Fire department

### looking forward to new firehouse

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"Things are changing at the fire department," says Willits Fire Chief Chris Wilkes. Department staff and volunteers have begun the process of packing up the office at the current location in preparation for future construction of the new firehouse. Former secretary and current Little Lake Fire Protection District board member Nancy Stipe has volunteered to help board Secretary Michelle Schnitzius, Training

Read the rest of Construction

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### Two dead, three injured in holiday accidents

Dan McKee

Two north county residents died, and two others were injured in separate holiday accidents.

A 55-year-old Willits man was killed when his vehicle left Sherwood Road, just before 1 am on December

Willits Police Chief Scott Warnock said Jason Garth Gilstrap's car was eastbound on Sherwood Road "at a high rate of speed" when it failed to negotiate a turn, rolled down a steep embankment and came to rest on Main Street in front of Willits High School.

Read the rest of Accidents

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### Salon owner arrested for credit card fraud

The owner of a Willits beauty salon was arrested January 5 after she allegedly charged more than \$11,000 merchandise after obtaining a client's credit card information.

Willits police officers took 39-year-old Jamie Lou Blake into custody after serving search warrants at her Shear Envy Salon in the 1700 block of South Main Street and at her Laytonville home, according to police Chief Scott Warnock.

Officers reportedly "several recovered thousand dollars' worth of fraudulently obtained merchandise" at the two sites, Warnock said.

Read the rest of Fraud

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# Songs in the Storm

Let the winter wind serenade you with soothing sounds from wind chimes

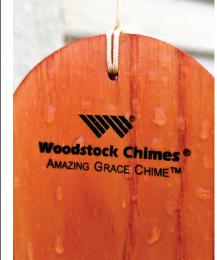
Since Santa placed a wind chime under the tree for me this year, I have had a new appreciation for the recent winter weather: The gusts of wind have turned the usual "wooshes," "thuds," and "clanks" heard during storms into a lovely melody of "bings" and "bongs."

There are a massive variety of wood chimes: Tubes made from several types of metal, glass, ceramic and wood offer different sounds, as do the lengths of the tubes. Short tubes make higher tones, and longer tubes produce low, full tones. Steel or aluminum tubes produce a sharper tone, whereas softer metals like copper make a more mellow sound, and bamboo and wood tubes produce a hollow sound. The more tubes, the more notes.

Local stores offer a selection of chimes, and there's a giant selection online. Make sure to check out the sound before purchase, and find one that sounds great to you!

- Maureen Moore

#### **Rain Totals in Willits** Precipitation in the Willits area as of January 9 (Note: Willits Weekly's "rain year" started September 29, with the first local rains.) National Weather Service, Willits Howard Ranger Station 18.92" as of 1/9/2019 at 12:30 pm Mendocino College North County Center 17.30" as of 1/9/2019 at 12:30 pm Willits sewer plant 19.19" as of 1/9/2019 at 9:30 am Highway 20, Willits 19.78" as of 1/9/2019 at 12:330 pm Lucky Monkey's Ranch, 2 miles west of Willits 14.86"



### Snowpack much improved from last year

as of 1/8/2019 at 11 pm

The Sierra snowpack measured an average of 10.4 inches of snow/water equivalent following weekend storms, the California Department of Water Resources reported Wednesday. That's 88 percent of normal for this date, but only 37 percent of the end-of-season April 1, 2018 average.

The first winter snowpack measurement, taken at Phillips Station on January 3, totaled 25.5 inches with 9 inches of snow/water equivalent, according to water resources engineer John King with the DWR's Snow Survey Section. That's 80 percent of the station's January 3 average and 36 percent of the site's April 1 average.

But not to worry, King said. "While these results are below average, they are a stark contrast to where we were last year, where there were just patches of snow.

"The season is still early. Anything is possible from now until May."

Last January there were just scattered patches of snow at the Phillips Station site, which measured 0.3 inches. DWR officials factor in readings from 260 stations across

the Sierra Nevada - the source of about one-third of California's water – when determining California's snowpack.

The snow survey was taped, and video is available at www. youtube.com/watch?v=wQpAJWBVd4c.

Willits Weekly welcomes reports of rain and other weather information at willitsweekly@gmail.com.

### Council hears about Little Lake Fire's busy year

Little Lake Fire Department Chief Chris Wilkes summarized his department's activities for the year and commended department volunteers during the December 13 Willits City Council meeting.

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"It's been another great year for Little Lake Fire," said Wilkes. "Truly the all-stars of the year for our local

emergency services are our volunteers. "I wish we had more avenues to let the community know

the jewel they have of a resource with our volunteer fire department, because I don't think they get the credit they As of December 13, Little Lake firefighters had responded

to around 630 calls in 2018, including multiple structure fires in the community, three swift-water rescues in local rivers, and four hazardous material calls involving IDLH, "Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health," situations.

In addition, firefighters had engaged in 60 days of strike force deployment outside the local jurisdiction to help other agencies battle major blazes around the state.

Wilkes noted one rescue where a vehicle went 500 feet over an embankment on Highway 20 and was "upside

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### **County** supervisors start new year

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

Third District Supervisor Haschak sworn into office Tuesday morning, along with Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams and other elected county officials.

Taking the oath of office along with Haschak and Williams Sheriff were Allman, District Attorney David Eyster, Superintendent of Schools Michelle Hutchins, Assessor/Clerk-Recorder Katrina Bartolomie, Auditor Lloyd Weer and Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Schapmire.

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### **Measure B Committee** still looking for the groove

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

The Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee, also known as the Measure B Committee, failed once accomplish to anything of note at its December 19 meeting, but not for want of trying.

The chairman, Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman, put three weighty measures on the agenda. They were 1) use of the old Howard Hospital and possible action; 2) advise the board of supervisors to release a request for proposals for bids for a psychiatric health facility, a crisis stabilization unit and a crisis residential

Read the rest of Measure B

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### Sheriff's roundup

Del Norte man held for mail theft

A Crescent City man was arrested Christmas Day after a sheriff's deputy and a Willits police officer stopped his pickup truck on Highway 20 near Main Street and discovered stolen mail and checkbooks from as far away as Oregon.

The traffic stop was prompted after the Sheriff's Office received a call from a Brooktrails resident complaining that 28-yearold Ethan Tyler Bauer had taken a gas can from his home.

The Brooktrails man followed Bauer's white Chevrolet 2005 truck through town before police

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

#### We miss Jim

To the Editor:

The board of directors, staff and volunteers of Willits Community Services and Food Bank wish to express our profound sadness at the recent passing of our Administrative Director Jim Marill.

Jim believed deeply in the mission of WCS, and for many years devoted his time and energy to leading our organization. His memory and legacy will live on here at the Food Bank. We miss you Jim.

Dr. John Glyer, for Willits Community Services

### **2018 Willits** Science Fair set for February 4-7

Submitted by the Willits Science Fair Committee

The 2018 Willits Science Fair will be held on February 4-7 at the Willits Community Center. All Willits students in grades 3-12 are welcome to participate. Whole-class science projects done by kindergarten-12th grade classrooms are also welcome.

Students who are interested in doing a science fair project for the 2019 Willits Science Fair must have an "Intent to Participate" form submitted by Tuesday, January 22. Students or teachers must return intent forms to the Science Fair coordinator by the deadline to be eligible to bring their project to the Community Center. Projects cannot be accepted at the fair without prior knowledge

Forms are available at all Willits schools, at the Willits Public Library, and online at https://sites.google. com/willitsunified.com/sciencefair.

Projects completed by students at Willits Charter School, Willits High School, San Hedrin, and Willits Elementary Charter School should be delivered to the Willits Community Center between 1 and 3 pm on Monday, February 4. Judging of Senior Division (high school) projects begins at 3 pm.

Projects completed by students at Blosser Lane, Brookside, Baechtel Grove, Sherwood School, and non-public school students should be delivered to the Willits Community Center between 8 and 9:30 am on Tuesday, February 5. The Science Fair is not open to the public during judging

The Science Fair opens for the public on February 6 (8:30 am to 7 pm) and February 7 (8:30 am to 3 pm). All projects must be removed between 3 and 5:30 pm on Thursday, February 7. Please note, any projects that are left in the Community Center after 5:30 pm are subject to disposal.

Mendocino County Science Fair Qualifier Projects will be chosen in grades 3 to 12. Those students or classes will be eligible to participate at the Mendocino County Science Fair, which will be held at Mendocino College on Saturday, March 30.

The Science Fair Committee is seeking judges and award sponsors. If you have any questions about the Willits Science Fair, or are interested in volunteering. please contact Erin Vaccaro. Science Fair coordinator. at 707-513-8742 or sciencefair@willitsunified.com.

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### Mendocino County Sheriff's Office WeTip Program

Submitted by the Mendocino County

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office is now using the WeTip anonymous crime reporting hotline to fight crime in Mendocino

WeTip provides a hotline number which anyone can call if they have information about any crime or potentially hazardous condition in our communities. All callers to WeTip remain anonymous. The program also offers rewards of up to \$1,000.00 for tips that ultimately result in a conviction.

If you have information that could help law enforcement agencies bring criminals to justice, please call: WeTip at 1-800-732-

Additionally, tips can be submitted online at http://www.wetip.com

How does it work? WeTip hotlines are answered by bilingual tip operators 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. All calls are anonymous, not just confidential. No one will ever know who made the call. The operator will then ask a series of questions, designed by law enforcement, to obtain the maximum amount of information about the reported crime. After the information is taken, a code name and number are assigned to the informant. The caller always remains absolutely anonymous.

The WeTip operator will take the information and pass it on to appropriate law officers, who then conduct their own investigation. Only calls made directly to WeTip will be eligible for reward.

If your information results in an arrest and conviction, you will be given up to \$1,000 cash, depending upon the importance of the crime solved. Your identity will never be known to anyone. The reward drop is made at a secret postal location, using the assigned code names and case numbers. No personal contact is ever made with the informant.

### DA's year-end report

Submitted by the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office

As the final jury trial of calendar year 2018 has been called and decided, District Attorney David Eyster first thanks the hundreds of local citizens who take time away from work and family to objectively listen to evidence and deliberate on important legal issues being decided almost every week in the criminal courtrooms of Mendocino County.

With DA Eyster's third term in office about would let the public know that the DA and his deputies have a weighted 85 percent success rate - spanning the eight years DA Eyster has been serving as the county's chief law enforcement officer - at being able to prove to jurors the guilt of defendants charged with local crimes and demanding their constitutional right to a jury trial in the Mendocino County Superior Court.

This high jury trial success rate is the result of hard work by the individual prosecutors, support staff, and the deputies and officers who ferret out crime, gather important evidence, testify in court, and ultimately provide protection for all of us.

As we reflect on the recent tragedy in Newman, the DA once again thanks all local law enforcement deputies, officers, and investigators for jobs well-done in 2018. As we look forward to 2019 with hope for good health and prosperity, please take a moment to say a prayer for the safety of those among us who serve and protect.

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### **Huffman introduces** bills to protect oceans from offshore drilling

Submitted by the Office of Congressman Jared Huffman

Washington, D.C. - As part of a coordinated state and national effort to protect the entire coastline of the United States from the dangers of offshore oil drilling, and send a strong message of opposition to the Trump administration's attempted drilling spree in public waters, Congressman Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) on Tuesday reintroduced the West Coast Ocean Protection Act and the Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling

"The science and wave of public opposition is clear: America's oceans must be protected from dangerous offshore drilling," said Rep. Huffman. "Opening our public waters up to oil and gas companies puts fragile ecosystems in jeopardy for environmental catastrophe. We cannot stand idly by while the Trump administration places the short-term profit goals of polluters over the long-term interests of the American people.

"I'm glad to join today's nationwide effort to block offshore drilling by introducing my legislation to give the Pacific Coast and Arctic Ocean the protections they deserve, shielding our oceans from reckless exploitation.'

In addition to Rep. Huffman's introduction of the West Coast Ocean Protection Act and the Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act, Rep. Cunningham (D-SC) is introducing the Coastal Economies Protection Act, Rep. Carbajal (D-CA) is introducing the California Clean Coast Act, Rep. McEachin (D-VA) is introducing the Defend Our Coast Act, Rep. Pallone (D-NJ) is introducing the Clean Ocean and Safe Tourism Anti-Drilling Act, Rep. Cicilline (D-RI) is introducing the New England Coastal Protection Act, and Rep. Castor (D-FL) is introducing the Florida Coastal Protection Act.

