

9:48 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

11:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of a shooting in the area in the 200 block of Redwood Avenue.

September 3
1:09 am: LOYA, Benito (34) of Woodridge, California was contacted near the intersection of Pearl Street and Humboldt Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 (A) VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol – Felony with Priors), 23152 (B) VC (Driving with Blood Alcohol Content .08% or Higher), and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a suspended license.

3:13 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Kawi Place.

10:21 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 500 block of South Main Street.

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