State legislators from seven states on January 8 also announced their efforts to protect their coasts and economies by blocking offshore drilling in state waters now and in the

The West Coast Ocean Protection Act would permanently protect the California, Oregon and Washington coasts by amending the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit new oil or natural gas leases in each state's outer continental shelves and permanently protect the \$44 billion coastal economies of the three states, which support nearly 650,000

"We applaud this effort to safeguard America's coasts from the Trump administration's reckless offshore drilling expansion plans," said Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune. Elected officials on both sides of the aisle understand that offshore drilling threatens coastal economies, wildlife, and our climate -- all for the sake of corporate polluter profits. It's time for the administration to listen to the coastal communities, members of Congress, and millions of Americans who have spoken out against offshore drilling, and withdraw this dangerous proposal.

The Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act would make the Arctic Ocean off-limits to any future drilling proposals by prohibiting any new or renewed leases for the exploration, development, or production of oil, natural gas or any other minerals in the Arctic Ocean Planning Areas of the Outer Continental Shelf.

"We 100 percent support Reps. Jared Huffman and Raul Grijalva and House Democrats moving legislation to protect America's coastlines from dangerous offshore development," said Leah Donahey, legislative director at Alaska Wilderness League. "The Arctic in particular is fragile and remote with little to no infrastructure to deal with potential oil spills. The region continues to warm, and this warming is reflected in the increasingly extreme climate-related events we're seeing across the continent. Sea ice is disappearing, and iconic Arctic species like polar bears face an uncertain future. Simply put, it would be irresponsible to drill there."

### **Project Sanctuary seeks** volunteers for crisis line

Submitted by Project Sanctuary

Project Sanctuary began in the late 1970s in response to the need for emergency shelter and support for women who were being abused by their partners. In the fall of 1980, a rape crisis center was added to provide emergency response and counseling to survivors of sexual assault. In 1991, Project Sanctuary established an office in Fort Bragg, serving clients along the Mendocino Coast from Gualala to Westport.

Our services include a 24-hour crisis line, shelter, counseling, support groups, legal advocacy and education.

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# **Expressions** in Wood

One artist paints the inner world of trees, while another uses wood to represent startling data

What is the purpose of art? Is it to inform, the making, with Madsen having to create reactions, or is it simply to entertain? Or is it all of these? The latest installations at the Willits Center for the Arts exhibit all of these traits in the works of two worldclass local artists. Loren Madsen and Linda

Mathew Caine nathew@willitsweekly.com is showing his databased sculpture entitled "Worry Beads." a depiction of all the casualties of terrorist attacks around the world, starting in 1945 with the bombing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem by a right-wing Israeli group, up through 2017, the last year for which

Madsen has statistics. A raised platform in an elongated horseshoe shape displays wooden beads, the size of which corresponds to the number of terrorist-caused deaths for each year. It takes up most of the front gallery, with enough space left over for a shorter, smaller version of terrorism deaths in the United States and another statistic-based sculpture which shows the amount of salt and fresh water available on the Earth in relation to the size of the planet.

"Worry Beads" has been three years in

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to make one think, to create emotion and a customized lathe to turn the balls to exacting specifications. "The scale is one cubic-centimeter equals one human life,"

> "There are a few years where there aren't any, which are the dark beads. That was a long time ago and then it just gets heavier and heavier as time goes by. The worst year is 2014. Most of the terrorism took place in the Middle East, plus Somalia and some other places. It doesn't really get near us in the U.S. too much but it does wreck a lot of lives.

"2014 is 23,000 people," continues Madsen. "It's alarming. I'll tell you what the horrific contrast is for me. From 1945 through 2017, there were a little over 413,000 people killed [by terrorist attacks]. In the United States, in the same period, there have been over a million people murdered [in non-terrorist-related attacks]. about 2 1/2 times as many."

Madsen goes on to contrast fear versus reality in the U.S: "Year after year, Americans say their biggest fear is terrorist attack. The truth is, except for 9-11, there

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paintings are optimally lit up by the new gallery lights. At top: Loren Madsen speaks about his art. Above: Linda MacDonald displays her show, "Deep Within: Painting the Big Trees," which a place they rarely see, the interior of the redwoods. At left: Loren Madsen's "Worry Beads" depict all the casualties of terrorist attacks around the world, starting in 1945, up through 2017.

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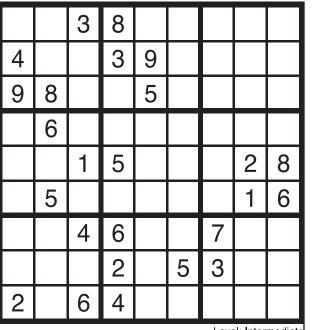
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60. Of the ear

64. Tide

1. Grave

2. Alright

3. Sharp tooth

4. Bird genus

Important

7. Not very big

8. Astronomy unit

9. A way to open up

11. Handle of a knife

13. Indicates one from a

57. Location in Norse

58. One who is deliberately

61. Former name of Tokyo

63. French/Belgian river

**CLUES DOWN** 

6. One who studies carefully

56. Destroy

**PELLETS** 

**PRECIPITATION** 

**SLEET** 

**SLUSHY** 

**SNOW** 

STICK

**TEMPERATURE** 

VISIBILITY

part of W. Africa

24. Doctor of Education

28. Connects to the rim

29. Small constellation

35. Indicates near

38. Shock therapy

40. Type of cigarette

41. The fashionable elite

43. Arm or branch of a bone

36. Consumed

42. Shed tears

44. Quell anger

45. Where rock and

rollers play

47. 'The Alchemist'

48. Choppers

author Coelho

49. Lacks brightness

53. Brood of pheasant

52. Port in Yemen

54. Approves food

55. A type of sign

37. Criticize

25. Legendary Cubs

broadcaster

26. Female parent

27. Mimic

17. Lucky number

PEZBUIASLATSYRCECIPV

**BRISK** 

CLOUDS

**CONDENSATION** 

**CONVERGENCE** 

**DEPRESSION** 

DRIFTS

DRIZZLE

**FLURRY** 

FOG

**ACCUMULATION** 

**AGGREGATE** 

**ARCTIC** 

**ATMOSPHERE** 

**BAROMETER** 

**BITTER** 

**BLACK ICE** 

**BLIZZARD** 

**BLOWING** 

28

**CLUES ACROSS** 

1. Homestead

12. Approves

5. More (Spanish)

14. Mandela's party

15. 'Mom' actress Faris

16. Predatory insects

18. Where honey goes

19. Canadian flyers

20. Of an earlier time

Australia

26. Made it through

39. First responders

44. Leisurely stroll

46. Most naughty

47. Plant tissue

49. Small fish

42. Mysterious

30. Between-meals food

31. A quantity upon which

an operation is performed

32. German mythological god

33. 'Heavy' type of rock music

34. Pharmacy chain Duane \_\_\_

22. Organize

23. All over

21. Indigenous people of

8. Type of notification

### 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

#### **Summary of Active Investigations** and Arrests

19-day reporting period.

#### December 17

7:33 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

9:06 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of South Main

2:27 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 200 block of North Main Street.

8:03 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 24000 block of

10:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

#### December 18

1:12 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main

8:46 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

9:47 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of South Main

11:43 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of South Main

2:48 pm: Officers responded to a report

of threats in the 100 block of Monroe Street. 9:38 pm: HAMILTON, Andrew Gene (20) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Page Court following a disturbance and was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

#### December 19

9:57 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

10:44 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 300 block of Highway 20.

6:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

### December 20

4:48 am: Officers responded to a report of a prowler in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

10:35 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

9:37 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of East Valley Street and Railroad Avenue.

### December 21

6:54 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

11:27 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 21000 block of Locust Street

11:46 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1600 block of South

5:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

### December 22

6:57 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South

2:56 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.

8:33 pm: DODD Jr., James Monroe (25) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Williams Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

9:10 pm: LANIER, Kathryn Jewel (59) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence) and on felony charges of DUI causing bodily injury.

10:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 300 block of North Main

11:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Creekside

### By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**POLICE LOG** 

December 17 to January 4

The officers of the Willits Police December 23

Department handled 594 incidents in this 3:03 pm: Officer responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.

> 4:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 800 block of South Main Street.

> 11:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of East Barbara Lane.

#### December 24

12:21 am: VOGUS, Kiauna Elizabeth Ann (21) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Holly Street. She was arrested pursuant to 243 (E) (1) PC (Domestic

6:28 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

9:08 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of South Main

12:39 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 200 block of South Main

9:49 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1700 block of

10:30 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

#### December 25

4:07 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South

11:15 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

11:22 pm: BAUER, Ethan Tyler (28) of Crescent City was contacted near the intersection of Highway 20 and South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 459 PC (Burglary), on felony charges of a felon/ addict in possession of a firearm, forgery, and receiving stolen property, and on misdemeanor charges of mail theft.

#### December 26

8:08 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main

5:20 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

9:03 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Marcela

9:54 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

### December 27

6:40 am: RODRIGUEZ, Sergio (27) of Riverside was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested on felony charges pursuant to 212.5 PC (Robbery) and 422 PC (Criminal Threats).

12:43 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

4:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of South Main

5:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Gregory Lane and South Main Street.

5:33 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

### December 28

10:22 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 800 block of South Main Street.

12:49 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

4:01 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.

4:59 pm: BETTS Jr., William Roy (22) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of West Commercial Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 242 PC (Assault and Battery), and on misdemeanor charges

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the trail leading to a copse of redwoods. A redwood bough glistens with rain. These lofty redwoods are the main attraction of the Ridgewood Ranch hike. At right: The "Ridgewood Ranch, Home of Seabiscuit," sign greets the hikers who braved the weather to join the Mendocino Land Trust hike to the Redwood Grove at Ridgewood Ranch.

## **Hidden Hikes** Mendocino Land Trust hosts docent-led walks through preserved lands

The previous night's rainstorm shrunk the expected crowd braving the weather to join the Mendocino Land Trust hike to the Redwood Grove at Ridgewood Ranch in mid-December. But the small

Holly Madrigal

group was rewarded with a brisk, rainfree walk through woodlands,

meadows, and the feature of the day, a towering redwood grove Mendocino Land Trust works with

landowners throughout the county to conserve land for future generations. "We do work all across Mendocino

County," said Ann Cole, director at the Mendocino Land Trust, "a lot of people do not realize that. We have public access mainly on the coast, but we have preserved lands all along the inland valley from Willits down to Ukiah and Hopland.

"In this particular place, we have a conservation easement which calls for public access. Not all of our conservation easements do, but this one in particular, when it was written, the landowners wanted to bring the public out to see these beautiful places," added Cole, indicating the soaring redwood trees above.

The Church of the Golden Rule is the landowner and the Mendocino Land Trust holds the conservation easement. This type of preservation agreement ensures the property is never further developed. The Land Trust holds the easement into perpetuity for the public benefit. That is why they are called a Land Trust; they preserve wilderness forever.

As the group walked across open meadows heading to the tall trees in the distance, Nicolet Houtz, conservation project manager, explained the agreements at Ridgewood Ranch: "As far as the conservation easement goes, it was funded by Save the Redwoods League and encompasses 33 acres. Six of those 33 acres are old growth, the rest are secondgrowth redwoods. The tallest tree in the redwood grove is 260 feet. In 1998 the top 60 feet of the tallest redwood was removed because a canker was threatening its health.'

Gazing up at the grove, one can see the tallest tree has a flatness from where the top was removed. They are still a majestic sight, humbling in their height. It is hard to believe one reached 60 feet higher.

"I think the redwoods are the best seen in the rain," added Houtz. The group seemed to agree as their footsteps fell silent in the duff and the mist seemed to hug the

Earlier this year the Mendocino Land Trust led another more strenuous hike six miles up the ridge that borders the ranch to the east. A trail leads below Highway 101 and up through the area burned by the Redwood Complex Fire.

The Ridgewood Ranch Volunteer fire group was able to save the homes and trailer park in the valley, but the hills were severely burned. The Land Trust shared information about the challenges and benefits of forest fires as the group walked through the blackened trees, past remnants of snow, chirping songbirds, and

"We do hikes more frequently in the spring, with the wildflowers blooming. We also lead walks at Navarro Point, Pelican Bluffs, and the Shady Dell trail," added

The Pelican Bluffs trail was officially opened this summer. Just south of Point Arena it includes an ADA-accessible loop through bluff-top meadows along towering white cliffs. The unique geology of the south coast is on full display on this trail. Shady Dell is located on the south end of the Lost Coast in the Usal Forest. The new Peter Douglas Trail in Shady Dell includes the unique, enchanted candelabra trees. The Land Trust just submitted a grant for the extension of that trail to loop the Usal

The Land Trust holds another easement on the Ridgewood Ranch property – 1,600 acres of oak woodlands covering the hillside east of Highway 101 up to the ridge and some areas surrounding the lower

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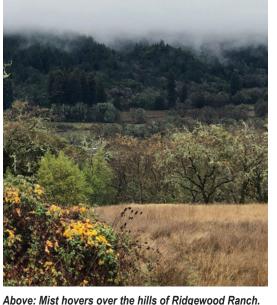












At right: Jed Diamond revels in the size of an old-growth







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prohibited Haschak from

becoming chairman; it states all

board chairs must have been on

rotation be changed to 1, 2, 3,

with Haschak, allowing Haschak

become chairman until 2024.

items off the board's consent

calendar and asked for more

The items included increasing

the contract with Crestwood

Behavioral Health for hospital

beds for conserved persons

the contract with Redwood

Community Services for

counseling services associated

with the 2017 Redwood fire:

an item concerning Mendocino

County's investment policy for

an additional \$50,000 to Cole

Kelseyville to defray additional

costs for keeping 1/ horses

impounded in late 2017 and

conserved persons, Behavioral

Health and Recovery Services

Director Jenine Miller explained

the money was necessary

because the department had

identified that 15 people would

likely need to be conserved

department's earlier estimate of

10. Miller said the department

had no choice but to find a place

for those people, who had been

conserved at the direction of the

Services Chief Executive Officer

Camille Schraeder told the

supervisors the extra funding

for fire victims' counseling

services came from the Federal

Agency and was for services

already rendered in 2017 and

throughout most of 2018,

when RCS was working with

Mendocino County to hold

numerous community meetings

Dan Gjerde asked if any of the

county's general fund money

would be used to pay the new

replied it was all federal money

and no county money was

Haschak moved approval of

both items, which were approved

unanimously. Haschak also told

the board he had had a Monday

conversation with Treasurer-Tax

Collector Schapmire and the

county's investment policy met

"I was pleased to know we

the wake of the fire.

Community

Management

Redwood

early 2018 by animal control.

\$141,449; increasing

background on the items.

voting no.

year prior to serving as chair.

The board appointed First have a socially conscious District Supervisor Carre Brown investment policy, and we as chairwoman, and Haschak have an environmentally aware as vice chairman. The board investment policy. We don't also revised rotation of the invest in fossil fuels and such," chairmanship of the board of Haschak said. Haschak moved supervisors, moving from the the item be approved, and it existing schedule to a new

one proposed by county CEO Department of Animal Care's Carmel Angelo. Rich Molinari came before the Under the existing schedule, supervisors late in the meeting the chairmanship would rotate to explain that the horses being from District 3 to District 1 and boarded were impounded in then to districts 4, 2 and 5. As October 2017 and January former Fifth District Supervisor 2018, and two foals have Dan Hamburg was the last been born, bringing the total of regular board chairman under impounded horses to 19. the old formula, Haschak Molinari noted the health of would be chairman for 2019. However, Rule 3 of the board of supervisors' Rules of Procedure

the horses had improved greatly over the past year. The horses are being retained under court order and are evidence in a pending criminal case. Molinari said the 19 horses

the board of supervisors for the were costing the county \$4,750 a month to board. County Angelo suggested the order of Deputy Counsel Brina Blanton told supervisors the case would 4, 5. Second District Supervisor be coming up soon, and the John McCowen offered to switch situation would not last forever.

to become chairman in 2020. Supervisor Williams surprised a few observers when he After Haschak, the rotation said the horses should be would proceed to districts 4 and 5, and would then go back to

District 1, meaning the Second "I'm about to drive home District supervisor would not through Anderson Valley," Williams said. "I know that, if That proposal was approved do everything right, and an act by a 4-1 vote, with Williams of nature puts me in a ditch and I need help, that ambulance has one EMT who's being paid \$30 Early in the meeting, Haschak for a 12-hour shift. Not \$30 per and Williams attempted to hour, but less than \$3 per hour. show they are willing to end There is no paramedic, no pain the business-as-usual mentality meds. And this is a large area of which has long set the context in our county, and we have several which the board of supervisors operates. Haschak pulled four

> "We're disproportionately spending more money taking care of these horses than on our own people. I understand the situation we're in, and maybe we have to do this. But I would like to suggest liquidating the horses, immediately. And if the court won't allow us, we need to push back.... We need to focus on our people more than on these horses that have been impounded," Williams said.

Williams' speech did not carry county funds: and allocation of the day. Haschak moved the extra \$50,000 for Cole Creek Creek Equestrian Center in Equestrian Center be allocated, and his motion was approved 4-1, with Gjerde voting no.

The new board took decisive action on the appointment of a Regarding hospital beds for representative to the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District. The two candidates were former Third District Supervisor Jim Eddie and former Ukiah City Councilman and current member of the Mendocino Transit Authority during 2019, as opposed to the board of directors Jim Mastin.

Eddie was a county supervisor from 1975 to 1995 and has served on the bridge district board from 1998 to 2018, a total of 40 years of public service. An initial vote in support for Eddie failed by a 2-3 margin, with Gjerde, Haschak and Williams voting no. A subsequent motion to appoint Mastin was approved

McCowen and Haschak were appointed to the board of directors of the North Coast Railroad Authority, an agency which has been directed to dissolve by the state Legislature.

"The new mandate is to in the town of Redwood Valley in dissolve the organization, to oversee the dissolution successfully, to convey the Fourth District Supervisor assets of the organization to a new company, and to oversee the development of trails, etc.," McCowen said. He added he contract with RCS. Schraeder was deeply involved in the current business of the NCRA, and asked to be reappointed to the board. He was returned to the NCRA board and told his term would begin immediately. Haschak was told he would be voted onto the board when the second Mendocino County seat becomes open in March. That seat is currently held by former

Third District Supervisor Hal

facility for Mendocino County; and 3) recommend to the board of supervisors that it explore the use of Measure B funds to assist Adventist Hospital Ukiah Valley in remodeling its intensive care unit and emergency room for use as a psychiatric facility.

Measure B

However, the committee was unable to act decisively on any of the items put forward by Allman.

Concerning the old Howard Hospital, several members offered ideas which did not always address the agenda item. City of Ukiah representative Shannon Riley opined it was premature to make any decision concerning Howard Hospital because the committee had yet to evaluate the second Kemper Report. This is the "gap analysis," also called the needs assessment, undertaken by Kemper Consulting Group over the summer and released to the Measure B Committee

"I think what we need to do is prioritize the projects, to evaluate the Kemper Report in terms of a strategic

Fort Bragg representative Mark Mertle said, "We are struggling with yes, we'd like to have all of them, but do we have enough money to staff that facility?"

Mendocino County CEO Carmel Angelo criticized the committee for wandering off topic and straving

"At every meeting, we need to stay focused on our charge," Angelo said. "We have the Kemper Report, but we haven't made a commitment to adopt the goals of the report. Without some very specific direction, I'm not sure we are ever going to get there."

City of Willits representative Jed Diamond said the committee needed to ask the Howard Foundation for a more refined set of engineering plans for how the old Howard building would be remodeled for use as a PHF, and for an updated cost estimate.

Diamond also called for requests for proposals from Adventist Health Ukiah Valley on costs associated with its plans to convert its old intensive care unit into a mental health facility.

Dr. Ace Barash said he would rather talk about the mental health crisis center proposed by Redwood Community Services. This center has won approval from the board of supervisors and received a \$500,000 grant from the State of California, which RCS used to purchase property on Orchard Avenue in Ukiah.

Barash spoke at length about the RCS project, which is planned to include a crisis access center, a crisis stabilization unit and a crisis residential treatment facility - the unit Kemper Consulting recommended the Measure B Committee fund first, to the tune of

Barash said he supported the idea, that it would help people afflicted with mental health issues and it would lessen the pressure on hospital emergency rooms throughout the county.

Fifth District Representative Ross Liberty said he wanted to know under what terms the Howard Hospital Foundation would make the old Howard Hospital available to the county for use as a psychiatric hospital. "I'd like to know, are they going to sell it to us, formed in January.

He then asked if anyone from the Howard Foundation was in the audience, and Howard Foundation CEO Arne Melo stepped forward.

"I can't speak for the board, but I think they would give it to you," Melo said. "In part, it would depend on what you want to put in there. None of us can really make a decision before we know what will go in there."

After more discussion, Allman asked if anyone on the committee would be willing to make a motion on use of the old Howard Hospital. No one was. The committee moved on to considering the Ukiah crisis

Barash moved the committee recommend to the board of supervisors that the county send out a request for proposals for a company to build and operate a mental health crisis center, consisting of a crisis access center, a crisis stabilization unit and a crisis residential treatment center, to be located on Orchard Avenue in Ukiah.

But Angelo pointed out that language was not what the agenda item stated. The agenda item stated: "Advise the board of supervisors to release a request for proposals for bids for a psychiatric health facility, crisis stabilization unit, or crisis residential treatment facility for Mendocino County with discussion and

Angelo said the way the agenda item was written,

The rest of From Page 1 Fraud

Blake was able to obtain the victim's credit card information through salon operations, he added, and "began making purchases without the [woman's] consent," charging more than \$11,000 to the woman's credit card over several

Blake was booked into county jail on suspicion of fraudulent use of a credit card, elder abuse, possession of stolen property, and several other felony charges, Warnock said.

According to county jail booking records, Blake was released on January 6 after posting \$25,000

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

the committee could not legally vote on Barash's motion because his motion was not on the agenda.

"The way this is written, it seems to me we could ask the supervisors to put out an RFP on either a CSU or a CRT, but not both. And we wouldn't be able to ask them to put out an RFP on a crisis access center, because that's not on the agenda. And there's nothing here that says it [must] be located on Orchard Avenue," Angelo said. "So ... it seems to me that for us to vote on Dr. Barash's motion would be a violation of the Brown Act."

The committee agreed it wanted an agenda item like the one proposed by Barash to come back to the committee at the January meeting.

The committee briefly took up the third major item proposed by Allman: that the committee recommend the board of supervisors explore the use of Measure B funds for remodeling the vacant intensive care unit and emergency room at Adventist Health Ukiah Valley for use as a psychiatric facility.

After brief discussion, members decided to consider the Adventist Health proposal at the January meeting.

Allman gave the committee information on the impact of the county's Mobile Outreach and Prevention Services teams, or MOPS. These are the two-person teams, each consisting of a mental health rehabilitation specialist and service technician from the Sheriff's Office. The county has three of them, in the interior of the north county, on the south coast and in Anderson Valley. The MOPS project began in December 2014.

At the November meeting, the committee voted 9-1 to recommend to supervisors spending \$520,800 to fund the operation of two more MOPS teams, one for the Fort Bragg area and one for the central inland area of Mendocino County, including Willits, Ukiah and Redwood Valley.

According to Allman, the MOPS teams have decreased the number of 5150 calls sheriff's deputies have responded to over the past four years. Allman gave a verbal report on the call volume over three of the past four years.

From December 2013 to November 2014, the Sheriff's Office responded to 296 calls, According to Allman, from December 2016 to November 2017, the Sheriff's Office responded to 277 calls. From December 2017 to November 2018, the Sheriff's Office responded to 270 calls.

"I feel confident some of this is attributable to MOPS." Allman said. "These MOPS teams have reduced the number of 5150 calls that law enforcement responds

The committee also considered a November proposal by county Auditor Lloyd Weer, that the committee consider whether it should hire an executive director. In the process of drafting the agenda, Allman had transformed this request into a proposal – that the committee should seek administrative staff support from the county to replace Sheriff's Office grant writer Dora Briley, who has been doing the secretarial and administrative work for the committee since it was

Representative Riley reminded the committee the question at issue included Weer's proposal. Angelo said if the committee preferred, a secretarial person from the Health and Human Services Agency or perhaps one of the clerks from the Clerk of the Board's Office, could take over the secretarial duties for the Measure B Committee.

Angelo also suggested the committee form an ad hoc committee to assess the scope of duties that might fall to an executive director. "Because we don't know what we're going to do, we don't know what we're going to build, I would have a hard time knowing who we need, to do we don't know what."

The committee agreed to put an agenda item for forming an ad hoc committee on the next agenda.

Finally, the committee approved a draft budget for \$1,331,500, including \$20,000 for staff support, \$50,000 for consultant or contractor needs, and \$252,000 for two additional MOPS teams. This would include vehicle purchases and would fund the two teams from February through June 30, 2019.

The \$1.3 million figure also included \$1 million for funds to develop a psychiatric facility, a behavioral health facility and/or a regional behavioral health training facility.

Weer specified the budget was draft-only and the numbers in it could be changed by the committee at any time. The draft budget was approved unanimously.

Blake of Laytonville





players focus on finding the numbers called out. At left: Val Parker, organizer of the Ukiah Senior Center Bingo, wins the first blackout

Below, left: Barbara Turner wins \$50 with the pull-tabs. Below, right: Pat Yoxall sits with her array of daubers, good luck charms, and squeaky pigs. At bottom, left: Carroll O'Farrell displays her good luck charms - a

mini pig and her

mother's four leaf

# Bingo!

Fun, friendship ... and cash to be won at Harrah Senior Center

There are so many ways to win. With number could possibly result in missing a games like Blackout, Four Leaf Clover, Three Legged Table, Layer Cake, Thirteen, Block of Nine, Turtle and Postage Stamps - and variations of each, it keeps the indefatigable regulars coming back each

week and Mathew Caine month to sit with their game cards, their daubers, and their good luck charms for a chance to call

The first Sunday of every month the Harrah Senior Center opens at 11 am for the players to congregate, buy their game cards, eat a snack or a sandwich, and

socialize with the other players whom they see each month. At 11:30 am the balls begin to fly up the shoot and get placed into the electronic grid, where their corresponding numbers and positions are recorded on the big screen for all to see and respond to by

marking their multiple grids with the many-

colored daubers.

But please do not disturb the players when they are marking their cards, or one will be met with a resounding "shh' as they are attempting to concentrate on the numbers as they are called. Missing a

win, and make no mistake about it, they are

This is some serious fun. except for except for the comradery and the piglets. The pigs are little rubber toys that make strange oinking sounds when squeezed and are utilized to make noise when the caller errs in calling a number. The caller then has to contribute a certain amount of money to the pot which can be won by various means during the session, another

The first number that comes out of the machine is called the "Pig Number." If one wins a Bingo on the Pig Number, they get the money that's in the vat which fills up to as much as \$25. There is also a raffle generated by a ticket when the participants sign in to the game, through which they can win a free lunch or dinner or money off at the Senior Center Thrift Store.

But mostly, the regular event is a social activity where players can meet, catch up and enjoy a couple hours of fellowship, gossip and excitement. They have their regular tables and groups of friends with

Read the rest of Over on Page 15 Bingo |





BINGO

43 22 72 36 4

At top, right: Pat Collins, KLLG Radio general manager, works the grids. Above: Katie Barry sells the grids to participants

At left: Virginia Jorge, president of the board at the Willits Senior Center, calls the numbers.

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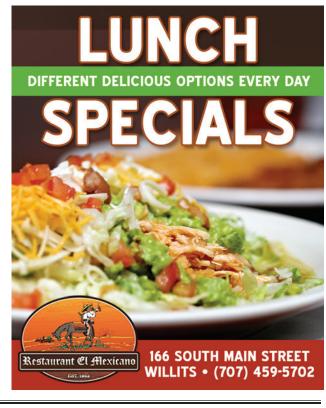
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with his approval.

#### Thursday, January 10

"The Cannabis Hour": Interim Code Enforcement Division Manager of the Mendocino County Planning and Building Services Department, Trent

Taylor, will be Jane Futcher's guest. Taylor, a former division commander with the Ukiah Police Department, will talk about how his department handles cannabis code violations. whether there



will be enforcement changes in 2019 and more, Thursday, January 10, 11 am on KZYX Radio, 91.5-FM. Find the archived show at http://jukebox kzyx.org/.

Willits Farmers Market: The market is indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street for the winter, Thursday, January 10, 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more

#### Friday, January 11

**Sherwood Firewise Meeting:** Sherwood Firewise Communities will have a general meeting of all Sherwood Road corridor residents, Thursday, January 11, 6 to 8 pm at the Brooktrails Community Room. Updates on current projects as well as goals for 2019. Join an active group working to keep our communities fire safe. Information: info@sherwoodfirewise.org.

The Fire Scottish Band: Blazing "Pure-Drop" Scottish Music at the Willits Community Theatre Friday, January 11, 7:30 pm. International fiddle champion Rebecca Lomnicky leads The Fire Scottish band performs original, unadulterated Scottish music - fiddle, bagpipes, guitar

The Fire Band

bodhran, whistle bouzouki. and The Fire band features Lomnicky on fiddle, multiinstrumentalist David Brewer of the popular Celtic band Molly's Revenge and Adam Hendey on guitar bouzouki. Advance



Americana sound." Visit leevandeveerband.com. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, January 12 Sit 'n' Sew: "Please bring a project to work on, sewing machine and tools." Free event. Saturday, January 12, 1 to 5 pm at the Willits

Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: Rachel 707-354-0605.

Shanachie Pub: Camp Fire Fund Benefit: Saturday, January 12, 9 pm. Featuring local favorites, Schindig and Fruit Leather Jacket. facebook.com/schindig. Also, the Pub will be pouring Sierra Nevada Brewery's new Resilience Butte County Proud IPA," a fundraiser beer for Camp Fire relief. "100% of the sales of Sierra Nevada's Resilience Butte County Proud IPA will be donated to the Sierra Nevada Camp Fire Relief Fund." Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

### Sunday, January 13

Senior Center Pancake Breakfast: All you can eat pancakes, real maple syrup (available at extra charge), bacon or sausage, sugar-free syrup or Grandma's biscuits and gravy. Peet's coffee.

Sunday, January 13, 8 to 11 am, at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Adults \$8, Senior Center members \$7, children \$6.

LocalLights:OpenMic++ presents: Forrest Glyer with Sarah Rose and Malakai Schindel – all local favorites with their blend of original and

tickets are \$20 and are available in familiar Americana songs. Sunday, January 13, pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; 5 pm. Willits natives, Forrest and Malakai are eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked also founding members of the popular group Schindig. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Open mic

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available at the door until sold out. The before and after the featured group. Suggested donation: \$5. To sign up in advance for open mic slots: LocalLights@theSighting.com or 459-7054.

### Monday, January 14

Ice Cream Social: at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechte Road. Monday, January 14, 1:30 to 2:20 pm. Pie, ice cream and coffee will be served. Entertainment and prizes

Adults \$1.50, members \$1

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"Seeds of Wellness": Monday, January 14, 1 pm at the Willits Garden Club's monthly meeting at the Clubhouse at Golden Rule Village, Diane Smalley, L.Ac., will give a talk about her full-color book called "Seeds of Wellness." Beginning with the directions of North, South, East, West and Center, traveling through

12 lessons to create a curriculum

that builds knowledge for a lifetime

of health. 16100 North Highway

101, Ridgewood Ranch turnoff. Info:

### Tuesday, January 15

Diane Smalley, 456-9514.

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: 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: "Aquaman," "The Mule" and "Green Book." Visit www.noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for showtimes. 57 East Commercial Street.

Marijuana Anonymous 12 Step Meeting: Every Tuesday at 6 pm starting Tuesday, January 15. Meeting place is the Back Alley building in Catherine Lane. The lane is directly behind the United Methodist Church, which is at the corner of School and Pine, right across from the Grange

### Thursday, January 17

Willits Farmers Market: Market is at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, for the winter, Thursday, January 17, 3 to 5:30

goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams

> chocolates Willits-roasted fire cider, crafts music, the new Neekly, and

and jellies and savory

### Friday, January 18

Theatre Talks with Bill Barksdale: A fascinating

look into the world of the theater: Friday, January 18, 6 to 8 pm, "Making Theater: The Director Creative Muse & Control Freak." Friday, February 22, 6 to 8 pm, "Making Theater: The Actor Emotional Engine & Hair Reactionary." Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. 459-1726. Visit: willitscenterforthearts.org

Lady Mac B's House Party: Willits Charter School Theatre Arts presents all of Shakespeare's greatest hits in one house party. Friday and Saturday, January 18 and 19, 7 pm, Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. \$10 adults, \$5 children. Tickets: 459-5506. All proceeds go towards future Charter School productions.

### Saturday, January 19

Lady Mac B's House Party: All of Shakespeare's greatest hits in one house party. See Friday, January 18 listing for

AT THE MOVIES

## 'The Mule'

The Story: Clint Eastwood stars in - and directs - this thriller-slash-family drama. Earl Stone (Eastwood) has a flower business; he is going bankrupt. He's estranged from his

wife and grown daughter. There is a foreclosure Dan Essman notice on his house. He gets a job transporting kilos

of cocaine. Top gun DEA Agent Colin Bates (Bradley Cooper) is looking to smash a cocaine ring in the Chicago area. There are good guys, and a different set of good guys. And there are some dangerous bad guys.

My Thoughts: Eastwood is dealing with some serious issues of family dynamics and personal failings, as well as how an honest man can be driven into immoral acts. There is a modest amount of suspense. There are some moments of kind humor, and human

CLINT EASTWOOD

MULE

ego-driven idiocy and sadness. This flick is wellmotivated. with all Eastwood movies, he says what he has to sav. shows what he has to show, then he ends it. I liked the movie

and cared about the central characters and wished them all well. Enjoy

Parents: Not for children. There's brief

nudity, prostitutes and party scenes, some violence, and drugs are at the center. Really ... no children.

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

### **Ongoing Events**

Marijuana Anonymous 12 Step meeting: Every Tuesday at 6 pm. Meeting place is the Back Alley building in Catherine Lane, of School and Pine, right across from the Grange.

Loren Madsen's "Worry Beads" and Linda MacDonald's "Deep Within, Painting the Big Trees." January show at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Open 11 am to 5 the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Every pm, Wednesdays to Sundays.

"Believe": Alcohol Ink paintings by Julie Bullock, alcohol ink art. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 East Commercial Street. Each painting is a one of a kind, as she does not offer prints of any of her original com/dbdesigns17

Marta Alonso Canillar: Well-known local artist shows her rich oil paintings. ReEvolution Gallery, 15 West Mendocino Street.

"Promise of Paradise": "In celebration and acknowledgement of the people who launched this watershed movement in local history a half-century ago," KZYX Radio 91.5 FM is now airing "Promise of Paradise: Back to the Land Oral Histories of Mendocino County," every Thursday at 3:30 pm. Visit: www.kzyx.org/programs/promiseparadise to listen previous episodes.

Vintage Toys Exhibit: The Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, hosts an exhibit of vintage toys. Runs through to drop in." Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or lotusb3@earthlink.net. March 18, 2019. Explore toys of the past. Open Wednesday through Sunday. 10 am to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-2736.

Brown Bag Lunch Program: Lunch served to the hungry in the City Park across from the Willits Police Station every Saturday at 1 pm. If rain: Under the overhang at City Hall, across the street. Served by various community-minded organizations. For information, call the Food Bank at 459-3333.

> Boomer's Friday Night Karaoke: 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of every month, Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville. 9 pm to 1 am. No Cover. 21+ Please bring I.D. Hosted by DJ-Ken Steely Entertainment with KJ/DJ-Ken Steely & Anna. Come for dinner, stay for the fun.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings at Howard Memorial Hospital: Held once a week on Mondays, 6 to 7 pm in the Seabiscuit Conference Room. Open to everyone and anyone who needs support recovering from alcoholism. Info: Cici at 456-3591

Willits Farmers Market: Indoors at the Little Lake Grange. 291 School Street, winter hours: 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

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

Friday Potluck Bingo: Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum bingo buy-in \$5. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826 Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group: Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

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

directly behind the United Methodist Church, which is at the corner Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or

honemann@vahoo.com Willits Community Drum Circle: 7 to 10 pm at the Saint Francis in

2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

Willits Library Activities: Tuesdays: 3:30 to 4:15 pm, "The Storyteller": fun interactive stories. Wednesdays: 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group," and 3 to 4:30 pm "Lego Day" (bring your imagination paintings. More info: www.facebook.com/DbDesigns17, instagram. and start building); Thursdays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Therapeutic Coloring." Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-

> 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. Drop-In Knitting Circle: Every Saturday of the month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your own projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome Soroptimists International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and

> third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at St. John's Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Women interested in community service are welcome: new members are encouraged to join at any

> Weekly Life Changes Discussion and Support Group: Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 am. In the Conference Room at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

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

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

> Shanachie Pub: Tuesdays, 7 pm: "Wabi Sabi" with host Mitchell Holman, formerly of It's A Beautiful Day ("Whitebird") features different artists every week. Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. 8 pm. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

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

### **Senior Center** Lunch

Week of January 14 through January 18

Monday: Ortega Chicken Tuesday: Meatball Sub

Wednesday: Monte Cristo Thursday: Meat Loaf

Friday: Chicken & Dumplings

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

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### 'Seeds of Wellness' January 14

Monday, January 14, 1 pm at the Willits Garden Club's monthly meeting at the Clubhouse at Golden Rule Village. Diane Smalley, L.Ac., will be giving a talk about her full-color book called "Seeds of Wellness." Beginning with the directions of North, South, East, West and Center, traveling through 12 lessons to create a curriculum that builds knowledge for a lifetime of health, "When we plant Seeds of Wellness, a child receives the information they need to stay confidently healthy for a lifetime. As the caregiver reads with the child, everyone learns simple concepts of wellness, such as Self-Care Seeds. These ten 'seeds' help everyone to grow healthy and stay healthy. Taking more responsibility for our health is empowering and essential for a smooth transition to single-payer health care. Until that time comes, we can learn to advocate for our best health care." Info: Diane Smalley 456-9514, dancemolley@willitsonline.com. 16100 North Highway 101, Ridgewood Ranch turnoff.

They Grow So Fast...

### The Fire: Scottish 'Pure Drop' music January 11

International fiddle champion Rebecca Lomnicky leads The Fire Scottish band in a "pure-drop" music performance at Willits Community Theatre on Friday, January 11 at 7:30 pm. "Pure-drop" refers to the original, unadulterated Scottish music that includes fiddle, bagpipes, guitar, bodhran, whistle, and bouzouki. "The Fire band features Lomnicky on fiddle, multiinstrumentalist David Brewer of the popular Celtic band Molly's Revenge, and Adam Hendey on guitar and bouzouki. Members of the trio have each spent copious amounts of time delving into the traditions of their respective instruments, having lived and studied in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the highlands of Scotland. Together, the trio performs captivating Scottish music which bridges the gap between the fiddle and the bagpipe music of Scotland. Their appearance at the WCT playhouse is a rare opportunity to enjoy the foot-stomping, hand-clapping joy of 'pure-drop' music at its best." Advance tickets are \$20 and are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, Willits; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

### Camp Fire Fund Benefit at the Pub

January 12

In the days following the Camp fire, Sierra Nevada Brewery announced plans to brew "Resilience Butte County Proud IPA," a fundraiser beer for Camp Fire relief, and committed to brewing the beer and donating 100% of the sales to the Sierra Nevada Camp Fire Relief Fund, aimed at long-term community rebuilding support. More than 1,400 breweries signed up to brew Resilience. Their suppliers donated ingredients to every brewery nationwide. Wholesalers and retailers agreed to carry the beer and donate every dollar they received. All of them agreed to do this for free to benefit people they had never met. Every dollar Sierra Nevada receives from the sales of this IPA will go to those impacted by the Camp Fire. For more information and to see a list of those participating, visit https://sierranevada. com/resilience-butte-county-proud-ipa.

Shanachie Pub will be pouring this very special IPA on Saturday January 12, and 100% of the sales of Sierra Nevada's Resilience Butte County Proud IPA will be donated to the Sierra Nevada Camp Fire Relief Fund. We'll have live music by local favorites Schindig and Fruit Leather Jacket, with Isaac Frankle (Shovelman) on guitar, Kyle Madrigal (The Dirt Floor Band) on bass, and Sean Smith (Funkacillin) on drums, plu special guests. We hope you'll come out to join us and support the efforts to rebuild the Butte County community - one pint at a time. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

- Shanachie Pub

## Beyond Trade: Cultural Exchange Along the Silk Road

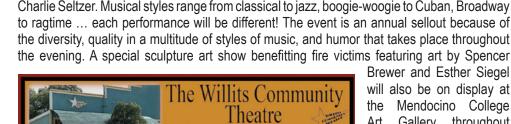
For over 1,000 years the ancient trade routes today known as the Silk Road connected East and West Ruby Ming from the Asian Art Museum will present "Beyond Trade: Cultural Exchange Along the Silk Road," about the first international trade routes and how art was inspired by trade. Many precious commodities in addition to silk, such as spices, artworks, fruits, vegetables, and precious stones were traded over thousands of miles. Explore how the constant mixing of peoples and

> exchange technology, cultures, beliefs and ideas profoundly impacted the of development civilizations along Silk Road. the Friday, January 6:30 25, pm. Reservations encouraged: 459-1726. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

### American Legion Wants You!

American Legion Post 174 is looking new young

recruits for their service organization. "You served your country, now help serve our veterans and community." Meetings every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Legion Hall, 189 North Main Street. Roger Ham, Post Adjutant 456-9858 or Bob Ireland, Post Commander 707-272-1997 for more



January 11 – 13



Brewer and Esther Siegel will also be on display at the Mendocino College Art Gallery throughout the weekend." Friday, January 11 to Sunday, January 13, 7 pm. The concert benefits the Ukiah Community Concert Association, Mendocino Recording College Arts Technology Program, and the Allegro Scholarship Program. Tickets: Mendocino Book Company in Ukiah, Mazahar in Willits, online www.UkiahConcerts.org. \$20 general admission and \$30 "I 'Wanna' See the Hands" limited seating. Information: 463-2738.

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# Willits finally has its own Art Walk

It was a dark and stormy night, but the second Willits Art Walk was a successful foray into art-community cooperation and cross-promotion. Art lovers and aficionados braved the rain on Saturday, which at times approached a downpour, to attend the four

gallery openings Mathew Caine within a two-block area in downtown mathew@willitsweekly.cor Willits.

Brickhouse Coffee, Re-Evolution, Leopold Collective and the Willits Center for the Arts opened their doors to celebrate the vast array of world-class visual talent in the area, each letting the attendees know that there were other galleries to visit on the same night, creating an energy and sense of community and an active art scene.

Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, displayed the innovative flammable-inkon-glass paintings of Julie Bullock, Noted for their rich colors and deep involving patterns which seem to float above the media, these works will be in residence for the next three months with a series of planned demonstrations of the technique in which Bullock sets fire to the alcohol-based inks to create the effects. The dates for the demos will be announced at a later time.

Above: Taylor Sanders and Cody Hubbard serve tea to the attendees at Leopold Collective. At right: Julie

Bullock displays her innovative flammable-ink-on glass paintings at Brickhouse

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and her beloved bees. Leopold Collective, at109 North Main Street, showed the work of four local artists. Jazz-minh Moore, Noel Woodhouse (of North Street Collective), Haley Armstrong and Trenton Bobbitt (of Leopold Collective). In addition to the art, Taylor Sanders and Cody Hubbard offered a relaxing tea service to any interested attendees. Info:

www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

Claudia A. Smith-Hill

April 28, 1921 - December 19, 2018

19th. With her son, daughters-in-law and cat at her side she passed away peacefully in the

woman who was equally at home in the city and at her father's fishing lodge in eastern

Shasta County. She was accepted to UC Berkeley and started classes in the fall of 1939

"to spite my father" she often said. As a summer job she waited tables at Forest Lodge

served in the Army Air Corps in the Philippines and Japan. They were married on

September 1st 1946 and quickly moved to New Haven Connecticut where Bijey

in Plumas County and there, in 1940, she met Ken "Bijey" Smith. For the next few years

they carried on a long distance relationship while she finished her degree at Cal and Bijey

Returning to California they camped for nine months on the remote lost coast near the

mouth of Jackass Creek at the site that would become the sawmill and town of Wheeler.

Bijey with another forester cruised timber and experimented with transporting logs using

surplus landing craft while Claudia cooked meals and hiked the canyons and hills. This

became a defining adventure that would provide stories and fond memories for the rest of

Claudia was always a journalist at heart and as soon as her youngest child entered school she started as a "stringer" for The Willits News. For the next twenty years she

maintained an ever increasing association with the paper until in 1973 when she and Bijey

and three other local couples bought it. She had a natural curiosity and interest in people

that made her the perfect reporter and editor for a small town paper. The twenty-one years

she spent editing and publishing The Willits News were the happiest and most fulfilling of

After Bijey's death in 1985 she married Richard Hill and retired. Together she and

She was preceded by her husband Kenneth, husband Richard, daughter Margaret and

son Mark. She is survived by her son Ken and daughter-in-law Rose, grandchildren Seth

Smith, Gina Anderson, Sabrina Grillo, and Chris Grillo, stepchildren Steve Hill, Chris

The family is grateful for the loving care given to Claudia by several care givers

A celebration of her life will be held on what would have been her 98th birthday, April

her life. She felt honored to chronicle the times of the community she loved.

Dick traveled in Europe and spent winters playing golf in Arizona.

Claudia led an enviable life: fulfilled and loved.

Hanzel, Joe Hill, and Cameron Hill.

In 1948 they moved to Willits, built their house on Sherwood Road and began to raise

house she had built with her husband nearly 70 years ago.

completed his master's degree in forestry at Yale.

Claudia Smith, long time member of the Willits community, died Thursday December

Born April 28, 1921 in Alameda and raised in Oakland she was an adventurous young

Marta Alonso Cannilar, known for her richly

colored oil paintings of portraits and farms

www.leopoldcollective.org. The Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, offered the statistical art of Loren Madsen, focusing on the instances of terrorist casualties worldwide from 1945 to 2017 through use of "Worry Beads," a string of balls depicting the relative amounts of deaths from terrorism per year. In the second room, Linda MacDonald displayed her beautiful realizations of the interiors of trees of Northern California as well as colorizations



Some are home to families of bats and human graffiti. All are occupied by macro and microscopic life which use the wood for food and shelter. Nothing totally dies in the forest. There is always motion and new life. MacDonald has a unique way of capturing the colors of these transitions. She sees what many only glance at.



Varsity Basketball | Eden Hincker-Tye, 17, Senior

Love of the Sport: "I love being able to hang out

Eden had a great game against Point Arena. She is playing really tough defense with steals, denying the passes, and stopping the offense. She is also

> - Submitted by Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Fred Austin





Varsity Basketball | Pablo Avalos, 16, Junior

Love of the Sport: "I love the competitive nature

Other Sports Played: None

Pablo has played in all 13 games this season.

- Submitted by Boys Varsity



From Page 3

have been very few terrorist deaths in the United States. Most of those few terrorist deaths came from supremacists of various kinds and most of them are domestic. The truth of that doesn't seem to penetrate. People still list it as their biggest fear.

"We were living in New York City at 9-11, about a mile away from the towers. The airplane that hit the building flew right over our heads and we could hear it hit the building.

To balance the horror. Madsen offers hope using recent statistics. "Currently there are about 300,000 new people a day getting electricity, and the same number getting clean water. Life expectancy is going way up. Infant mortality has gone way down. 2018 is the

best year for being a human on the Earth."

Linda MacDonald's "Deep Within: Painting the Big Trees" takes the viewer to a place they rarely see, the interior of the redwoods, where the exteriors of the old trees have been eaten away by the various forces of nature, ever-evolving through the elements, creating miniature worlds of

She explains, "Living in this area for many, many years, you finally realize that there are so many trees in the Redwood Empire, and you start visiting them. The more I would go, the more I would realize that I was interested in the interior of the trees. I would start taking photographs. would paint in watercolors.

"Then I would go back to my studio,"

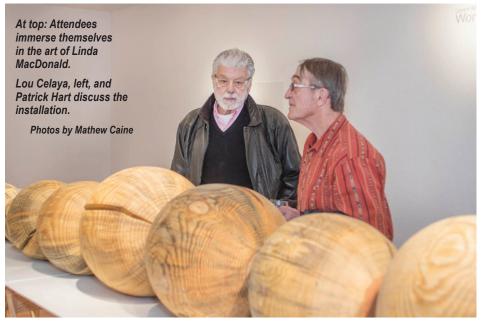
MacDonald continues, "and look at my photographs and start painting from What's interesting about going into the trees is that you find that other people them too Sometimes you can see that there is graffiti in there and other unusual things.'

She has been working on tree interiors for about three years, mostly in oil, however she finds that

watercolors, "seem a little more advanced to me because they're real, fresh colors, I really tried to do that with the oil, try not to do a lot of blending, not get the paints muddy, which is hard when you have a lot of brown and rust color

"I paint what I saw," she says, "but then I might get inspired by certain colors and sort of follow that trail. The colors are in there. I just like to bring them out. They're realistic but the color seems to go its own way."

The exhibit is up through January 27 at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Info: www.willitscenterforthearts.org, 707-459-1726.



"New Realm" by Linda MacDonald captures the

How Long Playing the Sport: "Since I was four." Breakfast of Champions: Oatmeal with raspberries and bananas

with some of my life-long friends every day." Other Sports Played: Volleyball and softball

creating opportunities for our offense as well.





How Long Playing the Sport: Six years

**Breakfast of Champions:** Waffles and the teamwork."

He has had 10 points per game and 21 threepointers total. He is the best shooter on the team and leads the team in assists as well. He is an excellent student in the classroom.

head Coach Mark Westerburg



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By Gary Pace, MD, MPH

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Flu pandemics

100 years since

the 1918 flu

pandemic

The peak incidence for the flu in the U.S. usually runs

from November to April, and we are now starting to see

the expected annual increase in flu-like illness in patients.

Most persons who contract influenza will recover without

any long-lasting problems. However, influenza can cause

serious illness and even death, particularly among older

adults, young children, pregnant women, and those with

Reportedly, 80,000 Americans died during the 2017-2018

season from influenza. Medical organizations recommend

routine annual influenza vaccination for all persons aged 6

Follow weekly Influenza surveillance updates: https://

One hundred years ago, there was an extremely

deadly outbreak of Influenza A (H1N1), "Spanish Flu."

Exact numbers are unknown, but estimates suggest that

over 50 million people, about 5 percent of the world's

total population, died from the flu. More recent influenza

A pandemics have not been as devastating as in 1918,

but even smaller outbreaks (like the 1968 Hong Kong Flu)

killed millions of people. In 1918, most of the deaths were

from secondary pneumonias. More recently, the availability

A pandemic could arise due to a genetic mutation

preventing recognition by the human immune system, so

existing vaccines would not be effective. Public Health

agencies do have some measures to address a pandemic,

should one arrive, and health departments often practice

Symptoms of the flu are well-known to most of us: signs

Getting the vaccine before the season starts is a good

idea, since it takes about two weeks for probable immunity

to get established, but it is definitely not too late to get

yours now. The vaccines are widely available through

pharmacies and medical offices. Given the fact that the

virus changes each year, annual shots are recommended.

The mix of antigens in each year's vaccine is based on

predictions from the previous year, so some versions are a

The vaccine is not living (it contains only a part of the

protein coat of the virus, thus triggering the immune

response), so people do not actually catch the flu from the

shot. They may get some of the inflammatory symptoms

like muscle aches and mild fever from the body's immune

For prevention other than the vaccine, some basic steps like regular hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes

with a sleeve or a tissue, and staying home when you are

symptoms. Treatment won't stop the disease, but it may

For more information: www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/

Or call the Mendocino County Health Department: 707-

Hopefully, we will avoid a pandemic flu outbreak

on this year of the 100 the anniversary of the "Spanish

Flu." Vaccines are probably the most effective approach,

and getting your annual flu shot continues to be the

recommendation of the mass majority of medical professionals. If the pandemic flu erupts, the Centers for

Disease Control will be working hard to quickly develop

an effective vaccine in order to prevent the spread of this

response, not from actually getting the infection.

sick can all be very helpful.

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of upper and/or lower respiratory tract infection, non-

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Prevention and treatment

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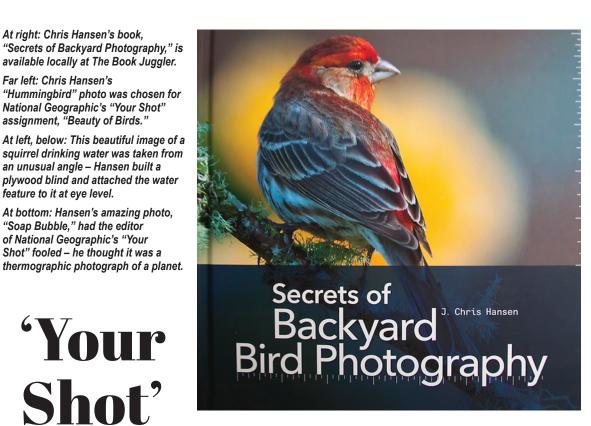












Local photographer Chris Hansen receives recognition from National Geographic

Photographer Chris Hansen is a Willits local and well-known for his bird photography. Many of his striking and colorful images are seen gracing the walls in Adventist Health Howard Memorial's Outpatient Physical Therapy complex, and many homes and businesses in Willits and beyond. His stunning book, "Secrets of Backyard Photography," is on the shelves at The Book Juggler and other bookstores across the U.S. and is available online.

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another.

At right: Chris Hansen's book,

assignment, "Beauty of Birds."

Far left: Chris Hansen's

feature to it at eye level.

"Soap Bubble," had the editor

of National Geographic's "Your

Two of his images were recently chosen for National Geographic's "Your Shot" segment of their website, quite an honor for a photographer. The idea behind "Your Shot" is to give participants a chance to mimic the process of being a photographer on assignment. Each of Hansen's photos were chosen for different assignments that were two weeks apart from one

"So I posted in the [assignment] that was 'Beauty and Awe," shared Hansen. "I sent them the 'Soap Bubble' photo because that one really pops, and I thought, 'That's really beautiful and [you can feel] in awe when you look at it,' so I sent that one in.

"The editor of 'Beauty and Awe' commented," continued Hansen, "that he thought it was a thermographic image of a planet and said he was bubble!"

Hansen's photo was one of 33 chosen for the assignment, out of approximately 12,000 photographs

Then, two weeks later, he was again notified that another of his photographs was chosen by National Geographic, this time for the assignment, "Beauty of I submitted it and it was chosen for that assignment.' This time his photograph was one of 20 chosen out of around 11,000.

Those weren't the first times Hansen submitted his photos for an assignment during his year-long membership in "Your Shot." "I've done a couple other assignments and not been chosen," Hansen admitted, "and when I look at what's been published, I can see why they didn't choose my shot."

Like most artists and photographers, Hansen enjoys trying new things within his medium. He has specialized in birds, but enjoys a wide range of other subjects to photograph, which is well evidenced by his "Soap Bubble" image.

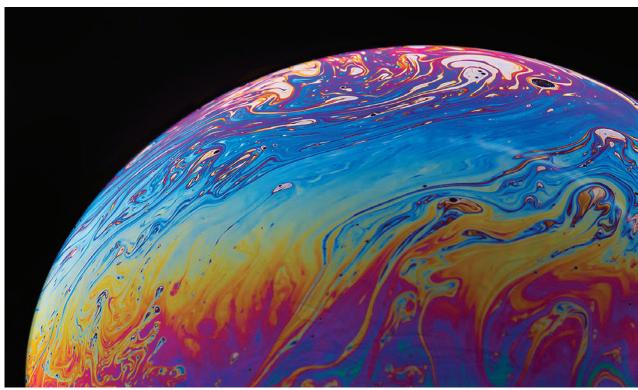
Digital photography has helped in his exploration, "I find with digital photography I do more risky shots than I've ever done before. When it was film, I knew I had a finite number of shots. I had 36 chances, and I didn't want to waste 'em. I usually didn't take a shot until I was pretty sure of it. With digital I think, 'Ah, I'll try it. If it doesn't work, it doesn't work."

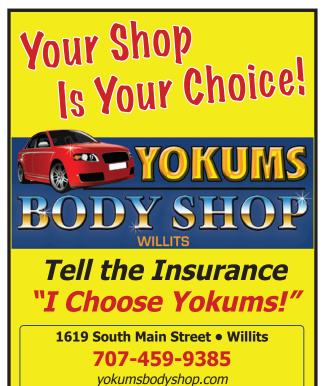
Currently Hansen is creating another edition of "Secrets of Backyard Photography," this time focusing on the details of a variety of setups in which to photograph birds. One setup that will be in the book is a basic set-up for water features that attract birds and wildlife. Using various props and backgrounds, one can completely change the scene and attract different

He's also including what bird photographers jokingly call, "bird on a stick." It's one of the simplest set-ups imaginable, yet Hansen took it to a different level in his "Hummingbird" photo chosen for National blown away when he saw that it was just a soap Geographic's "Beauty of Birds" assignment. He set up a dynamic background, surrounding the hummer with

> Hansen is also working on another book about photographing wildlife. He isn't ready to give any details, as yet.

Chris Hansen has a blog: www.christhephotog. blogspot.com. You can find more images of his work Birds." Hansen said of the "Hummingbird" image, "I and follow him on Facebook. To submit your own was never going to submit it to an assignment, but photography to National Geographic's "Your Shot," go when an editor gave it what's called an 'editor's like,' to www.yourshot.nationalgeographic.com







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### Construction

Chief Eric Alvarez and others sort through the mountains of historical paperwork and files.

Office operations are being transported across town to the fire station on Baechtel Road. That facility has been cleaned and reorganized to accommodate the additional, temporary uses.

The department is finding other locations to temporarily store large equipment that is not needed on an immediate basis, such as the antique fire engine, generators, and the department's rail speeder. All essential equipment is being located at the Baechtel Road

Since the community passed Measure J, the district has been moving full steam ahead to build the new firehouse. If all goes well, the LLFPD hopes to develop the request for proposals for construction to be completed this year. But there are many steps to complete before that happens.

Wilkes did say the project is not currently being impacted by the federal government shut-down.

The board approved shifting the \$900,000 raised by the community for building the new firehouse out of reserves and into the capital improvement budget. This will be used to help finance construction.

Staff requested the midyear budget review be postponed until the next meeting, and the board agreed.

Chief Wilkes provided information on the part-time assistance of ALS (Advanced Life Support) services on emergency calls, noting ambulance availability is a constant struggle in Mendocino County and, without a current exclusive operations agreement, the department is challenged to coordinate area coverage of these services

Wilkes described some recent emergency calls involving a diabetic crisis. An ALS professional riding along with the fire apparatus can administer corrective drugs on-site and avoid the patients' time and expense of a trip to the hospital. The fire district board approved this

Board chair Tony Madrigal, in working with the department, has noticed that when the department is involved in emergency rescue situations the tools required for vehicle extractions are bulky and time-consuming to use. The department had to recently rescue someone from a car that had plunged 550 feet down a steep embankment.

Madrigal approached the chief about researching Etools which are more modern, lighter and easier to use in these situations. The department investigated the purchase and decided it was a worthwhile investment, and the board unanimously agreed to the \$24,682

In contrast to the current hydraulic tools in use, the new devices are battery-powered and can be stored in a backpack. Current tools run off an electric pump or a gas-powered hydraulic pump. When responding on a steep almost vertical slope, crews spend time scraping out a level place to position the pump, so they can extricate the victim.

The new tools will be safer for firefighters to use to cut into and spread vehicles to rescue occupants more efficiently. This item was not previously planned for the equipment budget, but there are funds available from strike team deployments.

Training Chief Alvarez provided a report on recent training activity. In December trainees played a fire department-style Jeopardy game with the consolation prize being a flu shot. On January 22, a joint training drill will be conducted with Brooktrails Fire Department, including CPR recertification and standard first-aid certification. Several volunteers have completed the Code 3 driving class, which means the department now has 17 engineers. Within the next three months, two more engineers should be certified.

Students attended the Chief's Fire Academy where they experienced the "Hot Room" to learn about fire behavior. This allows recruits to gain confidence with their gear in real fire exposure. The experience allows them to see first-hand the physical impacts of fire in a controlled environment.

Chief Wilkes also updated the board on the significant amount of time that staff must spend on cannabis facility permitting. More than 10 applications are in process currently. Once they get over the primary permitting hurdle, the workload should slow down as it shifts to periodic inspections and monitoring projects. Because of the passage of Measure I, the department is being compensated for these regulatory requirements, but it still takes a great deal of staff time to ensure safe compliance.

The meeting closed with an update from the chief providing statistics for 2018, which included 683 calls for service. This comprises traffic accidents, rescues, and fire response. The last two months of the year were especially full, with 77 callouts in November and 78 in December.

Chief Wilkes wants to thank the volunteers and staff for going above and beyond these past few months with the move, deploying strike teams, and covering all the calls here at home. "The hard work of our team does not go unrecognized," he said.

The next meeting of the Little Lake Fire Protection District Board will be held at Willits City Hall Tuesday, February 12, at 5 pm. The public is welcome to attend.



down on a victim with someone trapped inside and another walking wounded occupant outside the vehicle.

"It was all handled by your local fire department, your local rescuers," he said. "They were out there for seven hours that night to pull that off and get that job done ... for no pay.

"You have an expert-level fire department with well-trained volunteers," he continued. "I would easily put them up against any big city fire department. We do the same stuff ... sometimes

The number of responses has risen recently because the department is responding to more medical-aid requests due to a decreased ambulance presence in the Willits area.

While there generally used to be two ambulances operating in Willits, now there's only one, so the fire department often responds to every medical aid call rather than just the most serious ones, as it normally would.

In November, Wilkes said, the department responded to 77 calls. 26 of which were medical aids they normally wouldn't have responded to when there were more ambulances available.

He said he is hopeful the county will address the community need for increased ambulance availability.

"Certainly, we need to make sure to have an EMS service here at a higher level than we have it right now," he said. "Our folks are working extra hard to add calls and take away time from work and their families to produce a quality EMS service to assist our ambulance. But by no means is this a fix."

Wilkes also clarified confusion on social media about people seeing Little Lake vehicles with sirens on heading in different directions at the same time, causing some residents to think they were lost. The department had responded to a vehicle accident and then had to respond to two medical-aid calls in different locations

"So yes, we had vehicles going in three different directions, literally, at one time with lights and sirens going," Wilkes said. "It's not because they're lost, I assure you of that. It's always funny to see how that works in social media."

Wilkes also thanked the community for its support of Measure J, which passed in November and funded a new firehouse, and at it from every conceivable angle," he said. "Ask provocative for support for the department in general.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank all the families and local businesses that allow their employees and loved ones to leave at dinnertime or during work." he said. "Without them. none of this stuff happens."

### **New finance director**

The council was also introduced to new city Finance Director Yujun Du, who was hired after many months of searching.

Du has worked in the finance sector for 14 years, holds master's degrees in business administration and civil engineering, and previously worked as finance director for the city of Rio Vista.

"I'm really glad to be here," she said. "In the past few weeks, I really feel the hospitality from the office staff here. Everybody's been very rewarding because of that."

very friendly. It's my honor to serve Willits residents and the businesses in this area

"We are thrilled to have you," responded City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra. "I think you are exactly the right candidate. Thank you for coming to Willits."

#### Orenstein praised

Retiring Councilman Ron Orenstein was praised by council members, Garrabrant-Sierra and others for his service to the city. Orenstein chose not to run for another term after serving 12 years on the council over the past 16 years.

He was presented a plaque honoring his service by Garrabrant-Sierra, and the meeting was paused for a cake party just outside council chambers.

"Councilmember Ron Orenstein has impressed me as someone who has taken his responsibility to the City of Willits to heart," said Garrabrant-Sierra. "He has weighed his decisions thoughtfully. He has poked and prodded ideas and concepts and spent time thinking about how Willits can be a better place.

"He has questioned staff and their reports thoroughly and has strived to ensure that only the very best ideas are carried forward," she added. "He has done so while being very kind to me and to all the staff here. He has served with honesty and

Some teased Orenstein for his propensity to continually ask questions and stretch out meetings, while acknowledging that helped make him better at his job.

"Thank you for always challenging us to become the best at what we do," said Human Resources Analyst Karen Stephenson. "You will always be remembered for all your never-ending questions that lasted long into the night.

"Your dedication, knowledge and experience will be missed. Very few people dedicate themselves to the job the way you have.... You have left your indelible mark on our hearts and on

Orenstein explained why he always strived to question things. "The best way I discovered to learn what's best for the majority in the long run is to ask questions, take the thing apart and look questions that get the rest of the team thinking about the hidden problems with the project and find better ways to resolve them.'

He also praised the work of the city staff he had been collaborating with for so many years.

"I have to say in absolute honesty that I've never worked with a finer bunch of people in my life - and I've worked with a lot of people," said Orenstein. "This crew here, the city staff, are an amazing bunch of folks, and I don't think they get nearly as much credit as they deserve, as they've earned.

"It's been an honor to serve this community." he added, "When Brenda and I came here 21 years ago this is the first small town that we were going to live in – ever. And I just knew instinctively there would be many opportunities presented to be part of the community, to participate, to maybe make a difference. And it's

The rest of From Page 1 Accidents

Gilstrap died at the scene, Warnock said. A passenger in the vehicle, 48-yearold Mark Holland of Willlits, escaped without serious injury.

or drugs played a part in the accident," Warnock added. A 34-year-old Willits man was killed

"It is not currently known if alcohol

around 8 pm on December 30 when his compact SUV left Highway 20 west of

Sate traffic officers said David Carlos Amador's Honda CRV was westbound when it failed to negotiate a left turn on the highway, left the roadway, crashed through a fence and plunged down a dirt embankment where it collided with a tree.

Amador died in the crash, officers said. Due to the late hour and heavy fog, the accident was not discovered until after

12:30 pm the following day. The accident remains under investigation, but the California Highway Patrol believes alcohol or drugs did not

play a part in the accident.

A Willits police officer was injured just after 9 pm on December 22 after responding to reports of a vehicle off the roadway along Sherwood Road.

The incident occurred after the Willits Police Department received multiple calls of a possible drunken driver on Sherwood

The officer found 59-year-old Kathryn Lanier's vehicle and "tried to get [Lanier] to leave her car, said Chief Warnock.

Instead, Lanier slipped the vehicle into gear, knocked the officer down, and dragged him about 30 feet while he was beneath the car.

The officer was rescued by Mendocino County sheriff's deputies who arrived at

He was transported to Howard Memorial Hospital by ambulance where he was treated for his non-life-threatening iniuries and released the following day.

State traffic officers arrested Lanier on suspicion of drunken driving.

"The Willits Police Department would

like to thank Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and CHP for their assistance during and after the accident," Warnock said. "Their assistance was invaluable."

#### January 7 highway accident A 51-year-old Round Valley man

suffered major injuries Monday shortly after 9 pm when his southbound Dodge pickup truck crossed the Highway 101 median strip and collided head-on with a northbound Nissan Altima just south of Redwood Valley.

State traffic officers reported Ransome Anderson Jr. of Covelo was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving.

Anderson was taken to Adventist Health Ukiah Valley for treatment.

The Nissan's driver, 40-year-old Matthew Adams of Ukiah also suffered major injuries in the crash, officers said, and was airlifted to Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital for treatment.

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## Willits Farmers Market news

By Michael Folev

Yes, Willits Farmers Market is back for the winter/spring season at the Grange, every Thursday from 3 to 5:30 pm. This week the John Ford Ranch will be back after two weeks' vacation, with Willits-raised beef, including beef

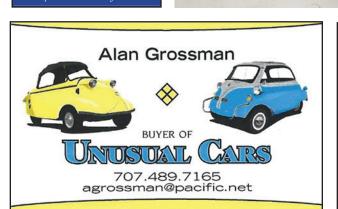
Also back this week is the popular POP Club for kids. POP stands for the Power of Produce, and the program offers kids a bit of education on good Fairall of things to eat that are also good for you, along with chip tokens to use for Fairall's Farm. purchase of produce at market. POP Club will be at the market for the next three weeks.

Another feature at the market recently has been a series of herb talks Ranch and sponsored by the Mendocino County Herb Guild. Just next to the Herb Guild *right: Roberi* table, a local herbalist talks about the healing virtues of one or another plant, where to find it, and how to use it. Talks start at 4 pm every market day.

> Read the rest of Market |

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**GREEN BOOK** 

This Week's Tightwad Tuesday Titles are in RED- All tickets: \$5



### **Mendocino College North County Center to** offer Human Services course this spring

Submitted by Mendocino-Lake Community College District

Are you interested in a career in, or are you already working in the human services/social services field? For the first time, the Mendocino College North County Center in Willits will be offering an on-the-ground class to enhance your future in this growing field. Spring classes start January 22.

"HUS 156 - Case Management and Documentation" will be offered this Spring 2019 semester, on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 8:20 pm. Instructor Helen Falandes, M.Ed has over 30 years' experience in human services agency work and 17 years as an adjunct instructor.

This class will help students to increase their understanding and skills around the paperwork that keeps client services running, to build and polish interviewing and communication skills, and to learn more about crisis intervention and community resources.

Strengthen your future in human services/social services, register today! Registration is now open, online at the Mendocino College Web Advisor site or in person at the Mendocino College North County Center, 372 East Commercial Street in Willits, phone: 459-6224. There are center staff and academic counselors available to assist with financial aid applications and registration.

There are a wide range of classes offered at the North County Center, from AGR-181, Sustainable Spring Vegetable Growing and ASL-200, Elementary American Sign Language, through Art, English, Fire Science, Math and Political Science classes (to name only some), to SCT-164 Construction Documents 1: Understanding Blueprints, and Theatre Arts classes including hip hop and contemporary dance classes at various levels.

Visit www.mendocino.edu for more information.

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visited today stands out the surrounding pasture.

Currently, hikes like this one are docent-led only. Ridgewood Ranch is a working-ranch community, home of the Church of the Golden Rule, Seabiscuit Historical Stud Barn, the School of Adaptive Agriculture, the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, Tequio Farm, New Agrarian Collective, and a number of private residences. These free, scheduled hikes allow access to this amazing place while preserving the

including Chair Aerobics three days a week, Chair Yoga, Computer Lab Help, Dance Exercise, Ukulele Group, Balance and Posture Exercise Class, Bible Class, Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group, Bridge, Tole Painting and of course, Bingo. These are all designed to keep Willits' seniors active, healthy and informed.

Monday through Friday at 11:30 am, a

county jail.

Willits man held for kidnapping,

A Willits man was arrested

December 29 at about 10 pm by

sheriff's deputies on suspicion of

kidnapping, false imprisonment,

battery resulting in serious bodily

injury, making criminal threats and

negligent discharge of a firearm

following investigation of two incidents

Robert Dean Williams, 44, was

arrested after he allegedly threatened

and later shot at two men working on

a gate at a property in the 57000 block

of Registered Guest Road, according

to sheriff's Sgt. Luis M. Espinoza. The

men "were reportedly employees of

When deputies contacted Williams,

they found a 22-caliber pistol among

his belongings. A record check

Earlier in the day, Williams allegedly

assaulted a 42-year-old Garberville

man near the 4000 block of Spy Rock

Road. The man had been in the area

to visit friends. Espinoza said, when

The man told deputies he had been

confronted by Williams, who accused

him of being a thief, knocked him to

the ground, held him on the ground

"for a significant period of time" and

"assaulted him with his own pepper

in rural Laytonville.

to be at the location."

possessing firearms

his car broke down.

pulled Bauer over at about 11:30 pm, according to sheriff's Sgt. James L.

The officers found the gas can in the truck's bed, and while Bauer was trying to locate the vehicle's paperwork, officers noticed an empty gun holster in the glove box.

While attempting to locate registration for the truck, the deputy reportedly saw mail from Brooktrails, Willits, Redwood Valley and numerous locations in Mendocino County in the pickup's cab.

A further search of the truck revealed checkbooks, checks, and other mail from as far away as Oregon, Wells said. Officers also located a rifle hidden under the pickup's hood.

Bauer was arrested on suspicion of possessing stolen property, mail theft, forgery and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

#### Covelo man arrested for burglary

A 28-year-old Round Valley man was arrested December 26 after a homeowner allegedly discovered him inside his residence.

The homeowner told deputies he was in the bedroom of his home in the 100 block of Concow Boulevard at about 6 pm when he heard loud noises coming from his sister's bedroom.

confronted Nathan Saldana Morales and the two men "got into a physical altercation" before Morales fled.

Entering the bedroom,

Round Valley Tribal Police officers later detained Morales, and deputies arrested him on suspicion of burglary, robbery, violation of probation and an

Crisis |

The victim later drove to Arcata,

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Project Sanctuary serves both men and women. Over 2,000 individuals are served each year by Project Sanctuary, often breaking the cycle of abuse through the support and services offered. Individuals have been able to achieve greater personal growth and independence.

A very important component of our services is the 24-Hour crisis line. Help is available around the clock for victims and their families. Project Sanctuary is in desperate need of volunteers for the crisis line.

Project Sanctuary welcomes men and women over 18 who are interested in becoming a certified volunteer crisis counselor. Training is provided free of charge, in exchange for a one-year commitment to serve on the crisis line two nights a month. The 80-hour training focuses on sexual assault and domestic violence topics.

State certification as a sexual assault/domestic violence crisis counselor is provided upon successful completion of the 80-hour training and clearance with the Department or Justice fingerprinting.

The next training will begin in January 2019, once a week, in the evening, with completion in June. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or know someone, please contact the Ukiah office at 462-9196.

#### From Page 7 Bingo

travel to Ukiah to partake in their games.

There is a lot of Bingo happening. On

most Friday nights, at the Harrah Center,

there is a Potluck Bingo Game which starts

at 5 pm. "People bring in their famous

potluck dish," explains Virginia Jorge,

president of the board at the Senior Center

and inveterate Bingo player, who today is

"We all share the dishes. At 5:30 we

start playing, and we are done by 7 pm.

We usually get from 15 to 30 people for

that game, depending on the weather. We

had a New Year's Eve Bingo Game which

brought in over \$1,200 for the center."

Indeed the games are a way of helping

Another way to win is to purchase "pull-

tabs" which are cards with five chances to

The Harrah Senior Center exists to

provide services and activities to seniors,

win if there is a prize hidden under the tabs.

doing the number calling.

there for the fun and activity.

The prizes range from \$1 to \$50.

The redwood

proudly from the valley floor west of the highway. As you drive past on the road, it is easy to spot. You may wonder why you never noticed it before. Like the resident herd of white fallow deer, you may not notice them unless you look specifically. Once you spot them, the collection of trees stand out clearly from

safety of the livestock and

privacy of the residents. You can sign up to learn about future local hikes hosted by the Mendocino Land Trust at their website www.mendocinolandtrust.

whom to play. And it is not just the Willits healthy lunch is served at a reasonable Senior Center. The participants also come fee which varies depending on whether up from Ukiah to play, and the Willits people one wants the soup, soup and salad, or full

> The center currently has a little over 400 members. "We'd like to have more," said Jorge. "The more members we have, the more the word gets out to the community about our programs and services. We are currently doing outreach to the Spanishspeaking community to let them know that we have Spanish speakers to assist them.

lunch, and whether they are a member.

In addition to the aforementioned activities, the Senior Center additionally provides counseling to help seniors navigate the morass of laws and regulations concerning their rights to Medicare and Social Security, amongst others. They can also help pay monthly bills for seniors and to fund the Senior Center, but mostly are help find housing.

> The Senior Center Thrift Store provides a reasonably priced shopping experience as it is run by volunteers and receives donations from the community. The store is a major source of funding for the center.

> The garden, tended to by the team of Joe and Wilma Schaffer, keeps the center in fresh vegetables for their lunches and to sell at the thrift store in the summer months. They are currently looking for volunteer help as both are in their 80s.

For further information on Bingo sessions or general questions, the Senior Center, at 1501 Baechtel Road, can be contacted at 707-459-6826 or their website: www. willitsseniorcenter.com.

outstanding misdemeanor warrant. "where he sought medical treatment Morales is being held without bail in

for multiple injuries," Espinoza said. Williams was arrested and booked

#### into county jail. Bail was set at \$125,000. Willits woman nabbed for aiding

fugitive Sheriff's deputies arrested a Willits man trying to avoid service of a felony arrest warrant and the woman who was allegedly aiding him following a Tuesday traffic stop in the 2800 block of Ridgewood Road.

Deputies believed Marvin Gibson. 34. was a passenger in a vehicle driven by 40-year-old Alice Strang of Willits when they pulled Strang over just after 12:30 pm on January 8, said sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer.

Deputies found Gibson in the rear passenger's seat, Cromer said, and the property owner and had legal right arrested him on a warrant charging him with first-degree burglary, grand theft, and receiving stolen property.

Deputies also "determined [Strang] revealed Williams was on summary had provided false information to probation and prohibited from them multiple times and misidentified the subject she was transporting in her vehicle," Cromer added, ultimately determining the woman "was attempting to conceal and aid Gibson in his efforts to avoid arrest.' Strang was arrested on suspicion of harboring, aiding or concealing a wanted fugitive and taken to county jail. Bail was set at \$15,000.

> Gibson was booked into county iail, where he was to be held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

> This report was based on press releases from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

# WPD

false imprisonment and disorderly conduct

5:06 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

6:33 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1500 block of South Main 10:18 pm: Officers

responded to a report of threats in the 500 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

Jonathan (38)of Trinity Center was contacted intersection of Holly Street and South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 496 PC (Receiving Stolen Property), and on misdemeanor charges of petty theft, disorderly conduct (alcohol) and failure to appear.

6:22 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in

the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue. 7:10 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance near the

intersection of Casteel Lane and North Main Street. 7:54 am: Officers responded to a report of

vandalism in the 600 block of East Commercial Street.

### December 30

am: responded to a report of a prowler in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

6:59 pm: REXRODE, Mikel Edwin (48) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

9:11 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Lenore Avenue.

#### December 31 4:12 pm:

responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street

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### January 1

2:09 am: DAVIS, Brice Glenn (33) of Laytonville was contacted in the 300 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct

(alcohol). 2:41 am: JONES, Leda May (34) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct

3:50 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of Coast Street and West Valley Street.

### January 2

6:13 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Holly

11:04 pm: WALKER Claud Alexander (30) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of Elm Lane following a domestic disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 3056 PC (Violation of Parole).

### January 3

1:00 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of Elm

2:21 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Oak

3:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

### January 4

5:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of North Lenore

5:21 pm: Officers

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FROM THE NOYO THEATRE

Movie Times for 1/11 thru 1/17

### **Our improvements** are getting attention

By Mark Westerburg, WUSD superintendent

Every year, the California Department of Education assesses public schools on several criteria, collectively called the "California School Dashboard." Schools that don't meet certain standards or show enough improvement are put on a list to receive special attention from the CDE.

That attention used to be called "program improvement." Then it was called "targeted assistance." Most recently, it's been renamed to "differentiated assistance."

For the past 12 years, schools in Willits (and throughout Mendocino

County) have been on that list, but things are changing in Willits. During the last two years we have been making substantial changes, updating curriculum and providing professional development for our staff. I'm excited to report that things are going in the right direction – so much so that Willits Unified School District is no longer on the list to receive differentiated assistance.

For the 2017-18 school year, WUSD met the standards on instructional materials, facilities, implementation of academic standards, parent engagement, school climate, and access to a broad course of study. Our graduation rates are up, and a huge number of our students are graduating with Career Technical Education endorsements. Our suspension rate is down, and our absenteeism is holding steady.

County Superintendent of Schools Michelle Hutchins stated: "Based on a review of student group performance on Dashboard indicators, your school district is no longer eligible for differentiated assistance.... We applaud you in this effort."

Now, this doesn't mean that we are done making changes; in fact, just the opposite. It's clear that what we're doing is working, so we plan to keep doing what we're doing: continually finding ways to provide students and staff with the tools and information necessary so they can build the skills and knowledge they need to be successful.

Along those lines, we're investing in some important efforts at the elementary and middle school levels right now. Based on a recent assessment, it turns out many of our students in the third through eighth grades have some gaps.

For students to succeed in math, they need

a strong foundation in basic arithmetic: addition, multiplication, subtraction. division, fractions, decimals and percentages. Although the education system has moved away from memorization in favor of conceptual problemsolving, I don't think it's fair to ask students to solve problems until we give them the tools to do so.

Therefore, we're doing a half hour of technical math remediation for all students memorizing every day, multiplication tables and reinforcing other basic operations. No one should graduate from high school

without knowing how to read a ruler or without understanding that 7x3 is the same as 7+7+7.

Same goes for English: Students have to learn the basics. You can't write until you can read. You can't read until you understand the sounds letters make. English fluency and reading comprehension require a firm grasp of the 44 sounds of the English language, so we've adopted a Language Arts curriculum called, "Unlocking the Code." It's incredible to watch the students go from frustrated to getting it.

Another exciting development is happening in computer technology. When we provided all middle school and high school students with their own Chromebooks, we freed up computers that we can now use at our elementary schools. Our IT staff created computer labs for our teachers to use, and it's making a huge difference.

Whether our students pursue a university education or enter the trades, whether they end up in service, agriculture or manufacturing, they need a basic understanding of the world around them. WUSD encourages each student to pursue whatever pathway fits them best, because in order for a society to function well, we need doctors, teachers, contractors, farmers, mechanics, and a whole bunch of others.

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Winter is the season for greens, when we restore all those minerals and phyto-nutrients our bodies need to remain healthy in the wet weather and throughout the year. Shoppers should expect more and more greens - from salad mixes to spinach to bok choy - week after week. But it's more than greens, because this is also the season for radishes, turnips, carrots, and other root crops. Not always in big supply at the market right now, all these foods will be turning up as the season progresses.

It's not the cold, by the way, that makes produce scarcer this time of year. Willits is blessed with a moderate climate and lots of rain most winters. And farmers can keep crops relatively protected under hoop houses and row covers.

What holds crops back, especially in the days surrounding the Winter Solstice, is lack of light. As daylight hours decrease rapidly in November and December, plants slow down, and only a few varieties continue growing at all during the "Persephone Days" from mid-November to mid-January.

Lettuce barely budges and has to be well-started to be available this time of year at our latitude. Turnips and radishes and Asian greens will grow a bit during these two months, and spinach begins to take off in January. But growth is slow. Farmers who are smart and plan ahead can have winter crops like cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, and brussels sprouts in the ground and well-developed for this time of year, but that takes space, too, that is often occupied by summer crops well into the

When to expect the beginnings of spring abundance? February is a good month for winter crops to begin to appear in quantity at market, especially baby lettuce and other salad greens, spinach, and the root crops. In the meantime, shoppers who are in the market for produce at the height of nutritional value should come early to enjoy the harvest of the slow days of winter.

But Willits Farmers Market offers more than produce. Inland Ranch brings eggs, lamb, and pork alongside its produce offerings. The New Agrarian Collective also features eggs, lamb and pork. Fairall Farms always has an enormous selection of creative jams and jellies, alongside hot prepared food. Bolliver's Fine Foods & Confections offers sweet and savory items and baked goods, as well as dinner fixings every week. Shewolf Coffee has become a local sensation with vegan and gluten-free donuts. And Eliot Hartley brings nutritious sourdough breads made from whole grains, including a spelt bread for those on a low-gluten diet.

Our crafts vendors, too, continue to come to market, with knitted wear by Valerie Trimmer, quilts and sewn crafts by Lisa Williams, and jewelry by Timothy Cerrato and Erin Harpster.

Willits Farmers Market accepts EBT cards and offers a Market Match, doubling EBT customers' money up to the first \$20 each week. See the market manager to get chips in exchange for a swipe of the card.

Michael Foley is Willits Farmer Market manager and co-owner of Green Uprising Farm. Write him at foley.mw@gmail.com or stop by the manager's table with any questions or concerns.



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